

# THE MITIGWA CHIEF

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



## Snowflake PowWow

The weekend of February 24th-26th is just around the corner and we all know what that means, Camp Dodge will be invaded with Arrowmen. Snowflake Pow Wow is planned and ready to go. Ryan Lewis will be at Snowflake Pow Wow again this year with his buck skinners display and trading post. Roger Bryant will be offering an introduction to Indian Lore and teaching how to make chokers and medicine bags. For all you Arrowmen that do not have Native American Outfitting and would like to make some you will have the opportunity at Snowflake PowWow. Making outfitting is always a lot of fun. We will also have silk-screening station set up. For any of you that would like to do silk-screening we ask that you bring a t-shirt or other pieces of clothing for silk-Screening. Those who like to carve something other than your fingers, Bob Bernhardt will be giving a demonstration on proper wood carving. You can learn how to make dream catchers from Bob Moss.

Do any of you want to test your knowledge of OA history? Show your smarts at OA Jeopardy. Are you more of a cribbage player? There will be a cribbage tournament.

Ceremony competition will be featured during the day on-Saturday.

Saturday evening will feature a Pow Wow at Miller Armory. The Mitigwa Dancers will be leading the festivities.

Send in your registration and get your sleeping bag, personal gear and outfitting ready to bring to Snowflake Pow Wow.

Registration begins at 5PM Friday evening. Training will be in classrooms. Sleeping accommodations will be in barracks.

There will be an extra cost for items you make, so plan to bring extra money. The Lodge Trading Post will also be open with Mitigwa Lodge items for sale

### Dates to Remember:

February 24th-26th, 2006  
Snowflake PowWow

April 8th, 2006  
LECM

April 29th, 2006  
One Day of Service

May 6th, 2006  
Ring Blitz

May 19th- 21st, 2006  
Spring Conclave

### News Items

~Elections are starting~ Make sure your troop has one scheduled.

~Trail Crew will run the first 3 weeks of camp this year.

~Please check your mailing address and make sure it is completely correct. If it is not please let us know.

[www.mitigwa.org](http://www.mitigwa.org)

## CHIEFLY SPEAKING



**Chris Baldon  
Lodge Chief**

The new year has finally come and Winter Banquet was a great way to start it off. We handed out many awards and had some wonderful food. The next event that we have coming up is Snowflake Pow Wow which is going to be held at Camp Dodge, Feb. 24-26. We will have a great time with training, fun activities, and of course, the Pow Wow. On April 29 we will have One Day of Service. We had about 50 members attend last year. Let's try and increase that number this year, so make sure if you are coming to bring somebody else with you. If you need your work weekend for Brotherhood this is a great opportunity to complete that or attend any of the chapter work weekends being held this spring. If you have done your work weekend or planning on doing it this spring I invite you to come to Spring Conclave on May 19-21 to complete your Brotherhood by going through the ceremony. National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is going to be at Michigan State University this year and I can tell you that it is a great experience and encourage you to sign up. We are also doing Trail Crew the first 3 weeks of summer camp.

### Get Involved



**Robert J. Trusty  
Lodge Advisor**

The activities of the lodge are designed to give you the opportunity to serve your fellow Scouts and still have fun. Everything we undertake is designed to keep you involved so you can better serve those that choose you. By getting your Brotherhood, you will have made a commitment to yourself and those around you that the high ideals of the Order of the Arrow is what you are striving for in your daily life. If you are not interested in Native American Activities, there are other activities at Snowflake to help your understanding of the Order. You can also support those working on ceremonies or elections and promotions. If you are new to the Order, volunteer to go along on an election and promotion to another troop. Get involved with Dan Beard Trail activities. What ever it is?

GET INVOLVED .



**Jeff "Smoky" Davis  
Staff Advisor**

Mitigwa Lodge is the Chartered Partner for the Mitigwa Dancers Crew 450. They are in the process of getting outfitting and a program ready for the Pow Wow to be held at Miller Armory on February 25. If you are interested in becoming involved with this group of dedicated youth and adults please contact me at Camp Mitigwa. You don't have to dance- we also have a group of drummers and singers you can join. Help is also needed to help make outfitting as well as transport the boys and equipment to performances. We would like to have youth and adults from all districts so we would be able to accept invitations to perform more often. Please call me at Camp 515 438 2351 for more information.

