



**Have A  
Great Summer!!**  
from the lodge  
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of Aquehongian Lodge 112

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**AQUEHONGIAN LODGE #112**

**SUMMER 2000**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Ordeal Weekend  
June 9-11 2000

Lodge Meeting  
June 11, 2000 at 1 pm

June 27, 2000  
Spaghetti Dinner at Berlin Lodge  
\$7

June 29 - July 2  
Camporee 2000  
at Ten Mile River

August 2 - 6  
National Order of the Arrow  
Conference

August 25 - 27, 2000  
Regional Conclave  
at Ten Mile River

September 10, 2000  
Lodge Meeting  
at Pouch Camp

**Chief's  
Drum**



Dear Brother,

It saddens me to write this Chief's Drum. It is my last one before the summer and it also signifies my year as chief is coming to an end.

First and foremost, let me thank everyone who participated in the Brotherhood Weekend. It is easy for me to take the credit but I realize it was a group effort. I could not have done it alone. A personal thanks, to Ron who was able to say, "lets do it," no matter how ridiculous it sounded at first.

If you were unfortunate enough to miss the Brotherhood, we still have our ordeal. This years ordeal is shaping up to be one of the best. We need help. Get involved in any way possible. The Ordeal Class of 2000 needs you!!

There are still many more activities to get involved with, Spaghetti Dinner, Conclave and Camporee 2000. Please come and support the lodge. Have a great summer and I will see you all at summer camp.

Yours in Service,  
John Altieri





# Thank You

Dear Brothers,

Once again, our lodge has blessed me. I was again nominated unopposed for Lodge Treasurer. I would like to thank the nominating committee and the brothers of our Lodge for putting their faith in me again. I am grateful to all of the officers, advisors, LEC members, and brothers for all of their help. I look forward to working with them again in the next year.

Next year I hope to reaffirm my cement ties with my committees. I also want to increase the budget process. I want the finance committee to meet once every month. I want to completely divide the account into line items for different committees and events. I also will be attending the new updated financial course at NOAC 2000, I hope it is as good as the last one. I will be working with the new administration to the best of my ability. These are just some of my goals.

I am glad to see our lodge growing stronger by the day. Remember, all of us are making history. With many years as a youth in this lodge; hopefully all of us having learned a little bit more about life, we will be in places and positions that are our goals and dreams. Use this time to learn. Education is very important for our future; not only in school, but also in life. Take every experience that you have, and treasure it. Remember there is always a silver lining in every cloud. Live every day to the fullest, do not make foolish decisions, and stand up for your beliefs.

I want to once again thank you for placing your trust in me again. I have made many friends from my experiences with the order. May God bless every one, and always remember what our founder E. Urner Goodman said "he who serves his fellows, is of all his fellows the greatest." Always seek to serve others.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Michael A. Armato  
Lodge Treasurer

Aquehongian Lodge Meeting June 12, 2000  
Elections slate for Lodge Officer 2000 - 2001

Chris Brighina - Robert Giorgio	Chief
Thomas Rubino, Jr	Vice Chief Administration
Erik Johnsen	Vice Chief Operations
Michael Armato	Treasurer
Neil Smith	Secretary

## Vigil Honos Nominees

John Altieri, Jr.  
Michael Selowentchich  
Thomas Hamer  
Taube Olsen

Congratulations to our listed brothers for their continuing dedication to the future of Aquehongian 112 Lodge!

***Lodge 2000 Patch on sale for \$5  
&  
Pouch Camp's NEW Patch \$4.50***

All items listed are available at all Lodge meetings!

### Elections Team Report

By April 18, my committee has visited with eight troops holding elections for Ordeal Candidates. We still have five more units to go before the Camporee on May 20, 2000. The remainder of the Troops elections will be conducted on Saturday morning on the Camporee field. Adult nominations were closed on April 17, 2000.

Thomas Rubino, Jr  
Elections Chairman

ITEM	PRICE
ANNIVERSARY MUG	\$3.00
LODGE FLAP	\$5.00
WATER BOTTLE	\$4.00
ARROW PIN	\$3.50
HAT PIN	\$3.75
PEUTER ARROW PIN	\$4.00
ARROW HANGING DEVICE	\$4.50
BOLO	\$8.50
PEUTER KEY CHAIN	\$8.00
1998 HANDBOOK	\$2.50
1985 HANDBOOK	\$2.50
L T-SHIRT	\$10.00
XL T-SHIRT	\$10.00
XXL T-SHIRT	\$12.00
XXXL T-SHIRT	\$12.00
L SWEATSHIRTS	\$20.00
XL SWEATSHIRTS	\$21.00
XXL SWEATSHIRTS	\$22.00
ORDEAL SASH	\$13.00
BROTHERHOOD SASH	\$14.00
VIGIL SASH	\$15.00

Committee Chairman: David Drogon  
Co-chairman: Neil Smith  
Advisor: Iris Millman

### Important activities coming up!

The "Andersen's fight back" campaign is just starting. One of our brother's has a vision and a goal to help the combat for Lou Gehrig's disease.

