

THE MITIGWA CHIEF

MITIGWA LODGE #450 ORDER OF THE ARROW
MID-IOWA COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



Winter Banquet

Mitigwa Lodge Officers and Advisers would like invite all our fellow Arrowmen to join us at Embassy Suits on the River for our annual Winter Banquet. We will gather to recognize the accomplishments of the Arrowmen in our lodge..

We will begin the evening with a wonderful meal prepared by the Embassy Suits staff and then continue into our awards ceremony. The awards being presented include Arrowmen of Achievement, Founders Award, Goodding Arrowmen Award, Quality Chapter and the most sought after award... Chapter of the Year! We will also recognize all new

Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil Honor Members. The Mitigwa Lodge officers for 2005-2006 will be officially Installed.

Winter Banquet is an awesome event that will leave you waiting and wondering who could win the awards next year. If you have never been to a Winter Banquet be sure to be there. If you have any questions feel free to ask other Arrowmen or contact a Lodge Officer using their e-mail which is accessible through the lodge website www.mitigwalodge.org.

Dates to Remember:

January 7th, 2006
Winter Banquet
& LECM

February 24th-26th, 2006
Snowflake PowWow

April 8th, 2006
LECM

April 29th, 2006
One Day of Service

News Items

- ~There will be an LECM for Officers at 2:00 P.M. at Embassy Suits.
- ~Trail Crew will run the first 3 weeks of camp this year.
- ~**Please check your mailing address and make sure it is completely correct. If it is not please let us know.**

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CHIEFLY SPEAKING

To start I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve as your Lodge Chief again. I am very excited about my officers and chairmen for the coming year. I believe that we are going to have an amazing year. To start things off we held the Lodge Leader Development Conference where the lodge trained all the new chapter officers for this year. At LLDC, I announced that my biggest goal for the



Chris Baldon
Lodge Chief

lodge this year is to get all six chapters to obtain at least a 30% Brotherhood Conversion. For those of you, who are ordeal members, think about getting your Brotherhood at some point during this year this is where you come in. By obtaining Brotherhood, you will have sealed your membership in the Order of the Arrow and shown your willingness to become active in your Chapter and the Lodge.

Our next event is Winter Banquet. This is the lodge's annual recognition banquet where we hand out awards like: Arrowman of Achievement, Founders Award, and the infamous Chapter of the Year. You will also receive recognition if you completed your Ordeal or Brotherhood. Remember, "He who serves his fellows is, of all his fellows, greatest."



Robert J. Trusty
Lodge Advisor

If you have not been involved with the construction of the Dan Beard Trail, you should make it a point to mark your calendar with the dates of the Trail Crew Weekends as they are announced and watch the website www.mitigwalodge.org for information about Trail Crew Activities. There will be three trail crew weeks the first three weeks of camp. The requirements in the application form which can be found on the web site. 2006 applications will be available on the web site soon. So there are plenty of opportunities, When the Dan Beard Trail is finished it will be neat to look back and say that you had a part in its construction and well as helping to fulfill you obligations as an Arrowman.



Jeff "Smoky" Davis
Staff Advisor

One of the most important things we do as Arrowmen is get together for service and fellowship. Many Arrowmen are not taking advantage of the opportunity to meet new people and participate in activities of the Order. The Lodge sponsors several events each year to offer the opportunity to provide cheerful service and fellowship. Many of you are missing out on these fun times. Many Arrowmen have never attended a Lodge or Chapter event. You are part of an organization that has a long history of doing good things and having fun. Every "Chief" provides a calendar of event several months ahead of the event. Put one on your calendar, call a friend and come to meet new people. Membership in an organization means attending its events and supporting its programs. Count yourself among the active—participate and attend. Arrowmen do more than wear the patch and sash. Be an Arrowman

Greeting Brothers, I trust that the onset of Fall has brought good tidings to all. I am extremely excited to be in a second term. We are shaping up to have an excellent year and are in full swing and ready for action. We are going to be pushing the Troop Representative Program. If you don't know what it is I would be happy to explain it or any other questions you might have. My E-Mail is membership@mitigwalodge.org, feel free to e-mail me at any time. If you are willing to accept the charge of Brotherhood, we will do all we can to help you. You can view the requirements by consulting your New Arrowmen Resource Book or the lodge website www.mitigwalodge.org. I will be checking the message board often. We encourage you to post questions or comments on there. I hope to hear from all of you. Have a great holiday season and I can't wait to see you all at Winter Banquet.



