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## A Note From The Chief

Brothers.

Greetings in Scouting! As summer fast approaches and winter slowly fades, so begin our preparations for the Spring Ordeal Weekend (16-18 MAY). We anticipate a large number of candidates, so your participation and service will be most appreciated. Additionally, the annual Section NE-2A Conclave is coming soon (13-15 JUNE). This year's conclave will be hosted by Japeechen Lodge #341 at Joseph A. Citta Scout Reservation, NJ. I encourage each of you to register for this event; it is a wonderful opportunity to extend yourself in brotherhood to Scouts from all over the area.

No matter what degree or tenure you possess in our Order, your participation in lodge and chapter functions is essential to our success. I hope to see you all at the spring weekend, and also at our Thursday night ice cream socials at summer camp.

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Dave Friel Lodge Chief



### **Got-Brotherhood?**

The Order of the Arrow is built on the tenets of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. The first step in membership—Ordeal membership—is a time to grow familiar with the purpose and mechanics of the Order. When this familiarity has been achieved, it is time for the Ordeal member to continue his journey in service by sealing his bond of Brotherhood. By accepting the Brotherhood of the Order, an Arrowman accepts new joys, in addition to new responsibilities; taking your Brotherhood, when you are ready, is a very beneficial thing for you to do, personally.

But taking your Brotherhood is beneficial outside of yourself, too. By sealing the bond, you weld tighter your link in the chain that binds our lodge together. Your sacrifice not only enriches you personally, but also makes our lodge a closer community of devoted scouts and scouters. In accepting the Brotherhood, you bring honor and insight to yourself and strength to your chapter and lodge. If you are an Ordeal member who has been a member for at least 10 months, won't you please pursue that honor, insight, and strength yourself?

GOT BROTHERHOOD?

#### AJAPEU LODGE #33

#### - News Around the Lodge -

We all know that The Order of the Arrow is known as The Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. But what is a Brotherhood? Webster offers various definitions, such as an association or a whole body engaged in a business or profession. A good one for our Order is group related by common ties. Surely, an Order bound together by Scouting and Cheerful Service qualifies as a Brotherhood. And in that interest of common ties, we wanted to start a new Bucktail feature that offered news of accomplishments and achievements that our Brothers have attained.

We start off with congratulations to Mike Kirkner, Scott Breon, and Chris Deily of Troop 55 in Quakertown and Mike Mangiaracina of Troop 280 in Newtown on the attainment of Eagle Scout. Job well done to all 4 Arrowman on becoming Eagles. Four new Eagle Scouts that are also Arrowman offers a good example that the Order of the Arrow really represents "The Best of the Best."

Next up are congratulations to John Shaffer of Lenape Chapter. As we know, John became the Associate Section Adviser for External Relations last year. In addition to that position, John was elected in January to serve on the Council Executive Board. John will serve as the chairman for the Historical Committee on the Executive Board. Our Lodge Chief Dave Friel and Lodge Adviser Mike Wilsey also serve as Council Executive Board members.

A special congratulation is in line for a Lodge member that was presented his pin for 30 years of Scouting this past Scout Sunday. Brother Joe Hinkle of Troop 3 in Morrisville was presented his pin during church

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#### - Annual Family Banquet -

On March 8, 2003, the Ajapeu Lodge held its annual Family Banquet at Ockanickon's Foster Hall. The 100+ brothers, family members, and guests in attendance were treated to a delicious meal prepared by Blooming Glen Catering. After dinner, in addition to the awards, we were all challenged by a dynamic and thought-provoking speech by our Northeast Region OA Chairman, Randy Cline. After his speech, Randy was presented with a Mercer tile emblazoned with the Boy Scout emblem in order to let him have a piece of Bucks County history to take home with him.

Special thanks go out to this year's banquet chairman, Andy Cistone, who did a superb job of making

sure that all of this came together. for putting together a very successful \$700.00 for the lodge.

During the evening, the youth member Dave Friel and adult Youth of the Year award was preoutstanding service to the ceremocostume design and creation. Chris Year award for his invaluable work



Also, we want to thank John Shaffer silent patch auction that raised over

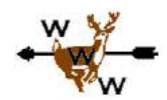
Founder's Award was presented to member Chuck Goodenough. The sented to Keith Reinemann for his nial team, particularly in the area of Fosmire received the Adult of the as the Playwicki Chapter Adviser.

Many Arrowman Service Awards were presented this year, including Kevin Hallman, who received this honor for the second year in a row. Other youth members receiving this honor were: Dave Friel, Dan Gross, Chris Grow, and Geoff Simon. Adult recipients included: Mike Wilsey, Scott Masi, Jim Simon, Chris Fosmire, Carl Trinko, Dennis Hallman, and John Shaffer. All of these individuals are congratulated for their high level of dedication and service to the lodge during this past year.

In addition to these awards, we presented Veteran Arrowman awards to George Thompson (60 years), Tom Peterson (40 years), Charles Kovalcik (35 years), Mike Candell (35 years), and Bob Harman (35 years).

