



MITIGWA LODGE

ARROWMAN INSIDER—WINTER BANQUET

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Winter Banquet is our lodges annual recognition dinner. With an elegant meal, and good company, this is one of the most relaxing events of the year. The event is open to Arrowmen, their parents, and guests. The night will consist of officially inducting our new lodge officers with the ceremonial passing of the bonnets, honoring our new Ordeals and Brotherhood members, as well as recognizing our Vigil Honor class of 2009. Anyone who attends who helped the lodge in many capacities are recognized with certificates.

Special recognitions are given to individuals like the Jim Gooding Arrowman Award where a scoutmaster nominates an Arrowman from their unit, the Arrowman of Achievement Award is a Mitigwa Lodge award to recognize up to five individuals that have gone above and beyond what's normally required, and the Founders' Award which is a national award that we can present to three deserving Arrowmen.

The lodge also recognizes its chapters with the presentation of all chapters achieving Quality Chapter status. Hopefully all six chapters will meet this goal this year. Then it's on to the presentation of the prestigious Chapter of the Year award. Every chapter has been working hard all year to accumulate points towards this award. Who will come out on top? The night will conclude with the annual Year in Review slideshow, giving Arrowman a chance to relive all their favorite moments from the past year.

The Trading Post will be on hand to sell all the latest and greatest items, including event patch sets, NOAC flaps, and all your favorite goodies. So bring your wallet and a positive attitude and be prepared for a night of fun, fellowship, recognition, and fond memories.

2009 Winter Banquet Information

Date:	Saturday, January 9th, 2010
Time:	Doors open at 5:00 pm, dinner is at 6:00 pm and the event is usually done shortly after 8:00 pm
Location:	Des Moines Marriott 700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines
Parking:	Free parking at 7th St parking garage
Cost:	\$25 per person—after January 4th \$30
Optional:	\$3 for the patch segment for Winter Banquet \$3 for the 2009 patch year segment

We need to provide an accurate head count for food.

Registration due by January 4th, 2010—No late registrations

Register on-line at www.bsa-ia.org

Lodge Executive Committee Meeting (LECM)

There will be a LECM at 2:00 pm on January 9, 2010 before the Winter Banquet. It will be held at the Des Moines Marriott where Winter Banquet will take place. All chapter officers and advisers, lodge officers and advisers, and lodge chairmen and their advisers should plan to attend this meeting.

Please make sure that if you plan on attending Winter Banquet that you register ahead of time.

Look for our next issue of the Arrowman Insider coming out a month before Snow Flake Pow Wow, along with the 2nd issue of the Mitigwa Chief!!!

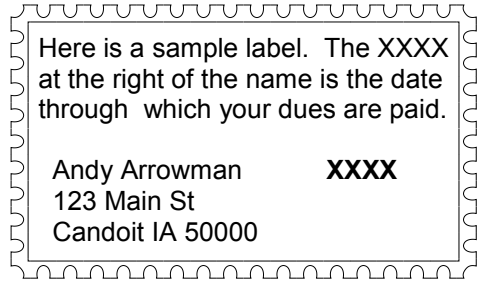
MARK YOUR CALANDERS

- Jan. 9th: Winter Banquet LECM
- Feb. 19th-21st: Snowflake Pow Wow
- April 23rd-25th: C-5B Section Conclave
- May 1st: Ring Blitz
- May: 14th-16th: Spring Conclave

Visit us and register online at www.bsa-ia.org

Are your dues current?

On the envelope this mailing arrived in, there is a label for every OA member at this address that are current with their dues. It is each Arrowman's responsibility to pay their dues to the lodge if they wish to remain active. How can you tell if your dues are current? Look at the box at the right to see how. If you haven't paid your 2010 dues yet, the cost is \$12 through December 31. After that time, the cost goes up to \$14. You can go on-line and pay your dues at www.bsa-ia.org.



SNOW FLAKE POW WOW

Our next lodge event is the annual Snow Flake Pow Wow held at Camp Dodge in Johnston. We celebrate the Native American heritage on which our order is founded. This is an indoor event where you sleep in barracks, take part in training, learn new skills, the chapter ceremony teams compete, and we all dance the night away at the pow wow. On top of these, we eat our traditionally good food.

This event takes place February 19—21, 2010. Make sure you have these dates on your calendar and bring a friend. There will be detailed information coming your way in the next Arrowman Insider which will be mailed roughly one month before the event.



Mitigwa Lodge maintains two main sources of communications to our members. This publication is forward looking and intended to give you detailed information about upcoming events. It is mailed to all active Arrowmen current with their dues. The Mitigwa Chief is an on-line publication looking back on events that have taken place. If you don't have access to the internet to see the Mitigwa Chief, please call the Clayman Service Center at 515-266-2135 and they will print out the on-line information and send it to you.

If you have any questions or comments about our publications, please do not hesitate to ask. You can e-mail questions to mitigwachief@gmail.com. Put "Communicationst" in the subject line.

Editor's note: Those of you that have received the Arrowman Insider previously will note that there is no box where you can fill out and send in your registrations to the scout office. We encourage all members to use the on-line registration on the council web site at www.bsa-ia.org. By doing so, you allow the lodge to use a single registration database and hopefully eliminate much of the confusion that has happened at event registration.

However, we realize that not all of you have access to the Internet or choose not to make your payment on-line. Please call the Clayman Service Center at 515-266-2135 and they will assist you with the on-line registration and instruct you on how to make your payment.

Please help us in this change and let us know how we can make it better. We want to provide cheerful service to all our members while minimizing our administrative overhead.

Make sure you're signed up for E-lists at www.bsa-ia.org
While you're there, check out Order of the Arrow Information.
We adding information all the time.