

# The Aquehongian ARROWHEAD STATEN ISLAND COUNCIL #645

AQUEHONGIAN LODGE #112

WWW

December 2005 Edition

## Upcoming events

2005

### December 3rd

Service Day at Pouch 9AM

### December 4th

Holiday Party (12PM—2PM)

Lodge Meeting (2PM—4PM)

2006

### January 7th

Pancake Breakfast (8AM—11AM)

Service Day 9AM

### January 21st

Night at the Races NOAC

(tickets available \$10/adult [21])

### January 22nd

Lodge Meeting (2PM—4PM)

### January 31st

LEC 7PM

### February 11th

Service Day 9AM

### February 28th

LEC 7PM

#### Lodge Chief

Brian T

#### Secretary

Jason K

#### Communications Chairman

Steven S

#### Lodge Advisor

Brenda Gazinski



(Please read and do not skip)

## My Brothers,

This is my first address to you as Lodge Chief; I hope I can communicate to you the status and needs of our lodge from this address. We need your help. Please continue to read so that you may learn how you can help.

We have a lot of work ahead of us and **we must begin today**, starting with this newsletter. Our youth attendance numbers are down at service days and meetings. If you were to come to one service day, it would be enough. If you were to come to one fundraiser, it would be plenty. We need you to attend these events to support our lodge.

This problem is not uncommon or limited to our lodge. This lack of people resources plague many of the lodges in our section. They report the same symptoms: **Low attendance, funds, and leadership resources.**

So this is my plea to you, the youth of Aquehongian Lodge 112: Help us increase our numbers. If you come to the events I will promise to make it fun. We have a **Holiday**

## CHIEF'S DRUM

**Party this December 4th** and everyone who has a sash and an OA lodge flap is invited.

We are the National Honor Society of the Boy Scouts of America. **Prove it** to me and the rest of this council that we *are* the best of the best. The theme for this year is **“Making the Machine Work.”** We need people to replace the gears and mechanisms of our lodge that have been broken for so long.

We have many things planned for this year and all that is required is **your attendance**. Just by showing up and **supporting those who have supported you**. If the lodge succeeds, it will help your troop in the future. **In our Three Year plan, we plan to begin the Scout Reach Program to help train troop leadership and increase recruitment numbers.**

“He who serves his fellows is of all his fellows greatest.”

—Alawat Sakima

Yours in Brotherhood

Brian T

Nageuchwagon Elogamgussit

Netami Sakima



## Advisors Alley

Dear Arrowmen,

We are almost 1/2 way through the Scouting year. By the time you read this, we will be very close to the holidays. I would ask each of you to take a minute and remember our service men and women. Please keep them in your prayers.

So, what have you done for your Lodge? Are you involved in a committee? Have you attended a service day or conclave? Are you planning on NOAC? Brotherhood will be in April. Plan to be there. Who is the

OA rep in your troop? Make sure you have one and he is getting to the monthly LEC. Unit elections will start in January. Get involved. We need your support.

Help to keep Scouting and the OA strong! Hope to see you at the Holiday Party in Dec.

Yours in Brotherhood  
Brenda Gazinski  
(718)-979-3645

# Lodge Meeting December 4, 2005

## 2 AM - 4 PM

At this meeting, a change in bylaws will be introduced regarding the two Vice Chief positions.

The idea behind this change in legislation is that the work of the two Vice Chiefs can be handled by one.

Instead of misusing resources on this extra position, the Lodge Executive Committee has voted to reduce the two positions to one Vice Chief.

This item of legislation will not be voted on at this meeting. However, the matter will be introduced for a vote at the next immediate meeting on January

## COME TO THE HOLIDAY PARTY

December 4th

**12:00 PM**

GAMES AND ACTIVITIES SUCH AS:

*Halo, Music, Massive Snowball Fight*

**Possible Surprise Dish!**

*Lets see what Mr. Gazinski comes up  
with this time...*

**Lodge Meeting to Follow at 2:00PM**



## Commissary Corner

There is always room for more or two more on the committee. Eat well, learn and have fun. Come to the lodge events to see what new recipes are under construction.

