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AQUEHONGIAN LODGE #112

June 2004

Chief's Drum

Dear Brothers,

I have spent much time pondering the most challenging pillar of the Order of the Arrow, Service. As brothers, we are called to the task of selfless devotion to the welfare of others. Few, however, ever rise to meet this challenge. After much thought, the answer is clear.

The problem lies in the challenge itself. There is no such thing as selfless service. The term selfless service implies we are to gain nothing and find no reward in our actions. This would give us little, if any, reason to perform acts of service. So then why do some people repeatedly sacrifice their time and efforts in service? There must be some deeper reason that moves us.

As brothers, we should actively seek to help others. Why? Service brings benefits not only to our neighbors and community, but we must also acknowledge what it does to us as individuals. We should be motivated to do service

for a selfish reason, it makes us feel complete.

There are those in the lodge, who come every month and spend time working and sweating along side me and others. Their reward is the way their actions make them feel. They are able to find that which was lacking in their lives, the joy of receiving a sincere "thank you" for all that you have endeavored.

So now I ask you, many of you have been in the lodge for a while and never been to a single service day. Why? Is it because you don't want to help others? think your time too valuable? see little point or reward in going? You will never know what you are missing until you discover it, and you will never realize how much you enjoy it until you try it.

Take a chance.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Joseph P

THEY ARE THE MUST HAVE PATCHES!

NOAC 2004 patch sets and the 65th anniversary back patch will be available at the June 6th Lodge meeting from 2-4 pm.

Upcoming events

May 14—16, 2004

Camporee weekend

May 15, 2004 Ordeal call out
at ampitheater—8pm

May 21-23, 2004

Ordeal Weekend

May 27, 2004

LEC at Berlin Lodge 7:15 pm

June 5, 2004

Fishing Derby Service Day
At Pouch Camp
8am-4pm

June 6, 2004

Lodge Meeting - Elections
At Berlin Lodge 2-4 pm

June 19, 2004

Spaghetti Dinner / LEC
At Berlin Lodge 5-7 pm

June 20, 2004

Mug A Ree at Pouch Camp
11am—4pm

Future dates

Aug 27-29 Conclave in CT
Sept 21 Lodge Meeting

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Advisors Alley

What did I do to make our Lodge better this year? What are your plans for the coming year? Here are some of the top ten things you can do to make your lodge better:

1. Come out to more than one service day.
2. Staff or plan to do your Brotherhood
3. Staff the Ordeal
4. Help at Cub events
5. Take a leadership course
6. Help with mailing the newsletter
7. Help in the kitchen
8. Help set up break down, and clean up Lodge Meeting and LEC
9. Become a member of the LEC
10. Get yourself signed up for N.O.A.C. 2006

I'd like to thank each and every one for doing their part last year and plan on being part of the team for

next year. Plan on coming to lodge meetings, LEC, and service days. Bring your fellow scouts with you. If you bring a friend, we could have 20 to 30 people at a service day. Remember we are a brotherhood of cheerful service. We made quality lodge this year and hope to maintain this over the next few years.

It is important to have your dues paid up, this is necessary for many reasons, to receive mailings, upgrade to Brotherhood, be a member of the LEC, or hold an office. Please check on the status of your dues.

Greater New York Council knows that our Lodge gets things done. Everyone working together is the key to success.

Ron Cullenen, Lodge Advisor

Lodge Meeting June 6, 2004 2 - 4 pm

2004—2005 Officer nominations:

Lodge Chief:

Vincent D, Matthew D,
Daniel S, Andrew M

Vice Chief of Administration:

Vincent D, Matthew D,
Daniel S, Jared V

Vice Chief of Operations:

Vincent D, Daniel S, Jared V

Secretary:

Daniel S, Jared V,
Ryan M, Brian T

Treasurer:

Jared V, Ryan M

The June Lodge meeting's highlight will be the officer elections for next year. Votes for officers may only be placed by **YOUTH** members of the Lodge. Let's have a great turnout and get the officers elected who will serve you, THE LODGE member.

