

The Aquehongan ARROWHEAD STATEN ISLAND COUNCIL #645

AQUEHONGIAN LODGE #112

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December 2004

Upcoming events

December 19, 2004
Lodge Meeting at Berlin Lodge
2—4 PM HOLIDAY PARTY
No December LEC meeting

January 8, 2005
Service Day at Pouch Camp
9am - 1pm

January 25, 2005
LEC 7:15—8:30 PM

February 22, 2005
LEC 7:15—8:30 PM
February 25-27, 2005
Winter Weekend @ TMR

March 12, 2005
Dinner / fundraiser
5-7pm at Berlin Lodge

March 13, 2005
Lodge Meeting @ Berlin Lodge
2-4PM Vigil Honor

March 19, 2005
Service day at Pouch Camp

Brotherhood Weekend
April 15—17, 2005

Matthew D Lodge Chief
Brian T Secretary

Christopher F
Communications Chairman

Neil Levinsky
Publishing Advisor



Dear Brothers,

I come bearing hopes of change and prosperity. Great things are on the horizon, and in plain view. First, I would like to begin with a thank you. I want to thank you, the members of the Aquehongan Lodge for electing me lodge chief. I would also like to thank you for electing a great board to help me. I know that when I sit in that chair in the front of Berlin Lodge, I am not alone, but in good company.

Now that the elections are behind us it is time for us to focus on the tasks at hand. The Achilles' heel of the Lodge has always been communication. It has time and time again caused problems in the workings of the lodge. I say it has brought us down long enough. I truly feel that if we conquer this problem, our other burdens will become substantially less cumbersome. The reason for this is the theory that many hands make light work. The more people who know about an event, the more people that are likely to come out to it. It seems rather simple because it is. The difficulty with it is it requires

Chief's Drum

effort. It calls for a vast reform in the way the lodge functions. Well I say to you the time to change is now! We must unify ourselves in one purpose, one goal, that is the betterment of the lodge. We have long seen the problem but have wavered in our resolve to repair it. This ends now. If there is or has ever been a group of individuals who could accomplish such a great feat, it is the current board. We will not pass the buck, we will not cower in the face of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities. We will confront the problem head on, and defeat it unmercifully.

The betterment of the individual is inconsequential, to the betterment of the lodge as a whole. So to Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service I do hereby pledge myself. To bigger and better things, not for the one, but for the whole. This is an ideal that I subscribe to, and this is an ideal that is vital to success.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Matthew D
Lodge Chief

"The Buck Stops Here."



Advisors Alley

This year is almost at an end and what have you done for your Lodge and fellow Scouts? I hope you came to our Alpine Service Weekend on November 19, 20 & 21. If not, your last chance for service this year is at Pouch on December 4th, 9-2pm. We will be remarking and clearing the "Red Dot Trail" and the Bike trail.

Make sure your dues are paid prior to the Vigil Meeting in January. Only members in good standing are eligible. To be a member of the LEC, your dues must be paid. It is your responsibility to make sure your dues are up to date.

District Winter Weekend at TMR is February 25, 26 & 27. If you are not going with your Troop but would like to go with the Lodge you must make a

reservation with the Lodge, cost \$30.00, by the December Lodge meeting. We already have over 140 beds reserved, so don't wait. Beds are limited. Make your check payable to: S.I. Council, B.S.A.

Hold April 15, 16 & 17 open for Brotherhood weekend at TMR. If you've been to this event before, you know it's a great time. The cost this year is \$30 for Staff and \$45 for Brotherhood Candidates.

Be proud of that Flap on your shirt and make a difference. Get involved with your Lodge

Ron Cullenen,
Lodge Advisor

Lodge Meeting December 19, 2004 1 - 4 pm - The Holiday Party

Come join us for the Holiday Party
at Berlin Lodge on

Sunday, December 19, 2004

From 2—4 pm

NOAC Contingent Flap Sets!!!

with the silver border. Only 80 sets were made. 6 remain. Each set is available for \$50. If you are interested, send a check payable to SI Council BSA Indicate Aquehongian Lodge 112 in the memo section. Send this tear off and check to Ron Cullenen at:

194 Heffernan St. Staten Island, NY 10312

Name _____

Phone # _____

Address _____

Amount enclosed _____

Commissary Corner:

There is always room for one more on this committee. Eat well, learn and have fun. Come to the lodge events to see what new recipes are underway. Suggestions are always cheerfully encouraged. You give service, we will feed you!





Dear Brotherhood Candidate

This years Brotherhood Quest is taking place at Ten Mile River Scout Camp (Hearst Cabins) on Friday to Sunday; April 15-17, 2005. The fee is \$45.00 for candidates and \$30.00 for staff members. If you plan on attending, please send the listed items

*****Due by March 22, 2005*****

Complete Emergency Contact / Permission Forms
Tear off - lower portion of this form
Bring completed forms and payment
to a Lodge meeting, Lodge Executive Committee
meeting **OR**

Make checks out to:
Staten Island Council, BSA
Memo: Aquehongian Lodge 112 -
Brotherhood

Mail Checks to:
Staten Island Council, BSA
PO Box 131472
Staten Island, NY 10313

The following items will be necessary for this weekend:

- Full dress uniform / sash (for meals and ceremonies)
- Work clothes / Boots / Work gloves
- Raingear, warm coat, gloves, hat, etc. (April is still cold at TMR)
- Sleeping bag, toiletries, etc.