Special guests in attendance were: Jim Palmer, Section NE-2A Adviser; Jeff Goldsmith, Section NE-2A Associate Adviser; and Bruce Dordick, an avid OA memorabilia collector and historian. Bruce also displayed

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#### AJAPEU LODGE # 33 ORDER OF THE ARROW **Brotherhood Membership Application**



Please PRINT clearly. Accurate information will insure we have accurate records! Remember, Brotherhood Membership can only be conferred by an Arrowman's home Lodge.

Part I: To be completed by Brotherhood Candidate         Name:						
Address:						
City:	_	State: Zip:				
Phone:	_	E-Mail:				
Chapter:	Unit:	Position:				
Date of Ordeal:		Dues paid to end of:				
Part II: To be completed by the Unit Leader or Chairperson.						
I certify that the above na	certify that the above named applicant has been an active member of my unit.					
Leader's Signature:		Date:				
Part III: To be complete	Part III: To be completed by the Chapter Chief or Chapter Adviser.					
I certify that the above na	I certify that the above named applicant has been an active member of my chapter and the lodge.					
Signature:		Date:				
Part IV: To be complete	Part IV: To be completed by the Brotherhood Questioner. (Initial each item as it is completed.)					
Letter to the Secretary of the Lodge (attach to this sheet)						
Obligation	Admonitic	on Handshake				
Sign of the Order	Song	Questions				
Signature of Question	ner:	Date:				
Received / Reviewed	by:	Date:				
Dues paid to end of c	urrent year:	_ [Attach dues form if one was completed]				
Be sure to check out our Lodge web page at www.ajapeu33.org						
For Lodge Use ONL	Y:					
Date Brotherhood Ce	remony Taken:	New Membership Card Issued:				
Records Updated:		By:				
Recruited for Brother	hood by:					



### AJAPEULODGE#33



#### Order of the Arrow

Brothers, the Spring Ordeal Weekend will soon be here. This is a time to help get Ockanickon ready for the busy summer camping season that is fast approaching. This is also the time we will be inducting new members into our Lodge. Please use this registration form if you plan to attend this Ordeal Weekend. We have listed the potential work projects that will need to be done, and you will be asked to help out on these various projects. The dates for the Spring Ordeal Weekend are May 16-18, 2003. You should plan to arrive at Camp Ockanickon between 6:30p and 7:30p on Friday night, and plan on staying until the close of the lodge meeting on Sunday. This meeting is usually over between by 11:00a and 11:30a. You will need to be sleeping in an area that has an adult present, and, as we are the National Honor Society of Scouting, you will be expected to have your campsite/sleeping quarters cleaned up before you leave camp on Sunday.

#### Items you need to bring to camp with you.

You should plan on having any gear that you would normally take with you on a weekend camping trip. This should also include:

Field uniform Personal hygiene items

Any medication you will need during the weekend Work gloves

Money for trading post (optional)

Hammer with your name on it

Small notepad and pen/pencil (for meetings Sunday morning)

Any protective gear you may have that would be used during work projects listed below.

Please note gloves and hammers. We have a lot of work that will require those items and the camp does not have enough to supply all the works crews with those items.

#### **Potential Weekend Work Projects**

Setup Tents and Tent Platforms Painting

Campsite Clean-up General Shower Area Clean-up

General Building Clean-up General Carpentry

Plumbing Roofing

Trash Pick-up Pool Area Projects
Wood Cutting Detail (Must be 21 or older and wearing protective gear to use chainsaws)

Lawn Maintenance (Must be 21 or older and wearing protective gear to use weedwacker)

Misc. other projects not listed

#### **Special Note:**

We may also want to send some brothers to Camp Kirby for work that needs to be done there. If any crews are sent to Camp Kirby, the drivers will be over 21 and will need to meet and follow all the transportation requirements as listed in the *BSA Guide to Safe Scouting*. On the parent/guardian permission part of the registration application, please indicate if you give permission for your son to be part of an adult-supervised Camp Kirby work crew.

#### AJAPEU LODGE # 33

#### OA Spring Ordeal Weekend — Members Registration Form

### <u>Please return this form and a check for \$20 to the Council Office by May 6, 2003</u> Please plan to pay dues at the weekend only so that you can get your membership card on the spot.

#### Do not include dues with registration.

Mail To:	Bucks County Council, B.S.A. One Scout Way Doylestown, PA 18901		Make check payable to: Bucks County Council, B.S.A	
Name:			Youth:	Adult:
Phone Number: Tr		Troop:	District:	
Any Food Al	llergies:			
Any Medical	Conditions:			
Any Medicin	e you will have at Weekend:			
Any Physica	al Limitations:			
I will be a wo	ork crew chief:		(Must be 21 or olde	r)
I will plan on	working on the following crew:			
	Parenta	al Permission		
	(Required for ALL youth	n under the ag	e of 18)	
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My c	hild has permission to be part of an adu	lt supervised Ca	amp Kirby Work Crew.	
My c	hild does not have permission to be part	t of an adult sup	pervised Camp Kirby W	ork Crew.
Signature of	parent or guardian:			
Date:				
	Office Me	emo: For A	account #800	

#### Contact your respective Chapter Adviser for questions or concerns.

Chapter Advisers (Adult OA Mer	Phone Numbers		
Lenape Chapter Adviser	Al Folsom	215-343-6851	
Pennsbury Chapter Adviser	Carl Trinko	215-785-1220	
Playwicki Chapter Adviser	Chris Fosmire	215-504-0927	
Tohpendel Chapter Adviser	Fred Ritter, Jr.	610-749-2044	

### **Lodge News**

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services that day. Joe is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member and has served as a Ceremonial Team member. Joe is also active in his church and says he enjoys singing in the choir.

