



# ARROW POINTS

The Quarterly Newsletter of Mowogo Lodge

Summer 2012

## Don't Forget!

- Pow Wow — Sep 21-23
- LLDC — Nov 2-4
- Christmas Banquet — Dec 1

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## From Meteu

Brothers,

I am the one who first challenged you asking for the Admonition. If you recall in the Pre-Ordeal I told you that you would be bound as brothers if you fulfill the order's obligations out of love for one another. So how are you bound? Chief Chingachgook founded the Order to recognize

**"Only those who their own interests can forget in serving others."**

If you have followed your guide Kitchkinet, found your arrow, joined Nutiket in the circle cheerfully, and continued to serve out of love for others, then you should have sealed your membership in the order. By taking upon yourself the second obligation of the order in the Brotherhood ceremony, you now have a fuller understanding of the dedication of purpose and traditions we hold dear. We recognize that you are bound by the bars enclosing the arrow on your sash. It indicates you have found your arrow and secured it in your heart.

If you are new and have not found your arrow and made that decision to bind the tradition and purpose to your heart, then I invite you once again to

**Think about our purpose.**

**Pledge yourself to cheerful service,**

**And with the help of your creator and your brothers,**

**Dedicate yourself to this holy purpose.**

So welcome to the Wimachtendienk. While we don't have the same parents, we come from that same creator. Recognize that same spirit flows in our blood along with all others who have welded that link to bind ourselves into the brotherhood. So come and join me in fellowship now as we circle our council fires.

*Meteu*

## Chiefly Speaking

Brothers,

Believe you can and you're halfway there. Don't let the words of others affect the path you chose to follow. Almost one year ago I was elected Lodge Chief. Just being elected in is only a minor step in the job. I say job, because once you are named you're a marked man. Every choice you make will affect the lives of hundreds over the next few months. Make goals that are flexible. Everything cannot be planned out within an LEC. Things can and will happen that are out of your control. Be prepared for change, it will happen.

Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago. Time is short. Don't forget why you take on leadership roles. A legacy can turn into a tradition and last for generations. All great things start off small, take the first step and don't look back. Always look for the greater things toward which to move.

Anyone can be a great leader, but only if they are willing to start the journey.

*Alex Foster*

2012 Mowogo Lodge Chief

## Chapter Reports

### Lau-in-nih

Hello brothers,

This past quarter we have been hard at work. We are finishing up the last few requirements for the JTE award. We have met with our District Executive about service that our chapter can provide in the district. With this meeting we created a list of jobs our chapter can and will perform for many district events. Along with district service, we have been working up a service project to give back to the church where we meet.

*Nate Kurth*

2012 Lau-in-nih Chapter Chief

### Canantutlaga

Canantutlaga is extremely excited about what happened at NOAC during the end of July. We are honored to have had several members of our chapter be a part of the contingent, including two members of the Lodge Ceremony Team that won honor team in the pre-Ordeal ceremony. We now hope to take what we learned at NOAC, bring it back to our chapter and Lodge, and continue to make our Lodge the best it can be.

*Nathan Fleeson*

2012 Canantutlaga  
Chapter Vice Chief of Communications



"I would recommend NOAC to anyone who is interested! I had so much fun!"

Chris Steele,  
Mowogo NOAC  
Contingent Member

## Vice Chief of Indian Affairs

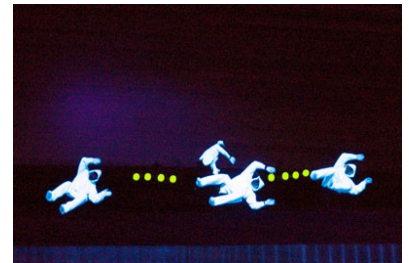
Dear Brothers,

Indian Affairs has had quite a year in 2012. At Spring Fellowship and pre-camp, the ceremony team gave a great start to each of the events with the Pre-Ordeal ceremony. They did an excellent job with the Saturday afternoon Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies. We had a good number of dancers in our Lodge that got the chance to show off their moves at the pow wow: two Old style or Old time Sioux, one Northern Traditional, one Grass, one Straight, and one Fancy.

In April, we attended the Section SR-9 Conclave where we had ceremonialists evaluated, and our dancers competed against the other lodges in our section. We took home a number of first and second place winners in both dance and regalia. At NOAC we had a great Ceremony team evaluated. The team had a good mix of seasoned ceremonialists and brothers who have never done the ceremony before. They finished their long day by earning Honor Team. Our dancers did really well in their respective styles, being placed in the high ranks from style to style.

*Jarred Francis*

Mowogo Vice Chief of Indian Affairs. 2012



The performance group, Fighting Gravity, took the stage for one of the nightly shows that took place at this year's NOAC. The group in all white was definitely the favorite show of all fans, young and old.



