

The Totem



Passaconaway Lodge #220

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2013 LODGE CONFERENCE: TRAINING FOR A NEW YEAR!

Training is essential to learn any skill, whether it be throwing a baseball or leading. Without training you wouldn't be properly equipped to do the task in front of you or you wouldn't know how to do the task at all. Training is also essential to any organization, without it a new generation of members wouldn't know what to do or how to carry on the legacy of organization. Yesterday morning brothers of all skill levels trained to better serve others.

In Track 1, new members learned the history of the brotherhood to get a better understanding of the Order of the Arrow. New members also learned about the path to brotherhood, so they now know the road ahead of them and some of the challenges they may face. Lastly, new members also got questions they had answered, so that anything that was unclear during their ordeal is now in light. Ordeal members truly had an eventful morning

Track 2 was for more intermediate members of our lodge, those who are not new members but aren't fully ready to take on the full responsibility of running our lodge. These intermediate members learned about elangomat training, what it means to be an elangomat and how to serve as one. This is so those who will be called out will have a properly trained leader leading their clan during an Ordeal weekend. The intermediate members also learned about camp promotions, to get as many participants as possible. The intermediate members had a very educational experience that was fun as well.

Track 3 was for those ready to take on the responsibility of leading and running our chapters and lodge. They have been in the OA for a number of years; they know what they have done, what they are doing, and most importantly, what they should do. The experienced members learned about how to run fun and effective events that have a purpose and are enjoyable for Scouts at the same time. They also learned about setting

goals, what a good goal is, how to set it, and how to achieve that goal. The experienced members also learned about time management, an important skill for anyone to have. Their classes should benefit the lodge as well as each of the attendees.

The morning periods of the 2013 Passaconaway Lodge Conference were truly a success. Members of every skill proficiency had a great time and learned something well. Progress like this is important if a lodge wants to continue to have a strong program with many involved participants, a formula to grow the lodge as well. Knowing the task and how to do the task is a very important aspect of any organization that wants to last. With many involved individuals like the ones taking the classes this morning, The Passaconaway Lodge should be successful for years to come.

Thomas Dumont
Totem Editor

SAVE THE DATE

AUGUST 3 - 8, 2015

**NATIONAL ORDER OF THE
ARROW CONFERENCE**

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
EAST LANSING, MI**

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CHIEFLY SPEAKING

Brothers,

Unorthodox and nonconventional: probably two words that come to mind this weekend, with a dedicated staff and quirky schedule. Needless to say everything went relatively smoothly. Many thanks to my fellow lodge officers and Conference Coordinator Richard on their great help and energy throughout this weekend.

Their effort is appreciated and has not gone unnoticed. This was a well-executed fellowship weekend where we, as a lodge, have been able to take many steps forward in bettering ourselves and the future of our lodge. Now, as this weekend draws to a close, I'd like to see you all at the Lodge Banquet in January at Camp Carpenter.

Yours in service,
John Grace
Passaconaway Chief

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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2015 NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW CONFERENCE

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is the premier event of the Order of the Arrow, and is Scouting's second-largest national event. Over 10,000 Arrowmen from across our nation gather for an inspirational and unforgettable experience full of fellowship, training, adventure, and fun!

During NOAC, Arrowmen will participate in a six-day conference which includes top notch training sessions, cool recreational opportunities, evening shows full of theatrics and special effects, and exciting programs.

The 2015 NOAC will be held from August 3-8, 2015 at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan, and will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow. Arrowmen can travel to NOAC with a contingent from their lodge, or as a staff member

supporting the thousands of Arrowmen attending in the conference.

In the coming months you will find everything you need to know about NOAC 2015: how to go, what exciting opportunities await you, and the plans for the conference. Follow us on Facebook to stay up to date with information and announcements.

Arrowmen attending the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference will get a once in a lifetime souvenir, a special edition red sash. These sashes will differ from those currently worn in that the colors will be reversed, with a white arrow emblazoned on a red sash. The rarity of the sash is noteworthy, as only those present at NOAC 2015 will receive them. Any extras produced will not be sold.

Don't miss out on NOAC in 2015, because the next one won't be until 2018! To reserve your spot in your lodge contingent talk to your lodge chief, lodge adviser, or lodge staff adviser today.

Get Ready, Get Set, NOAC 2015!

NOAC REGISTRATION

All Arrowmen who are registered members of the Boy Scouts of America and have their council's approval, are eligible to participate in the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference. All participants must register as a member of a lodge contingent or be a member of the conference staff.

