



# The Bear Facts.

What more could you want?

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## Bear Facts Reloaded

And so here we are: a new layout and design, a new secretary\*, new officers – and a new attitude.

We of the Publications Committee hope you like it.

\*not yet

## Fall (Post-Camp) Ordeal

“A little rain never hurt anyone.” It certainly did not faze the strong wills and backs of our Ordeal candidates, triumphantly completing the “irksome tasks” set before them – transforming our new Brotherhood ring, taking down tents and repairing some ropes, and performing general trail upkeep.

Kiskakon received 31 new members this August 20. Remember, in 10 months Ordeal members are eligible for Brotherhood membership.

## Fall Fellowship

Oh, dear. Whoever thought the OA could be fun? Those who attended their first fellowship found out how. Those who attended for the second or third time obviously have it figured out.

Fellowships are YOUR events – dowhatchawanna. Climbing tower, card tournaments, conquer the world... in RISK, of course.

Additionally, three Arrowmen were inducted into Brotherhood membership: Davis Ariah, Nancy Grone, and Josh Hicks all sealed their bonds within the Order. Congratulations!

## New Vigil Members

On September 24, eight Kiskakon Lodge Arrowmen underwent the amazing experience and long-standing tradition called the Vigil – the highest honor in the Order.

Karl Campbell, Josh Kirlin, Richard Knoth, Brian Monnier, Jim Sarasién, Ethan Ross, Nathan Sikora, and William Spreen, are the newest recipients of the Vigil honor.

## WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO KNOW

[www.kiskakon.org](http://www.kiskakon.org): Visit Early and Often -- we actually update it. It doesn't hurt that it's a stunningly beautiful site, either. Join the e-mail list while you're at it.

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**Fill out the LLD Registration Form attached (because we know you're attending...)**

## Section Council of Chiefs

From Aaron Ware, VCP: “The COC went well and we did come up with a theme after only 15 minutes of debate! It's “Many years, many changes.” It has a historical-type look back at the Order and American Heritage in general – with the exception of corn. It was unanimous that the corn theme be banned from all future Conclave theme discussions forever. Costs will stay the same as last year. Mike Peters, the Section Chief, said he will most likely be able to be at the Winter Banquet. That's also when the Section is going to do their Lodge Visitation, where they will “check up” on us. The next COC is going to be January 21st at Camp Belzer, near Indianapolis.”

“Whoa, this column is on the right side now!”

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**Are you looking for the 2005-2006 Lodge Officer Profiles? Good.**

*Josh Kirlin / Chief*

- + Senior at Carroll High School
- + Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 460
- + Former Vice-Chief of Programs
- + Vigil member
- + Excellent leadership, organizational, and persuasive skills
- + Personal quote: "Put your heart into the work of the Order and by doing so find great inner contentment through outward service."

*Aaron Ware / Vice-Chief of Programs*

- + Junior at Bishop Luers High School
- + Asst. Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 300
- + Former Miami Chapter Chief
- + Brotherhood member 2004
- + Well-organized, loves to design patches
- + Personal quote: "He who serves his fellows, is of his fellows, greatest."

*Nick Missos / Vice-Chief of Membership*

- + Junior at Warsaw Community High School
- + Member of Troop 819 and Crew 2819
- + Former Anicus Chapter Chief
- + Brotherhood member
- + Jack-of-all-trades
- + Personal quote: "If at first you don't succeed, it's obvious you aren't trying hard enough. Try harder next time."

*? / Secretary*

Personal quote: "I wish somebody with good communication and organizational skills would volunteer to be the Secretary," said Lodge Chief Josh Kirlin.

*Luke Hatfield / Treasurer*

- + Troop 2
- + Works at Haunted Castle

**Also featured: 2005-2006 Chapter Chief Profiles**

*Bill Richman / Thunderbird*

- + Junior at Carroll High School
- + Quartermaster of Troop 460
- + Ordeal member
- + Inspirational leader, full of scout spirit
- + Personal Quote: "CAMP – a place where your spirit grows even though you're spreading it thin through others."

*Karl Campbell / Anicus*

- + Junior at Warsaw Community High School
- + Planning to attend Purdue University, studying Computer Engineering
- + President of Crew 2819
- + Traveled to Europe on 2 different occasions, visiting a total of 7 countries
- + Vigil Honor member
- + Vigil name is Wulamoc, meaning "One who speaks truly"
- + Has attended NLS, plans to go to NOAC

*Sam Hawkins / Miami*

- + 8<sup>th</sup> grade at St. John's New Haven
- + Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 356
- + Ordeal member
- + Quiet, calm, good leader, easygoing, kind
- + First class

*Josh Hicks / Pokagon*

- + Senior at West Noble High School
- + Junior Asst. Scoutmaster of Troop 102
- + Brotherhood member
- + Musician, theater kid, loves to camp, crafty
- + Personal quote: "Music is like life – if you mess up know one knows and you have to keep going as if you didn't!"

*Jon Sober / Seminole*

- + Junior at Bishop Luers High School
- + Asst. Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 135
- + 2<sup>nd</sup> term as Seminole Chapter Chief
- + Brotherhood member

**Upcoming events; as in, they're coming up,  
and YOU'RE coming TO them.**

*Lodge Leadership Development*

Haven't been to one before? Honestly now – it's worth a Saturday morning. Training in a myriad of OA-related subjects. (So fill out the registration form attached to The Bear Facts...now...)

