

The Owl

Ranachqua Lodge # 4

Bronx, NY

Celebrating its 92nd year



Upcoming Events

Jan. 9, 2012
Lodge Executive Meeting 7- 8 PM -
Riverdale Presbyterian Church

TBD

Lodge Leadership Development

June 8-10
Section NE-2B
Conclave Onteora Scout Reservation

Ordeal/Brotherhood

Weekend-

By Ari Rubinsztein



Tales from the Ordeal, we have all heard them and most of the time they are embellished with such falsehoods that a fisherman wouldn't even think of saying them. Most

National Order of the Arrow Conference.

July 30th to August 4th 2012

Michigan State University

<https://registration.oa-bsa.org/>

Ordeals you hear sleeping in downpours, hard labor, less food than normal and it being cold and miserable. But the ordeal members on the fall ordeal that just passed have some pretty inconceivable tales. The surprising thing most of these will be true. As a new Brotherhood member I was at this Ordeal working alongside them. On this Ordeal I saw snow in October, a camp ranger knocked unconscious, tree limbs falling, lack of power and heat, pushing a car up the hill and much more. This Ordeal will defiantly be a story told by these ordeal members for years to come.

Advisor Minute-By Marc Messenger

Scouting began in the United States in 1910. The company I work with was founded in 1810. We have had an office in New York City at least as long as scouting has been in New York.

Many businesses in our city rent the space they use. Commercial leases commonly run for ten years. Last September our office was scheduled to move. The office management announced a “clean up day”. We were supposed to discard anything in the office that would not be moved to the new location. My department works, “in the field”. Our “chief” lives in Buffalo, NY and asked for volunteers to come in on “clean up day” and determine what items were to be “tossed”. The only people that showed up for this “irksome task and weighty responsibility” were Arrowmen. At one time or another they were scouts, Eagles and members of the Shu Shu Gah, Ranachqua and Shinnecock Lodges. Though only one of us is currently involved in scouting, the spirit of the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service lives on in all of our hearts.

Our “irksome task and weighty responsibility” is to continue the traditions of the Ranachqua Lodge, now in our ninety-second year. Last month I attended the National Lodge Adviser’s Training Seminar. Representatives of the OA’s national organization provided data that is driving the current focus of the Order of the Arrow. Nationwide ninety-five percent of Boy Scouts were Cub Scouts. Currently only twenty percent of those that crossover from Cubs to the Scouts will remain in the program. While promoting camping in the BSA is a central activity there is more attention to providing service to the units in our district and council.

Please remember that we are a service organization and the scouting honor society. Make a commitment to participate in a local service day and a camp service day. If you know a member that has not been active, speak with him or her and bring them back into the Lodge. Let’s make this your best year in the OA and in scouting.

Messages from the executive committee

Ryan Bhat- Secretary

The Order of the Arrow is the Boy Scouts of America's national honor society. It was founded in 1915 by E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson. Those who get selected by their peers as best exemplifying the ideals of scouting are called Arrowmen or brothers. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson started this organization to reinforce the scout oath and the scout law. The goal of the order of the arrow was to establish the oath and law as lifelong guidelines, and to encourage participation in camping and scouting while a scout and after you age out. The Order of the Arrow develops leaders with the willingness, character, spirit, and ability to advance the activities of their units, our brotherhood, scouting, and our nation. Three words that define the order of the

arrow are brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. Those are the three W's. Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, and Witahemui. The Order of the Arrow Obligation has many meanings. It is a way to remind yourself of your special duties as part of your lodge.

Ari Rubinsztein -Vice Chief

Brotherhood is a word that comes up a lot in the OA. We say it at every meeting in both the song of the order of the arrow and in its oath. But what does it mean? If we take the definition from the dictionary it is the state or relationship of being brothers. If we look at it from a standpoint of a business it is all the members of a profession or trade. Neither of these definitions fit the OA and the youth that embody it. The best way brotherhood can be described in the words of an anonymous author who wrote "you lift me and I'll lift you and we will ascend together". This quote talks about how if men come together they can go farther than if they went alone. When two people or more work together it allows the smallest people to attain greatness. The OA is nothing without brotherhood.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

BRONX RIVER DISTRICT KLONDIKE DERBY JANUARY 27-29, 2012

ARROWMEN, ESPECIALLY YOUTH ARE NEEDED TO HELP CLEAN UP SATURDAY AFTER THE LUNCH/BREAK PERIOD IN THE ARENA.

IF YOU ARE NOT A PARTICIPANT OR MAYOR AND YOU HAVE ABOUT AN HOUR, PLEASE LET SAM MESSENGER KNOW OF YOUR AVAILABILITY.

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WE NEED FOUR TO SIX BROTHERS TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE



The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is the premier event of the Order of the Arrow. It is Scouting's second-largest national program event. Over 8,000 Arrowmen from across our nation gather for an inspirational and unforgettable experience full of fellowship, training, adventure, and lots of fun!

The 2012 National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held July 30 - August 4, 2012 at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan. Don't miss going to this National Order of the Arrow Conference in 2012, because the following one will be held in 2015. The 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow.