



THE BEAR FACTS

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MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU! Fall Fellowship Recap

Wow! That's all I can say. We have just gotten off on one of the best starts our Lodge has seen in recent history. Almost 70 people attended Fellowship last month, around 30 more than at previous Fellowships. From all indications, a good time was had by all. Eight of our Brotherhood Members received their Vigil Honor (see picture below) and two brothers sealed their membership in the Order by becoming Brotherhood members. We installed our new Lodge Officers (see contact list at left), and provided meaningful service to the camp by helping to repair the camp road near the parking lot and taking down the teepee. Many also took the time to enjoy the Star Wars theme by playing Star Wars themed games, acting out scenes, and watching the classic films on the projector screen. A special thanks goes out to Dan Salmon and our brothers from Troop 365 for supplying the games and the movie. Look for even more fun at the spring fellowship, when we see if T-Bird can defend the "Battle of the Chapters" trophy for another year.

IMPORTANT DATES

(Put 'em on your calendar so you don't forget. **RIGHT NOW**)

Nov. 15th LEC Meeting 7:30pm
 AWAC Service Center

Dec. 2nd LLD- Training Day 9-3
 AWAC Service Center
FREE and Open to all

Dec. 20th LEC Meeting 7:30pm
 AWAC Service Center

Dec. 25th Christmas!

Dec. 31st New Year's Eve!

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2006 VIGIL HONOR RECIPIENTS



Those receiving the Vigil Honor are: (left-right)
 Front row: JD Bloxson, Greg Bloxson, Nick Missos, and John Higgins.
 Back row: Jeff Gottschalk, Jon Sober, Aaron Ware, and Gene Barrett





SECTION C-2C COUNCIL OF CHIEFS



@Vincennes University

On October 21st our Section had it's first Council of Chiefs meeting since Conclave last April in order to begin the planning of the 2007 Section Conclave. Section Conclave is a gathering of the six Lodges within our Section for a weekend of fun, games, fellowship, and training. For the past three years the Conclave has been held at Camp Belzer in Indianapolis, but the 2007 Conclave will be held on the campus of Vincennes University in Vincennes Indiana. In order to begin the planning, the Lodge Chiefs and Advisors met with the Section Officers in Vincennes to check out some of the facilities to be used for Conclave. Each Lodge is in charge of a certain aspect of the Conclave, and I'm sure that many of you recall how we have outdone ourselves in the past two years with hosting and publications responsibilities. This year should be no different. For the 2007 Conclave our Lodge is in charge of shows, which mainly consists of the theme show on Saturday night. The theme for Conclave was chosen by the Lodge Chiefs to be: "We didn't start the fire, but we keep it burning." We will definitely be looking for some talented writers to come up with a script and some quality actors to play the parts as well. So if you're interested in helping us produce the show or want more info about Conclave in general, contact Lodge Chief Aaron Ware at (260) 744-0290 or falcon21amw@juno.com. Look for more info about next year's Section Conclave at your next Chapter Meeting.

VICE- CHIEF OF MEMBERSHIP

Well kids, its Fall. You know what that means? Of course you do! It means that unit elections will be coming up soon! So start talking to all the little ones in your troop, and get them fired up for the possibility of their induction. If we get them excited, then they'll want to show up to things. Showing up to things is good.

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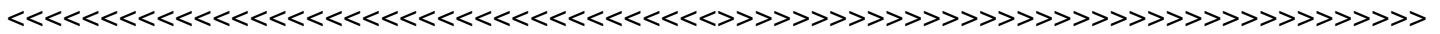
LODGE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT -TRAINING DAY

On December 2nd Kiskakon Lodge will hold its annual Lodge Leadership Development course at the Council Service Center at 9:00am. While the course is required for all Lodge/Chapter Officers, all are invited to come and learn. We will have a few classes in the morning and a few following lunch, which will be provided. The LEC will also discuss the schedule for the upcoming year. Did we mention that it is completely, totally, **FREE**? What have you got to lose? Turn in the attached registration form to sign up.



DUES

This is a friendly reminder to get your dues paid now for 2007 before it is too late. Dues are only \$8 and can be paid at any OA event or anytime at the Council Service Center. In order to earn the Quality Lodge award, we must have a positive increase in membership over the previous year. This may sound simple, as we induct around 100 new Ordeal Members every year, but it is the current members who are not paying dues who are holding us back. So get your dues in ASAP! **The deadline for 2007 Dues will be in mid-April.** After this they will no longer be only \$8.00...



UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

In case you did not notice, there were several classes about the OA offered this year at University of Scouting, and it was a blast! This is the first year the Lodge has held such a program, and we look to build upon it in the coming years. The classes were taught mainly by youth with adults serving in advisory roles. We may even look at moving all of our training to this event in the future, so mark it down for next year!

WINTER BANQUET

The 2007 Winter Banquet will be held at the Council Service Center on Saturday, January 6th at 7pm. This year's Winter Banquet will feature catering by Kentucky Fried Chicken, as well as the recognition of various awards earned by members of our Lodge. The cost is \$12 per person and will include a patch. Fill out the attached registration form and return it to the Council Office. Hope to see you there!

KISKAKON CCLT PROGRAM 2007

Believe it or not, it is already time to start assembling our OA program for the 2007 Summer Camp season. To begin the process, we must select a qualified OA Representative to serve on staff. This individual would spend about half of the day working on OA matters (Troop Visits, Ceremony set-up, and teaching OA 101), and the remainder of the day serving as a program instructor teaching merit badges. Any OA members interested in this position should contact either: Lodge Chief Aaron Ware at (260) 744-0290 or Camp Director Bryan Lineberry at (260) 432-9593 ext. 248 or blineberry@awac.org

2006-2007 LODGE OFFICER PROFILES

Aaron Ware- Lodge Chief

- Senior at Bishop Luers High School
- ASM of Troop 300 and President of Crew 2075
- Former Vice-Chief of Program
- Vigil Member
- Eagle Scout
- Attended NOAC in 2004 and 2006, NLS in 2006

James Moeller- Vice-Chief of Program

- Junior at Concordia Lutheran High School
- Member of Troop 411
- Brotherhood Member
- Life Scout
- Serves as a Nimat, facilitator of the Brotherhood Walk

Nick Missos- Vice-Chief of Membership

- Senior at Warsaw Community High School
- Member of Troop 819 and Crew 2819
- Vigil Member
- Eagle Scout
- 2-term Vice-Chief of Membership.

Randy Dearing?- Secretary

- Sophomore at Heritage Jr/Sr High School
- Member of Troop 356
- Brotherhood Member
- 2-term Secretary

Jon Sober- Treasurer

- Senior at Huntington North High School
- Member of Troop 135
- Vigil Member
- Eagle Scout
- Former Seminole Chapter Chief

Past Lodge Chief- Josh Kirlin

- Freshman at Rice University in Houston, Texas
- Majoring in Chemical Engineering
- Vigil Member
- Eagle Scout



2006-2007 CHAPTER CHIEF PROFILES

JD Bloxson- Thunderbird Chief

- Vigil Member
- Life Scout
- Member of Troop 43

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Jeff Campbell- Pokagon Chief

- Member of Troop 507
- Brotherhood Member
- Life Scout

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Xavier Serrani- Miami Chief

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- Ordeal Member
- Life Scout

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Brice Herald- Seminole Chief

- Member of Troop 130
- Ordeal Member
- Life Scout

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Karl Campbell- Anicus Chief

- Member of Crew 2819 and Troop 819
- Vigil Member
- Eagle Scout

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CHAPTER MEETINGS

Each Chapter meets once a month to conduct Chapter business. This may include Webelos Crossovers, Unit Elections, planning and recruiting for events, pizza parties, etc. But these Chapter meetings cannot happen without **YOU!** Every OA member should attend their Chapter's monthly meeting. This leads to more productive Chapters, and therefore a better Lodge. Below you will find the locations of each Chapter's meeting place. These usually (with the exception of Anicus) coincide with the District Roundtable meetings. Any questions can be directed to your Chapter Chief. If you are in need of a ride, consider asking your Scoutmaster (he should be going anyway). Remember: one person can make a difference! Get out there, be an active member!

Thunderbird Chapter

1st Thurs. of the Month, Grace Presbyterian Church, 7:30p.m.

Pokagon Chapter

1st Thurs. of the Month, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville, 7:00p.m.

Miami Chapter

1st Wed. of the Month, Waynedale United Methodist Church, 7:00p.m.

Seminole Chapter

1st Thurs. of the Month, Community Christian Church in Bluffton, 7:00p.m.

Anicus Chapter

2nd Sun. of the Month, NYE Youth Cabin in Warsaw, 7:00p.m.

OA SCOUTREACH MENTORING

We are currently in need of Arrowmen to volunteer their service to the Scoutreach Mentoring program. This program helps inner-city youth in the Scoutreach program make the most of their Scouting experience. For more information, contact either Miami Chapter Chief Xavier Serrani, Lodge Chief Aaron Ware, or Miami District Executive Will Blunt (wblunt@awac.org)

