

THE MITIGWA CHIEF

MITIGWA LODGE #450 ORDER OF THE ARROW
MID-IOWA COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



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New Website begins on April 10th

Check out the new site beginning on April 10th. The new site will allow each division of the lodge to have email sites where members may contact their officers and advisers. Beginning April 10th you can log onto www.mitigwa.org and sign up for email updates from the lodge. **Check out the new website beginning April 10th. Same address: www.mitigwa.org**

At Spring Conclave we are asking all members to wear their outfits to the ceremonies. Also members will have an opportunity to work on outfits. See article on page 10.

NOAC Service Lodge meeting at Spring Conclave, Sunday 10:00 AM in Dining Hall.



**Pat Hon
Chief**

Wow time has flown since Winter Banquet, and we've almost been knocked over by the wind. Snow Flake Pow Wow was a blast, because we saw a wide array of outfitting. The Ceremonies competition was the highlight for RRV taking the competition.

But, moving on, it is now into the beginning stages of Spring, and with that comes a mass of OA responsibilities. The first and foremost being preparing camp for this upcoming summer. Contact your Chapter Chief for information on your Chapter Work Weekends. Remember, you need a work day for Brotherhood, and you can attend any Chapter's Work Weekend to fulfill this requirement as well as at Spring Conclave.

The Lodge wants you not only to become a Brotherhood member but to also sign up to be on the Service Lodge for NOAC this Summer at Iowa State. The cost to be on the Service Lodge is \$275. This may seem like a lot but remember this is a rare opportunity and you don't want to let this slip by. Please

feel free to ask any Lodge Officer any questions you have about being on the Service Lodge. We're here to serve, and we want you to be a part of this unique experience so don't miss out -sign up today. Also don't forget to make sure you attend One Day of Service. Last year Mitigwa Lodge led the Central Region in man-hours served at a One Day of Service. So let's show the Central Region what we can do this year! Remember get your Brotherhood, sign up for NOAC, and attend One Day of Service. Let's truly make this year one to remember for the ages.



**Robert J. Trusty
Advisor**

The Brotherhood of Cheerful Service means that as arrowmen we are willing to provide service to our fellow men (women included). The chapters and Lodge provide you with many opportunities to fulfill your obligation. With or not you are trying to complete your membership in the Order of the Arrow by obtaining Brotherhood or have been a arrowman since the "cows came home" like Smoky, we still need to provide service and do it willingly. This issue presents and explains the opportunities you have. Get some of your fellow arrowmen together and plan on participating in as many activities as you can and still meet your obligations to your troop. Remember your obligations to your troop come first.



Smoky Davis

Spring Conclave is one of our biggest Cheerful Service events. There is a lot of work to do to get camp ready for the summer season and I need your help. Each Chapter will be given a specific work assignment again. The Chapter Advisor and Chief will know their assigned duties and what equipment to bring before the Conclave. Please check with them for more information.

Many hands means light work for everyone. I challenge each Chapter to bring 60 Arrowmen or more to Spring Conclave. We are a lodge of 1300 members so to have 360 attend Spring Conclave is not a very large percentage.

Spring Conclave is a work weekend and also the first opportunity in 2004 for those of you who have been Ordeal members for 10 months or more to make a commitment to Mitigwa Lodge by becoming a Brotherhood member. When you were elected to become a member of the Order of the Arrow you were elected because of your spirit of

cheerful service and your ability to be of service and give leadership to this lodge.

Vigil Honor nominations are due at Spring Conclave. Before nominating someone for the Vigil Honor, please read the section in your OA Handbook that talks about what the Vigil Honor is. Remember, only an Arrowman who has been a Brotherhood member for a minimum of 2 years as of May 2004 can be considered for this high honor.