Arrowmen will travel to NOAC with their lodge. The lodge key 3 will be responsible for developing a contingent, establishing a travel itinerary and preparing the lodge for NOAC. To register, Arrowmen need to contact their lodge key 3 which includes the lodge chief, lodge adviser, and the lodge staff adviser.

Lodges who fly will be able to sign up for chartered airport bus shuttle from Detroit Metro Airport (DTW) to MSU on August 3rd (arrival day) and August 8th (departure day) only. Contingent leaders will be able request the service via the NOAC registration system.

More information will be available January 2014.

EASY CAMP AND TRAIL COOKING

Mr. Guy Senneville demonstrated lightweight backcountry cooking to an interested group in the afternoon. He showed the group how to eat well with easy cooking and cleanup. All who attended wanted to make bag cozies to take home and use. With this method a wholesome meal can be prepared by just boiling water. Here is a simple recipe for a simple, filling meal below. More can be found at <http://www.trailcooking.com>.

Chicken Cranberry Couscous Salad

Makes 2 servings

1 cup couscous

½ cup dried cranberries

¼ cup roasted sunflower seeds

7 oz pouch chicken breast

1 packet stable salad dressing

1 ¼ cup cold water

How to Make:

Before Departure: Pack the couscous and cranberries in a quart freezer bag, and put the sunflower seeds in a small packet, tucking into the chicken and dressing packets.

At Camp: Add water to the couscous and cranberry bag, and let sit for 30 minutes. When rehydrated, fluff and add chicken, seeds, and dressing, mix, and enjoy.

YOUR DAILY SUDOKU

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6			7		1		5	
	2	3		4			7	
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	1		2		9			7
	7			1			9	8

The Brotherhood Experience

The morning was chilly, but not too cold. I had my wool jac-shirt on and a cheerful spirit in my heart for the day ahead. I went to Gilbert Hall for breakfast, continuing to think about what I was about to do, rehearsing in my mind again and again. I was going to complete my Brotherhood today.

I quickly finished breakfast and helped to distribute the Totems, and rushed over to the door when the other candidate, Nick Berube, and I were ready to reaffirm our bonds of brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow. We walked out, and I immediately thought of what I was going to do: I was going to devote myself to the service of others. I needed to think.

As we walked along, we continued to think about everything that we had done in this pursuit over the last year, and of all of the times we could have done better, with the Obligation echoing in our minds as we ponder what we have done, why we deserve to become Brotherhood members. I was going to do it. I was going to become a Brotherhood member.

We hiked on, and finally had to be tested on all we pondered with the help of our guide, and brother, Sam Wagner. We had to recite all we had prepared, and had to have our letters explained, and to promise to continue our service to our Troop, the Lodge, and the world. We were ready to become Brotherhood members.

The time had come. We went through the ceremony and were found worthy. We were given our sashes and went back to Gilbert to be recognized at dinner. We had done it. We had become Brotherhood members.

Throughout this I had realized many things about myself. In order to become a dedicated OA member, I needed to become selfless and unselfish. I was going to have to change my ways. This made me feel nervous about what I was doing, but that quickly went away when I realized that I could do it: I can do my best to help others in a cheerful way.

I think that all Ordeal members should work on getting their Brotherhood as soon as they can. They will have their lives changed by this once-in-a-lifetime experience. If you are a dedicated Ordeal member, just do it. You will be a better Scout, Arrowman, and person from this event. I sure know I am.

There may have only been two of us, but we are very thankful to everyone who helped it to happen.

Brian Coffen

Historic Chapter

ANSWER TO TODAY'S SUDOKU

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6	9	4	7	2	1	8	5	3
1	2	3	8	4	5	9	7	6
2	3	9	5	7	8	1	6	4
7	6	8	1	9	4	3	2	5
5	4	1	3	6	2	7	8	9
9	8	6	4	5	7	2	3	1
3	1	5	2	8	9	6	4	7
4	7	2	6	1	3	5	9	8

Ultimate Frisbee Tournament

On Saturday, one of the afternoon activities was an ultimate Frisbee tournament. The tournament consisted of four teams, Historic Chapter, Nutfield/Arrowhead, Abnaki Chapter, and the Slash-Slash-Slash Team. In the first round Historic Chapter beat the Slash-Slash-Slash Team, 7-1. The second game was between Abnaki Chapter and Nutfield/Arrowhead. Abnaki won 7-2. The two winners (Historic and Abnaki) then went on to play for first and second place. Their game was pretty evenly matched and was neck and neck. In the end Historic pulled ahead for a 7-5 win. Third and fourth place were not determined. The games were exiting and the teams all did well. There were many excellent passes and many amazing catches. Everyone who played was great. Congrats to Historic Chapter for taking first place.

Eric Roch

Historic Chapter