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Aquehongian Lodge #112

Fall 2002

## Chief's Drum



The time has come for me to give you my fond farewell from Lodge Office. It has been four years that I won't ever forget, and four years that has played a major part in directing my life's journey. To our new Chief Joseph and the other officers, I give you only two pieces of advice. First of all, no matter how hard you try, you cannot please everyone. Ignore the petty fighting and "personal revolutions" that will only hurt the lodge, and do what is best for the majority; pay no mind to those whom only try to hurt the lodge and kill it's spirit. Second, if it doesn't sit right with your gut, then don't do it. That's the most important of all. You have to believe in something to see that is it successful. If something doesn't seem right to you, then try a different course of action.

To my Lodge Advisors Gladys and Ron, my Associate Advisor Dave, and my Staff Advisors Marcel, Kenny, Mike and Bob; thank you for all of your guidance and support over the years. To my guiding light, Mrs. Healy; you are always with us. To my guides Frankie D. and Keith S., your words mean a lot. Thank you to everyone whom has supported the Lodge and me during my years in office.

I want everyone to know that every decision that I made whether it proved a success or a failure; I will always stand by, and I will never regret.

I admitted when I was wrong, and when I needed to be vocal, I was. I fought people who thought it was better to "throw bombs" then work constructively, and I will always fight them. I want everyone to know, that it works better to change something you don't like from the inside, rather than from the outside. I want everyone to know, that you must not live a life in the past, and you must be in Scouting to help our youth and to serve the youth; never to disappoint the youth or to hurt them.

As I write my final words to you all, I want each and every one of you to know; that you all have a fond place in my heart. Every memory I made, both good and bad will be with me forever. I promise I won't go too far away, I promise you will all still see me around. Incase I never told you all, you are all like a second family to me, and I do love you all in one-way or another.

"Its not enough to have a dream-unless I'm willing to pursue it, Its not enough to know what's right-unless I'm strong enough to do it, It's not enough to join the crowd-to be acknowledged and accepted, I must be true to my ideals-even if I'm excluded and rejected,

to live it, Its not enough to reach for love-unless I care enough to give it."

I wish you all many creative years ahead, filled with love and filled with service.

Sincerely yours in Brotherhood,  
Michael A. Armato  
Immediate Past Lodge Chief

**September 21, 2002**

Brotherhood Conversion  
Wilderness Engineer Society  
@ Pouch Camp  
8 am

**September 22, 2002**

Annual Day / Lodge Meeting  
@ Berlin Lodge  
1pm/3pm

**September 24, 2002**

LEC  
@ Berlin Lodge  
7 pm

**October 5, 2002**

LLDC - Lodge Training  
@ Pouch Camp

**October 19, 2002**

Service Day  
@ Sea View  
9am

**October 26, 2002**

Service Day - Ghostaree  
@ Pouch Camp  
9am

**October 29, 2002**

LEC  
@ Berlin Lodge  
7pm

**November 16, 2002**

Pancake Breakfast  
@ Pouch Camp  
8-11 am

**November 23, 2002**

Service Day  
@ Pouch Camp  
9 am

**November 26, 2002**

LEC  
@ Berlin Lodge  
7pm

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## Advisors Alley

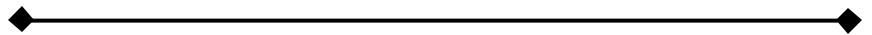


Summer is almost over and it is time to get back to school and work. I hope everyone had a great summer. In September our new Lodge officers will take over the leadership of the Lodge. We need everyone to take a bigger part in making our lodge the best that it can be.

This past summer the Lodge went to the National Order of the Arrow (NOAC) at Indiana University from July 26 to August 3, 2002. Eighteen members from our Lodge attended this event. There were over 320 Lodges from all over the USA. We took part in classes, games, sports, and shows. We also took a side trip to Six Flags in Cleveland. Ask someone from our NOAC group how much fun they had! This was my 4th NOAC and again our Lodge had the biggest group from NYC.