Hello fellow Arrowmen! Our past event, Snowflake PowWow had a good turnout. There were many good classes offered as well as much cool stuff to look at like Indian beadings and other native items. The trading post had many popular items! The main item of interest was the deck of cards with our lodge logo on it, costing \$5. Next being the newest national OA hat selling at \$15. We also have a very nice beach towel blue with lodge logo on it. Many considered it to be better quality than an expensive hotel towel. One day of service is approaching, it will be held on April 24, the cost is \$10. Spring Conclave is drawing near! It is being held on May 14. With that in mind I would encourage getting your Brotherhood done if you haven't done so! There will be a ceremony being held at this event. Be sure to have all of your requirements finished.



Tyler Poush
V.C. of Membership

There has been a lot going on with ceremonies in the past couple of months. Snow Flake Pow Wow was a great time. There were some excellent pre-ordeals put on.. Congratulations again to RRV Chapter for putting on one of the best Pro-Ordeal Ceremonies that I have ever seen in my life. The next main even for the lodge is Spring Conclave.

Spring Conclave is one of the times that the lodge has most of its Brotherhood conversions. I would like to encourage anybody who has not done their Brotherhood and is eligible to complete what they started at the finish of your ordeal. This includes all of the ordeal members that completed their ordeal at Summer Camp. Just make sure that you have your paragraph prepared to turn in when you get to camp. Hope to see you all at camp.



Robert Schoene
V.C. of Ceremonies

Finally, done with snow, I hope so anyway, you never know here in Iowa I guess. But one thing I do know for sure and that is that Summer is coming and the camps will be getting ready. Your service would be greatly appreciated at Spring Conclave.

Now onto my area of the Order. I was thinking how I need more input in this *Mitigwa Chief*, if anyone has ideas for something more exciting, help people to be better informed, or even write your own article for the chief, feel free to let me know. If you want to talk to me in person I will be at Spring Conclave, hope to see you there.



Caleb Roney
V.C. of Communications

Spring is here! That means election and promotion season is now in full swing. The lodge needs everyone's help during this time to see that all the troops in the council get contacted and visited and we meet our goal of 84%. So, don't wait to be called on. Step up and volunteer to go do an election for your chapter vice chief. They are always looking for Arrowmen to go and represent the lodge in the best manner possible. Elections are being held now through May 14th, 2004 . Find out if your troop has scheduled one and if not have your scoutmaster contact your chapter vice chief. Always, as a reminder the vice chiefs, you can turn your forms in to me early and I can check them and send them back if there are errors. This can help you get the percentage you need to earn the Elections and Promotions Award of Merit. I would also like to see a lot of people at Spring Conclave. This is a fun event to kick off your summer vacations and it will be a great time this year! As always, NOAC patches will be sold if you have signed up. Sign up now so you can go and have a blast!



Kyle Anderson
V.C. of Elections
& Promotions



Tristan Gray
Broken Arrow

Hi everyone! .Snowflake was a blast! . At our May meeting we will be having ice cream made with *liquid nitrogen!* It will be very cool! Our Elections and Promotions have been going quite well. If you have not had yours scheduled as yet please contact us.

Spring Conclave is coming up May 14-16-2004 and we plan on having a great number of our Ordeal members attain Brotherhood This is a great chance to gather together to provide cheerful service to Camp Mitigwa. Hope to see you at Spring Conclave.

We have the great honor of being the Service Lodge for the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) to be held at Iowa State University this summer —in OUR Chapter. For information, contact Bob Trusty, Lodge Advisor

Our Spring Work Weekend was April 3. If you missed it but don't want to miss anymore of our events, come to Chapter meetings.

Fellow Arrowmen we are off to a good start with the elections and promotions. If you haven't signed up for a time do it now before it is too late. There is a picnic planned for our chapter meeting on Thursday, May 13. We will meet at the regular roundtable meeting which is at the 1st Baptist church 7:00 pm. We will then go to a park to eat and play basket ball etc... Bring \$5 for your share of the food.

Jeremy Bettis
Bo Qui

One Day of Service is April 24th.

Spring Conclave is May 14-16,2004. This is a work weekend for those Ordeal members ready to seal their membership by becoming Brotherhood

We would like to invite people to help with ceremony teams when we go to Camp Wapello July 28-29.

Please come to our Chapter meetings for more information about these events.