Members of the Mowogo Lodge ceremonialist team who earned Honor Team for completing the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony.



The Mowogo Lodge NOAC 2012 contingent in front of the brawling bears at Cabela's in Michigan.



This is what happens when you become a Mowogo Lodge dancer—Lodge Chief, Alex Foster and Vice Chief of Communication, Steven Pierce posing for pictures after a dance.

## Grass Dance

Originally done as a warrior society dance, it has evolved over the years into a highly competitive form of Northern dancing. A Grass Dancer always stands out by virtue of two things: his dancing style and his outfit. His dancing has been described often by the words 'gutsy', 'swinging', 'slick', and 'old-time.' His outfit stands out by virtue of the almost complete absence of feathers, for aside from the roach feather, there are no bustles of any kind to be seen.

The name "Grass Dance" comes from the custom of some tribes wearing braided grass in their belts. The unique parts of the northern outfit are the shirt, trousers, and aprons, to which yarn fringe, sequins, beaded rosettes, and other designs are attached. The outfit makers are fond of using playing card designs-hearts, clubs, spades, and diamonds. Hearts and rosettes are the most common designs used. White fringe is preferred; however, gold, silver, and other light color fringe is also used. Bells are worn around the ankle. Mostly plains hard-sole or woodland soft-sole moccasins are worn.



## Fancy Dance



Fancy Dance is one of the most popular styles of dance and outfit seen at modern Pow Wows. The dance style is of two types: a basic simple step while dancing around the drum, and a "contest" step with fast and intricate footwork combined with a spinning up and down movement of the body.

The Fancy Dance outfit, as such, has no tribal identity. The most obvious items in the Fancy Dance outfit are great amounts of loom-beaded sets of suspenders, belt cuffs, headband, and a set of armbands. Occasionally a breastplate will be used in place of the beaded suspenders or in conjunction with

them. Beaded medallions on the forehead and bustles are quite common. The designs are usually matching in all items and of a rainbow feather or geometric design.

The other trademark for fancy dancers is the use of large feather bustles. Currently most bustles are color-coordinated with the beadwork by using large amounts of feather hackles dyed the appropriate colors.

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## Lodge Adviser's Minute

### HEALTH ADVISORY

Edward Lacey PhD\*, Sashologist

In the last ArrowPoints, you received a public awareness advisory regarding the "Sash and Dash" or the "Flap and Flee" syndrome going around in many lodges across the nation. In this month's 'advisory' we will cover the topic of *"Dirty Sash Syndrome: Blessing or Curse"*.

Reflecting upon what you learned in our last edition, I would like to remind you that every year we see unfortunate Scouts and Scouters exhibit symptoms of "Sash and Dash." We spoke of this syndrome, leading to a lifetime of a lack of understanding of the purpose of the Order of the Arrow, and an unwillingness to know, understand, and live by the Admonition. I also reminded you of the steps you should take to help prevent this dreaded disease. Lastly, I encouraged you to become inoculated against "Sash and Dash" by getting out, having fun, and getting your "Dirty Sash" on. You can almost always recognize someone who has been inoculated against "Sash and Dash" by the dirty sash they wear like a badge of honor. Proudly displayed across the right shoulder, these Arrowmen have sought out and found the true meaning of the Arrow. It is only right that I point out some of the ways you can get your dirty sash.

First of all, the sash is not something you wear across your shoulder while only at OA events. Well, it is...but at the same time it is not. In the words of the Founder, "It's a thing of the Spirit." What this means is that true Arrowmen wear the sash in their heart. In this way, you can wear your sash even when not in uniform – because you are always representing the Order in all that you do. We all know that in order to get our sash dirty, we have to use it. This is easy to understand about our uniform sash, but in regard to your inner sash you may find yourself asking, "But how do I use it?" The most things we in the Order think of when we say "Service" is by showing up and working at our Scout camp, or helping with service projects such as ArrowCorps5, ServiceCorps and Project 2013. Those are definitely ways you can demonstrate your service, and if you wear your sash during those projects, your uniform sash *will* get dirty. But what about that other sash we talked about --the one of the spirit? The answer is simple: You use it by having a servant's heart.

When you have a servant's heart, you will always be looking for ways to set aside your own personal desires, personal wants, and personal needs, to meet the personal desires, wants, and needs of other people. The only way to accomplish this type of service is through an attitude of the heart – meaning spirit. This should not be a surprise to you because you have been told this before, by the mighty Chieftain: "For, said he, who serves his fellows is, of all his fellows, greatest!"

Please remember that what you do outwardly reflects on the arrow you wear across your shoulder, but what you do outwardly does not always reflect on the arrow worn in your heart. When someone asks you to seek the true meaning of the Arrow, this is what they are talking about. Learn how to get that inner sash dirty and you will be truly inoculated against "Flap and Flee" - because those ties of brotherhood are everlasting.

Edward Lacey

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