David Rogers
V.C. Membership

Greetings my Brothers. First I would like to congratulate all of the new chapter officers and wish you the best of luck in the upcoming year. Now, on to ceremony news. NOAC is fast approaching, and in preparation of this most wonderful event the Lodge teams will be practicing. The Brotherhood team held a ceremony on the 23rd of October. Congratulations to all of our new Brotherhood members! The chapter ceremony teams are being formed and are holding practices. This year I hope to visit every team at a practice to see how they are doing and to offer advice. This year's Snowflake Pow-wow competition has been revised. All ceremony teams will have to perform either the Pre-Ordeal or the Ordeal ceremony. Therefore, teams must practice both. This will help ensure a good quality ceremony at summer camp. I'm hoping for a great year and great performances in ceremonies.



Jay Cook
V.C. Ceremonies

Communications has had I an amazing start to the year. I would like to start out by thanking all of last years chapter VC's for all of their hard work. Next I would like to thank the many people who helped with the Chief behind the scenes by volunteering to help fold and label it for mailing. I could not have done it without you. I am looking forward to another wonderful year with communications. Keep up all the hard work everyone. I hope to see you at Winter Banquet in January.



Andy DeBoard
V.C. Communications

The year is finishing up quite well, with lots of Arrowmen attending Fall Fellowship and Vigil Weekend. Congratulations to all those who have recently received their Ordeal, Brotherhood and Vigil. Elections and Promotions will be starting soon. A training session is being planned, more information will be available later. A new camp promotion video is in the works, thanks to all those from both camps that have provided photo's. I hope to see everyone at Winter Banquet. Snow cones will be for sale at most Lodge functions starting in the spring.



Joe Salvini
V.C. Elections & Promotions



Tristan Gray
Broken Arrow

Hello everyone. Broken Arrow has had a wonderful start for our year. Our new officers were elected at Fall Fellowship. They are Joe Danks coming back as Chief, myself coming back as V.C. Communications, Mitch McGee as our new V.C Ceremonies, and Josh Larson as our new V.C. Elections and Promotions. October 29th was our chapter work weekend and we had a good attendance and got a lot of work done. Our December meeting was at Memorial Union and we played arcade games and had a good time.

Now, coming up in the future, is our District Dinner on January 14th where we officers are officially placed in our positions. We are going to have some exciting stuff at our next meetings so the other officers and I hope to see you all there.



Chris DeRegnier
Bo Qui

Hey fellow Arrowmen. This year is going awesome. The attendance at the Lodge Leadership Development Conference by our chapter officers was 100%. The attendance at our work weekend was great. Sam's cooking was superb. We are going to prepare the '06 Klondike. It will be fun and different than ever before. We are planning it during our chapter meetings. Our Chapter t-shirts are in, or at least the first orders are. I hope to see you a lot this year.



John Irwin
Golden Eagle

Hello Golden Eagle Brothers. Our chapter's new officers for the 2005 year are: Arron Andrews as Chief, Isaac Campbell as V.C. Elections and Promotions, Grant Rodgers as V.C. Ceremonies, and myself as V.C. Communications. We have our chapter meetings every second Thursday of the month at 7:30 P.M. The meetings take place in the Advanced Technology Building at Indian Hills C.C. in Ottumwa.

We held our Chapter Banquet at Happy Joe's in Ottumwa on October. 15th. The officers of the past year received plaques to thank them for all the hard work they have done over the year.

Events

Snowflake PowWow

The plans for Snowflake PowWow are well underway. Snowflake PowWow will be February 24th-26th. This event focuses a lot on the Native American aspect of the Order of the Arrow. There are always many fun things to do at this event. A couple of the activities for this years event will be the ceremony team competitions and Indian Lore merit badge. On Saturday night we will have the PowWow as usual. All Arrowmen who have outfitting are encouraged to bring it and wear it on Saturday afternoon and then to the Pow Wow that evening. If you do not have outfitting, don't worry. We usually have people there to help you make your own set of outfitting. Snowflake PowWow is shaping up to be an awesome event. Hope to see you there. The registraion form is available on the inside back cover.

Dan Beard Trail

This is the first year of work on the trail and there has been a lot of work that has gotten done. Trail Crew was the first two weeks of summer camp this summer. The people who were on trail crew deserve a big hand. We would not be nearly as far as we are if it weren't for them. But, they aren't the only ones who have been working hard on the trail. We have had quite a few trail work days. We have had a lot of people come to these work days and do their part in getting the trail built. Another big part of the trail is the funding for it. As many of you already know we have been selling the sponsor patches. For those who have not purchased the Sponser patch there is an order form on the inside back cover. Thank you to those of you who bought the patch. Your support is greatly appreciated. A second patch was introduced at Fall Fellowship is the Trail Crew patch. This patch has to be earned by working at least 30 hours on the trail. Next year Trail Crew will be the first three weeks of summer camp. For those of you who don't know about Trail Crew here is a little information for you. If you work one week of Trail Crew the lodge will pay half of your summer camp fee provided you go to camp with your unit. The applications for trail crew will be available on the web site www.mitigwalodge.org.