We have some fun events planned for the coming year. We need you to become a part of what goes on. Everyone has a say in what we do. We want everyone to be proud of that flap you have on your uniform. We need you to participate at our service days, the Brotherhood conversions, the Ordeal weekend in 2003, Cub Scout events, the Dance Team, and Conclave 2003. The Lodge is more than a flap and a sash. Come and join your Brothers in WWWW so that we can grow and learn together.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Ron Cullenen, Lodge Advisor



## NOAC highlights

There are no words to describe the experiences had at NOAC 2002. It was truly an exhilarating and energizing experience meeting and sharing stories with brothers from every corner of the country. For me personally, it was nice to reunite with my friends from my Northern Tier experience last summer. Once again words can not describe the energy felt when you are along with an arena filled with your brothers are singing the OA song. I encourage you all to attend NOAC 2004 in Iowa, I WILL!!!!

-Rob G, Past Lodge Chief

## Announcements:

### Annual Day / Lodge Meeting September 22, 2002

Annual Day will be held at Berlin Lodge at 1 PM. This is the opportunity for fellowship, meeting everyone after a long summer, and the ability to pay your dues, catch up on Lodge news, and meeting the new Lodge Executive committee members.

The Lodge meeting will start promptly at 3 pm, with the installation of the new officers taking place. This is a great time to say good bye to the outgoing officers and to greet the new officers with the enthusiasm and support that they need. Refreshments will be served.

#### 2002-2003 Lodge Officers

	<b>Chief</b> <b>Joseph P</b> lodge_chief@aquehongian112.org	
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#### Thoughts on An Arrowman's Primary Duty

Regardless of who we are, where we're from, and when we became members, each of us inducted as youth have something in common: we are members of the Order of the Arrow because our peers in our units selected us for the honor.

But why is it that we were chosen? The question actually goes much deeper, all the way back to the origins of the Order. When Dr. Goodman set out to create this organization, his thinking didn't just revolve around the boy. It was focused on the individual unit as well.

He is quoted as saying: "Let it be remembered that the Order of the Arrow was created to help the unit - to help it present its membership a better ideal of the inner qualities of the good Scout camper. Qualities of character, like cheerfulness and service, are hard for a boy or a man to understand in the abstract. They come easier when seen in human life. Let us realize the significance of the Order in the unit - for the unit is our best hope in Scouting."

The home of an Arrowman has always been his unit, and so it should continue to be. The Scouts in our troops chose us for membership because they saw in us the qualities of a servant leader. Their hope was to recognize us for what we'd done, but most importantly for what we have yet to do.

As a Scout becomes more involved in the Order of the Arrow, finding the balance between troop and OA events can grow more difficult. Not too long ago, I remember having to decide between a troop camp out and a retreat my lodge was putting on. I chose the campout, and had a great time hiking in Sequoia National Park with the new Scouts in my troop, most who had never seen the area before.

The truth is, I don't always choose my troop outing. Sometimes I will make a commitment to provide service at an OA function that falls on a weekend the troop is going on a trip. Likewise, in the summer of 2000, I went to NOAC instead of on my troop's 50-mile hike. The key is to find a balance.

So often it seems that a good Arrowman is defined by his activity in the OA. Yet, when you think about our

primary duty - the unit - this isn't always true. I know Scouts in my own troop that make few OA meetings, and even fewer events. I see these same Arrowmen teaching eleven year-old Scouts how to fold a flag, or to tie a taut-line hitch. These same young men serving as Senior Patrol Leader, or at the front of the group when hiking through Yosemite. They may not be an active member of the Lodge Executive Committee, or the best Nutiket the ceremonies team has ever seen, but they're serving the youth back in the troop.

Besides our reason for being inducted, we all have another thing in common. Each of us has been endowed with the lessons of the Ordeal. We were told that "he who serves his fellows, is of all his fellows greatest". I'd ask that we all ponder those words, and ask ourselves what context Goodman might have put them, and how that might apply to our lives.

by Riley Berg, 2002 National OA Vice Chief

Excerpt from the National Order of the Arrow website <http://www.oa-bsa.org>

## Indian Summer 2003

August 2 - 7, 2002  
Ridgecrest Conference Center  
At Asheville, North Carolina

" Do you like fun? Do you like learning? Do you like Indian lore? Well if so, the Order of the Arrow has the perfect conference for you! It is the National Order of the Arrow Ceremony and Native American Indian Conference, or in short, the Indian Summer.