Greeting Brothers, I hope all of you enjoyed the fun and festivities that were shared at Winter Banquet. Everything is shaping up to be a great year. With the approach of Snowflake Pow-Wow and the start of Troop Elections I started to ask myself, "How is all of this information being relayed?" The Troop Rep Program of course. And as a goal of my term, I want to get this program going. In the next few weeks, Troops will be receiving information on what the Goals of the Troop Rep program are, and how to establish one in their unit. It is my goal to have a Database set up by the end of the year. The goal is to keep everyone informed about what is up and coming. You will hear more about that in issues to come. With the coming of warmer weather that means chapters will be out working soon. I encourage everyone to attend at least one of the chapter work weekends. If you have any questions about upcoming events (when or where they are going to be costs and all that good stuff) please contact our lodge website. [www.mitigwalodge.org](http://www.mitigwalodge.org) or contact me by E-Mail at [membership@mitigwalodge.org](mailto:membership@mitigwalodge.org). That is the best way to get in contact with me. I hope that you all are ready to have a great year! I know I am. Please start thinking about getting your Brotherhood if you haven't already...more to come about that as well. See you all at Snowflake!!!!!!



David Rogers  
V.C. Membership

My Dear Brothers, the new year is now in full swing! Winter Banquet was splendid, as usual. Snowflake Pow Wow is coming up and I'm sure everyone is excited for the Ceremony Competition. The teams have been practicing hard and it should be a fierce competition. Good luck to all the teams! Ceremonies Competition is not the only event at Snowflake however. There is a plethora of other great activities to both teach you more about the Order and to have fun while you're at it. So come to Snowflake Pow-wow for a great weekend of fun and fellowship!



Jay Cook

Hey fellow Arrowmen. Communications is having an amazing year. All of the chapter vice chiefs have been doing a superb job getting their articles in. I would like to thank everyone that came to Winter Banquet. I would also like to congratulate all of the Arrowmen that were recognized at Banquet. I would like to remind all of you to complete the Word Find and turn it in at registration to be entered in the drawing. I would also like to remind you that if you sent in the Snowflake PowWow registration earlier you don't need to send it in again. I hope to see you all at Snowflake PowWow.



Andy DeBoard  
V.C. Communications

Wow, The year has been flying by. The 2006 election season is now in full swing, hopefully everyone received all of their supplies at winter banquet. If you need any extra copies of forms or have any questions please feel free to email me at [electionspromotions@mitigwalodge.org](mailto:electionspromotions@mitigwalodge.org). Please note that this year's goal is for **ALL TROOPS TO BE VISITED**. I will make sure you don't leave anyone out. I want to thank everyone who came to the training session in December, it was very productive and we accomplished a lot to get ready for the election season. I hope to see everyone at Snowflake PowWow. I hear it is going to be great this year.



Joe Salvini  
V.C. Elections &

If you have any questions about Elangomats or how to become one, I can help you out with that too. Spring Conclave and summer camp are really just around the corner.



Tristan Gray  
**Broken Arrow**

Hello everyone! Well, Broken Arrow is doing pretty good so far this year. We have been starting up our E&P season, and Ceremonies are going pretty well too! In February we are having a fun meeting. We are having the local SCUM club come and blow stuff up for us! Everyone make sure to come and see all the fun! See you then .



Chris DeRegnier  
**Bo Qui**

The Winter Banquet was delicious, as always. This article is mainly to tell you about the Snowflake Pow Wow. It will be a lot of fun. And as always will have good food. If you have outfitting I would encourage you to bring it. Meetings are still the second Thursday of each month at seven. It is at the First Christian Church in Indianola. We are proud to be Chapter of the Year or 2005. That happens when everyone pitches in to help and our members are active. Keep up the good work!!!!



