# The Buck Tail



AJAPEU LODGE 33 Bucks County Council BSA
Order of the Arrow

**WINTER 2004** 

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In respect of our friends in Arrowak and Yokahu lodge, 1/2 of the titles for articles will be done in Spanish. OA: Orden del fleche Chief: jefe Patch collector: Juan Shaffer

# Una Nota Del Jefe

On my desk in my office there is a figurine of a knight all ready for battle. Now I was never really fond of this thing, in fact I gave it away twice, but somehow it always ends up on my desk. The other night while I was sitting at my computer trying to think of what to write for my next Bucktail Article for the first time, I read the plaque on the base of the figure. It is a quote from Elinor Smith, and good old Elinor said:

"I had long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things."

Now this being the first time I read the thing I sat back and contemplated it for a moment, and it stuck me as relevant to the Order and to Ajapeu Lodge. At the Executive Board meeting in November, John Shaffer mentioned that people know who we are and what we are doing. He said that people are noticing the work we do and what we have accomplished. Now these are not people of Bucks County Council mentioning this to him, this was with people from the Area and Section and *they* brought up the issue of Ajapeu and our X-treme Scouting and our recruiter flap. We didn't let these things happen to us, we happened to them.

Throughout Bucks County, the OA is making things happen. We have noticed a trend in Bucks County, we are losing cubs at a rapid rate. Ajapeu has responded with our X-treme Scouting day and we will continue to work with the council to help reverse this trend. The other program, the recruiter flap, works to reverse member depletion not only in Cub Scouts but Boy Scouts as well.

For the first time in quite a while, Ajapeu lodge is represented at the Section Level by Darin Masi and Dan Gross. We are very proud of them and look forward to all the good things that we know they are capable of accomplishing.

After all that Ajapeu Lodge has accomplished in the past and all the progress we have made in the last five years there is still some work to be done. Now is the time to help the council and this movement we call Scouting. So in the words of Elinor Smith and with some help from John Shaffer, we should go out and happen to things, people will notice.

Yours in Brotherhood, Chris Lutz Ajapeu Lodge Chief 2003-2004 chief@ajapeu33.org



# AJAPEU LODGE #33

#### 2004 Calendar of Events

JANUARY 29	LODGE EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG.	( SCOUT OFFICE )	
FEBRUARY 26	LODGE EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG.	( SCOUT OFFICE )	
MARCH 13	LODGE FAMILY BANQUET 6PM	(OCKANICKON)	
MARCH 25	LODGE EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG.	( SCOUT OFFICE )	
APRIL 29	LODGE EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG.	( SCOUT OFFICE )	
APRIL 29	Deadline for acceptance of Vigil nominations		
MAY 21-23	SPRING ORDEAL WEEKEND	(OCKANICKON)	
JUNE 11-13	NE-2A CONCLAVE	(ROOSEVELT SR)	
JULY 29	LODGE EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG.	(OCKANICKON)	
JULY 31—AUG 5	National Order of the Arrow Conference	( Iowa St. University )	
AUGUST 27-29	FALL ORDEAL WEEKEND	(OCKANICKON)	



#### Chapter Reports



### **Pennsbury**

Hi, my name is Chris Grow. I'm the Pennsbury Chapter Chief. This year has been going very well. We have had four chapter meetings. Our chapter officers are Bruce Trinko (1<sup>st</sup> vice), Mark Wassum (2<sup>nd</sup> vice) Ross Whitley (secretary. We meet at Resurrection Lutheran Church on Oxford Valley Rd in Levittown.

We trained our election teams in December. All of our troops in the chapter have scheduled a date for elections. In January we went rock climbing at the Doylestown rock gym. We are also going skiing with the Playwicki Chapter. We are putting out T-shirts again this year. They are the same design but put on a single color T-shirt.

#### Playwicki

Playwicki has an exciting agenda for the next half of the year. We already have accomplished two successful trainings; election team and troop rep. Our bowling trip was held in January. The world famous ski trip will be in February. March is one more chance for you to do some cheerful service. In April we can't forget the Weekend with Wee Work. This year it will be two nights. The first night is some movie watching then comes the fun, a small service project Saturday morning, then a great game of capture the flag w/Pennsbury. Saturday night is all video games. Hope to see all you Playwickians in the future.

Nick Lutz

#### Lenape

No report submitted

#### Tohpendel

No report submitted

#### Order of the Arrow Biodiversity

If you think the Running Buck is a cool lodge totem try some of these actual lodge totems: Venus fly trap, Blue Heron, crawfish, cod, Deer skull, evening star, half moon, lobster, octopus, opossum, quail, peace pipe, shark tooth, marmot, gila monster, mosquito, groundhog or ibis.

#### Message from the Lodge Adviser

I hope that this past holiday season has been an enjoyable time for you to spend some time with friends and family as you share in the customs and traditions that abound at this time of year. Now, the calendar has turned and we face with anticipation what the New Year will bring.

