



## A CELEBRATION TO REMEMBER!



Mr. Jon Leavitt receives thanks from Mr. Andy Richardson for his years of service as Lodge Lay Adviser. Mr. Leavitt steps down from his position at the end of the conference Executive Board Meeting today. Mr. Richardson will become the next Adviser.

A highlight of our Centennial Celebration was the Lodge Family Banquet. The highlight of the banquet was the presentation of the Centurion Awards. Eight members of the lodge were recognized for their years of outstanding performance. Awards were presented to Dan W. Fleetham, Sr., Kerry Molin, Rick Mason, Greg Placy, Mark Hamel, and Jon Leavitt. Vic Carbonneau, Sr. and Jeff St. Cyr were not able to be present. (The citations for all of the awardees will be posted on our website.)

Following the presentation of the Centurion Award to Mr. Leavitt, Mr. Richardson, the incoming Lodge Adviser presented him with a Norman Rockwell print as a token of thanks from the Lodge. John Grace then presented a hand crafted hiking stick from the youth of the lodge. Mr. Don Shepard, the Supreme Chief of the Fire, aka our Council Executive, presented an embroidered red jacket. Finally Mr. Ray Bellemore, the Council President, presented a crystal eagle with the thanks of the council.

### FROM THE LODGE LAY ADVISER

Well! How about that surprise last night? There comes a time in life when one recognizes change good for the organization as a whole. I have been in the OA for over 28 years and serving as your lay adviser for nearly 20 years. This position has been the best job I have had in Scouting. Having the opportunity to observe the development of our youth's character, leadership and maturity through their experiences in the OA has been very heart warming.

When asked by the Council Executive and Staff Adviser to serve as the Lodge Adviser, I felt unworthy to serve in the position. After further discussion, I decided that this was one offer I should not refuse. And as is often said, the rest is now history. I have enjoyed this experience very much.

There is so much to learn about oneself serving in an advisory roll, working with exciting, energetic, young individuals. Letting them develop on their own achieving goals they have chosen is far more satisfying than directing them to do as you direct.

I thank you all for a wonderful life experience. I will cherish this experience forever. My advice to you is keep pursuing your goals and work hard to develop your leadership skills that will make you successful in later life. I wish you much success in the future with the Lodge.

Yours in Cheerful Service,  
Jon Leavitt  
Lodge Lay Adviser

### From the Lodge Conference Advisor

We hope we met your expectations for a great Conference. It certainly looked like we met our expectations. A little bit of learning and a whole lot of fun.

Yours in Service,  
Christine Wilson  
Lodge Conference Advisor

### Chapter Competitions

Ultimate Frisbee: Historic 5 Abanaki 1  
OA Trivia/Jeopardy: Massabesic, 3199 Points  
Triathlon: Arrowhead (time: 1m 33s)  
Lodge Fair: Massabesic  
Dan Fleetham Spirit Award: Historic

**Congratulations to the winners!**

### CHIEFLY SPEAKING

My Fellow Arrowmen,

What a weekend! So much has happened since we arrived Friday night. Through all trainings, activities, and food! This conference will not be soon forgotten! I'd like to extend another thanks to Mr. Richard and Blake for their work on making this banquet the success it was. To Jesse, Jordan, and Grant, as well as Mrs. Wilson, for their work and their time to make this weekend happen. The fire starters, banquet volunteers, and activity organizers for your service this weekend. And lastly to the Editors of the Totem, Mr. Aykroyd and Parker Richardson for generously taking photos, articles and messages to make the Totem the success that it was this weekend. Thanks for all your service.

In Service,  
John Grace  
Lodge Chief

### FROM THE CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN

My brothers,

This weekend is coming to a close. We learned, we played, we started down the road to the future. All of this wouldn't have been possible without all the extraordinary work that everyone put in: Jesse Dansereau, Grant Richardson, Ms. Christine Wilson, our presenters, the banquet committee and many more. Let us now bring our new found knowledge to the world and begin to shape the next hundred years.