John Irwin  
**Golden Eagle**

Hello fellow OA brothers. We in the Golden Eagle Chapter have been especially busy since last time. We have just elected a new V.C. of Membership; Josh Lowe. Also, our former V.C. of Communications (Arron Andrews) has recently put out a "Where to go Camping" booklet, which features several state parks and county parks available for troop events. Our ceremony team has been practicing very hard so far, and we have another great team again this year.

# Events

## Brotherhood Conversion

We want to get as many Ordeal members as we can to Brotherhood. A letter is being sent to all Ordeal members. In this letter it talks about what brotherhood is, what it involves, and how and when you can get it. Ordeal members, feel free to ask any other member of the Order of the Arrow if you don't understand something or just need help to get there. I would also ask that all Brotherhood and Vigil Honor members make sure the Ordeal members in your troop understand what to do and help them get to the event.

## 2005 Award Recipients

### Gooding Arrowman Award

Nathan Pontier Troop 8  
Kirk Gordon Troop 377  
Graham Emmerson Troop 44  
Tristan Gray Troop 157  
Zach Irving Troop 127  
Ben Noe Troop 317  
Aaron Hambleton Troop 116  
Thomas Grooms Troop 22  
Joe Carr Troop 34  
Arron Andrews Troop 52  
JC Meisinger Troop 115  
Nathtan Hon Troop 58  
David Cox Troop 98

### Chapter of the Year

Bo Qui

### 2005 Vigil Honor

Ron Brubaker  
Joe Danks  
Andy DeBoard  
Matt Gerke  
Thomas Glennon  
Matthew Ingram  
Chuck Lord  
JC Meisinger  
Troy Rutter  
Joe Salvini  
Lynda Sealock  
Kenneth Walton

### Founders Award

Wayne Mast  
Kyle Anderson  
Chris Baldon

### James E. West Award

Dan Dixon

### Arrowmen of Achievement

Rick Hubbard  
Rick Brecht  
Jay Cook  
John Risse  
Tim Baldon

## Winter Banquet Embassy Suites Des Moines



The doors are opened and Arrowmen enter the Banquet Hall.

The hall is filled with Arrowmen.



Gooding Arrowmen Award recipients.  
See names on page 5



Vigil Class of '05  
See names on page 5



## Winter Banquet Embassy Suites Des Moines

Arrowmen of Achievement for this year  
include: (l to r)  
John Risse, Rick Brecht, Rick Hubbard,  
Jay Cook, and Tim Baldon



Founder's Award for this year  
include: (l to r )  
Kyle Anderson, Wayne Mast, and  
Chris Baldon

Out with the old officers.  
Chris Baldon, Matt Gerke, David Rogers,  
Andy DeBoard, Adam Schoene



In with the new officers.  
Chris Baldon, Joe Salvini, David Rogers, Andy  
DeBoard, Jay Cook

## OA Wordfind

Complete this puzzle and bring it to Snowflake Pow Wow with you. Write your name, Chapter, and Troop Number on it. Turn it in at registration and you will be entered in a drawing for a prize that will take place during the banquet. If you only receive one issue of the Chief and more than one person is a member you may make a copy. You must be present to win.

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BARRACK	FELLOWSHIP
BUCKSKINNER	GRASS
BUSTLE	INDIANLORE
CAMPDODGE	JEOPARDY
CEREMONY	MOCASSIN
CHOKER	OUTFITTING
COMPETITION	POWWOW
CRIBBAGE	ROACH
DANCE	SNOW
DREAMCATCHER	TRADINGPOST
DRUM	TRADITIONAL
FANCY	TRAINING
FEATHERS	



Hello to all in Hawkeye Chapter! I hope you enjoyed your holiday season as much as I did. This has been a cold winter and I'm sure that many of you are taking advantage of it by doing some camping and sledding with your troops. Let me remind you that you are also needed at our monthly chapter meetings. They are filled with fun activities and socializing and an exhilarating time is had by all. Our attendance is a little lower than we'd like it to be. I know that we are all busy, but these meetings only occur once a month so make it your goal to attend any meeting that you can.