In the life and family of AJAPEU Lodge, we also have many traditions. Our support of Ockanickon, our growing fellowship at our Lodge Banquet and the spirit of Brotherhood that abounds at our Ordeal weekends. And in that spirit, a new tradition, or rather I should say, a renewed tradition has been reborn within our circle of Brothers. I am pleased to report that for the second year in a row, we have attained Quality Lodge. The trail to that achievement is not easy and the fact that we have traveled that trail speaks well of the program our Lodge is supporting. Our Lodge is not only actively supporting Ockanickon and Scouting in Bucks County, but programs like our Arrowman Recruiter and X-treme Scouting Day are being noticed and observed on a Regional level. Yes, things are happening in AJAPEU.

But as many of you know, there is always a catch. The trail has not ended. We just have reached one level and are taking a pause before we continue on the journey. I ask and urge all our AJAPEU brothers to come and join in the journey. The path is not easy, but I absolutely promise that the effort is worthwhile. What can you do?

Check out your chapter meetings. Bring ideas with you to the meetings of what you would like to see happening. Check out a Chapter weekend at Ockanickon. Check out your fellow troop members. Are their dues paid? Are they Brotherhood? Are you looking for something really special? 2004 offers our Section Conclave in June, National Order of the Arrow Conference in July and the opportunity to do OA Trail Crew at Philmont in the spring and summer. Your Chapter officers and Advisers can help you get more information on these possibilities.

The calendar has turned, the page is fresh. The opportunities are yours for the taking. Listen again in your heart to the words of our founder:

"The Order is a thing of the Spirit rather than of mechanics. Organization, operational procedures, and all that go with them are necessary in any large and growing movement, but they are not what counts in the end. The things of the Spirit are what counts."

Brotherhood - in a day when there is too much hatred at home and abroad Cheerfulness - in a day when the pessimists have the floor and cynics are popular Service - in a day when millions are interested in getting or grasping, rather than giving. "

> Mike Wilsey Lodge Adviser Ajapeu Lodge # 33 215-453-8729

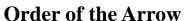
#### En Otra Noticias

#### Local man collects one of every patch

Warminster, PA-Scoutmaster, father, collector, today Mike Candell of troop 139 is the first person to have collected one of every scout patch. When asked what the most difficult to get ones were Mr. Candell responsed "Up there was the 1934 World Jamboree patch from the Mabuti tribe contingent of Sudan. To get the patch I had to trade 6 sweet potatoes, 3 pounds of salt and 19 cowry shells. I thought collecting them all would be harder, but exhuming a body isn't nearly as difficult as you'd think."



# AJAPEU LODGE # 33





#### **Buck Notes**

#### **NOAC**

Like the Jamboree but didn't like the tent thing? Well, the lodge still has spots open for the 2004 National Order of the Arrow Conference at Iowa State. The Conference costs \$335 plus transportation. Seating is limited so please get in a deposit as quickly as possible. Deposit information and trip registration information can be obtained from your Chapter Advisor. It only comes once every other year and it's one heck of a party. Hurry, registration closes on February 9th.

#### Conclave

Ajapeu Lodge has signed up for 20 spots at next Section NE-2A Conclave. The Conclave will be held at Roosevelt Scout Reservation in Elmer, NJ on the weekend of June 11th through 13th. If you are interested in a spot, pick up a registration form from your Chapter Advisor, the Doylestown Scout Service Center, or at www.ajapeu33.org.

#### Trail Crew/Northern Tier

If the posh accommodations of NOAC are too much and you're sick of the skyrocketing costs of joining a troop or council contingent to a high adventure base, Philmont Trail Crew and the Northern Tier Wilderness voyage may be your answer. After a week of service your work crew then gets a weeklong trek of your choosing at the High Adventure base you served. All of this and a kickin' patch for only \$100 plus transportation. You can get more information at the Nation OA website, www.oa-bsa.org.

#### Council Camporee

The lodge will be performing the Call Out ceremony at the upcoming Council Camporee. A ceremony of this size is going to take a good bit of manpower and coordination to pull off well. If you are interested in helping, please contact Keith Reinemann.

At the 2002 Lodge Leadership Development Conference each Chapter was given the challenge to describe what the OA meant to them without using the letter E, here's what came out:

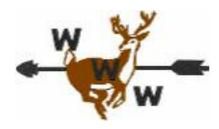
#### Roadkill Patrol

OA is good. It works for scout troops and council. It assists in camping program. It aids in scout functions. It displays camping programs to obtain young scouts for cub programs. It allows for switch of thoughts from troop to troop. It has honor scouts working to aid council and its troops. OA inducts scouts as an honor upon scouts. It aids camp by fixing up camp for scouts to show up. It also allows cubs to obtain good spirit in scouting. It shows cubs a good way to act. Possibly cubs will not want to join scouts to follow honor scouts who show good quality.