Yours in brotherhood,  
Jordan Dansereau

### BIG BROTHER RECRUITMENT AWARDS THIS WEEKEND

Scott Bobbitt  
Paul Parker  
Douglas Richard  
Reese Merry  
Charlie Murdach  
Matthew Pittendreigh  
John Grace  
Jill Miltner  
Andre Michaud (2)  
Brett Marden  
Joshua Ryan  
Scot Rodrigue

## **Hello Arrowmen!**

My name is Andy Richardson and I will be your next Lodge Advisor. I'm very excited about this opportunity to work with the Lodge, its youth and adults, and the Daniel Webster camps that I love.

I grew up in Troop 75 of Bow, NH and earned my Eagle Scout there. I was elected into the Order in 1992. Soon after, I joined the US Air Force where I served for 5 years, and then I worked for the US Intelligence Community for several years in Washington DC and around the world.

When I finally came home to NH, I immediately got back involved in Scouting and the OA. I served on the Wannalancit District Staff and became the Chapter Advisor which I did for a few years, then I became Scoutmaster of my hometown Troop 75. I am also on the Council Executive Board and am the creator and Chairman of the brand new GSR APEX program.

I am honored to follow Mr Leavitt and am looking forward to working with you all. There's a lot I need to learn about Passaconaway Lodge, and I hope that you will all help me.

Please contact me at any time with any ideas you have for the future of the Lodge.

Andy Richardson  
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### **Ordeal Training by Parker Richardson**

Justin Calautti and John Grace ran the "Welcome to the Order of the Arrow" training yesterday. John at one point asked "Why are we here?... Why do we do what we do?" "A big one is fellowship. Another one is learning," said an adult from Nutfield. John asked a few of the Ordeal members what positions do they hold in the lodge and in their chapters. Riley King is secretary for Wannalancit, Joel Miltner is also a secretary, but for Abanaki instead, and Parker Richardson is editor for the Totem.

Grant Richardson told the new ordeal members the requirements for brotherhood, and how the day reflects a little of what the ordeal candidates have to through, but the differences as well, and the requirements for the Vigil Honor.

"Pretty much John told us most of what we need to do I the order now, and what we can do in the future. Jesse came in and taught us games of how to get to know our chapters. Grant came in next and taught us the requirements for brotherhood and vigil, so we can reach those. After that we had the Youth Jam where John had us ask two serious questions for one silly one. We were running overtime, so John sent us to lunch." -Joel Miltner.

### **THANKS TO OUR PRESENTERS**

Matt Pittendreigh  
Jason Grace  
Greg Daily  
Justin Calautti  
James Greenwood

Kyle Warren  
Mr. Scott Valcourt  
Jesse Dansereau  
Grant Richardson  
Mr. George Adamakos  
Mr. Paul Herriman

Richard Senneville  
Mr. Andrew Richardson  
Charlie Murdach  
Mr. Jon Levett  
Mr. Mark Callahan

## NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS

### **Abanaki**

We have our meetings on the second Thursday of the month, at 7:00 PM during the roundtable at the True Memorial Baptist Church in Rochester, N.H.

### **Arrowhead**

We meet every third and fourth Wednesday of the month. On the third Wednesday, we meet at 1010 West Hollis St. Nashua at the Nashua Presbyterian Church. And on the fourth Wednesday (E-board), we meet at 777 West Hollis, or St Joseph's, St. Nashua. We are happy to report the completion of three successful Brotherhood ceremonies this year and look forward to additional ceremonies in the future.

Our chapter meeting this coming Wednesday will be featuring a robot demo from a local FIRST Robotics Team.

### **Historic**

The Historic Chapter meets on the second Tuesday of the month, at the LDS Church in Exeter, N.H. Our chapter is making its way to the history books! With more members than ever, our committees are looking strong for the upcoming year. Our next great adventures are running the district camporee and doing a camp out/service weekend at Camp Carpenter.

### **Mt Monadnock**

The Mt Monadnock Chapter meets on the second Tuesday of the month at the Mt Monadnock District Roundtable. We had three youths attending the conference, with an additional on youth and four adults for the banquets.

### **Nutfield**

We meet at the Derry LDS Church (50 Adams Pond Rd. in Derry) on the second Tuesday of every month. This weekend we had excellent attendance at the Conference and Banquet, and are anticipating an exciting year ahead. We are looking to see all our members at the upcoming chapter meeting in November. Thanks!

### **Wannalancit**

We meet on the second Monday of every month at the Winnisquam Regional Middle School, at the Wannalancit Round Table, from 7:00 to 8:30. At our past meeting Andrew Nicholls was elected as chapter chief, and Roger Scroggins took over as chapter advisor.