At this Lodge meeting, there will also be additional sign up sheets for LEC committees. If you signed up for a committee and never heard another word, it is because we may not have seen you or do not have a correct telephone number!

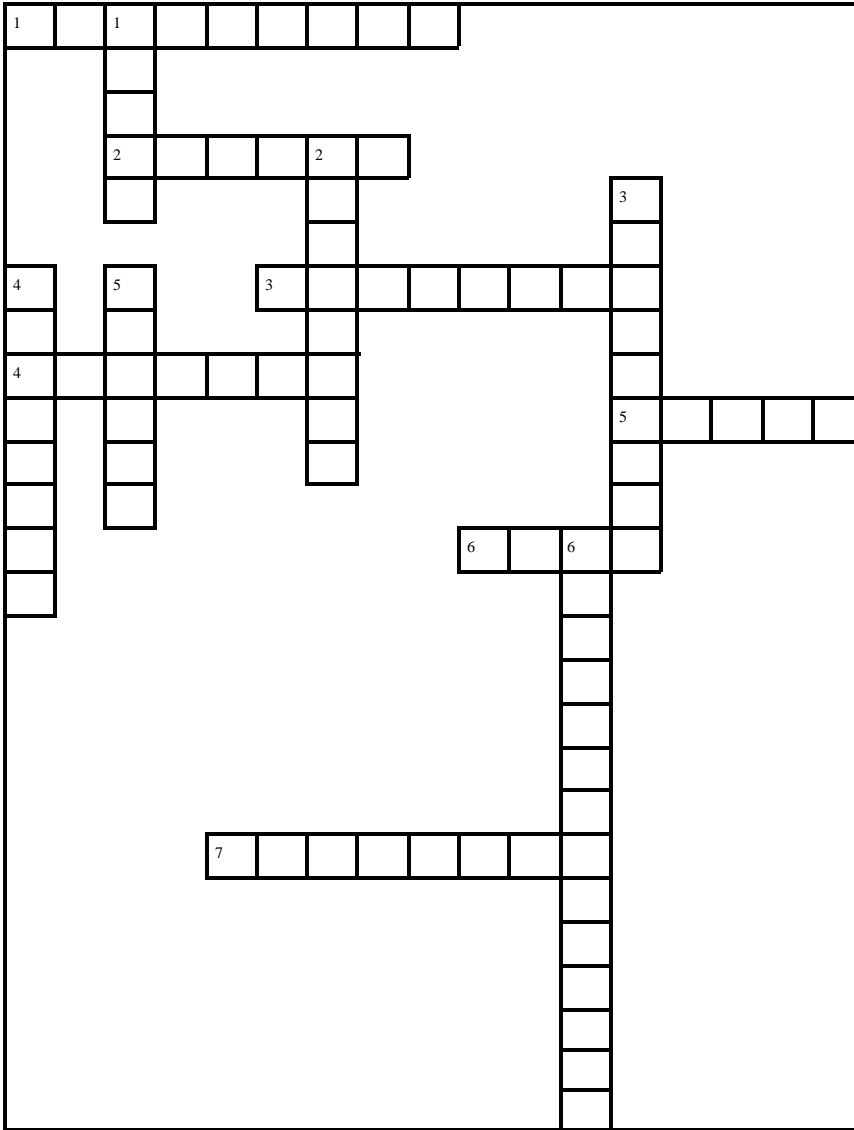
The final ratification of the by laws will be held at this meeting.

Come out, elect the officers, hear the committee reports, and have a great summer.



Crossword Puzzle

By John A



Across:

- 1-Friend for an OA folk
- 2-First test
- 3-Camp Aquehonga Lake
- 4-Lenape for secretary
- 5-Third degree
- 6-2004 NOAC state
- 7-Section gathering

Down:

- 1-"Let us try to find the _____."
- 2-To love one another
- 3-Past Section Chief from Brooklyn
- 4-Lenape Valley
- 5-Lenape for chief
- 6-W_____WW

Answer key will be available at June 6, 2004 Lodge meeting

Service Day
at Pouch Camp
Saturday, June 5,
2004

8 am—3 pm

The annual fishing
derby at Pouch Camp
needs our help!