**You give service, we will feed you!**

Recipe of the month: *Orange Campfire Cake*

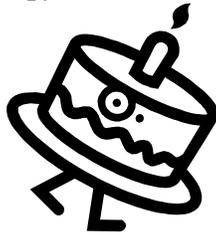
Ingredients:

1 box yellow cake mix (8oz)

6 large thick skin oranges

Water

Heavy duty aluminum foil



**Prep:** Slice 2 inches in diameter from oranges and save. Remove oranges from shell carefully. Do not damage the shell. Prepare cake mix according to instructions on box. Fill each orange shell with cake mix. Replace top and wrap in foil.

**Cook:** Bake in hot coals or on the grill for about 20 minutes. Turn often.

**Enjoy:** When cakes rare finished, either peel the orange and enjoy or use a spoon and scoop from the orange shell. Either way, enjoy!

## And the James E. West Award winner is...

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 through the James E. West endowment program. We honor a Scouter in our Lodge who has given considerable time and service in scouting and especially to our lodge. It is the lodge's way of saying thank you to an outstanding volunteer.

Monique Kusick 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.

Congratulations Monique!

We will miss you very dearly

**“Ask not what your Lodge can do for you; but what you can do for your Lodge.”—Brian T**



Service is the principle reason why we are brothers. We were chosen by our peers to serve. The Order of the Arrow was founded around the core belief of cheerful service. Working “in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities” is what we—as brothers— do best. Service strengthens us, binds us together, and of course proves that we are indeed the best of the best.

**Attend more service days, and do what you were chosen to do.**

*-Ryan M  
Vice Chief of Operations*



# THE MAIN EVENT

COME AND ENJOY THE NEXT

# NOAC

National Order of the Arrow Conference  
**July 29th — August 3rd**  
**2006**

Imagine 8,000 arrowmen from all over the country at a conference for a week. It is the most amazing experience and AQ112 has always had a great time at NOAC.

You can be a part of next year's group. NOAC will be held at Michigan State University in Ann Arbor next summer (July 29-Aug3). Questions? See Steve Gazinski at the Holliday party on December 4th or email him. If you think the conclave was great (and it was), wait till you see NOAC!!



**We only have nine youth  
planning on attending NOAC!  
We need more of you to come!**

**Contact Steven  
NOW  
before the spots fill up.**

**Things what will be there...**

- SHOWS!!!**
- GAMES!!!**
- TRAINING!!!**
- FRIENDS!!!**
- BROTHERS!!!**
- SCUBA!!!**
- ATHLETICS!!!**
- NATIVE AMERICAN EVERYTHING!!!**



# Who's your Travel Agent???



## *We will have a Northeast Region Council Camp Directory*

At each Troop Meeting, Scouts work together to prepare themselves for the countless memories of Camping; the very place that Scouting was founded. The question is: Where is the best place to camp? It is a time consuming task for troops to sit down and figure out exactly where to go camping in order to get the most out of their weekend. Councils wanted to bring the camping experience closer to their units and communicate with them the best places to start an adventure. Leaders got together and developed a camping guide to give these units an insight on where to go camping. Volunteers would venture out to camping locations and survey the facilities available. The end product would be a pristine camping guide published by the council and handed out to the various units. Lodges became an invaluable asset to this project, as many spearhead the entire effort for the council to serve their fellow Scouts and Scouters.

What exactly goes into one of these guides and how does it help units? The first question a Senior Patrol Leader poses to his troop is "What do you want to do?" Some will say go on a winter backpacking trip, while others would respond to go mountain climbing. Whatever the adventure is, it is limited to the geographic areas available at the right cost. Knowing what the troop wants to do is the first step to finding a proper location that can meet the demands of the adventure. A good camping guide will have to specify exactly what each camping location has to offer, including the natural aspects of it (mountains, rivers, lakes, caves, etc) and the facilities offered (cabins, tents, shower, bathrooms, etc). Having a *local* resource for troop leaders is an invaluable asset to the

troop's program. With the turn of a few pages, they can figure out in just minutes a location that would prove to offer the most for their weekend. The problem of going to the same place every year now becomes a thing of the past.