Let me also remind you to come to as many lodge events as possible. They are fun events that the lodge has so Arrowmen can learn new skills and make new friends. It is big fun for a small cost.

I would also like to encourage all Ordeal members to earn their Brotherhood. The Order of the Arrow is here to help you serve your fellow Scouts, and stopping once you get in is not helping. I now make this challenge to you. Every Ordeal member in the Hawkeye Chapter, that would be 100% of you, who is able to should work to earn their Brotherhood by the 2006 Spring Conclave. If you meet this goal, I am sure that you will not regret it.

If you have questions about anything concerning O.A., then contact your O.A. Troop Representative. Until I write again, keep striving to be the best Arrowman you can be.

Hey fellow Arrowmen, Snowflake PowWow is almost here. Make sure you get to go to Snowflake Pow Wow on Feb 24 th– 26th by making your reservation today. It's going to be an awesome time. There's going to be OA Jeopardy and a whole lot more. It's a terrific chance to meet new people and catch up with the old friends.

If you haven't been to any OA Chapter meetings lately, you've really been missing out. In December RRV had Brad Miller come to the meeting and talk about opportunities in the Order of the Arrow. We get a lot done at these meetings and you miss out on a lot of fun when you miss them. Hope to see you all soon.

Dear OA Members,

Our Chapter is doing very well right now. Many people have been attending the meetings.

On November 19, our chapter held a work weekend at Camp Mitigwa. We worked on the Dan Beard trail and also cleared away leaves, brush, and small trees at the entrance of the trail. On December 13, our chapter had a Christmas Party. We had video games, pizza, pop and cookies.

On January 7, we had the LECM and Winter banquet at Embassy Suites in Des Moines. Many attended this event. On January 10<sup>th</sup> we worked on Head Dresses for the Chapter ceremony team. For our February meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> we are having 3 Ham Radio Operators coming to talk to our Chapter about how the radios work. The Snowflake Pow Wow is coming up on February 24-26. Hopefully, their will be quite a few from our chapter attending this event. We look forward to seeing each of you during this New Year at our Chapter monthly meetings. Lets have a great year in OA in 2006



**Stephen Molitor**



**Brian Lamont  
Raccoon River Valley**



**Joel Ingram  
Tamaha**

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**LECM Minutes**  
**January 7th, 2006**

