



2012 LODGE CONFERENCE: GLAD WE CAME!

One of the highlights of the day and a major reason we came to the conference was the classes which taught us more about the order. For those who did their ordeal a little over a month ago, well prepared trainers gave meaning to words and gestures which had passed over our heads despite our attempts to understand. For those with more experience, classes provided information about how we could better serve our units, chapters, and lodge.

During this conference many exciting things happened, including classes on the Order, a PowWow, and a Chapter Fair. During this fair we enjoyed playing Native American games, threw tomahawks, and launched CO₂ and N₂O powered race cars, and much, much more. Arrowhead brought Blastcars, one of the new Boy and Cub Scout activities, very much like the Pinewood Derby - *on steroids*. There were loud, rocketing noises as the compressed gases were released explosively from the launcher. These "automobiles" had enough energy to speed across the room, forcing the racers to use sweatshirts to prevent damage to the wooden cars. They also brought games in which you had to throw little "birdies" made out of cloth, rocks, and feathers, into wooden hoops, and a game consisting of "rocks" and sticks. Outside the dining hall an axe yard was set up but not to chop wood in. It was the throwing area for razor-sharp axes that flew through the air and into the target. This was one of the more difficult activities, but many Arrowmen enjoyed the satisfying "thwack" of the metal against stump. Overall, today was a fun-filled and informative day and it was a great weekend to spend with the Brotherhood.

Brian Coffen
Historic Chapter

Many Arrowmen showed that a Scout is indeed *physically fit* yesterday throughout Saturday's activities.

Starting at 2 o'clock during the Chapter Fair, there was a pick up game of Frisbee going on. But the main event started at 3 with the Ultimate competition. A single game was played between the Abnaki chapter vs. anyone else representing the Passaconaway Lodge. The final score was Abnaki 11, and Passaconaway with 5 points. While Abnaki clearly took home the victory it should be noted that Passaconaway took the lead away twice, though Abnaki quickly recovered before securing the win. John Grace was the referee and played for Abnaki. Other key players include Noah Murphy, Jordan Dansereau, and Keith "The White Tiger" Fleming. Passaconaway team was not available to comment.

At 6:00 the triathlon kicked off. The course was three legs which were all running. The course started at Admin, went to Sunset waterfront, then to the Council Ring and ended back at Admin. The winning team with a time of 5:21 was the Abnaki Chapter represented by Noah Murphy, Will Boyd, and Doug Bowden.

Zachary Parrott
Historic Chapter



CHIEFLY SPEAKING

Dear Brothers,

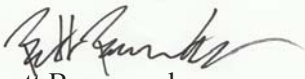
As we pack up and prepare to leave this our Lodge Conference weekend, I hope that you'll take the time to reflect on the lessons you've learned here, and make an effort to bring them back to your chapters and troops. Remember that as an arrowman, your first responsibility is to you troop, and those who chose to recognize you with membership in this our order need you to help guide them towards that spirit which brought you here.

If you remember, you were chosen "as an arrow from a quiver" to join this order chiefly because you were seen by your troop as a leader, and as a representative of the ideals of the Scout Oath and Law, the fifteen blazes which led you to us.

Last night our keynote speaker, and 1980 Lodge Chief John Paradise reminded us of our duty to be "unselfish in the service to others." As you go back to your troop and your lives keep this in mind, your were selected because it was firmly believed by your troop members that you would be able to return your recognition in service to your troop. Your experiences in the OA, including the skills you learn here at lodge conference are paramount in this endeavor.

I hope you take these lesson with you and look forward to seeing you at our Lodge Banquet on January 12th, more info to come!

Yours in Service,



Brett Branscombe
Passaconaway Lodge

Reminders before you leave:

Make sure your campsites are picked up and remember that "a scout leaves a place better than he finds it."

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SKYPING WITH PRESTON MARQUIS

Yesterday afternoon, a small group of arrow men had the opportunity to meet with National Vice Chief Preston Marquis. The conference had a slightly rough start due to technical difficulties, but was promptly moved to the admin building where the meeting started without a problem. Preston was polite, prepared and eager to answer all of our "burning questions". Many of these questions challenged Mr Marquis. One of the most challenging of which was "What animal would you want to put your head on?" asked by Brian Coffen. After much thought, Preston replied "It would be a gazelle... or an eagle... Or a flying gazelle! The best of both worlds!" Other questions went straight to the childhood such as "how did you get into scouting?" To which he replied "I started out as a bear scout, I was at school one day and I saw all my friends with these fancy blue uniforms and decided I wanted one too". After becoming a bear scout and eventually a boy scout, Preston flew through the leadership positions in the Order of the Arrow, a section chief in Virginia and then becoming National Vice chief. At only age 20, he helps plan events such as NOAC, other national OA events, helps staff the National Jamboree and much more. He had one large piece of advice that he had learned from his years in the Brotherhood: "Be resourceful". If he could add anything to the scout law it would be that a scout is resourceful, "because a good scout has to be able to think quickly on his feet and make decisions on the fly". This was certainly a very interesting conference especially considering the medium we used to contact him. I'm sure many scouts took the advice to heart and the meeting showed us how far you can take the Brotherhood experience. Thank you Preston Marquis for your time.