There is a committee in place to organize a walk-run to raise monies to support one of our brothers plight. The date is September 16, 2000 at Miller Field.

We need our fellow Lodge members to be our advocates to the Troop and Post levels. Reserve the date and give this effort the greatest enthusiasm you have!

### Conclave 2000

All members of the Lodge are invited and encouraged to attend the Conclave at Ten Mile River, August 25 - 27, 2000.

Aquehongian Lodge 112 will be hosting the Conclave for 2001. We need every officer and committee representative present to see how this event is run. With this knowledge gained, we can then provide a truly spectacular program for 2001!  
This should be the pinnacle event for the Lodge in 2001!  
Cost per person = \$25.00



# Advisors Alley



We are in a new Era with the Order of the Arrow. This is the year 2000. Our history should be written and recorded for the future of the Brotherhood and let the scouts of today lead us into this new era and let them develop their own history. Remember, we are all members of the Boy Scouts of America, the key word here is "Boy". We as adults are here for the boys for guidance and support, lets let them show us the way into the future with Aquehongian Lodge 112.

Lodge Advisor  
Ron Cullenen

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To: All New and Old Members of Aquehongian Lodge 112

ALL PERSONS CONDUCTING THE CEREMONY SHOULD ADVISE THE PARTICIPANT AS TO WHAT WILL OCCUR DURING THE CEREMONY AND THAT THE PARTICIPANT MAY WITHDRAW THEREFROM AT ANY TIME. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED THAT IT IS THE POLICY OF THE NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW COMMITTEE THAT IN CONDUCTING ANY CEREMONY, ANY TOUCHING OF A PARTICIPANT IS TO BE CONSIDERED SYMBOLIC IN NATURE, AND ANY CONDUCT WHICH MIGHT TEND TO FRIGHTEN DEGRADE, EMBARASS, OR INJURE A CANDIDATE IN ANY WAY IS FORBIDDEN.

As per the "Ceremony for the Ordeal"  
1981 Boy Scout of America, Revised 1999



At the March 18th Service Day, the ranger was notified of a fire right after our pizza was delivered. The ranger along with those 18 years and over went up to survey the fire. The ranger radioed for more Indian pumps and all those 17 years and over to come up. Everyone dropped their pizza and filled the remaining pumps up. We ran up to the fire and assisted the fire department with extinguishing it. The fire department could not get their trucks close enough to the fire so we had to put it out only with Indian pumps and fire brooms.

The fire lit up again a few hours later. Fortunately the fire department was still there since their truck was stuck in the mud on the Camp-o-ree field. It was quickly put out again.

At the Lodge Executive Committee Meeting on March 28, 2000 a letter was read from the ranger thanking all those who helped in any way during the fire. Those who were at the fire now refer to themselves as AQ-FD Ladder 112.

Brian Levinsky

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## Attention all OA members

**The Sunshine/Historian Committee is requesting the following:**

**Any past pictures of past Order of the Arrow functions, Ordeal, Brotherhoods, etc.**

We are trying to clear up another piece of Lodge 112 history:

As you know the key players who started the Herb Harkins award have since passed, and we are trying to reconstruct our lodge records.

If you are a past recipient, please let us know your name and the year the award was given!

Please send either an email to Monique Kusick at [Mokusick@worldnet.att.net](mailto:Mokusick@worldnet.att.net) with the information, or give them to myself (Richard Borkowski) or Emily Harkins at the next Lodge meeting on June 11, 2000.

This past weekend was one of the best I have had in scouting in a long time. The show of brotherhood there was great. I believe that everyone had a great time and all involved were able to be part of a show that will be talked about for quite some time. To the chief, great vision on a great weekend! To all who helped make it work, keep up the good work.

Yours in Brotherhood  
Tom Rubino Sr.

"We had 3 seasons in one weekend. The ceremony was great. I hope we can do this again at TMR next year."

**From Michael Gazinski**

We both thought this gave the candidates a wonderful opportunity to bond with other brothers while they learned a little more about the OA and themselves. The camaraderie was great and both the adults and youth had a marvelous time. Hope this is done at TMR again.

