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## Fall Weekend @ Rodney Scout Reservation

This past OA weekend was a work and fellowship weekend combined. Well it was supposed to be anyway but dedicated Nentego members worked hard all day in some cases to finish their projects. We had 41 Ordeal candidates and 4 elangomats. Friday night started off a bit rough when we faced some extenuating circumstances after a Ordeal candidate showed up late we did another Pre-Ordeal ceremony. Then at about 1 am we found out that a clan was missing. Well we found them 100 yards passed where they were supposed to be. It was generally smooth and well organized. Saturday proved productive. We had 4 Ordeal clans that worked on 7 projects. The clans worked on restoring dill hills on the roads that lead to Accomac and Shawnee/Minsi were reestablished and the sides of the main road were cleaned increasing the visibility. The Brotherhood worked on expanding the campfire ring and making the Chesapeake bay more



Winner of the pudding eating contest (above)



Trevor Rathfon, thought the object was to see how much you could get on you. (above)

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## Lodge Banquets

THIS YEAR'S BANQUET WILL BE  
FEBRUARY 2, 2002

PLACE:  
DELAWARE STATE TROOPERS  
ASSOCIATION HALL  
IN  
CHESWOLD, DE

TIME:  
6:00PM FELLOWSHIP  
6:30PM DINNER AND MEETING  
COST:  
\$17

PLEASE COME AND ENJOY A NIGHT OF  
FELLOWSHIP AND GOOD FOOD. MANY  
IMPORTANT ISSUES WILL BE DIS-  
CUSSED AND VOTED ON.

**LLD**—On September 22nd we had lodge leadership Development. A course for Lodge Officers and Advisors. It went very smoothly. Presenters include, organizer Drew Algard, Mike Piazza and Kelly Marshall. It was very well done and a lot was learned and discussed.

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## Brotherhood Report **Chiefly Speaking**

This past weekend was a blast! The Brotherhood Candidates were hard at work, non stop all day long! We spent our day of service at the Campfire Arena; expanding the stage. It was a tedious and strenuous project, but we all worked together and managed to accomplish our goals.

We had 13 brothers seal their membership in the Order this weekend. I would like to congratulate each of them for their accomplishments. I would like to give a special thanks to Charlie Shirley, John Dulis, Bill Payne, Tyler Simons, Justin Eggleston, and Keith Germerhausen for helping the candidates with their project. I would like to thank my two Nimats, Larry Miller and Tyler Simons, Physical Arrangements and Ceremonies for their hard work. The Cook Crew also deserves special commendation for their excellent food they provided for us. I would like to send a very big thank you to Ms. Ana Prosceno, the Brotherhood Advisor. She has been wonderful! The weather was great and everything went smoothly with no problems.

### **\*ATTENTION\*:**

Calling all ordeal members. Nentego Lodge 20 is trying to earn the quality lodge award. One of the requirements is to have 30% convert to Brotherhood. If you are eligible send me an email or give me a call and ask me about the next time you will be able to convert. I would like to hear from you even if you can't make it! We can get 30% conversions, but it is up to you to make it happen! **I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

Your in Brotherhood,  
Pat McCloskey  
Brotherhood Chairmen  
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As the lodge moves towards a new year, we face yet one problem holding us back from receiving the Quality Lodge Award. The requirement stating to convert 30 % of our eligible Ordeal members to Brotherhood is holding us back for the fifth year in a row. I encourage all Ordeal members, both young and old, to come to convert to Brotherhood at the next possible weekend which will be April 19th through the 21st at Henson Scout Reservation.

The October weekend marked a few changes. The current officers and I tried some new things, some of which worked and some of which didn't. We have some different proposals for the April weekend as we try to bring the chapters closer and allow for more fellowship.

In the meanwhile, there are many things that OA members can do in order to help better the lodge. Many troops are still in need of an OA representative. For more information on this position within the troop, contact Unit Relations Vice-Chief Mike Stacey at 302-537-5857. If you are interested in having a troop election, contact Elections Chairman Preston Ward at 302-764-1307. If your district is interested in having a Camping Promotions presentation contact Camping Promotions Chairman Eddie Wedman at 302-737-2959.

There are also many opportunities awaiting Lodge members in the near future. Our Lodge needs to be represented at the Section Conclave which will be held from May 31 to June 2 at Broad Creek Scout Reservation. Our lodge will also be sending a contingent to the National Order of the Arrow Conference which is being held at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. Sign up lists will be available at the lodge banquet as well as the April and June weekends; however, if you just cannot wait and want to guarantee your spot at either of these events contact SRN adviser Mike Piazza at 302-453-1448.

Speaking of the banquet, I hope to see you all there as we present the Founder's Award, the Pappy Award, the lodge fish pins, and the Arrowman Service Award.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Drew Algard  
Lodge Chief, Nentego 20

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!

### **HOT NEW RESALE PATCH—**

At the October Weekend the lodge voted on a NOAC patch design to be on sale, hopefully, at the Banquet. So look for the cool patch and buy lots

Are you someone who would like to help promote Order of the Arrow Events on the section, region, and national level? Would you like to help lead a contingent of your fellow arrowmen to the National Order of the Arrow Conference in Bloomington, Indiana? If you said yes, you may be just the right person to be the next SRN Events Chairman! Act quickly, this is the last youth position available in the lodge! If you are interested or would like more information contact Lodge Chief Drew Algard at 302-837-1523 or Eagle62098@aol.com.

## What is an Elangomat?

Elangomats? You might say what are they? Well they are the guys that made it possible for you to do your ordeal. They were the ones that already had their sashes but still went to help you when you did your ordeal. But if they hadn't volunteered you wouldn't been able to complete your Ordeal. You might say that you've done your Ordeal you don't care. But you should care because even if you don't care about the future of the Order of the Arrow then you should be one because somebody was one for you. Let me explain what an Elangomat does. He comes in Friday night and registers. Then he goes down to were the Ordeal candidates are meeting and starts his cheerful service, as he helps the candidates role their sleeping bags and ground tarps. Then as the clans go out he leads his with the help of a ceremony guide to the Pre-Ordeal. From there the clan goes to the place where they will sleep and you will wake up instruct them to crave a arrow, eat breakfast and sit out on your service project which you will direct and lead. Then you will get lunch and either complete the project or start another. At approximately 4 you will leave for the Ordeal Ceremony after which you will feast and fellowship with fellow members. Doing this service 3 times will earn you the Green Fish Pin which is more rare then the Chiefs 20 Pin (red). And to top it off it only cost a dollar for a trained Elangomat. If you are interested in training you can call the Lodge Chief for more information. Elangomats are always needed, so think about!!

## 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 consider 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?
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?

Look below to see where your chapter meets and help your chapter earn this prestigious award.

## Calendar of Events—Nentego Lodge

|                                               |                                                          |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| January 19 <sup>th</sup>                      | - Executive Committee Meeting                            |
| February 2 <sup>nd</sup>                      | - Banquet @ Delaware State Troopers Association Hall     |
| November 10 <sup>th</sup>                     | - Council of Chiefs, Baltimore, MD                       |
| February                                      | - Lodge Banquet—Place, Date and Time TBA                 |
| March ? ?                                     | - Council of Chiefs, Broad Creek Scout Reservation       |
| April 13 <sup>th</sup>                        | - Prep day @ HSR                                         |
| April 19 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup>      | - Spring Ordeal Weekend @ HSR                            |
| May 31 <sup>st</sup> -June 2 <sup>nd</sup>    | - Section NE-4C Conclave @ Broad Creek Scout Reservation |
| June 7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup>         | - Summer Ordeal Weekend @ RSR                            |
| July 24 <sup>th</sup> -August 1 <sup>st</sup> | - NOAC-Bloomington IN                                    |
| August                                        | - LLD (Tentative)                                        |
| October 25-27 <sup>th</sup>                   | - Fall Weekend @ Henson(Date may be wrong)               |