#### **Flaming Pine Trees Patrol**

OA is good and fun. I want to funk it up. OA is fun. I want Vigil. I want awards. Work is good. Work is good for camp. I want food. Food, awards and OA is good fun. Fun fun fun fun. Lots of food and good camping and working is fun. Awards, work, camping, fun, Tom, and food is OA. Tom is so cool and fun. Tom has long hair. Tom has brown hair. OA sash is ivory and crimson. Fun crimson and ivory. Andy shows off his ivory and crimson sash. Will shows off his ivory and crimson sash. Dan Gross shows off his ivory and crimson sash. Mr. Trinko shows off his crimson and ivory sash. Sash is good and fun and work. Crimson is work. Ivory is fun. Bill is camp guy. Camp guy works a lot. Camp guy works at camp with crimson and ivory sash. Tom works with camp guy. Arrow is sash and work. OA is WWW. WW is good, cool, and fun.

# AJAPEU LODGE ANNUAL FAMILY BANQUET



FOSTER DINING HALL OCKANICKON SCOUT RESERVATION

March 13, 2004
6:00 p.m.

# Featuring Menu By

Blooming Glen Catering

EVENING PROGRAM TO INCLUDE

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

A Silent Patch Auction

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#### **Fine Evening Entertainment**

#### All Arrowmen and their families are invited to attend.

Registrations Must Be Received By March 2, 2004

Mail To: Bucks County Council, B.S.A.

One Scout Way

Doylestown, PA 18901

Make check payable to:

Bucks County Council, B.S.A

Cost is \$17.00 per person. Children 10 and under are \$14.00 each.

#### Cost is \$20 per person for registrations received after the March 2, 2004 deadline.

Lodge Member's Name:		
Family Members Attending:		
Total Number Attending:	Children 10 and under:	
Total amount enclosed:		

Be sure a visit our website at www.ajapeu33.org

Office Memo: Credit Banquet Registrations to Account #800

# Executive Update

### A Summary of What's Happening

- •Scout's Own committee is looking for chapter representatives. They take care of religious services and graces at lodge-wide functions. If you are interested please contact Nick Lutz.
- •Election season is quickly approaching. Our lodge goal it to have all elections done and reported by the March Executive Board Meeting. If you want to help with another troop's election or you have a problem with yours, contact your Chapter Chief.
- •Bucktail staff is looking for original Arrowman-produced content. Got an interesting story from a work weekend? Nearly die during a ceremony? We want to know about it. Materials may be submitted to Lodge Secretary, Terry Robinson. If we use something of yours, there's a crazy chance you might get something!

#### Äjäpeü Shoots for Fresher Image, New Members with Umlauts

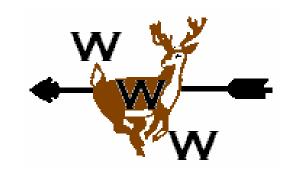
Doylestown, Pa-In an effort to attract new members, and in accordance with the Lodge Strategic Plan Ajapeu has officially changed it's name to the "The Baddest, Raddest, Most Excellent Lodge: Äjäpeü #33" and sporting the new totem of the three-headed dog Cerberus, the mythical guard of the Underworld. When asked about the change Lodge Publication Advisor, Scott Masi, stated "We needed a way to show kids the OA changed with the times, it worked for Mötley Crüe." Ever the trend setter, this changed was quickly followed by an announcement from Ünämï #1.

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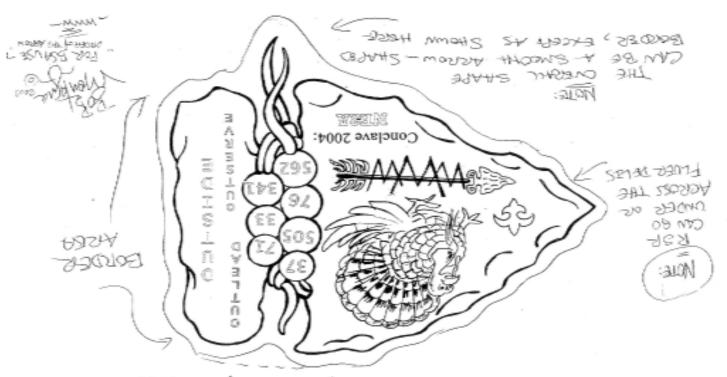
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# Preguntas Que Queman

If you have to be Vigil to perform the Vigil Ceremony how did they do the first one?

# Conclave 2004: OutServe, OutLead, OutSide



\* The letter after your name on the address label indicates if you are (O)rdeal, (B)rotherhood, or (V)igil, and the year indicates the year that your dues are paid through. Contact Mike Wilsey, the Lodge Advisor, if any corrections need to be made. Home phone: 215-453-8729 and e-mail MWilsey@WilseyTool.com