### **Arrowmen Press Corps**

The purpose of the Arrowmen Press Corps (APC) program is to identify local Arrowmen producing content and bring them on to the national OA communications team to highlight local happenings at the chapter and lodge level. Arrowmen Press Corps is much more than just a content generator. Representatives will be able to learn skills and information they can not get elsewhere.

Based on the popular NOAC program, Arrowmen Press Corps representatives will sign up as members of their local lodge. These representatives can select their interest in writing, photography or video making and pursue those interests in the program. APC will allow for national publications, mailings and media to have more local content, and for local writers and photographers to have their work seen by a national audience.

If you are interested and wish to become a representative, please register at <http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/arrowmen-press-corps>. You will need to provide the communications team with an e-mail and phone number, which will only be used to communicate information pertinent to your role in APC. Upon completing registration you should receive a confirmation e-mail within about a week that will contain more information about the program and important details. When you register, please be sure to indicate which role you would like to serve: videographer, photographer or writer. Think about contacting Parker Richardson to see how you can help the Totem.



## ORDER OF THE ARROW UNIT OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

**Background & Purpose of the Award:** As the primary platform where the Scouting program is delivered to youth, the unit is the most vital and important level of the BSA for the Order to support. The Order of the Arrow Unit of Excellence Award seeks to identify those units, and the leaders within them, who excel at incorporating the OA into their annual planning. This award is intended to provide a tool for lodges to recognize unit-level participation in order of the Arrow programs.

The OA Unit of Excellence Award criteria recognize units that invite the lodge to conduct quality unit elections, participate in lodge events and meetings, and operate a complete OA Troop/Team Representative program. Units that complete these criteria will benefit from the support programs that the OA Arrow has implemented to strengthen unit-delivered program. This recognition program should be distributed and promoted to our units.

Units must complete all of the requirements listed below in order to become an OA Unit of Excellence. If all requirements are completed, the unit will receive a ribbon for their troop/team flag. In addition to the ribbon, the award system has built in recognitions for the key players in each unit, e.g. the Scoutmaster/Coach, the Troop/Team Representative (TTR), and the Troop/ Team Representative Adviser (Assistant Scoutmaster or Assistant Coach Designee).

### **Requirements:**

1. **Leadership:** Implement the Troop/Team OA Representative and Troop/Team OA Representative Adviser programs in your unit.
  - Every six months, ensure that the senior patrol leader (Troop) or Team Captain (Team) appoints or reappoints one Scout or Team Member to serve as Troop/Team OA Representative and the Scoutmaster/Coach appoints one adult to serve as Troop/Team OA Representative Adviser.
  
  - Feature an annual presentation at a Court of Honor by the Troop/Team OA Representative on the Order of the Arrow with a focus on the accomplishments of unit members.
  
2. **Participation:** Promote lodge events and provide transportation to all Arrowmen wishing to participate. At least 50% of unit OA members attend at least one lodge event in addition to their Ordeal.
  
3. **Elections:** Schedule a unit election with the chapter election team annually. Hold an election and have 100% of elected Scouts or Team Members complete their Ordeal.
  
4. **Planning:** Maintain an active planning process that prevents overlap between lodge and chapter events with unit events. Review the local OA calendar with the Patrol Leader's Council or Team Leadership during annual troop/team program planning and schedule unit events so that 100% of troop/team programs do not overlap with any full-lodge events.
  
5. **Conversion:** Demonstrate the depth of your unit's OA program through Brotherhood conversion. At least 30% of eligible troop/team members seal their membership in the Order by converting to Brotherhood.

The requirements and ordering process for the OA Scoutmaster/Coach of Excellence, the OA Troop/Team Representative of Excellence, and the OA Troop/Team Representative Adviser of Excellence can be found at: <http://www.oa-bsa.org/uploads/resources/forms/unitexcellenceaward-2013.pdf>.

## VIEWS OF THE WEEKEND



Top: 3 Centurions - Mr. Jon Leavitt, Mr. Dan Fleetham, Sr. and Mr. Mark Hamel. BOTTOM LEFT: Chief John Grace at play. BOTTOM RIGHT: Saturday afternoon's Pow Wow at the pavillion.