## Chapter Meeting Places:

### Choptank Chapter:

Chief—Scott Cheesman  
Meets—2nd Thursday @ 7:30  
St. Marks Church  
Peachblossom Rd  
Easton, MD

### Sussex Chapter

Meets—1st Tuesday @ 7:30  
Wesley United Methodist Church  
Georgetown, DE

### Three Rivers Chapter

Meets—2nd Tuesday @ 7:00  
William Penn High School

### Freedom Trails

Meets—2nd Wednesday @ 7:00  
Dupont's Barley Mill Plaza

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viewable. Also we had several member projects like re-screening cabins. All projects were completed satisfactory. Our new officers did a great job organizing the weekend. To see what exactly went on at the business meeting see below.

## **a few announcements**



### **Matters Voted On or Discussed**

- Discuss the change Elangomat fee apply to trained only Motion passed
- Publication Ceremonies temporary vote on bylaw change to Communications Voted to change
- Costumes Temporary vote on bylaw change to Regalia Voted to change
- NOAC Patch Design Vote Patch Design 2 won 14-17
- New Medical Form – Motioned to mandate medical form tabled to later date
- Health and Safety patch to show who is health officer - Design approved to identify H&S
- Discussion on Laptop purchase Motion to look for donations and table the use of money to purchase until Banquet
- Voted to include pappy award nomination and arrowman service award form in with re-registration
- Founders Award Vote
- Printer and folding machine purchase to fulfill the lodge achievement
- Motion to look into adopting the Lenape Dinning hall @Rodney and the Nanticoke lodge @ Henson
- American Indian affairs committee to be researched and interest accessed by banquet

## **Unit Relations Update**

My fellow Arrowmen, time is fleeting. I hope everyone is working toward getting their troop O/A election dates set. As a troop O/A representative myself, I know how important it is to hold your election early in the year. This allows ample time for all necessary paperwork to reach the Council office for processing. The reason for processing the forms early is because the lodge sends out invitation letters. In the past this has caused quite a stir among many adult leaders. So please hold your election early and be sure to mail you election form into the Council officer. If you have any problems or questions concerning the election process, please give me a call (302 537-5857) or E-mail me at Fattboy85@aol.com.

The Banquet is scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February. Please mark you calendar and try to attend this lodge event. As a past banquet chairman I enjoyed the fellowship of the evening. It is a time to honor our fellow arrowmen for the service they have given to our order. On a final note, I would ask everyone to try to attend the NE-4C section conclave. This year it is going to be held at Broadcreek Scout Reservation from May 30<sup>th</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2002. It is a great time to meet new people and enjoy fellowship.

Yours in Cheerful Service,

Michael R. Stacey, Unit Relations Vice Lodge Chief

**A couple of announcements. First of all the executive meeting for January has been canceled. We have decided that the few things that we need to vote on will only take 15 minutes so the following things will be discussed and voted after the banquet: 2nd vote for name change of Publications Committee to Communications committee, 2nd vote for name change of Costumes Committee to Regalia committee, and voting on the purchasing of a laptop now that we have all the info on that subject. We may add one or two more things as time goes by due to CoC and NLS but whole meeting will not take more than 20 minutes. My second announcement is regarding the awards at the banquet. I have decided that the chief's 20 red fish pins will not be handed out at the banquet. Rather, they will be handed out at the June weekend on Sat night at dinner. My reasons behind this change are that I think it is unfair for me to judge who best contributes to the lodge based solely on one weekend and the LLD. This way I will be able to take into account the entire year and have a better idea and hopefully you all think this is more fair. I hope that this doesn't discourage anyone from coming to the banquet and I hope that you can all see where I'm coming from on the topic. Hope to see you all at the Banquet.**



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