**From the Gazinski parents**

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## Congratulations to one of our brothers

Frank B. Gannon, AKA Puff-Daddy has qualified for the St. George Emblem. He will receive this Emblem along with other Catholic members during the rescheduled Emblem Mass.

This is the highest Honor that can be bestowed to an adult scouter who is working with Catholic youth.

**The following excerpts were submitted  
to the Aquehongian 112 Email Bulletin  
Board!**

**Congratulations Brotherhood Candidates,**

As your journey to the Ceremonial Circle of the Brotherhood is drawing near take notice of all you have learned since your Ordeal.

The memorization work which you have learned will not only test your memorization skills but it will also measure your dedication to our Fraternity. Those things which you now know from your studies will help crystallize the meaning of the Ordeal.

As you submit your letter of reflection and of future goals to the Lodge Secretary I wish you good luck in being accepted into the Brotherhood. Your Brotherhood Quest will ultimately solidify and seal your membership in the Order of the Arrow and Aquehongian Lodge 112.

Remember to always seek the knowledge and share the spirit aligned with the Manitou.

Fraternally,  
Bro. Keith D. Christensen

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I think that its time to congratulate the Brothers who put this memorable weekend together. John had an vision that a weekend quest, culminating with the closing ceremony at Indian Cliffs, would be special. Well...he was damn right!

The ceremony was meaningful, the scenery was breath-taking, and mother nature put on an extra special show. Watching all those eagles fly past us was truly symbolic. It also proves the point that animals know when to "get the hell out of town"! They had a five minute head start on us! Nonetheless, I wouldn't have missed this for anything.

John you did a great job!!

YOUTH MEMBER UPDATES

Information changes from year to year and we at Health & Safety would like this form filled out and returned for each youth member. Medical, allergy, and emergency contact information will be kept on file for Lodge activities. This will be made available to the adult leaders for each event (service days, activities, meetings, etc.).

Additionally, address and telephone number updates will be shared with the membership committee.

*Please print clearly*

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Member's Name

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Address & Zip code

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Mother's full name

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Father's full name

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Home telephone number

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Additional phone number

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Emergency Contact name (other than parent)

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Emergency Contact number (for other contact)

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Medical history (ie asthma, back or joint problems, etc)

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Allergies (to food and/or medications)

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Member description (hair color, eyes, corrective lenses, orthodontic work, etc.)

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Approximate weight and height

Please return this information to either a Lodge meeting (March 12, 2000), LEC (March 28, 2000) or place a stamp on the next page!

## MEMBER UPDATES

Tear out and fill in form, fold with the Aquehongian Lodge mailing address on the outside and mail to us as soon as possible. Thank you.

Fold here

Place stamp  
here

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## Membership Committee

### Membership Committee News

The membership committee is pleased to announce that the long awaited Millennium Card may soon be on the way. As those of you who attend the L.E.C. and Lodge meetings are already aware, there had been a small problem in the printing process. The original process called for plastic laminated cards. At the present time, we are hoping to finalize plans to be able to offer you "credit card" quality cards. The committee appreciates your patience and understanding. The end result should be a card that will last for years. If you requested a card, and you want to check on its status, you can contact Neil Levinsky, Membership Advisor, at [Levinsky@myTalk.com](mailto:Levinsky@myTalk.com). or come to an LEC or Lodge meeting.

In other news, the LEC recommended a dues increase from \$5.00 to \$8.00 in February, and the Lodge voted in favor of the motion at the March meeting. Effective immediately, the 2000 dues are \$8.00. If you are in arrears for more than this year, you must pay one year's back dues (\$5.00) in addition to this year's \$8.00 dues for a total of \$13.00.

If there is an error on your mailing label, or you know someone who is not getting his or her mailings, let us know. Since most of our mailings are sent via Bulk Rate, we do not get back undelivered mail. We're counting on you to help us!

A final reminder about membership cards... If you paid your dues by mail and want us to mail your card, you must enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope. New cards are also issued at LEC, Lodge meetings and most OA events.

Dwight Millman Jr., Membership Chairman  
Neil Levinsky, Advisor

## Web Committee

Hello,

I would like to report that the web committee is looking for Brothers to help collect info. for the website, similar to publications. Also, If anyone has an email address to email [webmaster@aquehongian112.org](mailto:webmaster@aquehongian112.org) (aka [seltaeb112@mytalk.com](mailto:seltaeb112@mytalk.com)) to have them added to the listserv. The website has been up for a while now <http://www.aquehongian112.org> .

If you would like to join the Aquehongian 112 mail list, send a blank email to [Aquehongian112@listbot.com](mailto:Aquehongian112@listbot.com).

Frank Davis, Brian Levinsky - WWW Committee