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The Nentego

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Nentego 20 Brings Closure to a Prosperous Year

Upcoming April Weekend @ Henson

On February 2nd of 2002 our lodge held our annual Lodge Banquet. During our annual Lodge Banquet for those that don't know Arrowmen and their families come together to honor each others achievements over the past year. Recently as many of you know Mike Stacey stepped down from Banquet Chairmen, after 3 years of fantastic Banquets. Charlie Mitchell took over with little time to spare and him and Mr. Rich Turner his advisor did a fantastic job. The Northeast Region Chief came down from Boston, Massachusetts to be at our banquet as our Guest Speaker. He quoted Henry David Thoreau in saying "Things do not change. We change. If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life, which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours. Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you've imagined." That is the challenge he gave Nentego 20. The awards present at the Banquet were:



Pappy Award Recipient Pat McCloskey (right) and Lodge Chief Drew Algard (left)

Lodge Participation Award: The blue fish pin can be earned by anyone who participates in Lodge functions throughout the year. Those arrowmen wishing to earn the blue fish pin must do the following: attend the lodge banquet and attend two other functions of the lodge (weekends, conclave, NOAC, or one day event such as a special brotherhood day or one day work project). After they have completed these requirements, they will be presented their blue fin pin at the next years lodge banquet. This pin can be earned every year.

Elangomat Award: The green fish pin can be earned by anyone who serves the lodge as an Elangomat three times. Just as there were Elangomats on your Ordeal, you serve as the friend to new candidates coming into our Lodge. Once you have completed being an Elangomat for the third time, you will be recognized with the green fish pin. The recommended way to complete this award would be to volunteer as an Elangomat for all three weekends in one year. This way the award can be earned every year.

Cook Crew: The black fish pin can be earned by anyone who serves the lodge on the cook crew three times. Volunteer in the kitchen on three weekends, help-

The next Lodge Weekend is at Henson Scout Reservation. This is a great time to seal your membership in the brotherhood if you have not already done so. Many important issues will be discussed at the business meeting. There will be many important projects to complete plus great food and fellowship. There will be a chance to view the website if you have not already. The lodge is going through a time of prospering and achievements we would love to see you at the April Ordeal weekend. You may bring ideas up for the lodge to do in the coming year and suggest fellowship ideas.

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Chiefly Speaking

Calendar of Events

- March 2 Council of Chiefs, Broad Creek Scout Reservation, 10:00 AM
- March 8-10 NLS, Camp Guajataka, Puerto Rico
- April 5-7 NLS, Camp Alpine, New Jersey
- April 13 OA Preparation Day, Henson Scout Reservation
- April 19-21 Spring Ordeal, Henson Scout Reservation
- May 3-5 NLS, Camp Alpine, New Jersey
- May 31-June 2 NE-4C Conclave, Broad Creek Scout Reservation
- June 7-9 Summer Ordeal, Rodney Scout Reservation
- July 26-August 1 NOAC, Bloomington, IN
- August LLD (tentative)
- September 13-15 Northeast Region NLS, Camp Mt Run, PA
- October 25-27 Fall Weekend @ Henson

Hello fellow arrowmen. For many of you it has been awhile since I last addressed you. However, I hope that everyone is gearing up for our busiest part of the year. Our lodge banquet was, in the eyes of many, a success once again. I thank the banquet committee for the great job that they did over the months of November, December, and January. I would also like to thank all arrowmen who attended the banquet and congratulate those recognized with the various awards.

The April weekend at Henson is quickly approaching and many of the officers are working very hard to get us ready for another successful weekend. I encourage everyone to keep up their efforts.

Also, in the near future is another big event in which lodge member support is crucial. This event is the Section Conclave being held at Broad Creek. The section conclave is the annual gathering of the six lodges in NE-4C. We come together for training, fun, and fellowship. Show your lodge support and sign up to be one of Nentego's 40 delegates. Contact SRN Events Committee today.

I would like to close by telling you about some other things that are happening within the lodge. First of all, there is a well planned chapter rebuilding project taking place as you read this letter. The Freedom Trail Chapter is assisting both

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Membership Updates and

Has your address changed?

If you've moved or your address has changed due to 911 addresses in some parts of the peninsula, please use this format to indicate the change. Please use a 3 x 5 index card and mail it to the Del-Mar-Va Council address.

Name: _____ OA # _____
 New address: _____
 City, State & Zip: _____

Have you paid your 2002 dues?

