



# ARROW POINTS

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## Don't Forget!

- Staff Interviews here at Spring Fellowship on Friday 7 pm-11 pm
- SR9 Conclave April 15-17
- Pre-Camp May 20-22
- Pow-wow September 23-25
- LLDC October 28-30

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## Winter Leadership Retreat

For those of us that went to the Winter Leadership Retreat at Camp Lumpkin, we had a great time learning about how to make the upcoming year as productive as ever! Our officers went through training cells specifically designed to teach them the chain of command, their specific duties, the importance of effective communication, and Robert's Rules. They also broke out into smaller sessions for each chief position. With your 2011 officers trained and ready, there's no doubt that Mowogo Lodge will have another fun, fantastic year.

## Online Registration Now Active!

If you didn't already know, the lodge website has had some awesome upgrades recently! Event registration as well as dues payments are now easier than ever with the new online registration system! This will not only make it easier on our event committee, but will also prove to be easier for you! To use this system, as well as ac-

cess the general member and chapter pages, you must login to the lodge website using the username '243mowogo' and password 'JKellar10'. We ask that all dues and future registration payments be made using this system.

## Conclave Soon!

One final reminder: the deadline for Conclave early registration is March 21st. After that day, the fees will go up. Please register for this event online as well. This year's theme is Pirates of Conclave: Curse of the Black Bear. If you have any ideas for t-shirt designs related to this theme please draw them up as soon as possible. This as well as any patch designs can be emailed to [patches@mowogo.org](mailto:patches@mowogo.org) and will be presented at the next LEC.



## Mowogo Project List

Along with online registration, the lodge website now has the Mowogo Project List, which provides the Project Admin Team and Camp Rangers with a tool to publish, assign, and track work projects within the council. Taking on ownership for camp work projects is a vital way that a Mowogo Lodge member can provide service to others and help keep our camps running. So, to that end this tool also provides a method for Lodge Members to request ownership for projects.

This help section is aimed at familiarizing you with the Project List tool and providing basic directions for navigating the projects list and submitting a request for project ownership.

To get started, you must first log in to the mowogo website using the login form on the left with the current member username and password. This web login information is contained in all of the Arrow Points newsletters, and is also available from your Chapter Chief or Chapter Advisor.



## Chiefly Speaking

I would like to begin by thanking my fellow Lodge Brothers. I am truly and completely humbled that you chose me to lead this great Lodge in 2011. Your faith in my abilities inspires me and gives me the confidence I will need in the upcoming year. I vow to not only continue the direction we have been going but also to push forward and evaluate new opportunities to improve the Lodge overall.

Over the past year, there has been much talk of celebration for the one hundred years of Scouting, I ask you to take this renewed sense of passion in our cause

and move forward with it. We have accomplished much in the history of our Lodge but now is the time to focus on where we will go in the next one hundred years.

In closing, Brothers do not wait for things to happen instead be the reason they happen. I challenge you to live a life of cheerful service. Remember as E. Urner Goodman said, "For he who serves his fellows, is of all his fellows greatest."

**Bryce French**

2011 Mowogo Lodge Chief

## Indian Affairs

My Brothers,

What a great year it is already shaping up to be for Indian Affairs. This year is going to be a year of growth and development through training weekends throughout the year. Our first training weekend at Camp Rainey Mountain was a great success. We were able to begin work towards forming teams of ceremonialists, dancers, and drummers for this year's Section Conclave.

I welcome any Arrowmen who have an interest in Indian Affairs to join us at any of our future training weekends. These weekends are a great way to get into any of the groups within Indian Affairs. I hope to see many of you at our March event, and look forward to serving the lodge in any way I can.

Yours in the Wimachtendienk,

**Andrew B. Ford**



## I'm in! Now What?

To all of our newly sashed Ordeal members, you might be wondering what happens next! Worry not because there are plenty of ways to get involved in the Order of the Arrow. Whether you like dancing, drumming, ceremonies, or old indian tricks, Indian Affairs is bound to have a place for you! Be sure to talk to Andy Ford, our Lodge Vice Chief of Indian Affairs, about becoming a part of the action.

Other things that are sure to interest you are all of our lodge

events where you can participate in chapter competitions, sharpen your woodsman skills, and much more. As if that's not enough, we even have Summit Corps during the summer where you can be one of the first to see the newest addition to the scouting world! So be sure to read about all of the amazing opportunities that the Order of the Arrow has to offer!

**Kai De Blasio**

Vice Chief of Communications

## The Next Step

If you've been an Ordeal member for at least 10 months, the time has come to take the next step! I encourage you to come to one of our brotherhood conversion weekends to seal your membership. All you need to do is memorize the obligation, create your own arrow, and write a letter to me, the Lodge VCC, explaining what you're interested in and why you want to become a brotherhood member. The next opportunity to convert will be at Pre-Camp followed by another opportunity at Pow-wow.

**Kai De Blasio**

## Lodge Advisor's Minute

Greetings my brothers,

I first want to congratulate you, brothers of Mowogo, for your choices in youth leadership for this year. Already the Chief Bryce French and his team have been very busy planning and leading for the future. They are all doing a great job, are very dedicated and capable. I am proud of each and every one of them.