Bradford Thorn
Golden Eagle

Just a continued reminder that we have our meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 7:30 PM. Please remember to try and attend. We make very important decisions here! A reminder to all Ordeal Members: please try to get your Brotherhood this year! Work Weekends are being lined up for the year. We need to try to meet the requirements for the year.

Following Events:

GOLDEN EAGLE DISTRICT SPRING CAMPOREE (CAMP WAPELLO)

Our chapter Ceremony Team did the Arrow of Light Ceremony on April 3rd.

GOLDEN EAGLE WORK WEEKENDS

Our chapter will be having our work weekends from May 1st and June 12. Make plans to attend both of these worthwhile activities.

As the work weekends approach more details will be available.



SPRING CONCLAVE

When: May 14-16, 2004

Where: Camp Mitigwa

The weather is warming up and the birds are singing I am Nathan Hon , Spring Conclave Chairman inviting all Arrowmen to come to Spring Conclave May 14-16, 2004 at Camp Mitigwa. Registration begins at 5:30 PM on Friday May 14th.

What is Spring Conclave? It's the time when Arrowmen gather to help get Mitigwa ready for summer camp. Each Chapter will be given a work project assignment. The project include getting equipment to the program areas, cleaning up camp-sites , putting up tents, making repairs and many other jobs necessary to get summer camp off to a good start.

For others like me, who have been Ordeal members for at least 10 months, it is our first chance to become a Brotherhood member. If you have completed the Brotherhood Scorecard you received in your Ordeal packet and only need the work weekend you are ready to seal your membership. Spring Conclave is a work weekend. That's what I plan to do. I would like to be part of the biggest Brotherhood group ever at Spring Conclave. Won't you be part of it with me? What do I bring to Spring Conclave? We will be assigned to camp by chapters so you will be camping with your friends. **Bring a tent, sleeping gear, work clothes including gloves and hats, and your uniform and sash and a T-shirt to have silk screened.**

The Lodge Trading Post will be open so bring money to purchase your favorite lodge items.

What else do we do besides work? Friday evening we will be silk screening the T shirts, have cracker barrel and other fun activities. Even with the work projects we will still have time for fun and fellowship. Remember the foundation of the Order of the Arrow is Cheerful Service.

Material for Native American Outfitting will be available for sale. We will also have patterns and someone to sew it for you. Cost will vary depending on price of the material.

There is an optional Steak Fry on Friday from 5:30 to 7:30 . Cost \$7.00.

Spring Conclave May 14-16, 2004

(If more than one registration include all information for each person.)

Name: _____ Adult Youth

Address: _____ City: _____

Chapter: _____

Check

Spring Conclave due by May 6th \$10 _____

Brotherhood \$12 _____

2004 Events Patch \$ 3 _____

Spring Conclave Segment \$ 1 _____

Optional Steak Fry \$ 7 _____

Total \$ _____

Please Send to:

Spring Conclave

Clayman Service Center

Mid-Iowa Council

P.O. Box 3009

Des Moines, IA 50316-3009

One Day of Service

When: April 24, 2004

Where: Lake Rathbun

If you want, you may camp Friday night, beginning 7:00 PM. Make sure you bring your camping gear. Please bring health history (part 1) with parental permission. If you let us know you will be camping, breakfast will be provided for you. The work day begins at 8:00 AM and ends at 4:00 PM. We will be working on a park trail in Prairie Ridge Park. You may email rissejohn@hotmail.com or use the form below. For information call 515-291-5779. Please let us know about your intentions camping or not. Bring eye-wear and pruning tools. We need lots of help.

