

**THE**  
**HOWLER**  
GYANTWACHIA LODGE #255  
ORDER OF THE ARROW

**The Brotherhood of Cheerful Service**

**January-February 2010**

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**Dear Brothers -**

I want to thank you guys very much for electing me as your Lodge Chief for 2009-2010. During my term as Lodge Chief, I would like to get more members to be active in the Lodge. I would also like to keep on going with improving the Troop Representative program. We have a start on a Lodge song so this year I would like to see this project completed with the adoption of a Lodge song so we can sing it at Lodge events and at Conclave!

I can't wait to get all of us working together as I believe this year is going to be a good one! I want to thank you for electing me as your Lodge Chief. I promise you, I will do my best.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Hunter Proctor

Lodge Chief

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**Lodge News**

Section & Lodge Chief on 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Cross Country Team in Region 4

On October 24<sup>th</sup> 2009 the Region 4 Cross Country Meet took place at the Warren County Fair Grounds in Pittsfield, Pa. Once the scores were totaled, Travis Cunningham and Hunter Proctor were surprised to find out their team total was good enough to make them the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team that day. Travis finished the wet and muddy 5K race in 15<sup>th</sup> place with a time of 18:02 and Hunter finished in 53<sup>rd</sup> place with a personal best time of 21:55. Zachary Ishman, a fellow Arrowman of the Lodge, was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All Region honors with his 12<sup>th</sup> place over-all finish in the 1.7 mile Jr. High Race.

Congratulations to Travis, Hunter & Zach !!!!!

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December 18/19 was the latest Gyantwachia Lodge Fun Day, and if you were not there, then you not only missed out on the fun but also are no longer in the know! A brief synopsis to enlighten and educate: The adults outnumbered the youth again, (So what else is new?) but the youth actually spent more hours in the Community House than the adults so that should count for something. Competitions were vigorous and numerous. The Top Chef Award was presented to Barry Cunningham for cooking breakfast. The award for the best, Current Website Advisor was presented to Ernie Crawford who worked on the site, watched a move and stayed until long after most of the other adults turned into pumpkins. The best advisor to the Membership Committee was presented to ToBy Holland, the award for the largest puddle on the gym floor was given to Rob Blumquist, while the Soundest Sleeper Award went to Barry Cunningham. Hunter and John Proctor got the award for "Soonest to Blow this Pop Stand Award" as there was a wrestling tournament the next day. Addison Gee received the Youth Recipient Award with the "least amount of time spent there by any youth that showed up." In the adult division of this award, there were too many names to mention. Travis Cunningham won the award for "I have ACT testing tomorrow" and also received a very mundane award: admission to Penn State's main campus in the fall. (All right-Congratulations!) In the athletic competition arena, the youth were kind enough to allow the adults to be victorious in basketball while all the "We, We, We, We all the way home competitions" were shared among the youth: Sven Blumquist, Travis Cunningham, Ryan Haslett, Nathan Hotchkiss, and Bryan Maynard. Bryan Maynard also got the award for the newest member present and the Best Attendance for a new member award. Congratulations Bryan, that is a greater honor than admission to Penn State! As you can see, we had fun and you missed out! Maybe next time!! WWW, your FAVORITE Buckeye!

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What do you have planned for the week of July 10-16, 2010? All of the "cool dudes" of Warren County will be at Camp Olmsted for our annual Summer Camp! We want every Scout and Scouter of the Chief Cornplanter Council to be there! We need your help to make this happen: 1) Step up, sign up now so you can say, "I am going to Camp Olmsted, are you?" 2) Work all the boys in your troop to get them to camp. 3) The Youth Corps and the adults all need to see our District Executive, Ernie Crawford, to do your paperwork so you can be at camp helping out to make this the best summer ever!

P.S. July 16-18, 2010 we will have an Ordeal Weekend to take down camp. Put that on your calendar also!!!!