If you do not have driving arrangements made by March 22, 2005,
Contact Lenny Vaccaro, Brotherhood Advisor

If there are any special food needs please indicate on tear off and on the emergency contact form which can be found on the website @ www.aquehongian112.org

Aquehongian Lodge 112, Staten Island, NY
Brotherhood Weekend 2005

Yours in Brotherhood
Michael S, Chairman
aq112brotherhood2004@yahoo.com

(Tear Here)-----

Brotherhood Weekend Registration Slip - - Aquehongian Lodge #112

Name _____ Troop _____ Phone _____

I will be attending as a Brotherhood Candidate \$45.00
 Staff Member \$30.00

I have a ride to TMR, my driver is _____
 I have used all my methods & I still need a ride

If you intend to drive, please list brothers you are taking and number of seats still available on the back of the cut off.
I need special meals NO YES

Send back this tear off, emergency contact form & \$45 check-candidates or \$30 staff members



***Aquehongian Lodge 112
Staten Island, NY***

November 2004

Dear Brotherhood Candidate,

Hello, my name is Michael S and I am your 2004 Brotherhood Chairman. I am here to get you, as a Lodge Member sealed into the Order of the Arrow. In order to do that you have to take part in a weekend called "Brotherhood". Aquehongian Lodge 112 is anticipating your sealed membership into OUR lodge. This is a big event and a big step for you in your scouting history. It is an Honor, for you to be in the Order of the Arrow. As your chairman, I will work hard to help all the new ordeal members complete Brotherhood.

This event will be at Ten Mile River Reservation (Headquarters-Hearst Cabins.)



So remember keep the date aside:

Brotherhood 2005
April 15, 16, 17
TMR Hearst Cabins

MORE INFO TO FOLLOW AS THE YEAR PROGRESSES!!!

**Yours in Brotherhood,
Michael S
Brotherhood Chairman**

P.S. Hope to see you all there!!!

**Next fundraiser!
Saturday,
March 12, 2005**

Dinner at Berlin Lodge

5PM–7pm \$10.00 per person

**Set up starts at 3 PM – tell your family,
troop members, and friends to come to this
event!**

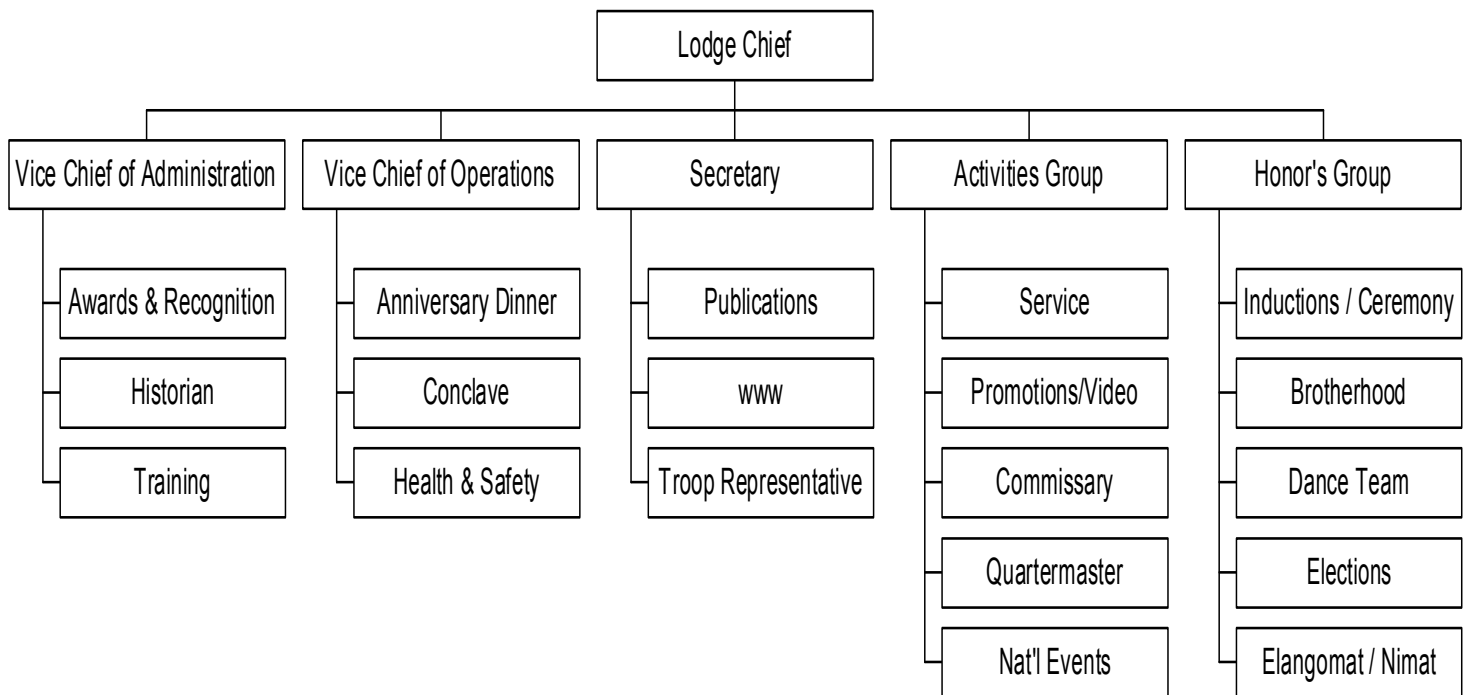
Brotherhood requirements:

