



Article submissions

The 2013 Klondike Derby was an awesome event! The scouts that attended all had a great time, most dressed appropriately for the weather, and the sleds were durable enough to be pulled from station to station with the use of the finest “dogs.” The stations were very challenging! First aid cleaned many a patrol’s clock, then there was orienteering... Sometimes it is good to have brothers who study up on the events before heading into the Klondike’s events. A HUGE “Thank you” to Marty for overseeing all the events, and to all of the adults whom ran stations, brought their kids to the Klondike, and to all the scouts that did their best!

-Yours in Brotherhood, Dan Wolboldt

Please remember to keep Dan Wolboldt in your heart and in your prayers. As you may or may not know, Dan went missing on the weekend of March 23rd. Whatever may have happened or wherever he may be, we need to support him and his family as much as we can. Notes and cards can be delivered to the Betts Scout Service Center 316 Fourth Ave. Warren, Pa 16365. We will make sure that his wife Penny gets them. As for now, we need to keep on Scouting (Dan would want that more than anything) and doing our best .

YIB, Ernie Crawford



THE FIRST ORDEAL CEREMONY

The Brotherhood of Cheerful Service, Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui, or later known as the Order of the Arrow is a scouting “fraternity” that originated in the year 1915. This July will be the organization’s 98th anniversary. The first series of ordeal were held at scout camp, Treasure Island during the summer of 1915 on Friday nights. The first of these respective ceremonies was held on July 16, 1915, and the first two inductees were Robert Craig and Gilpin Allen. These two young men were first led to a newly created campfire circle by their guide and camp staffer, Henry A. Yoder. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll Edson were ceremonialists for the occasion. They wore mysterious-looking black gowns with white triangles and superimposed tortoise drawings fabricated to each uniform. These symbols were undoubtedly attributed to the future use of the red triangle as the Vigil Honor symbol and the tortoise as the future totem for Unami Lodge #1. The following ceremony that took place was in no doubt very primitive regarding the planned organization and mass performance of today’s ceremonies. However, the ceremony that Robert and Gilpin were exposed to provided the framework and proper origin for these later ceremonies.

The candidates were asked to perform two tasks (in contrast with the future use of three tasks in the modern Brotherhood ceremony): 1. Break a bundle of sticks and 2. Encircle a tree with your arms alone. These tasks proved to be impossible without the separation of the kindling and the joining of hands with your brothers respectively. At least, this is the account of the camp staff member at the scene, Henry A. Yoder. E. Urner Goodman, the supreme chief of the fire, and George W. Chapman, the first chief of the Order, both have different recollections of the events that took place on July 16, 1915. George W. Chapman recalled in his personal manuscript, *The Arrow and the Vigil*, three tasks. Among them were the encircling of the tree representing Brotherhood, the ascending of a steep hill symbolizing service and the placing of wood on the council fire which embodied cheerfulness. However, in an interview with Horace Kern in 1925, E. Urner Goodman recalled the three trials a bit differently. The first two trials described by Chapman were remembered similarly, but the task of cheerfulness was further defined by Goodman as displaying a cheerful countenance while holding a single twig in the flame and waiting until it caught aflame. Goodman also described the solemn tone of which Carroll Edson manifesting while performing the ceremony.

While the exact specifics of the first ordeal ceremony are most likely lost to history forever, the intentions and feelings of the primitive ceremony are evident through the testimonials of the founding fathers of the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. It is said that at the conclusion of the early ceremonies, the candidates were rewarded a black sash with a stitched arrow insignia in white thread. Although the Order of the Arrow along with its ceremonies have evolved extensively over the period of nearly a century, the virtues outlined by the Obligation and Admonition have always stood the test of time.

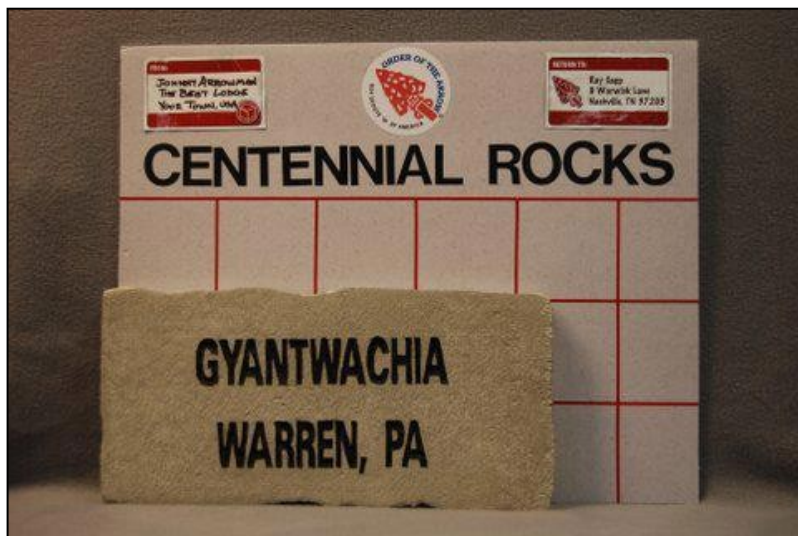
Yours in Brotherhood,

Lodge Chief Eric A. Zavinski



THE LODGE ROCK

The Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society, will be celebrating its 100th Birthday in 2015 as it was founded in 1915 by Dr. E. Urner Goodman. Therefore, the next National Order of the Arrow Conference or NOAC will be hosted that year at Michigan State University. The first step in celebrating this anniversary was to send in an engraved rock from our Camp with our Lodge name and City. As you can see below, we did so on January 7, 2012. Our rock along with the others sent in from every lodge in the nation will eventually make an enormous fire ring that will encompass a HUMONGOUS bonfire at the 2015 NOAC. As time progresses, we will have more special projects to complete in celebration of the OA's century-long milestones of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service.



Yours in Brotherhood,

Lodge Chief Eric Zavinski



Check out the OA High Adventure programs at Philmont, Sea Base, and Northern Tier. These programs offer two full weeks of high intensity outdoor adventure, leadership development, and a way to build friendships that will last a lifetime, for as little as \$250. Any Order of the Arrow member between the ages of 16 and 21 is eligible, and spots are available for the summer of 2013. Visit us at <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/>

Yours in Brotherhood,





Conspiracy Theories: Area 51

Area 51 is a confirmed military base that lies within the remote deserts of Nevada, somewhat north of Las Vegas. As anyone familiar with pop culture is aware, many conspiracy theories have surrounded this facility since the mid-twentieth century. Some of the more outlandish hypotheses include those of extraterrestrial aircraft and alien dissection. However, in this issue of the newsletter, I will confirm some suspicions and merely state the facts that may help you the reader ascertain whether or not your tax dollars are going to a worthy cause. And, if there is no incredible secret, why is everyone who works there sworn to secrecy? Arrowmen, let's start the investigation!

There are many theories regarding the "unofficial" activities of Area 51. Some believe that alien spacecraft and intergalactic life are harbored there for the benefit of our nation's military. Some believe that it is a nuclear testing facility that utilizes the newest technology in order to provide a safety blanket for our nation if it ever were in immediate danger. Some believe that those motives to protect our freedoms are false, and that a "New World Order" group such as Illuminati or the Bilderbergs intends to use this base to wipe out the majority of the world's population and claim this Earth as their own. Some even speculate that the lunar landing was staged near Area 51, which would make our victory of the Cold War a falsity as well as tarnish one of the proudest moments in our nation's history. And yet, some even wonder if the whole "Area 51 conspiracy" is just a government cover-up that distracts the public's eye from something even more sinister and secretive.

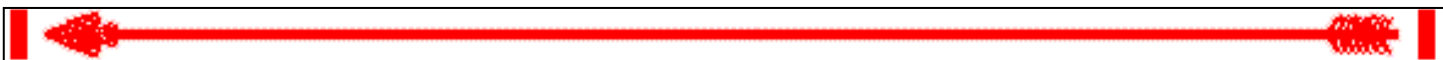
However, one thing is 100% certain. Area 51 does exist. Throughout the years, numerous politicians and groups, including the CIA and the FBI, have confirmed its existence but have not elaborated on the means of the facility. Most believe that they would like you, the American people, to be content with the simple fact that the base is used for aircraft testing and remain satisfied with the government's word. However, as the art of journalism continues to evolve, it is only a matter of time before secrets are revealed to the people, for have the right to know what exactly is going on there because the government is run by us, the people.

Through numerous investigations, it has been discovered that the strict, around-the-clock security of the place is no myth. Upon reaching the border of the facility grounds (fenced off by sparsely placed, colored poles), one would usually see a white truck pull up on a nearby hill regardless of the weather conditions or time of day. They would stand watch until you leave, presumably ready to gun down any intruders as the signs plainly state, "Warning! No Trespassing, Use of Deadly Force is Authorized." Whatever is being hidden there, the Area51 personnel are not at all merciful when it comes to intruders. Even former U.S. governor, Jesse Ventura, could not discover a thing! Other pieces of evidence such as reports of strange activity, satellite pictures confirming unidentified structures and the suspicions of truth seekers all throughout the country definitely fuel the fire that is the desire to know what exactly is going on in Area 51. I hope you enjoyed this article, and I encourage you all to do your own research in an attempt to find truth and knowledge, as symbolized on the scout badge, the fleur-de-lis. Feel free to ask me for a topic to write about as we continue to encourage the publication of the Howler.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Lodge Chief Eric Zavinski





Hi, I am Jake Devereaux and I have been the head chairman for the high Adventure Committee for 2 years now and I would like to tell you about what we did this year.