- 1) Obligation
- 2) Attendance  
Lodge Officers: Chief– Present, Ceremonies– Present, E&P– Present, Communications– Present, Membership– Present, Immediate Past– Present  
Chapter Chiefs– Broken Arrow– Present, Bo Qui– Present, Hawkeye– Present, RRV– Present, Tamaha- Present, Golden Eagle– Present
- 3) Lodge Officer Reports
  - a) Chief– Not Quality Lodge this year, no Brotherhood ceremony in December
  - b) Ceremonies-Teams are practicing hard, VC expect phone call to get assigned ceremony
  - c) Membership– Going well, need to get troop rep program working better
  - d) E&P– Packets are being distributed, video needs some editing, good training in December
  - e) Communications– Good job to VC’s next articles are due on April 1st
- 4) Chapter Reports
  - a) Broken Arrow– Meeting at Memorial Union in Dec., next weekend is District Dinner
  - b) BoQui– Pizza party in Dec. meeting on Thursday with E&P training, hosting Klondike
  - c) Hawkeye– December meeting at Godfathers, want to increase attendance
  - d) RRV– Nov. meeting cold weather camping, Brad Miller in Dec. E&P training this month
  - e) Tamaha– Had Chapter Banquet and Holiday Party
  - f) Golden Eagle– Having regular meetings, have new Membership and Webpage officers and adv.
- 5) Approval of Minutes from last LECM  
Tamaha Motion, 2nd BA, Motion Carries
- 6) Old Business
  - a) Trail- – Weekends to start again, 3 weeks of trail crew, still working on north part of trail
  - b) Chapter One Day of Service– BoQui want to have it at Camp Collins on March 18th Motion to approve GE, 2nd BA, Motion Carries
- 7) New Business
  - a) Snowflake PowWow– All activities planned, instructors lined up
  - b) COC– 20th-22nd of January, planning for Conclave, open to anyone, cost \$30 Andy DeBoard is CVC of Activities
  - c) One Day – Saylorville Lake, April 29th, Motion to approve BA, 2nd Tamaha, Motion Carries
  - d) NOAC– Received sheet in Chief, talked about patch designs, Motion to table designs BoQui, 2nd RRV, Motion Carries
  - e) Brotherhood– >Brochure~ send to all troops, >Visitation~ precamp form in all packets, fill out during election, >Troop Rep List~ designed to get info out, get it working right, >Brotherhood Meetings~ at chapter or troop meetings, >Chairman~ each chapter to get chairman, >Separate Borders~ Ordeal Green, Brotherhood Red, Vigil Gold, Motion to approve borders BA, 2nd Tamaha, Motion Carries, >Sat. Apr. 1st is BA & RRV Work weekend, want to have Brotherhood ceremony, open to everyone, not want to detract from Spring Conclave, motion to approve ceremony RRV, 2nd Tamaha, motion carries, >Exceptions for older arrowmen~ no work weekend for certain people, motion to approve BA, 2nd RRV, motion carries
  - f) New Events– >Trail Days~ Sep. 1-3, training and hiking >Halloween Weekend~ fun house, Motion to approve both events RRV, 2nd Tamaha, motion carries > Ring Blitz~ Improvements to ring, May 6th, water in ring now, take care of it or lose it
  - g) Fundraising Patches– Want to make 4 “spooF” patches, worried about political correctness, Motion to approve with Lodge Officers finish designs BA, 2nd RRV, motion carries
- 8) Advisors Minute– More formalized community service, too many single person elections, 1 chapter made membership, 2 made brotherhood, need to keep #'s at chapter meetings
- 9) Closing– OA Song

**Snowflake PowWow  
February 24th-26th, 2006**

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Youth  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Check

Snowflake PowWow Banquet Registration  
due by Feb. 17th \$18 \_\_\_\_\_  
2006 Events Patch \$ 6 \_\_\_\_\_  
2006 Snowflake Patch \$ 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Send to:**

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Mid-Iowa Council  
P.O. Box 3009  
Des Moines, IA 50316-3009**

**Spring Conclave  
May 19th-21st, 2006**

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Youth  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Check

Spring Conclave Registration  
due by May 12th \$10 \_\_\_\_\_  
2006 Events Patch \$ 6 \_\_\_\_\_  
2006 Spring Conclave Patch \$ 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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If your label reads 2005, your dues are due.

**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 2005, \$12.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If not registered in 2005, \$14.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Dan Beard Trail Supporter Patch**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_, IA \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me a Dan Beard Supporter Patch for \$10.50 which I have enclosed. I understand that the money goes to support the construction of the trail.

Deposit in OA/Dan Beard

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# Start Saving Now!

# 2006 NOAC

## National Order of the Arrow Conference



Michigan State University  
 East Lansing, MI  
 July 29-Aug 3, 2006

Cost \$450.00 this includes conference costs, transportation, 2 flaps and at least one shirt. Other shirts may have additional cost.

**Payment schedule:**

- \$100.00 due by Feb 15, 2006 on a first come basis.
- \$100.00 due by March 15th
- \$100.00 due by April 15th
- \$100.00 due by May 15th
- \$50.00 due by June 15th
- \$25.00 late fee for payments not made on time.

Each of us is encouraged to help a youth to attend who may need some help with payments. Youth needing help will need to apply with a writing request for partial help.

Everyone is expected to have a complete Scout uniform and wear it properly.

**2006 NOAC REGISTRATION**  
**July 29-AUG 3, 2006**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Youth  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check**

\$100.00 by Feb 15. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$100.00 by March 15th. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$100.00 by April 15th \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$100.00 by May 15th. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$50.00 by June 15th \_\_\_\_\_  
 Money for youth needing help: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total paid to date \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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