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Do you know the name of our current Lodge Chief? He is the leader of our Lodge and needs your help! We have no adult leaders in the Lodge, only adult advisors. The adult's role is to make the youth successful. As a small Lodge we need each and every one of you to help carry the load. Will you make every effort to support our Chief, Hunter Proctor, and his team of officers to make 2010 the best year yet for Chief Cornplanter Council?

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## Committee's Page

### Publications Committee Report

We at *The Howler* have been experiencing some technical difficulties over the past year. I am taking over as the editor of the Howler and hope to keep them coming every other month or so. We remind members you can submit articles to my advisor, Mike Brennan, or myself. We greatly appreciate your contributions.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Kurt Sherrard



### Membership Committee Report

As the new Membership Advisor for Gyantwachia Lodge #255, I want to thank all who renewed their memberships for the 2009-2010 year. We once again continued our status as an Honor Lodge; the longest continuing Honor Lodge if I'm not mistaken. Abiding in this status says a great deal about the efforts of those members who see the value in maintaining the Honor Lodge tradition. But as you know, this is not the time to sit back and gaze at our accomplishments; there is much work to be done! As this New Year is upon us, we as members of Boy Scouts of America's Honor Camping Society need to look ahead to next year's re-charter; but more specifically what we can do as brothers to ensure Gyantwachia Lodge continues to hold the coveted Honor Lodge status. I'm asking each member of the Lodge during the annual dues collection next year to consider paying for a multiple year membership and, if possible, the 100 year membership with the Lodge. This effort will do a few things: First, it helps to ensure the continued support of the Lodge by its members in that the individual dues will already be paid. Second, it helps in that during the annual membership dues collection by decreasing the number of members who need to be contacted and reminded to pay their dues. Third and most importantly, it continues to help us maintain our tie to the Brotherhood to which we pledge and continue to pledge our obligation. Let us not forget our admonition and strive to continue the tradition of Gyantwachia Lodge in 2010!

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Toby Holland



### Order of the Arrow Elections

Hi, my name is Hunter Proctor and I'm the Order of the Arrow Lodge Chief for Gyantwachia Lodge 255 in the Chief Cornplanter Council. Starting in January of 2010, I will be visiting all the troops in the Council to give you an opportunity to hold Order of the Arrow elections for each troop and talk to you about next year's summer camp. To be eligible to be elected you must be a First Class Scout or higher and have 15 nights camping in the last 2 years to include a week-long camp (Summer Camp). An adult from your troop may also be nominated each year by your Troop Committee if they have 15 nights camping and a week-long camp and the troop elects at least one youth that same year. You can help me along with getting the elections done by going to our new web site [www.aa255.com](http://www.aa255.com) and in the menu area of the page click on the tab about our Lodge and at the bottom of the page you will see names of Lodge Advisors, click on any of the names that are underlined and their email will pop up and you can let them know you would like me to set up a time for me to come to your troop meeting and hold an election in January, February or March of 2010. I will also be making calls to Scoutmasters to set up elections.

A lot of people do not understand much about the Order of the Arrow. We are Scouting's National Honor Society, and we provide service to our Council, camp and community. Some of the ways we do that is by visiting nursing homes with small gifts before Christmas and doing flag ceremonies on Flag Day or Veterans Day. We also have a lot of fun at different functions held over the year like "Fun Days" where we get together to watch movies, play video

games and play basketball against the adults of our Lodge. We hold a Conclave each year with 4 other Lodges in our section which is an entire weekend of fun and games for both youth and adults. We also hold a family banquet every year which your whole family is welcome to attend. A few of us traveled to Indiana University in August of 2009 and were a part of "NOAC" which is the "Jamboree" of the Order of the Arrow where we had a "ton of fun". Speaking of Jamboree, as of right now only 35 % of the Jamboree Troop is in the Order of the Arrow. I would like to see that be 100% by the time we leave for the Jamboree. Most people think the OA takes you away from what your troop is doing, but the golden rule of the OA is your troop always comes first.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Hunter



### **Musings of a Staff Advisor**

Just a few words about the "Howler"; we have been a year without putting out a newsletter. The main reason has been the lack of articles. We can't put out a newsletter without articles and we can't (legally) make up the news. Kurt Sherrard has assumed the responsibility of Editor. Please show your support not only for him but also for the Lodge by submitting your committee reports in a timely manner.

