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FOUNDER'S AWARDS PRESENTED



Past Lodge Chief John Grace and Past Historic Chapter Adviser Charlie Murdach received the Founder's Award at the Lodge Banquet. Both were cited for outstanding contributions to Passaconaway Lodge.

Introduced at the 1981 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the Founder's Award recognizes Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to their lodge. The award is reserved for an Arrowman who personifies the spirit of selfless service, as advocated by founder E. Urner Goodman and cofounder Carroll A. Edson. A highlight of our Lodge Banquet was the presentation of the Founder's Award to two very deserving members of the lodge. Past Lodge Chief John Grace was recognized for the contributions he made during his three years as Lodge Chief. Past Historic Chapter Adviser Charlie Murdach made significant contributions by his effort to improve his chapter. Its growth in size and vitality were especially noted. The banquet was dedicated to Mr. Daniel W. Fleetham who was the first adult recipient of the Founder's Award in 1985.

CHIEFLY SPEAKING

Good morning Brothers!

A special welcome to those who completed their induction this weekend, and thank you for spending hours of service dedicated to this camp. We had some fantastic trainings available, some intense chapter competitions, and of course, a great deal of food and fellowship at our banquet. Congratulations to all for the awards and honors received, and thank you for all you do for our lodge. I hope you all enjoyed our 2016 Lodge Conference, and I'm looking forward to seeing you all at future events.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Matt Lefebvre
Lodge Chief

FROM THE CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN

My Brothers,

I want to firstly thank everyone for attending this weekend. I also want to thank all my crew leaders again without you this weekend wouldnt have happened, also I would like to thank anyone who helped with the weekend in any way. The small things all added up, thank you. Everyone drive home safely, and sign up for our upcoming lodge events.

Yours in Service,
Garrett Donais

ANSWER TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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CHIEFLY SPEAKING

“We all have the ability. The difference is what we do with it.” This Stevie Wonder quote introduced the topics of innovation and change in my address yesterday evening. Each and every one of you have the ability to make a positive and meaningful impact within Passaconaway Lodge. I challenge you to discover how you can serve; to find your piece of the puzzle. Use your newfound knowledge and friendships from the weekend to go back to your chapters and your units, and serve as an agent for positive change. You have the chance to shape the future of Passaconaway Lodge and the Order of the Arrow in extraordinary ways. The question is; will you? I can't wait to Embrace Tomorrow with you at our New England Fellowship during June 9-11, 2017!

With eyes to the sky,
Justin St. Louis
Chief
Section NE-1



The Chief Editor's Minute

Fellow Brothers,

I would like thank you for joining us this weekend, and joining us not only in fellowship amongst our current brothers, but being open and welcome to those who have just entered. This weekend you all went to trainings that will not only better yourself, but everyone around you. I am here to give you a challenge, do not only share this feeling of fellowship amongst our brothers, but to go out and spread it to the world, for the world needs people to embody the twelve points of the Scout Law, and who better to share these traits than the people who are supposed to exemplify them. I challenge you to be brothers, and the best Scouts you can be, to all you meet.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Parker Richardson

FROM THE LODGE GIT-'ER-DONE AGENT

Hello my fellow arrowmen!

Here is my report of the significant activities of a great day at Hidden Valley.

Awards, Awards, Awards!

What an exciting award ceremony! There were very many awards given out. Some of these awards have been around for decades, others are newly instated. Congratulations to Eric Roch, winner of the Chapter Chief of the Year award. Mr. Jay Cohen won the Chapter Adviser of the Year award. Congratulations to Historic Chapter on winning Chapter of the Year. Mrs. Anita Creager won the Committee Adviser of the Year award. Congratulations to Alex Swan, winner of the Committee Chair of the Year award, and the Youth Arrowman of the Year award. Mr. Roy DeGrandpre is the winner of the Adult Arrowman of the Year award. The adult and youth arrowman of the year award is brand new to this Lodge. This reward was instated to recognize individual Arrowman who have gone above and beyond, not pertaining to any Lodge given jobs, just being the best Scouts they can. And last but not least, Wannalancit Chapter won the Dan Fleetham Spirit Award!

Games

Ultimate Frisbee: The Ultimate Frisbee games were run by teams that consists of five members, regardless of chapter. The winning team consisted of Garret Donais, Michael Blache, Paul Cunningham, Dan Rochford, and David Moser.

Magic: The Gathering- It was a close match, but the Magic: the Gathering tournament ended in a neck and neck tie!

Jeopardy: Congratulations to Massabesic on winning the game of Jeopardy.

Triathlon: Congratulations to Historic on snagging that win in the triathlon.

Ordeal

This weekend was the first time in Lodge history that we have had the pleasure of welcoming new arrowmen into our order by hosting an ordeal weekend during our annual Lodge Conference. Thirty-nine new members were inducted this weekend, braving colder temperatures than any other recent past ordeal. The new arrowmen deserve a large round of applause for their accomplishments this weekend.

The Git-'er-Done Agent,
Coleman Lull Plummer



Strange aromas coming from the AIA village

by Mrs Anita Creager

American Indian Affairs Adviser

Traditional American Indian foods were served to our ordeal candidates and our other brothers, but the three sisters were also there.

We had succotash made from corn, beans, and combined called the 'Three Sisters.' Why? The corn stalk grows tall, the beans climb up the stalk, and the squash leaves deter animals while keeping the soil damp.

Together they make a balanced diet. Protein from the beans, carbs from the corn, and vitamins from the squash.

What else did we serve? Corn chowder, apple cider and sumac tea, another ideal food. Staghorn sumac flower/berries have more vitamin C than any citrus fruits and more antioxidants than any other plant.

So, what will be on our Native menu in May and June? Come and find out!

Prism

Hello Brothers,

Prism was one of two major national events over the past summer. Prism was the dedication of the new ring at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. From our Lodge we sent a contingent of six youth members and four adults. It was a lot of fun and there was lots of fellowship. The dedication itself was very meaningful. We collected ashes from the Griswold Scout Reservation and Camp Carpenter council rings and spread them into the new ring at the Summit.

Yours in Service,

Reese Merry



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



**THANKS TO THE TOTEM
STAFF, AND ESPECIALLY
TO COLEMAN LULL
PLUMMER WHO REALLY
GOT THINGS DONE!**

THANKS TO ELAINE BOYD AND GEORGE WEIGLER FOR THEIR PICTURES!