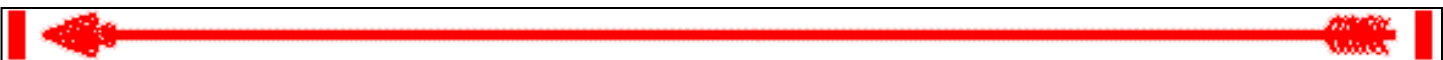
This past summer our lodge went to the 2012 NOAC at Michigan St. On the way there we wondered what the theme of NOAC was going to be, told jokes, and slept... a lot. I have since come to the conclusion that at every High adventure event one of our scouts does something stupid. We had the, "They're making a G!", "Colorado is a small town", and now we have "Diesel powered wind mills." On the way to NOAC we saw a mall that was powered by wind mills, and it was Ian Proctor that thought that wind mills were diesel powered.

Once we got there, it was like the first day of school. We were all excited to be there. They had all types of classes: Ceremony team, running a lodge, how to be a chief, how to make a website, how to design patches, and many more. As the week progressed, people slowly stopped going to classes and did more patch trading. At the end of the day they had shows for us at the basket ball arena. They were awesome! We got to meet some famous people there, had 7000 Arrowmen sing songs together, and we watched Travis Cunningham receive the Distinguished Service award.

Now that being said, I would like to talk to the parents of scouts that are interested in going to High Adventure. This Summer we are going to Jambo, and the following Summer we are going to Philmont. If you want to go to either of these events, you should sign up now! You will regret not going! If you need more information, please see myself, or John Proctor.

Thank you,

Jake Devereaux



- Send your articles to me at
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- Please make the article at least a paragraph long

Don't forget to visit the lodge
website from time to time!
<http://www.oa255.com/>

Gyantwachia Lodge Calendar 2013

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100th Anniversary of the Chief Cornplanter Council!!!!!!

Apr 2	Lodge Meeting
April	Howler Published
Apr 5-7	CoC at Camp Olmsted/Walk through
Apr 11	Troop Rep Meeting
May 2	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Unit elections completed for 2013
May 4, 11, 18, 25	Beaver Days
May 7	Lodge Meeting (Election of Lodge Officers)
May 9	Troop Rep Meeting
May 14	Vigil Nominations due to CCC office
May 17-19	Ordeal Weekend/ Vigil Meeting
May 27	All conclave money to Section 4A Account at CCC office
Jun 1	Fun Day/Beaver Day at Camp
Jun 4	Lodge Meeting
Jun 7-9 201	Section 4A Conclave at Camp Olmsted
Jun 9	COC meeting at 10 am
Jun 13	Troop Rep Meeting
Jun 14	Flag Day, Elks Club 6:00 p.m.
Jun 15	Beaver Day at Camp
Jun 22-28	Summer Camp at Camp Olmsted
Jun 28	OA Day at Camp Olmsted, Installation of Officers
Jun 28-30	Ordeal Weekend/Silver Wolf/Beaver Day at Camp Lodge Leadership Development Course & Lodge Meeting
July	Howler Published
Jul 4 th	4 th of July Parade!
Jul 15-24	National Scout Jamboree!!!!
Jul 18-21	Cub Scout Summer Adventure
Aug 2-3	LODGE CONCLAVE/Fun Day/Beaver Day

Sep 3	Lodge Meeting
Sep 12	Troop Rep Meeting
Sep 20-22	National Leadership Seminar/NLS/NLATS at Camp Alpine
Oct 1	Start Camp Promotions and Staff Recruitment
Oct 1 7:30pm	Lodge Meeting (7 pm help for Brotherhood trail
Oct 10	Troop Rep Meeting
Oct 26	Spook-A-Rama
Nov 5	Lodge Meeting
Nov 9	100 th Anniversary Dinner at the Conawango Club
Nov 15-16	Fun Day at NWPC Community House
Dec 3	Lodge Meeting (Brotherhood Trail help)
Dec 6 Friday Night	Christmas Walk Chestnuts 5-10PM Parade 6PM
Dec 7	Nursing Homes/Food Baskets 9AM Salvation Army
Dec 12	Troop Rep Meeting



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