Check the address label on this issue of *The Nendawen*. If it says, "Please pay 2002 dues" then the lodge hasn't received your 2002 dues payment as of February 10, 2002. Please use this form to pay your dues:

Name: _____ OA # _____

Mail check for \$16.00 to

OA Dues c/o Del-Mar-Va Council, BSA

801 N WASHINGTON ST
 WILMINGTON, DE 19801-1597

Help locate "missing" members

Membership needs help locating the following members:

Dale Martin Troop 222 address and phone number needed. Email to rjrmprk@yahoo.com

Arrowman Service Award

The requirements for the Arrowman Service Award include helping an ordeal member become brotherhood. Contact membership at rjrmprk@yahoo.com to get a list of ordeal members in your unit so you can earn this award.



Chiefly Speaking (Continued from page 2)

the Cecil and Three Rivers Chapters with OA Elections. The same assistance program is also going on with the Tri County Chapter helping the Virginia Chapter. I encourage current members of Cecil, Three Rivers, and Virginia to contact your respective Chapter Chief to see where you can lend a hand. This also applies to the Two Bays Chapter, which is the last stage of the chapter rebuilding plan. It is my goal to have all chapters work on Two Bays. This will make responding to unit elections easier on everyone. Currently Two Bays does not have a Chapter Chief or Adviser. I am looking for a willing youth and adult to cheerfully get things off the ground. Contact me if you are interested.

The other significance taking place is actually occurring on the internet. In the last 4 months, an entirely new web page has been created for the lodge. Right now the website contains the following information to help the lodge better serve individual troops: awards, lodge reinstatement form, lodge calendar, and access to nentego-l. Nentego-l is the lodge mailroom and it helps the arrowmen of the lodge keep up to date on what special events and help is needed around the council. See the website, www.nentego.org for more information. The most exciting achievement of the website has yet to come. That is being able to sign up for elections over the internet. Watch the website for this feature, hopefully to be up by the April weekend.

Anyway, exciting things are happening and it would be great if all members of the lodge could be a part of it. We can always use more help. Hope to see you at the April weekend.

"I've learned that life challenges with the fact that everything can be done better."

In the Spirit of Brotherhood,

Drew Algard

Lodge Chief, Nentego 20

Thoughts on Leadership

by Don Cunningham, 2001 National OA Chief

Leadership has been studied for years, dating back to the writings of Attila the Hun. Philosophers, business managers, psychologists, and sociologists alike have attempted to come up with the perfect definition of the vague term "leadership." I feel that no group or professional has come as close as we, the members of the Order of the Arrow, in defining this quality that we strive to instill in our members. Simply put, there is no one definition for a leader. The process of influencing others is subject to interpretation and differs with culture, age, society, etc. However, one attribute applies to all leadership: setting the example. In the Order of the Arrow, we call this "walking like you talk." Our members put it to practice in their daily lives and our leaders make it a reality in units, lodges, and communities across the nation.

In his inaugural speech, President George W. Bush boldly stated: "Our duty is to fulfill in service to one another, never yielding, never finishing." I cannot think of a better way to describe our obligations as Arrowmen. Servant leadership is truly the essence of our Order. I can assure you that you will find, as I have, that the members of this organization are the finest people you'll ever meet. If you rise to the challenge of sacrifice and recommitment to service, your own life purpose will undoubtedly spark to light. Oswald Spengler eloquently defined our intentions as members of the human race, "This is our purpose: to make as meaningful as possible this life that has been bestowed upon us; to live and work in such a way that we may be proud of ourselves; to act in such a way that some part of us lives on." We face many challenges today, the greatest of which include discrimination and disrespect. Because we have been given the gifts of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service, we have a responsibility to help others find real happiness and success in life. This can only come from our leadership and setting the example. Actions have always spoken much louder than words; the Ordeal is a living example. To quote my government and politics textbook, "It may be said that the test of a truly civil society is not its treatments of popular ideas and of its best citizens but its willingness to tolerate ideas that the majority detests and to treat equally the rights of its least popular citizens" (We The People, Paterson).

The only way that we may utilize our ability to touch the lives of those around us is to become involved ourselves. It is the spark of light (the spirit of the Order of the Arrow) that enables us to convincingly lead from the heart by simply making good judgments and morally sound contributions to society. Leaders are not born, but rather are raised. Whether or not you believe it, every single Scout ever elected to membership in our Order has the potential to become a great leader. Far greater than title, position, or stature is the quality that separates the truly great leaders from all the rest: compassion for others. Influencing the lives of others and getting them to do what you want because they want to do it is not simple task, but may be achieved by taking an interest in their lives and becoming involved in compromise. Creating win-win situations is the best means of getting the most out of yourself and of your team.