One Day of Service April 23 & 24th, 2004

Prairie Ridge Park, Lake Rathbun

Name: _____

Address: _____

Chapter: _____

Cost: \$2.00

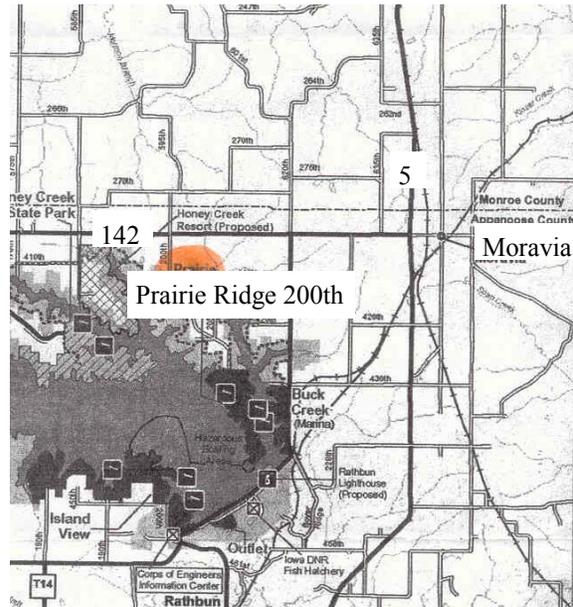
2004 Activity Patch: \$3.00

One Day of Service Segment: included

Enclose no money, bring it with you.

Please send to:

**One Day of Service
Clayman Service Center
Mid-Iowa Council B.S.A.
P.O. Box 3009
Des Moines, IA 50316-3009**





WAPELLO WORK WEEKEND

When: July 9-11, 2004

Where: Camp Wapello

Wapello Work Weekend July 9-11, 2004 at Camp Wapello Registration begins at 5:30 PM on Friday July 9th.

What is Wapello Work Weekend? It's the time when Arrowmen gather to help get Wapello ready for summer camp. Each Chapter will be given a work project assignment. The project include getting equipment to the program areas, cleaning up campsites, putting up tents, making repairs and many other jobs necessary to get summer camp off to a good start.

All arrowmen who have been Ordeal members for at least 10 months, have an opportunity to become a Brotherhood member. If you have completed the Brotherhood Scorecard you received in your Ordeal packet and only need the work weekend you are ready to seal your membership. Won't you be part of it? What do I bring?

Bring a tent, sleeping gear, work clothes including gloves and hats, and your uniform and sash and a T-shirt to have silk screened. The Lodge Trading Post will be open so bring money to purchase your favorite lodge items.

What else do we do besides work? Friday evening we will be silk screening the T shirts, have cracker barrel. Even with the work projects we will still have time for fun and fellowship. Remember the foundation of the Order of the Arrow is Cheerful Service.

There will be an optional Steak Fry on Friday beginning at 5:30 PM. Please register for the Steak Fry so we know how many to prepare for.

Wapello Work Weekend July 9-11, 2004

(If more than one registration include all information for each person.)

Name: _____ Adult Youth

Address: _____ City: _____

Chapter: _____

Check

Weekend due by July 5th \$10 _____

Brotherhood \$12 _____

2004 Events Patch \$ 3 _____

Wapello Work Weekend Segment \$ 1 _____

Optional Steak Fry \$ 7 _____

Total \$ _____

Please Send to:

Wapello Work Weekend

Clayman Service Center

Mid-Iowa Council

P.O. Box 3009

Des Moines, IA 50316-3009

2004 National Order of the Arrow Conference Service Lodge

When: July 30-Aug 5, 2004

Where: Iowa State University

ACT NOW

If you want to offer service to the nations arrowman, if you want to part of the largest gathering of arrowman in the nation (with the possible exception of the Jamboree.), if you experience a cool event then sign up to part of the Service Lodge. Mitigwa Lodge is serving as the host lodge for the Conference (NOAC).

But you need to decide now so that we can compete the registration process. Most Mitigwa Lodge members will arrive at Iowa State on July 30th. You will need at least one complete uniforms (two suggested.) You will need class 3 physical. The cost is \$275. This includes lodge items you will be given.

2004 National Order of the Arrow Conference

Service Lodge Registration For Mitigwa Lodge Members

Name: _____ Adult Youth

Address: _____ City _____

Chapter: _____

Total cost will be \$275.00

Initial fee \$150.00 with this form _____

Next \$125 ASAP _____

All fees are refundable until paid to National

Shirt size: _____

Please Send to:

National Order of the Arrow Conference

Mid-Iowa Council B.S.A.