December 3, 2005 at Scout Office

*Winter Banquet*

There was a time when banquets were attended by nobles and knights from across the land. If the "land" is that which the Council covers, and if "nobles" are our Arrowmen, then we have the modern-day equivalent. But we've done those feudal barons one better... we have an Auction!

January 7, 2006 at St. Vincent's Scout Lodge

*Unit Elections*

(Yeah, this is you, chapters...)

January 2, 2006 to April 15, 2006

*Section Conclave*

Kiskakon Publishing will be producing with excellence the Conclave newspaper. What a unique endeavor! Experience in journalism? Photography? Talk to Secretary Joe!

April 21-23, 2006, at Camp Belzer

*Spring Fellowship*

I know we've talked about this before... Oh yes. Refer to page one, Fall Fellowship. Come one, come all. Who knows what big plans we have in store?

May 12-14, 2006, at CCLT

*Pre-Camp (Spring) Ordeal*

June 9-11, 2006, at CCLT

*National Order of the Arrow Conference*

Only those craving crazy good times need apply. Contact the Chief to get in the loop.

July 29 to August 3, 2006, at Michigan State

**Chapter News**

*Thunderbird*

**This is a news flash.** The chapter meetings for November 3 and December 1, 2005, will be held at the United Methodist Church of the Covenant on 10001 Coldwater Road, at 7:30 p.m. Troop Reps should attend. Vote will be held at December 1 meeting as to permanent date/time schedule for 2006 Thunderbird Chapter meetings. Minutes from October 6 meeting are posted on [www.kiskakon.org](http://www.kiskakon.org).

*Seminole*

The Seminole Chapter meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at Sonlight Church on Highway 1 (Bluffton) at 7:00 p.m. If there is no Roundtable for the leaders, then there is no Chapter meeting. **"We really cannot do much until people start showing up,"** said Chapter Chief Jon Sober.

*Miami*

The Miami Chapter meetings are held at Waynedale United Methodist Church on the first Wednesday of each month, at 7:00 p.m. **They've been promoting the Winter Banquet.** The Chapter also talked about the Fall Camporee in New Haven.

*Pokagon*

**The Pokagon Chapter is considering starting a crossover ceremony team!** "We plan to be more active in the district maybe by hosting the Klondike," said Chapter Chief Josh Hicks. The Chapter is also considering doing more Indian Lore activities. The chapter needs more involvement from the troops, specifically, sending your Troop Representative to the Chapter meetings.

*Anicus*

Last chapter meeting, they discussed events that they would like to see in the calendar. One of these was a service project. Anicus has not yet decided upon one, but Our Father's house is looking good. **"Next meeting we plan to discuss officers as well as the possibility of putting together a ceremonies team,"** said Chapter Chief Karl Campbell.

### My Word with Josh Kirlin

A few of you may remember the first mentions of *Apatschin*. The idea was born just over a year ago, from NOAC 2004. NOAC really inspired me – as events like that are meant to do – and convinced me that our Lodge could be great and glorious.

*Apatschin* (rebirth, renewal, “to come back”) is a slow process. Our Lodge has been fortunate to have Arromen willing to push this renewal during our 70<sup>th</sup> year of existence.

Abstractions like “renewal” often generate skepticism among doubters. It is and has been my firm belief that concrete objectives must be defined and achieved to further the necessary change. For this reason I have developed an Annual Plan, which can be viewed at [www.kiskakon.org](http://www.kiskakon.org).

Already I have encountered obstruction on various issues. But they are small things, easily worked around.

As to the necessity of revival and change, it is inherent. That is to say that persisting in error is particularly detestable and exponentially more destructive than risking failure by doing it a new way.

And such must be our Lodge's outlook – we have much to look forward to from this *Apatschin* we pursue, but only if we each take to it heart and ponder upon the ways we could improve, from detail to large plan.

*Apatschin* – what a trip.

\*every paragraph in the above article started with an “A.”

### Online LEC Meeting

No way, you say. OA and technology? It's true – and powerful stuff too.

For the August 24, 2005 Lodge Executive Board Meeting (LEC), Kiskakon connected and interacted online, using the programs GoToMeeting.com and TeamSpeak to talk and type their way through the meeting.

The Lodge plans to pursue a more frequent use of this type of meeting during months with little activity, for it saves on gas money and time.

Visit [www.kiskakon.org](http://www.kiskakon.org) to listen to a clip of the meeting.

### Hey

Do you know of an OA member who is not getting *The Bear Facts*?

If so, have'm call up the Scout Office ((260) 432-9593) and check if their dues are paid.

*The Bear Facts* is sent only to dues-paid members (postage costs, you know...)

Scoutmasters, have your Troop Reps do a quick check of OA members in your troop, to see if they've gotten this yet.

Thanks a bunch.

### Meetings and Accountabilities

November	2	Miami Chapter Meeting
	3	Thunderbird Chapter Meeting
	3	Pokagon Chapter Meeting
	3	Seminole Chapter Meeting
	13	Anicus Chapter Meeting
	16	Executive Board Meeting (LEC)
December	1	Thunderbird Chapter Meeting
	1	Pokagon Chapter Meeting
	1	Seminole Chapter Meeting
	3	LLD
	7	Miami Chapter Meeting
	11	Anicus Chapter Meeting
	21	Executive Board Meeting (LEC)

Unit Elections are approaching, just so everyone knows. Troops should look for information in the mail around the year's end regarding scheduling an election. In addition, our chapters are expected to be proactive in election promotion. If you're having issues/problems, don't hesitate to speak with Lodge Chief Josh Kirlin ([darkslash@msn.com](mailto:darkslash@msn.com)).