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~Henry David Thoreau

Lodge Banquet (Continued from page 1)

ing prepare food and serving your fellow arrowmen, and you will be recognized with the black fish pin. The recommended way to complete this award would be to volunteer on cook crew for all three weekends in one year. This way the award can be earned every year.

Arrowman Service Award: Designed to reward those Arrowmen who go beyond their immediate responsibilities to help and guide others to new heights, the Order of the Arrow created the Arrowman Service Award. The award will focus on three areas of service: personal, chapter/lodge activities, and general service to the community.

Pappy Award: The "Pappy" Award is presented annually to two Del-Mar-Va Council OA youth members in memory of Jim and Betsy Clark for their dedication to Scouting, Community Service and Education. Scout Leaders, Family, Neighbors or Friends can make nominations. Selection will be based on Scouting Advancement and Community service beyond that required for Scouting Advancement and Academic Achievement.

Founder's Award: Awarded to those who best show the founding principles of the Order of the Arrow.

At the banquet we held a meeting session of the lodge and voted on a few matters carried over from October. We made the Second vote to change Publications to Communications Committee. That motion carried and now the Publications Committee is officially the Communications Committee. The second vote for the change of Costumes to Regalia was discussed but no motion was made and the motion died. We rediscussed the motion tabled to buy a lodge laptop to hold the membership database. There was a motion made to allocate a maximum of \$1500 to purchase the laptop and it carried. Then a motion was made to make a second NOAC patch for delegates with the change being gold mylar border and that motion was also passed. The Pappy Award was presented to Pat McCloskey and the Founders award went to Mike Stacey and Ana Prosceno. The Banquet is a symbolism of not only the chance to honor fellow arrowmen but also is known for the great food and fellowship and I personally have to say that this banquet has been one of the best I've been to. The NOAC patch was on sale in the trading post and Brad Lundberg and Dennis O'neill were manning a World Jamboree table to get boys to sign up to go. This is a once in a lifetime experience but before I get you excited let me tell you how much it cost, it is \$4100. But still go I need somebody that I know cause right now I am the only one going from Del-Mar-Va Council. So GO!!



Founders Award Recipients Mike Stacey (right) and Ana Prosceno (left).

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List of Recipients of Awards

Cook Crew:

James Bendix
James Valentine
Wesley Wolf

Elangomat Award:

John Stepanos
Justin Eggleston
Nate Reister
Scott Cheesman
Joel Eggleston
Nelson Messick

Arrowman Service Award:

Andrew Algard
Dan Dolinger
Kelly Marshall
Patrick McCloskey
Mike Meredith
Larry Miller
Charlie Mitchell
Mike Piazza
James Valentine
Wesley Wolf

Congratulations goes to Vigil Honor Recipients

2002 Vigil Honor Recipients:

Jason Hall
Christopher Henry
Walter E. Meredith
Trevor Rathfon
Penny M. Hall
John McCleish
Larry Miller
Eric B. Simpson
James E. Willey, III

Participation Award:

ANDREW ALGARD
STEPHEN M ALGARD
JAMES E BARBER
CURTIS A BARNHART SR
JAMES A BENDIX
JAMES R BENDIX
WILLIAM L BOSTON
DALE A CATHELL
THOMAS CHAMBERS
M. SCOTT CHEESMAN
WILLIS R DOLINGER
JOHN DULIS
JOEL EGGLESTON
JUSTIN EGGLESTON
JOSEPH A GALLAGHER
KEITH GERMERSHAUSEN
SETH GERMERSHAUSEN
ERIC K GUDE
KARL E GUDE
WILLIAM F HALL
NEVIN C HARTMAN JR
CHRISTOPHER HENRY
ANDREW HEUN
FORREST E HICKMAN
ROBERT E HOARD JR
BRIAN M KARCH
BERTHA LASHER
NICHOLAS J LOMBARDO JR
PATRICIA L LOMBARDO
S. KELLY MARSHALL
STEPHEN T MASTEN SR

PATRICK C McCLOSKEY JR
ADELE G MEREDITH
MICHAEL MEREDITH
WALTER E MEREDITH
LARRY MILLER
MATTHEW T MILLER
CHARLES MITCHELL III
CHARLES MITCHELL JR
DENNIS O'NEILL
MICHAEL PIAZZA
ANA M PROSCENO
LOUISE C RATHFON
THOMAS RATHFON
TREVOR RATHFON
RUDOLF SCHOCK
ERIC B SIMPSON
LEIGH A SOETE
ANDREW K STACEY
MICHAEL R STACEY
WAYNE A STACEY
TIMOTHY SWANSON
RICHARD D TURNER SR
JAMES VALENTINE
EDWARD I WEDMAN III
ROBERT B WEYL
WESLEY WOLF
GARY J WYATT SR
PAUL S YEAGER JR
DANIEL R YOUNG
ROBERT YOUNG

Sussex Update

Sussex Chapter continues to meet on the first Tuesday of each month at Wesley United Methodist Church in Georgetown, Delaware. The meetings start at 7:30pm and usually last about an hour. Following the formal meeting we always have refreshments (which is usually the best part of the meeting) provided by one of the Troops in attendance.