P.O. Box 3009

Des Moines, IA 50316-3009

The committee choices are:

Ceremony (already selected)

Founders' Day Booth

Water and Ice

Newspaper Delivery

Transportation

Office Staff

Procurement

Man Power

Construction

TOAP

Most people will be in man power.

We will be finished approximately 7:00

PM on Aug 5th.

Dear Fellow Arrowmen,

Hello it's me again. I am going to get straight to the point; our March meeting was moved to the Newton division of the DMACC College Campus. Our meetings will be back at the Methodist Church again. We would like to see an increase in our attendance levels so please plan on attending. Come to a meeting and decide where you want to help your chapter.

Our Spring Chapter Work Weekend was March 26-28 at Mitigwa. Please feel free visit our website for more information and a full calendar at www.mitigwa.org.

Spring Conclave will be May 14-16 at Camp Mitigwa. Please plan to attend. We can have fun as a Chapter. Let's get as many Ordeal members to Brotherhood as we can. If your troop has not had a visit from the Elections and Promotions teams please let the Vice Chief know.

Evan Berst
Hawkeye

Hey fellow RRV Arrowmen, it's your VC of Communications
Andy DeBoard.

We did it!!! Chapter of the Year for the 3rd year in a row!
Thanks to all of you for making it happen.

We have an awesome ceremony team this year. Our pre-Ordeal team won the competition at Snowflake Pow Wow and the Arrow of Light team performed for 16 packs.

Elections and Promotions are going well. Quite a few elections have been done and a lot more are scheduled.

We still have plenty of room for your help at the RRV Spring Camporee. If you are interested in helping at the Camporee, talk to one of the chapter officers at the next event you come to. I hope to see you at Spring Conclave.

There are a lot of opportunities for you to become involved with your Chapter. Just come to one of our meetings and see.



Andy DeBoard
Raccoon River Valley

Hey fellow Arrowmen, it your Vice Chief of Communications.

We had our Pizza party finally at the January meeting and had a good turn out. We had some games and it was a lot of fun. We are trying to make our meetings more fun by planning activities at them. Any suggestions would help.

We also had our workday in April. This helped with getting some to Brotherhood. The next work weekend is Spring Conclave. Come help our Chapter with our project. Let's have a big turnout!

National Order of the Arrow Conference NOAC is coming to Iowa State University this summer. Mitigwa Lodge is the Service Lodge. For information contact Bob Trusty, Lodge Advisor. I hope to see everyone at NOAC.



James Von Ahnen
Tamaha

Visit WWW.MITIGWA.ORG today!

2004 C1A Section Conclave

When: Sept. 10-12 , 2004

Where: Lewis & Clark Scout Reservation

Cost: \$45.00 including transportation

This will be the last C1A Section Conclave for the Mitigwa Lodge. After this conclave we will be moving to C1C.

Section conclaves are an opportunity to have training, fellowship and fun with members of the six lodges in Section C1A. Arrowman from North and South Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa will gather. We will leave the Scout Office on Friday at 5:00 PM and pick up members at Burger King on 13th in Ames at 5:45 PM. We will return on Sunday approximately 3:00 PM on Sunday.

Check out www.mitigwa.org for updated information about Section Conclave. See application on page 11.