Now, who exactly can come to the Indian Summer? Well, any Arrowmen with an interest in learning more about American Indian culture and Arrowmen who wish to expand their skills and understanding of the Order's ceremonies are invited. The conference is projecting about 1,000 Arrowmen to participate in this event.

Additional information will be made available as the year progresses.

### The Shawn E. Bowman, Jr. Amphitheatre at Camp Aquehonga

The Sean Bowman, Jr. Amphitheater at Camp Aquehonga at Ten Mile River was ready for use this summer. There still opportunities to donate to the fund, which is making this amphitheater the highlight of the camp. A unit or sponsor may purchase a plaque, which will be affixed to a bench for \$100.00. What a better way to leave a mark, of a unit's presence at Camp Aquehonga.

If interested in donating to this, please contact the Staten Island, BSA Office at 718 980-5043.

The Aquehongian Brotherhood weekend in April 2002 assisted with clearing the existing campfire area in preparation for the building of the new amphitheatre.



## Brother Report

### Where were you this summer?

Philmont Trek - Staten Island Council  
July 12 - 24, 2002

National Order of the Arrow Conference  
July 27 - August 4, 2002

Summer Camp with your Troop

Counselor at Summer Camp

Intern positions

Getting ready for college

Traveling to a distant country?

IF you have something to report about...

**Submissions to the newsletter may be sent to the webmaster on [www.aquehongian112.org](http://www.aquehongian112.org) or brought to a Lodge or LEC meeting.**

### Conclave 2002

Aquehongian Lodge 112 in conjunction with Owaneco Lodge 313, Connecticut provided the newsletter at the Conclave weekend at Camp Natural Bridge, United States Military Academy at West Point on August 23 - 25, 2002. This endeavor was a frenzy-paced deadline driven experience. In order to meet these deadlines, both Lodges provided a cadre of reporters to the fast moving events for accurate reporting. There were a number of laptops and a network system set up to make this publication happen. Printing was provided by the service Lodge, Nacha Nimat

Kudos for those who were reporters, editor, and copy boys; Daniel Sullivan, Nick and Joseph Bertone, Jared Vega, and Michael Gazinski.

Aquehongian Lodge 112 was rated first place in the website competition, and second place for the newsletter competition. The national judging criteria was used for both competitions.

# 2002 - 2003 Calendar Highlights

*Service dates beyond December 2002 will be announced in future publications*

September 21, 2002	Brotherhood at Pouch Camp	8 AM	Submit application
September 21, 2002	Service Day at Pouch Camp	8 AM	WES
September 22, 2002	Annual Day / Lodge Meeting	1 PM/3PM	Officer installations
September 24, 2002	LEC meeting at Pouch Camp	7 PM	First LEC of the year
October 5, 2002	OA Training - LLDC at Pouch Camp	9 AM	
October 26, 2002	Service Day at Seaview Nursing Home	9 AM	Meet at the Staff House
October 29, 2002	LEC meeting at Pouch Camp	7 PM	
November 16, 2002	Pancake Breakfast at Pouch Camp	8-11 AM	Bring your family and friends
November 23, 2002	Service Day at Pouch Camp	9 AM	
November 26, 2002	LEC meeting at Pouch Camp	7 PM	
December 8, 2002	Lodge Meeting / Holiday Party	3 PM	
December 14, 2002	Service Day at Pouch Camp	9 AM	
December 17, 2002	LEC meeting at Pouch Camp	7 PM	
January 28, 2003	LEC meeting at Pouch Camp	7 PM	
February 28, 2003 - March 2, 2003	Winter Trip At Ten Mile River	Fri - Sun	District wide event - sponsored by Aquehongian Lodge 112
February 25, 2003	LEC meeting at Pouch Camp	7 PM	
March 8, 2003	Fundraising dinner	TBA	Bring the family and friends
March 16, 2003	Lodge Meeting at Pouch Camp	3 PM	
March 25, 2003	LEC meeting at Pouch Camp	7 PM	
April 29, 2003	LEC meeting at Pouch Camp	7 PM	
May 27, 2003	LEC meeting at Pouch Camp	7 PM	
June 6 - 8, 2003	Camporee at Pouch Camp		Ordeal Tap out
June 8, 2003	Lodge Meeting at Pouch Camp	3 PM	
June 17, 2003	Spaghetti Dinner / LEC		