A couple of weekends ago I had the honor of sitting down and chatting with Ray Capp, the National Chairman of our

Order. As we talked I was once again struck by his admirable qualities. I do not pretend to know him intimately, but he strikes me as genuinely humble and a man with vision and purpose. He knows and holds fast to our time honored traditions and at the same time seems to constantly question the methods we use to ensure that we are serving our fellow man in the best ways possible. He has the courage to challenge any questionable method and seems to have the wisdom to know how

to do this without sending the message that what we have been doing in the past is in any way wrong. He may be small in stature, but he is truly a large man in spirit. It is my hope as the Lodge Adviser to live up to his example. As we were talking, I asked him "What is your vision for the Order?" His answer was complexly simple, "Get back to the basics".

It is very interesting to me that the suggestions and opinions given by our membership in a recent poll I conducted reflect this

vision. Serving our local units by helping provide leadership and training are a long standing tradition within the Order. Our service to cub units by providing Arrow of Light ceremonies sets the stage for our future growth and strength in membership. Our service to our Council properties is valuable to every scout who utilizes our camps. We are an awesome Lodge, but as you know, if any living thing stops growing, it starts dying. So as good as we are

we must continue to seek areas in which we can grow and improve. As we seek to serve our community, help our local units, empower our chapters, involve our districts, and increase the improvements in our induction process, I feel we will have a great start on these growth opportunities.

I am truly looking forward to Spring Fellowship, and even more to Conclave. I can't wait to hear that familiar cheer of "Who's the best Lodge....

MOWOGO!"

Speaking of... don't forget the "Beat the Lodge" challenge of taking 200 members to Conclave this year. Look in this issue of Arrow Points for the results as they stood at the end of February. There's still time.

Yours in Brotherhood,



Edward Lacey

**"Who's the  
best lodge?  
MOWOGO!!"**

## Conclave "Beat the Lodge Challenge" results as of February 28<sup>th</sup>

Chapter	Goal	Currently Registered	% of Goal
AGG	16	6	38
CAN	46	6	13
JAP	19	10	53
JUT	18	6	33
LAU	60	16	27
MAC	19	5	26
YON	22	4	18



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## Pages from the Chapter & The Rest of the Iceberg

### Lau-in-nih

In Lau-ih-nah chapter we are currently working towards the next 3-4 months of events. On February 19 we had a brotherhood conversion / service day at Scoutland. This is helping us with our conversion numbers, it will give us a little practice on ceremonies, and is helping out our "cheerful service" to work at a camp that gets little attention for service.

While we are at Scoutland some of our members will take part in the Indian Affairs seminars planned for the lodge. We are also planning the specific details about our service day on Big Rock Trail at CRM on March 5. Training on trail restoration and safety was given at our past chapter meeting.

As we all know conclave is coming up on April 15-17 and

we are working on themes and designs of tee shirts for that event. And we are always working on more ways to show our "Brotherhood of Cheerful Service."

Lau-ih-nah Chief,  
Nate Kurth

### Ani-Gatogewi

AGG has been busy during the first part of 2011. Our chapter advisor Ron Hamlin has moved up to a lodge position and we have the good fortune of welcoming Mike Kien to assume his role. I know this chapter will be in good hands

Our Vice-Chief of Indian Affairs Jason Moody is in the process of forming a ceremony and maybe even a dance team. At our last meeting, he gave a presentation on Indian Affairs

and is recruiting anyone in the chapter that wants to help.

Elections are in full swing. Our Vice-Chief of Membership AJ McLean has already conducted elections for several troops with many more on the way. He's been working hard to make sure we get as many new members as possible.

We are looking forward to the upcoming events this spring. We have many people signed up for Spring Fellow-

ship, and our next meeting will focus on elangomat training for anyone who wants to become one. We have reached almost half of our quota to go to conclave, and expect many more to sign up.

I hope everyone else is having a good of a time as we are. I wish all the other chapters luck for their events in the future.

John Bolen  
Ani-Gatogewi Chapter Chief

### Summit Corps: The New River Experience

If you want to get involved this summer, here's a great opportunity we hope many Mowogo Lodge members will participate in. The National Order of the Arrow Committee has created Summit Corps as a hybrid of ArrowCorps5 and OA High Adventure programs. During July 2011, Summit Corps: The New River Experience will provide service to the New River Gorge National River in West Virginia. The focus of the project is to upgrade the trail bed of the Garden Grand Hike and Bike Trail, along with the removal of invasive species. The Garden Grand Hike and Bike Trail connects the New River Gorge National River to the Boy Scout's new high adventure base and home of future Jamborees - The Summit: The Bechtel Family National Reserve.

Lodge contingents have a choice of four sessions to attend: Session 1) July 3-9, Session 2) July 10-16, Session 3) July 17-23, and Session 4) July 24-30. Similar to ArrowCorps5 and our High Adventure programs, the week will consist of service, fellowship, and recreation opportunities. Not only will you be working on our newest High Adventure Base but we will be part of the initial group to help prepare it for the 2013 National Jamboree. There are a limited number of spots available for this adventure, so if you are interested, fill out the Summit Corps Registration Form from the lodge website and join us in being a part of history!

### Indian Summer

Here's an opportunity for Arrowmen across the country to participate in focus areas including American Indian material culture and OA Inductions and Ceremonies.

The American Indian material culture track will focus on learning about Indian dance regalia; dance styles (Powwows), and song. Arrowmen will also be able to attend a hands-on craft experience under the direction of the best craftsmen in the Scouting movement.

OA Induction and Ceremonies will include a range of topics from ceremonialists to running Ordeal and unit elections. Highlights will include acting skills and technique workshops taught by real-world theater professionals.