1. Ordeal membership for 10 complete months
2. Currently registered with a Staten Island Council unit and Aquehongian 112 Lodge (dues paid up to date)
3. 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)
4. Complete the Brotherhood weekend



Aquehongian Lodge 112 Structure

The different committees report to the individuals who are elected or selected to these positions. The Lodge Chief, Vice Chief of Administration, Vice Chief of Operations, Treasurer, and Secretary are elected positions. The Activities and Honor's Master are selected by the elected officers.



The James E. West Fellowship:

-Andy Selowentchich Honored

James E West was the first Chief Scout Executive in the US. This award is named in his honor. This is part of the endowment program of the BSA. Part of the responsibility of each Lodge is to help support their home council. We meet this requirement by contributing \$1000 each year to the council thru the James E West endowment program. We honor a Scouter in our lodge who has given considerable time and service to scouting and especially to our lodge. It is the lodge's way of saying thank you to an outstanding volunteer. **Andy Selowentchich** was the recipient this year. We will continue this tradition of supporting our council while recognizing those who go well above and beyond their scouting jobs.

Yours in Brotherhood
Brenda Gazinski



Associate Advisor's Corner:

We are well into the 2004-2005 Scouting year. There are many activities planned. Please check the calendar for the lodge service days and meeting days. There is always room for another arrowman in one of our commit-

tees. Check the LEC list for information or see the OA rep in your troop. If there is no OA rep in your troop, volunteer! This is your lodge. It has a long and proud tradition of service. Get involved. You will meet terrific people, eat pretty well at our events and help to make Scouting even stronger. The lodge offi-

cers have worked hard to put together a good program for this year. Get involved. It is up to you to make this another Quality Year for AQ112.

Brenda Gazinski
Associate Lodge
Advisor

DANCE AND INDUCTIONS TEAM MAKE A BIG FUSS!!!

-The NOAC contingent received many awards for Pre-Ordeal inductions and Native American Dance Performance.

While at NOAC, the National Order of the Arrow Conference, both the Inductions Ceremonies and Events team and The Dance Team received many awards for Excellency.

Led by Brian Thomasen and Timothy McCormick, the I.C.E. Team and Dance Team respectively, both received National Recognition for their successes at the Dance and I.C.E, evaluations and competitions.

The Dance team was well represented by both Vincent Depaulo and Andrew Montero, both performing in the Native American Straight dance competition.

Along with them were Timothy McCormick, Matthew DeSaro, and Brian Thomasen who participated in the Nation- wide NOAC Powwow. Every

native American dancer at NOAC showed up to strut their regalia and dance their moccasins off.

The I.C.E. team also took part in the festivities by taking part in Aquehongian Lodge's first National Evaluation. Not only was this their first evaluation, each ceremonialist, Timothy Adorno, Timothy McCormick, Andrew Montero, and Brian Thomasen, walked away with a medal and patch, the symbols of an Honor Ceremonial Team, a nationally recognized award.

Needless to say, the lodge is on its way up the ladder of success and will continue its Native American Traditions in the order of the arrow. We will lead our section and "... by inspiration, lead them."

-Brian T



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 \$12.00 annually and may be paid in 2 year in blocks. Additionally, you must be a registered member of a boy scout unit in the Staten Island Council.

You can pay your dues in different ways;

Come to the lodge meetings and pay your dues to the membership committee folks. Send your payment with your name, current address, and telephone number on a sheet of paper, and address this correspondence to:

Make payable to:

Staten Island Council, BSA
Memo: Aquehongain Lodge 112
Youth's name, Troop number

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

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

ICE Needs You!!!

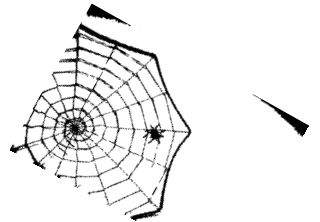
Ice is the Inductions Ceremonies and Events team; we are responsible for all the inductions ceremonies, Native American Events, and Cub Scout arrow of light ceremonies. We do so much and we always need people to lend a hand, even if you don't want to act, there are plenty of positions that can be filled that are critical to our Team.

Please contact: *Brian T,*

Web Committee

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

There's also an electronic mailing list that Aquehongian brothers can join to find out about the latest events within the lodge. In order to join the mailing list, go to the website and click on the email-list link. From there, follow the directions. The committee is looking for brothers to help maintain the site.



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