If you haven't been to visit our new website, please check it out. Ryan Haslett is doing a wonderful job in styling it. If there is anything you would like to see added to the site, please contact Ryan or Ernie and let them know. All constructive criticism is welcomed and appreciated; as are "Atta Boys" and "Good Jobs!"

As I think back to all that happened in 2009, I can only appreciate the times I had with the OA. Yes, there was a lot of work but just as important; there was a lot of fun and good fellowship. I want to thank and congratulate our 2008-2009 officers and say "Well Done"! I want to thank and encourage our current officers to do the best job that they can. And finally, I want to thank the members who support our Lodge and tell all that I look forward to a great 2010 year!

YIB,

Ernie

**"Happy New Year to All"**



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## **Gyantwachia Lodge #255 Calendar 2010**

### **January 2010**

Jan 1	Unit Elections begin
Jan 2	Family Banquet/ Lodge Meeting
Jan 15/16	Winter Freeze Out and Klondike Derby
Jan 24	COC at Camp Mountain Run at 2 pm

### **February 2010**

Feb 2	Lodge Meeting
Feb 4	Camp Leaders' Chili dinner
Feb 7	Scout Sunday
Feb 10	Uniform Day

### **March 2010**

Mar 2	Lodge Meeting
Mar 16-17	St. Patrick's Day Pancake Dinner
Mar 19-21	Lodge Conclave/Fellowship Weekend
Mar 19-21	NLS/NLATS at Camp Alpine

### **April 2010**

Apr 6	Lodge Meeting
Apr 23	<b>ALL Conclave money/Reservations due at Chief Cornplanter Council</b>
Apr 24	First Aid Meet
Apr 25	COC at Camp Mountain Run at 2pm
Apr 30-	NLT at Camp Alpine, NJ
May 2	

### **May 2010**

May 4	Lodge Meeting
May 6	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner/Unit Elections completed for 2010
May 15	Vigil Nominations due at CCC office
May 22	Beaver Day at Camp Olmsted
May 23	<b>All Conclave Money due to section NE-4A account at office</b>

### **June 2010**

June 1	Lodge Meeting
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June 11-13	<b>Section NE-4A Conclave at Camp Mountain Run</b>
June 13	COC meeting at 10 am
June 14	Flag Day, Elks club 6:00pm
June 25-27	Spring Ordeal, Brotherhood Weekend, Beaver Day, Vigil Meeting
	<b>Lodge Leadership Development Course &amp; Lodge Meeting</b>

### **July 2010**

July 4	4 <sup>th</sup> Of July Parade
July 10-16	Summer Camp at Camp Olmsted
July 10	Calling Out Ceremony
July 14	OA Day at Camp Olmsted
July 16	Dance Team Performance
July 16-18	Post Camp Ordeal, Brotherhood, Beaver Day, Silver Wolf
July 17	Officer Elections- Installation, General Lodge Meeting at Camp Lodge Leadership Development Course
July 22-25	Cub Scout Summer Adventure
July 26- Aug 4	NATIONAL BOY SCOUT JAMBOREE AT CAMP A.P.HILL

### **Aug 2010**

Aug 20-22	Lodge Conclave/Fellowship Weekend, Vigil, Beaver Day
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### **September 2010**

Sept 7	Lodge Meeting
Sept 24-26	Campaganza 2010
Sept 24-26	National Leadership Seminar/NLS/NLATS at Camp Alpine NJ

**\*\* *Dates subject to change***

#### **Notes:**

- **All on the above list may be required for our attendance award except for the Executive Board Meetings, and COC Meetings.**

**Lodge Website – <http://www.oe255.com>**