There will be over 300
cub scouts and their
parents attending this
event.

The areas which will
need staff are the con-
cession stand (hot dogs
and hamburgers), regis-
tration, and the most im-
portant task FISH MEAS-
URING and giving direc-
tions around camp!

Wear your uniform
and a sash.



Brotherhood Weekend 2004 at Ten Mile River

First off, I need to thank the 2004 Brotherhood Advisor Brenda Gazinski, without Brenda this event would not have been organized as it was. As far as the rest of the staff, you did a phenomenal job.

A special thank you to, Ron Cullenen, and Ed Baggs for their assistance in commissary, thank you also to Tony Accardi, who helped as well. Thank you to the whole ICE committee for a outstanding ceremony at Indian Cliffs. I would also like thank the Nimat's on their work throughout the camp and making sure things ran smoothly. For brothers who do not realize the work being done in the Museum, a frame to display a stained glass window out of Camp Kernochan, was built by, Mr. Harty, Mr. Vacarro, Mr. Viggiano, Mr. Metz, and it looks great! Thank you also to Joe & Tom the Rangers at TMR who were a tremendous help.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the candidates that were present at the weekend, I hope your experience at Indian Cliffs was a memorable one. It is about time that we had a brotherhood with great sunny weather, which made people very happy.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Michael R

Spaghetti Dinner - LEC June 19, 2004 at Berlin Lodge 5pm—7pm

Saturday, June 19, 2003 at Berlin Lodge is the final gathering / LEC meeting / Spaghetti Dinner.

The dinner costs \$10.00 and will provide funds for the different events that will be coming up.

The dinner will start promptly at 5 pm. Bring your families, friends and fellow lodge members to dine and bid adieu for the summer.

Conclave 2004 at Camp Strang, CT

This years Conclave will be held in Goshen, Connecticut on August 27—29, 2004.

The Conclave is a gathering of the Section Lodges. This occurs annually with each Lodge taking responsibility to make this weekend a success. Aquehongian Lodge will be providing the activities effort for the Friday evening and Saturday afternoon time slots. In addition, the Iron Man theme will have Lodge competitions for different physical skills, these will count in the Lodge scoring points for the Uncas award. There will be a variety of other events to attend, the Quinnipiac dance troop will

be there and an all around good time will be had.

The cost for this weekend is \$35.00 if paid before June 20, 2004 if payment is received later add \$5.00.

If you are interested in attending call either Danny S or Monique K (evenings).

Check www.aquehongian112.org for Conclave sign up, preorder, emergency contact forms, and directions to the camp.



Going beyond the Ordeal weekend

The Ordeal weekend is a one time event for some, but can become a great experience for others. There are the three values, brotherhood, cheerfulness and service that make up the three principles of the Order of the Arrow. The after—Ordeal experience includes a commitment to the Lodge AND a commitment to yourself.

The commitment to the Lodge, is the effort to make a committee or task work. Again, the three principles take a role, but will everyone will benefit by working together, planning and asking past chairmen to give their input. These tasks may not always happen the way you imagined them. If you do some research about the event, talk to others who have that particular experience, they may give you insight for the things that may have gone wrong (so not to repeat the same mistakes) and to focus on how to make the event better. The best way to do this, is to communicate with others in the Lodge during the course of the year. If you are chairing an event, it is important to recruit key members who will be working with you and keep an open line of communication with them throughout the planning stages. The best way to do this is to develop a schedule and stay within the deadlines. This will reduce the stress of the event when it finally happens.

The commitment to yourself, is the experience a committee will give you. You will learn many things — who the committees members, what the committees do, how to give a report, how to plan an event, and what the key roles are. When placed in this position, find out who can help you, watch your abilities increase and don't forget to bring this skill back to your troop. Some other perks available within Aquehongian Lodge are: advisors may also be merit badge counselors, meeting other Lodge members who can help you obtain your goals, and hanging around with another group of dedicated scouts.

Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) meetings are held the last Tuesday of the month at Berlin Lodge at Pouch Camp at 7:30 pm. Lodge meetings are held four times a year. Brotherhood, Ordeal and Conclave weekends are held annually, and the national events such as NOAC, wilderness adventure at Philmont, Seabase, and Northern Tier can be other things to do. Check out the national Order of the Arrow website at www.oa-bsa.org to find more information about the Order of the Arrow.

Root Beer Mug O Ree Camp Pouch

June 20, 2004
11 am—4 pm

Need a place to bring your father on Father's Day! Bring him to the Root Beer Mug A Ree at Camp Pouch. We will be making rootbeer floats, playing field sports, and having a general good time! This is a great opportunity to have a good time and enjoy a nice afternoon at Pouch Camp. The charge for this event is \$5.00 per person. For more information, call Joseph P or check out the website for more information.



A Call to the Vigil Honor Members

Dear Brothers on the Vigil Honor

Whether you have taken your vigil long ago or within the past few years, I ask you all again to rededicate yourself to the principles of the Vigil Honor and to the principles of Cheerful Service.

This year I am asking that all Vigil Honor Brothers be present for the entire weekend of the Ordeal, which will be held the weekend of May 21st.

Again I look forward to seeing you all that weekend working with the next Class of Brothers.

Please also note that you will soon be receiving a mailing with detailed information of the 2004 Vigil Honor Induction in early June.

Should you have any questions about this years Vigil induction, please feel free to call me at.

Yours in the Vigil Honor,

Michael A

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Vigil Honor Chairman

Camporee 2004

May 14—16, 2004 at Pouch Camp

If you are not camping with your unit, the OA could use your help during the weekend preparing for the campfire, ice cream social, and the call out. There is also the need Lodge members to be present at the callout wearing sashes, as torchbearers and greeters. Call Brian T, ICE Chairman if you can help out.

Elections Team

A real big round of applause to the Elections teams that went out to the 25+ units who will supply this Lodge with Ordeal class of 2004. We will be meeting our candidates when they are called out at the Camporee campfire on May 15, 2004 at the ampitheater. We are expecting over 75 new members at the Ordeal weekend. Let's welcome them with our attendance.

National Order of the Arrow Conference, Iowa

Please wish the NOAC contingency a safe and great time at Ames, Iowa this summer. There are 14 youth and 8 adults attending this year. The Lodge members will be flying from Newark Airport on July 30th and will be returning on August 7th, 2004.

The Aquehongian Arrowhead

Joseph P Lodge Chief

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Membership requirements

In order to become Brotherhood, sit on a Lodge Executive Committee, or hold an office in the Order of the Arrow; your dues must be paid to date. Dues are \$8.00 annually and may only be carried for 2 year past the current year. Additionally, you must be a registered member of a boy scout unit in the Staten Island Council.

If you are in arrears for one or more years, a required payment for two years will be charged, one payment for the year not paid and one for the current year.

You can pay your dues in different ways;

Come to and LEC or Lodge meetings and pay your dues to the membership committee folks.

Or send your payment with your name, current address, and telephone number on a sheet of paper, or print out the membership update form from the website and address this correspondence to:

Send check or money order with your name and address or membership form to:

Staten Island Council, BSA
PO Box 131472
Staten Island, N.Y. 10313

Make check out to:

Memo: Staten Island Council, BSA
Aquehongain Lodge 112
Name, Troop number

Commissary needs you.....

Like to eat? Want to start a career in food service? Need references for culinary arts schools? Want to complete the cooking merit badge.

This is the committee to join! Come to Lodge events and sign up.

Web Committee

The website is <http://www.aquehongian112.org>.

Join the electronic mailing list to be in tune with the latest developments. In order to join the mailing list, go to the website and click on the email-list link. From there, follow the directions.

Website content is needed for every event, please submit the information so that it may be posted on the website. Send all event submission items to webster@aquehongian112.org.

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