2005– 2006 Mitigwa Lodge Officers

(Left to Right): Chris Baldon, Joe Salvini, David Rogers, Jay Cook, Andy DeBoard



2005 Fall Fellowship Camp Mitigwa



Enjoying the steak dinner and catching up with friends.

Moving in to the campsite, making new friends, and seeing old friends.



Playing cards before, during, and after the meals.



The newest Mitigwa Lodge attraction:
~The Sno Kone Machine~



2005 Fall Fellowship Camp Mitigwa

The Vigil Call-Out Ceremony



Rifle range open to all arrowmen on
Saturday.

The climbing tower is enjoyed by many.



Lots of important decisions and elections at the
business meeting on Sunday morning.

OA Wordfind

Complete this puzzle and bring it to Winter Banquet with you. Write your name, Chapter, and Troop Number on it. Turn it in at registration and you will be entered in a drawing for a prize that will take place during the banquet. If you only receive one issue of the Chief and more than one person is a member you may make a copy. You must be present to win.

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AWARD	MITIGWA
BANQUET	OFFICER
BOQUI	ORDEAL
BROKENARROW	PATCH
BROTHERHOOD	RACCOONRIVERVALLEY
CALLOUT	SASH
CHAPTER	TAMAHA
CHIEF	VIGIL
ELANGOMAT	WAPELLO
FOOD	WORKDAY
GOLDENEAGLE	

Hello to all Arrowmen of the Hawkeye Chapter. I would like to congratulate all new Arrowmen from summer camp and Fall Fellowship and those arrowmen who earned their Brotherhood in the last year. You have made the Hawkeye Chapter proud. Continue your fantastic work! There are a few things that I would like to mention to you. First of all, I would like to remind you that we have two major lodge events coming up, Winter Banquet and Snowflake Pow-Wow. I would like you to make a goal for yourselves and attend at least one of these exciting events. There are engaging activities and you will have a chance to know your fellow Arrowmen better. I would also like to give you a personal invitation to come to our monthly chapter meetings. We plan fun activities for the meetings. Make a second goal and come to at least one of our chapter meetings. They are on the second Tuesday of every month at the Methodist Church in Altoona. The meetings start a 7:00 P.M. and run about an hour. If you need directions talk to your Troop Representative or contact our Chapter Chief Tim Johnson at (641) 990-5410. Remember that the chapter can't run without you and your help. So accomplish these goals and help the Hawkeye chapter soar!



**Stephen Molitor
Hawkeye**

Hey fellow RRV Arrowmen, this is your new VC of Communications Brian Lamont. I just received my ordeal during the first week of summer camp this year. I'm really looking forward to being in OA and being an officer. We elected our chapter officers for this year at Fall Fellowship. Nathan Hon is our new Chapter Chief. We had a great chapter work weekend and an good time at LLDC. Our chapter meetings have been awesome. We have had a lot of new faces there and are looking to see even more of you at the meetings. The meetings are now on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 P.M. The meetings take place at Merrill Middle School in DesMoines. I'm looking forward to a great year getting to know more hard working and fun people. Hope to see you at Winter Banquet.



**Brian Lamont
Raccoon River Valley**

Fellow Arrowmen,

After we got our new Ordeal members at summer camp, we attended Fall Fellowship and had an awesome time. We saw several ceremonies and, in our free time, we elected our 5 officers for next year. They are Matthew Ingram as Chief, James VonAhnen as Election and Promotions, Garret Olson as Membership, William Lindholm as Ceremonies, and myself as Communications.

We have also had a chapter workday. This was at Bicentennial Park in Marshalltown. We mulched trees, picked up trash, and cleaned up graffiti on the buildings. At the Fall Camporee at Grimes Farm we had a lunch for OA members. Those who attended received a patch. Several of the officers attended the Lodge Leadership Development Conference on October 21st-23rd. We had our Chapter Banquet on November 8th. We have been having a great year so far.



**Joel Ingram
Tamaha**

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LECM Minutes
October 22nd, 2005