Robert Smith
Historic Chapter



Brothers,

Yesterday you had an exciting day full of development fellowship. As we return to our daily lives we must remember what we gained from our experiences here and how we are all brought to this place by the ties of brotherhood and cheerful service. As I walked around yesterday I saw each and every one of us further our knowledge, hone our skills and strengthen the ties of brotherhood. We attended classes that were related to our Scouting career. We furthered our friendships by racing cars, throwing tomahawks and tossing a Frisbee around. We then showed our competitive side by holding a game of Ultimate Frisbee while we learned about dancing and the story it tells by holding a pow wow. Up at the rifle range we worked on our precision and learned how to commit to the decisions that we make. As we moved into our evening, we began to relax and reflect on our day as we told jokes and enjoyed ice cream.

As we move forward today we should be mindful of what we learned from this weekend and use these skills in the service of others.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Justin Stoffiano

Yesterday Afternoon, my fellow Arrowmen and I went down to the shooting range, at about 4pm. About 25 Scouts were at the range. To everyone's surprise there were new targets set up yesterday! In addition to the standard paper targets, there was also blue metal plate targets and white spoon targets. This added a whole new twist to shooting at Hidden Valley. Every rotation had seven Scouts, with each Scout having 15 shots while sitting or standing. After an hour and half of shooting we packed up the guns and went our separate ways.

Travis Hurley

Historic Chapter

YOUR DAILY SUDOKU

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New Guidelines for the Election of Adults in Units

The national Order of the Arrow committee has modified the requirements for the nomination of adult unit Scouters to become candidates for induction into the Order. The changes will increase the number of currently-serving Scoutmasters and Varsity Team Coaches and other unit Scouters who can be nominated to be candidates. These modifications apply only to adult leaders in Scout troops and Varsity teams who are 21 years of age or older. They become effective at the beginning of each lodge's 2013 elections season or January 1, 2013, whichever comes first. The following will replace the corresponding paragraph on page 21 of the *Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisers*:

1. Adult leaders in units: Each year, upon holding a troop or team election for youth candidates that results in at least one youth candidate being elected, the unit committee may nominate adults to the lodge adult selection committee. The number of adults nominated can be no more than one-third of the number of youth candidates elected, rounded up where the number of youth candidates is not a multiple of three. In addition to the one-third limit, the unit committee may nominate the currently-serving unit leader (but not assistant leaders), as long as he or she has served as unit leader for at least the previous twelve months. Recommendations of the adult selection committee, which consists of the lodge adviser, the chairman of the council committee on which the lodge adviser serves, and the lodge staff adviser, with the approval of the Scout executive, serving as Supreme Chief of the Fire, will be candidates for induction, provided the following conditions are fulfilled:

- Selection of the adult is based on the ability to perform the necessary functions to help the Order fulfill its purpose, and not for recognition of service, including current or prior achievement and positions.
- The individual will be an asset to the Order because of demonstrated abilities that fulfill the purpose of the Order
- The camping requirements set forth for youth members are fulfilled.
- The adult leader's membership will provide a positive example for the growth and development of the youth members of the lodge.

ANSWER TO TODAY'S SUDOKU

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TO KEEP THE LODGE INFORMED

By Ed Ursus

Friday night the Totem staff passed out a survey to the chapters present to get an update on leadership and to ask some basic questions about the Totem. Three chapters returned the survey. It was great to hear that all valued the Totem for its ability to keep the Lodge informed. There was a majority view that the Totem needs to be available in print. All believed that it should be available on line. The Totem staff agrees with the chapters.

As a former editor of the Totem I am familiar with the work needed to produce the Totem. It is not a job for one or two people. It takes a small team to do the job efficiently. With a small team each member has a distinct job to be done that then fits into an overall program.

The disturbing part of the responses was the unanimous feeling that chapters have no one to help. If left to the editor with no staff, the Totem cannot succeed.