While there has been much to celebrate, the ties that bind also cause us to let you know of sad news as well.

The lodge extends sympathy to Cliff Marchion as we learned of the passing of his wife Noel. Cliff is a Vigil Honor member of the Lodge, a past Council Vice President and has served a faithful term of Scouting in Bucks County. Our condolences are extended to Cliff and his family.

We were also saddened to hear of the passing of Walter Arber. Walt was a Vigil Honor member of the Lodge and was a fixture for many years at our Ordeal weekends. Walt was part of the group that filled out the cards for the new Ordeal members each weekend. Our sympathies go out to his wife Jean and his family.

With happy news and sad as well, that concludes our news on the Ajapeu Brotherhood at this time. If you have any news or items that you would like to pass on for future articles, please let your Chapter Officers and/or Advisers know. One Brother's happiness will be uplifting to all in our Lodge and all Brothers can join in the support that one Brother may need.



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## **Banquet 2003**

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his Ajapeu Lodge collection—one of the most complete Ajapeu collections in existence—for all to enjoy. Mike Candell and Mike Wilsey also brought portions of their OA and Scouting collections and placed them on display.

This year's fun night of and friendship attended. All strongly encournext year's bansure to be even better.

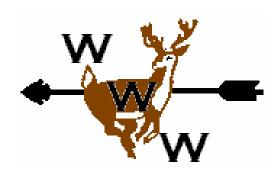
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Scott Masi Publications Adviser

## **Conclave 2003**

Miss last year's conclave? Don't miss this one. Arrowmen from all over New Jersey, Bucks County, and Puerto Rico—yes, Puerto Rico—will gather at Joseph A. Citta Scout Reservation in the Pine Barrens of New Jersey for a weekend of fun and fellowship. If you would like to expand your Scouting horizons, be sure to clear June 13-15 and put your registration form in to the Council Office.



#### **American Indian Code of Ethics**

- 1. Rise with the sun to pray. Pray alone. Pray often. The Great Spirit will listen, if you only speak.
- 2. Be tolerant of those who are lost on their path. Ignorance, conceit, anger, jealousy, and greed stem from a lost soul. Pray that they will find guidance.
- 3. Search for yourself, by yourself. Do not allow others to make your path for you. It is your road, and yours alone. Others may walk it with you, but no one can walk it for you.
- 4. Treat the guest in your home with much consideration. Serve them the best food, give them the best bed, and treat them with respect and honor.
- 5. Do not take what is not yours, whether from a person, a community, the wilderness, or from a culture. It was not earned or given. It is not yours to have.
- 6. Respect all things that are placed upon this earth, whether person or plant.
- 7. Honor other people's thoughts, wishes, and words. Never interrupt another or mock or rudely mimic them. Allow each person the right to personal expression.
- 8. Never speak of others in a bad way. The negative energy that you put out into the universe will multiply when it returns to you.
- 9. All persons make mistakes. And all mistakes can be forgiven.
- 10. Bad thoughts cause illness of the mind, body, and spirit. Practice optimism.
- 11. Nature is not for us; it is part of us.
- 12. Children are the seeds of our future. Plant love in their hearts and water them with wisdom. When they are grown, give them space to grow.
- 13. Avoid hurting the hearts of others. The poison of your pain will return to you.
- 14. Be truthful at all times. Honesty is the test of one's will within this universe.
- 15. Keep yourself balanced. Work out the body to strengthen the mind. Grow rich in spirit to cure emotional ails.
- 16. Make conscious decisions as to who you will be and how you will react. Be responsible for your actions.
- 17. Respect the privacy and personal space of others. Do not touch the personal property of others, especially sacred and religious objects. This is forbidden.
- 18. Be true to yourself first.
- 19. Respect others' religious beliefs. Do not force your beliefs on others.
- 20. Share your good fortune with others. Participate in charity.

## **Ajapeu Award**

Look for this award at summer camp again this year. All scouts and scouters who attend summer camp at Ockanickon this summer are eligible to complete the requirements of the award.

So, if your unit is camping at Ockanickon this summer, be sure to get a list of the requirements upon your arrival to camp. Earn yourself recognition from the lodge and your friends, and get a rare patch!

## Contacts

Dave Friel Lodge Chief

Kevin Hallman First Vice Chief Martin Speece Second Vice Chief

Brian Janson Lodge Secretary Tom Bailey Lodge Treasurer



REMEMBER: Thursdays are OA Days at Camp Ockanickon during the summer. There will be an evening of OA fun and brotherhood in the Longhouse every Thursday night during summer camp sessions. All Arrowmen in camp are welcome!



\* 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

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