We try to come up with ideas to do more fun things at the monthly meetings, like in December we played basketball at a local gym and in February we met at Grotto's Grand Slam outside of Lewes. The month of March will be interesting with a Scavenger Hunt and prizes. April's meeting will be a regular meeting at the church and in May we will be at Mrs. Lasher's house where the Chapter Officer elections will also be held.

From February through April, Mark Banks, Ceremony Chairperson, and other Arrowmen are busy with Arrow of Light Ceremonies for all of the 2nd year Webelos that are advancing into Boy Scouts. There have also been a number of OA elections held at Troop meetings by Jason Marker, Election Chairperson. In the spring (and fall) Sussex Chapter continues to fulfill its responsibility of cleaning a 2 mile stretch of highway for the Adopt-A-Highway program.

In May when the Chapter has its officer elections the following positions will be available: Chapter Chief, Vice-Chapter Chief, Camping Promotions, Secretary, Ceremony and Elections Chairs. If you are interested in holding a chapter position or would like to be re-elected please make sure you come to the May meeting.

We would like to encourage those Arrowmen in Sussex District that have not been an active participant in the monthly meetings to please stop by Wesley Church and enjoy the OA fellowship. We are also looking for new ideas for our meetings. Also any Sussex Chapter Arrowmen that are eligible to seal their Brotherhood should try and do so at the April or June weekend.

Help Wanted!!

There is an open position available for a youth. The Costumes Chairman position is vacant and the Lodge Chief needs your help to fill it. Contact Drew Algard at 302-837-1523 or Eagle62098@aol.com if you are interesting in being in charge of ceremonial costumes making for the lodge.

Nentego Lodge 20 wants to start a dance team. Are you someone who thinks they are interested? The lodge needs your support to start the new Native American Events Committee which will include a dance team. Show you interest by calling the Lodge Chief today! If we have the necessary interest, we could get a chance to compete at the National Order of the Arrow Conference!

Criteria for Chapter Achievement Program

The Lodge is starting a program that involves the chapters. The one chapter that passes the criteria will be awarded the 'Best Chapter Award'. This will be a yearly award that is presented this year at the June Weekend but from then on it will be presented at the Banquet. You will receive a plaque that can be hung in your meeting hall and a reward, such as pizza party, ice cream etc. The purpose of this program is to increase chapter participation. All chapters are encouraged to strive for completion of the Criteria. In order to achieve this award you must have at least the percent shone or have the best percent in 4 and 5. Also for 3, 6 and 7 the answer must be yes. Overall you must complete 4 of the 7 to be eligible and if there is a tie after that it will be considered using percent of completion.

1. Brotherhood Conversion Rate (30%)
2. Attendance- weekends (35%), conclave(6%), NOAC(1%), chapter meetings(35%)
3. Do you have a chapter outing (if so what and how many)?
4. % of troops who get election
5. % of troops who get camping promotions
6. Do you successfully have officer elections?
7. Do you have a rep to fill each committee position at lodge level (the amount of involvement at lodge level)?

There will be forms available for Chapter Chiefs to pick up at the April Weekend. The chapters will be responsible for getting the amount of people at chapter meetings this is an average number of arrowmen that are normally there. The prize for this is not yet determined but most closely it will be a party at either a lodge weekend or a chapter meeting.

Letter From the Editor:

I would like to extend a personal thank you to those that help to make this newsletter what it is. Without other people writing articles this newsletter wouldn't be what it is now. I am looking for anybody that would like to write something. If you have suggestions but would like to remain anonymous just email me your suggestion and tell me not to mention your name. I would like to be able to put editorials in here about how the lodge is running and other topics but I need you to write them. You can email me at kmbse@bcctv.com.

A Message from the Health and Safety Committee

FIRST YEAR ARROWMEN AWARD

When the Nentego Lodge gathers, everyone there is looking forward to one big thing...FUN FOR EVERYONE. Some would say we as a lodge have been blessed. We on the Health and Safety Committee say we've been lucky. We have not had a serious accident or injury occur during a weekend. Oh, sure, we've have our share of bumps, bruises, cuts, scrapes and sore muscles but over all no one has been seriously injured or gotten sick. We on the Health and Safety Committee want to keep things that way. You see we are an essentially lazy bunch. We sit around all weekend waiting for something to happen, and it never does. I guess that is why we might not be taken seriously sometimes.