OUTFITTING

Wearing outfitting is not just for ceremony teams and dancers. We encouraged everyone attending Snowflake Pow Wow to attend in outfitting. We would also like to encourage you to wear your outfitting to ceremonies. Basic outfitting includes a ribbon shirt, breechclout or apron and leggings for men and a dress and shawl for women. Chokers, breastplates, beadwork and other adornments are added on an individual basis. At Snowflake we offered material for sale and had some of our Arrowmen available with their sewing machines to make outfitting. We made 2 dresses, 5 shirts, 3 pairs of leggings and 3 aprons in one day. We are willing to offer those same services at Spring Conclave. The number of items we can do in one day will depend on the number of sewing machines and sewers available. No orders can be taken. If you want to provide your own material -most shirts require 2-1/2 to 3 yards of fabric with 2 or more yards of ribbon depending on how much ribbon you want on your shirt, breech and leggings. Dresses require 3-4 yds of fabric depending on length and fullness as well as enough ribbon for decoration. Ribbon can be 1 or more colors for both men and women. Leggings require enough material for length x 2. Breechclouts require at least 1/2yd. For a Shawl women need to measure as follows: #1. holding arms out to the sides at shoulder level measure finger tip to finger tip # 2. Measure from neck to mid thigh- double this measurement to allow to fold in half. Long fringe 12 to 15 " long . For any questions please contact Katie Davis at 438-2351 or Kthrydavis@aol.com. Fringe may take 1-2 weeks to order.



Paul Vogtlin

By Bob Trusty
Lodge Adviser

Paul Vogtlin served on the Service Lodge for the 1998 National Order of the Conference. That was the first notice I had of Paul and his dedication to Scouting and the Order of the Arrow. Paul was made chairman of the Manpower Committee. He was responsible for assigning groups to the varies tasks given us at the conference. Paul accepted the responsibilities in his usually serious manner.

Paul served as the Chapter Chief for Broken Arrow serving with great distinction. He was elected as Lodge Chief in the fall of 1998. He was appointed Associate Lodge Adviser in 2001.

Paul as Associate Lodge Adviser has had the responsibility of organizing the Lodge Leader Development Conference for which he has done a super job and is adviser to the Troop Representative Program. Paul received the Vigil Honor in 1996, the Arrowman of Achievement in 1997 , and the Founders' Award in 1998 .

While Paul will need to limit his activities in the Mitigwa Lodge, I look forward to a continued association with Paul in any way his vocational duties will allow. *Editor's note: see article on last page.*

If your label reads 2003, You dues are due.

C1A Section Conclave Sept 10-12, 2004

(If more than one registration include all information for each person.)

Name: _____ Adult Youth
Address: _____ City: _____
Chapter: _____

Check

Early Section Conclave Registration due by
Aug 20th \$45 _____
After Aug 20th \$ 50 _____

Leaving from Scout Office _____

Leaving from Ames Burger King _____

Please Send to:

**C1A Section Conclave
Clayman Service Center
Mid-Iowa Council
P.O. Box 3009
Des Moines, IA 50316-3009**

Membership Registration

Name: _____ Adult Youth
Address: _____
City: _____ St: _____
Zip _____ Chapter: _____
Membership: V B O

Boy Scout Registration (How are you registered in Scouting): _____

Please specify unit also where appropriate.

If registered in 2003, \$12.00 \$ _____

If not registered in 2003, \$14.00 \$ _____

Please Send to:

**Membership Registration
Clayman Service Center
Mid-Iowa Council
P.O. Box 3009
Des Moines, IA 50316-3009**

From Paul Vogtlin Lodge Associate Adviser

Opportunities. That is what the Order of the Arrow is about. Opportunities to serve others, opportunities to achieve Brotherhood, opportunities to meet new people and make new friends, and opportunities for leadership. Last fall at the Lodge Leadership Development, we talked about leadership and setting goals for ourselves, for the Chapter, and for the Lodge. Most Chapters wanted to get Quality Chapter, or Chapter of the Year. A good opportunity to meet those goals is to push to get people to Spring Conclave, more importantly Ordeal members to convert to Brotherhood.

On January 31, 2004, I had an opportunity, one that changed my life but is working towards one of my life long goals, as my job has moved me to Sioux City.

Unfortunately, coming up at Fall Fellowship, I will be stepping down as Lodge Associate Adviser. It is a tough decision, the love I have for Scouting, the Mitigwa Lodge, Camp Mitigwa the outdoors, and the opportunity to serve and work with young people who want to better their lives, and help them as they take on leadership roles. Opportunities are still knocking, as I am getting involved with a troop here in Sioux City.

I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve and work with you once again during NOAC!

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Scenes from 2004 Snowflake Pow Wow

