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This is a quarterly newsletter, which is distributed 2 weeks prior to a scheduled Lodge meeting. All submissions, formatting, and assembly are done by members of Aquehongian Lodge 112. Welcome to the incoming chairperson and advisor to the 2001 - 2001 year.
Neil Smith, Chair
& Jerry Sullivan, Advisor

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December 2001

Chief's Drum

I was watching a movie the other day on HBO called "Lean On Me." In that movie, a school was in dire straights. Drop out rates extraordinary, drug dealers in school, and even murders in classrooms, all at East Side High. The School Board hired a new principal, a maverick, played by Morgan Freeman. In the movie, on his first day he called a school assembly. In the assembly he told the students and teachers, "It's time to get pride back in East Side." Well, my friend's, I say the same to you about Aquehongian Lodge 112, It's time to get the pride back. For too long now, I have been hearing complaints about service days. For too long now, I have been hearing complaints about who is getting awards. For too long now, I have been hearing complaints about the Lodge leadership. I say to everyone who complains if you don't like it, fix it. I say to people who complain about politicians, if you don't vote, don't complain. It is easy to sit back and point out problems, but it is noble to get up and fix the problem.

My friends, this isn't something that one person can do. This is a job for all of us. Very frankly, I am not impressed with the way things have been. I am an officer and the first one to admit it. Yet things cannot be improved, if the same few continue to carry the lodge on their shoulders. All of you, who wear that flap on your uniform, have an obligation to participate in this Lodge. My friends put the politics aside and get back to the basics. The basics are Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service. Get back to the Scouting Spirit and Scouting ways. Get back to our duty to help our neighbor. Get back to being examples of leadership.

For me to sit here, in a position of leadership and act as if everything is cheery and perfect, I would only be fooling myself. The days of closed doors are done. We are all equal. Don't be scared of the officers or Vigil Honor Members. Talk to them. Give suggestions to the officer's and LEC members. This is your Lodge, only you can make it better.

This isn't meant just for our lodge, this is meant for life. "Those who do most, dream most." Get out there every single day, and work for a better tomorrow. You see, if we learn nothing else about the events of September 11th; we must learn that tomorrow isn't always going to be there. Do what is in your hearts.

Wishing you all a blessed and peaceful holiday season.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Michael A. Armato
Lodge Chief Pro-Tempore

Calendar

December 15, 2001
Service Day
9am-3pm
(free food)
@Pouch

December 16, 2001
Lodge Holiday Party
2:00 PM
Lodge Meeting
4:00 PM

January 29, 2002
Lodge Executive
Committee Meeting
7:30 PM

February 26, 2002
Lodge Executive
Committee Meeting
7:30 PM

March 1,2,3 2002
Winter Fellowship
Weekend TMR

March 9, 2002
Pig Roast
TBA

For Further Dates refer
to the Calendar in the
September Newsletter



Advisor's Alley

"These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman."

Thomas Paine wrote these words in December of 1776. Now, more than 200 years later, we mourn a latter-day group of patriots who did not shrink from the service of their country.

Aquehongian Lodge 112 WWW is in the very early stages of planning a project to honor, commemorate, thank, and show our love to those who were killed on September 11, 2001. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we had to turn away volunteers?

Yours in Service,
Dave Edelman, Associate Lodge Advisor

Editor's Note: The Staff of the Aquehongian thanks Dave for filling in with these inspirational words.

Web Committee

The web committee is looking for members to help in the maintenance of the web site

If you are not already on the listserv, sign up by sending an email to aq112-aubacribe@optonline.net. And to send information to the list send it to aq112@optonline.net.

Website address: <http://www.aquehongian112.org>

Brian Levinsky: Web Committee Chairman

Frank Davis: Web Committee Advisor



Brotherhood 2002
April 26-28
Hearst Cabins at TMR

\$40 candidates
\$20 Staff

Candidates need apply:

- 1) Learn about the purposes and the principles of the Order of the Arrow
- 2) Understand the Ordeal experience and how they apply roles in the troop and daily aspects of life
- 3) Build on Ordeal principles, ideals, and themes.

Application are available on the website www.aquehongian112.org.



Dear Brothers,
This is David Brighina the dance team chairman of the lodge. We are in need of members willing to donate a few hours a month. Anyone willing to help the dance team can e-mail me at Davesny302@yahoo.com or call me at (718) 981-3134.

Yours in Brotherhood,
David Brighina




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The Arrowhead is always looking for able, assistance with content, formatting and assembly of the newsletter. You can come to the lodge meeting/ LEC meetings, or e-mail to biggyoa112@aol.com or jerry_sullivan@prusec.com for further information.