Baden-Powell admonishes all Scouts to "Be Prepared". We on the Health and Safety Committee ask that all members of the Lodge assist us in fulfilling this mission. The first opportunity to give service is to become a member of the Health and Safety Committee. We are looking for at least one member from each chapter, but welcome who ever wishes to join. Members need to be well versed in First Aid Skills. Members will be broken into shifts. The number of volunteers present at the weekend will determine the number of hours each shift will be. The more volunteers we have the shorter the shifts will be. This will also allow you to participate in other Lodge activities during the weekend. Working on Health and Safety Committee might not be a hard or glorifying, but it is important task.

The responsibilities of the Health and Safety Committee, as outlined in the Lodge Leaders Handbook, are:
 Responsible for the health and Safety of all Arrowmen and candidates on Lodge weekends.
 Keeps up to date medical records on active members. The advanced class one medical form shall be included with the dues payment form.
 Regulate medication to those members or candidates who require it.
 Oversee and treat any and all injuries capable of being treated in camp.

Capable of being available and able to get to any person who needs medical attention.

Another way to be of service to not only the lodge but, to you as well is by completing a health history form (BSA Class 1 Physical Form). The information contained on this form would be accessible to only Health and Safety Committee Members and any necessary Emergency Medical Care Providers. No one wants to think about it but...What if something happened to you and you could not answer for yourself. There are times when we have candidates and members in camp that have medical problems that we on Health and Safety are not aware of. That is dangerous. What if you were diabetic and passed out and hit your head; or had high blood pressure and became disoriented because of a possible stroke and we on Health and Safety didn't know about your problems? What if you were allergic to bees and were stung without anyone else knowing about it? What if you were taking aspirin to help your heart and were seriously cut in a freak accident. These are all situations where someone may not be able to answer for themselves. A current, complete health form will help Health and Safety personnel treat you as well as facilitate the exchange of valuable information to EMS providers and emergency room staff. The only thing we ask in filling out the health form is that you make the form legible and if you run out of room, please use an extra sheet of paper.

Communicating this information as soon as possible to Health and Safety will help us treat you in a timely and appropriate manner. Communication – isn't that what it's all about?

Yours in Brotherhood
 Michael Meredith

<p>Requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Attend one weekend (not including your induction or Brotherhood Weekend) 2) Attend four chapter meetings 3) Actively serve on at least one lodge committee for a minimum of six months 4) Demonstrate troop participation at meetings and troop camps (Scout Master's discretion) 5) Attain Brotherhood Honor within one year of being inducted into the lodge. <p>The following people may sign off on requirements: lodge officer (1), Chapter officer (2), Committee Chairman (3), Scout Master (4), and Brotherhood Chairman (5).</p> <p>Instructions: Each requirement must have the appropriate signature. You have ONE year after your induction to complete the requirements. Awards will be presented at the lodge banquet. In order to qualify for the award, you MUST turn in your completed card to the Brotherhood Chairman on the weekend in which you seal your membership.</p>
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Nentego on the Web

The Lodge Website's new address is www.nentego.org. Right now some changes, both major and minor, are in the works. The officers page now has profiles for the following officers: Lodge Chief, Service Vice Chief, Inductions Vice Chief, Unit Relations Vice Chief, Treasurer, and Secretary. There is a NOAC Information Page, and you can sign up for Unit Elections. The future for the site looks bright. We are hoping to win the best site at Conclave, and get the site up to NOAC 2002 Honor Site status. A new no-frames version will be debuting soon, so check back often for any changes. The website committee is looking for ideas and help with HTML. Also they are looking for ideas to organize the site effectively and make the site easy to move through. If any arrowmen out there have any experience and would like to assist then email your information to nentego20@yahoo.com.

Conclave Registration

Conclave registration price is \$25 per person.

Names and OA registration numbers of those going

Name OA registration number

_____ \$25

T-shirts (\$10, \$12 for XXL or larger)

S M L XL _____ x \$10 = \$ _____

XXL XXXL _____ x \$12 = \$ _____

Patches \$3

_____ x \$3 = \$ _____

Pins \$2.50

_____ x \$2.50 = \$ _____

Make checks payable to Nentego Lodge 20

Sub-Total = \$25 +

T-Shirts = \$ _____

Patches = \$ _____

Pins = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

Send same address as weekends Registration