Lodges and Councils have published physical guides in the past and distributed them to every unit in their council. Recently, the Northeast Region spent over thirty thousand dollars to publish a regional "Where to Go Camping Guide" and CD distributed to every troop in the Region of over seventy six councils. To offset the cost of publishing, lodges and councils have looked to simply posting their guides online. The Northeast Region's guide can be downloaded directly off the Northeast Region OA Web Site and printed off at any printer. The Northeast Region is also completing a dynamic database that is updated continually. Here, users will be able to log on to the Northeast Region OA Web Site and search for any camp within the region. Specific data can be searched from all the camps in the region. In the time it takes to push a submit button, someone can search if a camp offers COPE or even has horses. Camping directories are a great way for units to hit the great out doors. Help is always needed to get local guides off the ground and in the hands of those who need them. Adventure is only a drive a way with camping guides. Happy Camping!

Brian C





# *Treasure Island Hosts the OA's 90th Anniversary*

*Many arrowmen found the higher vision at this national anniversary of the Order of the Arrow.*

On July 16, 2005, approximately 400 Arrowmen gathered at Treasure Island, the birthplace of the Order of the Arrow, to celebrate the organization's 90th anniversary.

Participants had the opportunity to tour the home camp of OA founders Dr. E. Uner Goodman and Col. Carrol A. Edson, and to observe a recreation of the ceremony performed there when the first Arrowmen were inducted. Attendees also participated in a rededication ceremony performed by Unami Lodge and heard from local and national OA leaders during a special dinner program.

Though many of the attendees were from Unami Lodge, more than 175 Arrowmen from 25 states came to honor the Order. Many were on their first visit to Treasure Island.

Unami Lodge Chief John Bickel said, "It was great to see so many Arrowmen come together from different parts of the country, and different backgrounds, but all with the same goal of being servant leaders."

Among the delegates to the event were all six national officers, the national chairman, the national director, and several members of the national Order of the Arrow committee. Each found something special about the day.

"It's amazing to be here and to think that 90 years ago, two guys developed an Order that every two years brings thousands of Arrowmen together," said Ross Armstrong, the 2005 Western Region

Chief.

Central Region Chief Paul Jensen said he thought the best part of the day was being able to learn more about the history of the Order from the people who helped create it.

"To talk with people who remember when it was a grassroots movement is very interesting," he said.

The National History and Preservation Committee filmed the historic recreation ceremony, the rededication ceremony, and participant interviews. A videotape of the weekend activities will be available sometime during the first quarter of 2006 via the online trading post on the national OA Web site.

A committee from Unami Lodge worked for almost a year to plan this great event. Dave Schaub was the youth chairman, and Mark Chilutti, a member of the national OA committee, served as the adviser. Special thanks go to past Unami Lodge Chief Pete McPhillips, Unami Lodge Chief John Bickel, and lodge adviser Steve Ranjo for a great event.

Lodges are encouraged to perform the rededication ceremony locally this fall. A special patch and certificate are available for those who participate in the ceremony. Information on both items can be found at <http://www.oe-bsa.org>.

Jason Koch





## 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 2 years in advance. 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:** Aquehongian Lodge 112  
Youth's name, Troop number

*PRICES MAY CHANGE!*

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

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

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*Dear Arrowmen,*

Hey, Netami Lekiket (lodge secretary) here! Articles are always welcome and needed

Write ANYTHING

Write a joke

Write an advertisement for your committee

Put in a Recipe (the one in the last issue was delicious)

Start a Non-Profit Youth run organization for the boy scout honor society

## With an Obligation

**And EVERYTHING!!! ...Wait... we have that already. Not sure what to do? lost ordeal member who wants to get involved but doesn't know how to call... Call ME or E-Mail ME**

**Secretary@aquehongian112.org**

*I'll Point you in the right direction and get you started on fulfilling your obligation to our honor society.*

**Yours in Brotherhood,  
Netami Lekiket (05-06)**

**Jason K**

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ARROWHEAD IS  
JANUARY 31st FOR THE MARCH EDITION!  
GET YOUR ARTICLES IN EARLY!**

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