- 1) Obligation
- 2) Attendance
 - Lodge Officers: Chief– Present, Ceremonies– Present, E&P– Present, Communications– Present, Membership– Present, Immediate Past– Not Present
 - Chapter Chiefs– Broken Arrow– Present, Bo Qui– Present, Hawkeye– Present, RRV– Present, Tamaha- Present, Golden Eagle– Present
- 3) Lodge Officer Reports
 - a) Chief– Looking forward to new year, improve on last year
 - b) Ceremonies– Congratulations to new officers, Brotherhood ceremony tomorrow, looking forward to having a great year.
 - c) E&P– New E&P Advisor (Kyle Anderson), goal is to get every troop visited, new video is being worked on, E&P training on December 18th.
 - d) Membership– Really good year, push troop rep program, brotherhood goal over 30%
 - e) Communications– Good start, already got some articles, hoping for a good year
- 4) Chapter Reports
 - a) Broken Arrow– Had 2 meetings, Workday next weekend, Memorial Union in Dec.
 - b) BoQui– Had 2 meetings, all meetings planned until March, working on Klondike
 - c) Hawkeye– Increased attendance, full ceremony team picked, workday coming up
 - d) RRV– 2 meetings, had Troop Rep. training, Banquet next month, ceremony team picked
 - e) Tamaha– Increase in attendance, workday and banquet next month
 - f) Golden Eagle– Steady attendance, lots of new ordeals, had Banquet at Happy Joes
- 5) Approval of Minutes from last LECM
RRV Motion, 2nd Tamaha, Motion Carries
- 6) Old Business
 - a) Trail- – Lots of work done, 34 people at last workday, north part almost done, trail crew will be weeks 1,2 and 3 next summer
 - b) Section– First Conclave with C1-C, at Howard H. Cherry, 25 people from Mitigwa
 - c) Vigil Weekend– 12 new Vigil Honor Members
- 7) New Business
 - a) Calendar– add Wapello Work Weekend on July 14-16, add LECM before Winter Banquet, Section Conclave date might change, RRV Motion to Approve, 2nd BQ, Motion Carries
 - b) Budget– Tamaha Motion to Approve, 2nd BA, Motion Carries
 - c) Chairman– add Wapello Work Weekend Arron Andrews chairman, Larry Stricklin advisor, BQ Motion to Approve, 2nd RRV, Motion Carries
 - d) 2006 Event Patch– Arrowhead divided into circle, center with Mitigwa Lodge, have segments, Hawkeye Motion to have 6 segments(4 main, One Day, & Wapello), 2nd GE, Motion Carries
 - e) NOAC– Not much information yet, need to bring ideas for flap to LECM at Banquet
 - f) Old Ranger– Pursuing idea of building own building
 - g) Membership & Brotherhood– Only Chapter with membership increase is RRV, Hawkeye Motion to leave decision of second ceremony to Jay, 2nd Tamaha, Motion Carries
 - h) One Day– scheduled on 4 district camporees and Galena
 - i) Election Process– 1 vote per chapter or 10 votes per chapter and more based on membership, Hawkeye motion chapter Chiefs all meet and make plan for election process, 2nd GE, Motion Carries
 - j) GE Motion to have LECM at Schroder Lodge in Ottumwa, 2nd Hawkeye, Hawkeye redefine motion as June 3rd LECM be held at Schroder Lodge, 2nd GE, Motion was Lost
- 8) Advisors Minute– Want fundraisers, discussion of trail day activities, aim for Quality Chapter
- 9) Closing –OA Song

**Winter Banquet
January 7, 2006**

(If more than one registration include all information for each person.)

Name: _____ Adult Youth
Address: _____ City: _____
Chapter: _____

Check

Winter Banquet Registration due by January 2nd.

\$20 _____

2005 Events Patch \$ 6 _____

Winter Banquet Feather \$ 2 _____

Total \$ _____

Please Send to:

**Clayman Service Center
Mid-Iowa Council
P.O. Box 3009
Des Moines, IA 50316-3009**

**Snowflake PowWow
February 24th-26th, 2006**

(If more than one registration include all information for each person.)

Name: _____ Adult Youth
Address: _____ City: _____
Chapter: _____

Check

Snowflake PowWow Registration due by February 17th

\$18 _____

2006 Events Patch \$ 3 _____

Snowflake Sector \$ 3 _____

Total \$ _____

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If your label reads 2005, your dues are due.

2006 Membership Registration

Name: _____ Adult Youth
Address: _____
City: _____ St: _____
Zip _____ Chapter: _____
Membership: V B O

Boy Scout Registration (How are you registered in Scouting): _____

Please specify unit also where appropriate.

If registered in 2005, \$12.00 \$ _____

If not registered in 2005, \$14.00 \$ _____

Please Send to:

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Dan Beard Trail Supporter Patch

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____, IA _____

Please send me a Dan Beard Supporter Patch for \$10.50 which I have enclosed. I understand that the money goes to support the construction of the trail.

Deposit in OA/Dan Beard

Please Send to:

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Section Conclave

From September 30th to October 2nd 25 members of Mitigwa Lodge attended the first ever Section Conclave with Section C1-C. The conclave took place at Howard H. Cherry Scout Reservation. While at the conclave our lodge hosted a cribbage tournament and the camp yard wars game. We also participated in many other activities including OA Jeopardy, a relay race, and dunking Chris Baldon in the dunk tank. On Saturday night we elected the Section Officers for 2005-2006. The officers are: Chief– Rick Passanisi, Vice Chief– Don Anderson, Secretary– Tim Reidl. Look for more information in the next few issues of the Chief and make plans to attend the 2006 Section C1-C Conclave.

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