**Lodge function start times are subject to change, due to location changes due to availability. Check the website at [www.aquehongian112.org](http://www.aquehongian112.org) for additional event information.**

# Brotherhood Conversion for 2002 - a second chance

**Dear Brotherhood Candidate,**

Hello my name is Jared Vega and I am the chairperson for the Brotherhood conversion for 2002. Now what is Brotherhood you ask? Brotherhood is your chance to seal your membership to the lodge. How do you seal your membership to the Lodge you ask? By participating in lodge events leading up to your brotherhood ceremony. Brotherhood is your next step in the lodge. If you could not make the Ten Mile River trip this past spring, a second opportunity is here. You must be Ordeal 2001 or earlier to be eligible for this period's conversion.

**Yours in Brotherhood,  
Jared V**

**Jared Vega, Brotherhood Chairperson**

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## **Requirements for Brotherhood**

- ? Ordeal membership for 10 complete months
- ? Currently registered with a Staten Island Council unit  
**and** Aquehongian 112 Lodge (dues paid up to date)
- ? Write a letter of rededication (explain the obligation in your words, how you use the obligation in your troop and in daily life, and your plans for giving service in the Lodge program)
- ? Complete the Brotherhood hike
- ? Complete the Brotherhood Ceremony

## **Additional information to know:**

- ? Order of the Arrow Obligation
- ? Order of the Arrow Song
- ? Admonition
- ? Sign of the Ordeal
- ? Handshake

(All information can be found in the Order of the Arrow handbook)

**Registration forms may be found on the website: <http://www.aquehongian112.org>**

## **Event particulars:**

**Who:** Ordeal members 2001 and earlier

**Where:** At Camp Pouch

**When:** September 21, 2002 at 8am

**What:** Work gloves, work boots, work gloves, and a water bottle - bring your class  
A uniform on a hanger for the after lunch activity.

**Cost:** \$25.00 - covers sash, neckerchief, and lunch

# Committee's R' Us

## Service Days

The first four service days are noted in this publication. The December newsletter will have the confirmed service dates for the next quarter (January - March). The information regarding these events will be relayed to you as soon as it becomes available to the committee who plans these events.

### The World Wide Web at the WWW

"The Web Committee is looking for youth to help out with the Aquehongian Lodge 112 website (<http://www.aquehongian112.org>). All interested should email [webmaster@aquehongian112.org](mailto:webmaster@aquehongian112.org). All brothers with email addresses are encouraged to join the electronic mailing list, [aq112@bsa-siny.org](mailto:aq112@bsa-siny.org). If you are interested, please email [webmaster@aquehongian112.org](mailto:webmaster@aquehongian112.org) requesting to join the e-list. We look forward to a yr. of expanding the website to include more information about the lodge, Order, and Council."

## Commissary Toaster

Welcome back.

We hope everyone had a great summer. We found lots of new ideas at the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) and at the NE-2C Section Conclave in July and August.

An extra pair of hands is always a welcome sight, so let us know if you can lend a hand. Come fifteen minutes before any Lodge event and jump in!

See you in September!  
The Commissary Crew

## A message from the Membership Committee

The mailing label affixed to this mailing has your expiration date as it is recorded in the membership list. If you notice that it has expired, please bring your dues at the annual fee of \$8.00 to the next Lodge Meeting. *Remember that you are not eligible for Brotherhood conversion or Vigil Honor selection and may not hold an office or LEC position if your dues have lapsed.*

If you are more than two years in arrears, please submit a payment of \$16.00.

Should you be unable to attend the Lodge meeting, you may mail the dues with a check made out to **Aquehongian Lodge 112** and sent to:

### Please attach a note with the following information:

Name, current address, telephone number, Lodge level (Ordeal, Brotherhood, Vigil), your age, and your affiliated unit.

Lodge members must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America.

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