

Codzilla Chronicles

The Biggest Lodge Banquet Ever! January 24, 2009

Our annual Lodge Banquet is fast approaching, so mark your calendars! This year's Lodge Banquet will be held at the Lawrence Vocational Technical High School on January 24 at 4:00 PM. Tickets will be \$15 for individuals and \$60 for families, so be sure to buy your tickets ahead of time! Reserve your slot now by sending checks to the council office: 36 Amesbury Rd, Haverhill MA, 01830 Attn. Order of the Arrow Banquet.

The Lodge Banquet is our annual opportunity to get together with our brothers, family and friends to celebrate all the achievements made both by our lodge and by its Arrowmen over the course of the year. You know what that means: Plaques. We have plaques for everything. You will not know what to do with all the plaques you receive. Wallpaper? Not anymore. Certificates, trophies, and plaques will cover every square inch of your bedroom by the end of this evening. If you counted a single ballot at a single election or helped slice a single onion you maybe getting a plaque. Paul's is getting a little sick of the "Number 1 onion-slicer!" award on the other hand, so hopefully you were a little more original.

Better still, highly delicious food designed to entice the taste buds and satisfy the belly will be served. The title of "banquet" is well earned. We're not talking Frito-pie here, either. This is some 5-star, first class grub. The staff of the Codzilla Chronicles often fast all weekend to prepare themselves for banquet engorging, and yes, we are talking about high school students here. Finally, the afternoon is perfected by the entertainment provided by Nanepashemet's legendary Banquet Show, written and performed by Codzilla's finest. This year's theme is...well, you'll just have to attend to find out! Skippy certainly approves. Previous years include mice, a melting iceberg and a lost group of scouts. If you don't know where you're going, any road will take you there. Be sure to bring your families and friends to Nanepashemet lodge's annual Lodge Banquet on January 24, 2009 at the Greater Lawrence Vocational Technical High School. Mark your calendars!

Banquet Show in Production: It is the stuff dreams are made of.



As our annual lodge banquet creeps ever closer the cast of this year's banquet show is putting in the hours to make sure that this years show is up to Skippy's standards. Filming has been going on since November across the Council land (mostly Great Brook Farm). The script nears completion and rehearsals are underway. What is the theme you ask? Well, you could always ask Skippy. Yet we can tell you is its about dreams and a rusty lantern. What does that have to do with anything? Well you'll just have to see and experience this show for yourself.

Better yet get involved. We need actors, singers, set designers and a huge technical crew. If you've ever wanted to work behind the scenes in an FStar Production now is your chance. Contact the Communications committee at www.aa158.net/contact.html.



We Are A National Quality Lodge!!!

In this year, 2008 AD, we of the Order of the Arrow Lodge known as Nanepashemet have accomplished a great achievement. We have reached that great peak that is being a National Quality Lodge. The journey was not easy, nay the trials were great. Our members poured their blood, sweat and tears out so that we might have a positive impact on the Yankee Clipper Council all while ignoring the likely possibility for dehydration (the pouring was rather significant). Congratulations, my brothers.

There are many requirements for becoming a National Quality Lodge, all of which are outlined on the National website: www.aa-bsa.org. These requirements include providing service and donations to the council, creating and presenting effective and impressive induction ceremonies, and distributing a Lodge newsletter. In fact, holding this copy of the Codzilla Chronicles in your hands now is proof that we are a Quality Lodge. Good work, gentlemen. In 2009 the trail we follow becomes rougher, steeper, fainter.



Get these dates on your refrigerator

Annual Lodge Banquet and Family Night
January 24, 2009

Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational School
National Leadership Seminar

March 27-29, 2009 Alpine Scout Reservation, NJ

Ordeal Inductions Weekend 1

May 1-3, 2009 Lone Tree Scout Reservation

Lodge Fellowship

May 8-10, 2009 Lone Tree Scout Reservation

Annual Lodge Meeting

May 9, 2009, 4:30 PM Lone Tree Scout Reservation

Webelos Woods

May 9, 2009 Lone Tree Scout Reservation

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Elections season has begun!

Brothers, it's that time of year again! It's time to return once again to the troops of Yankee Clipper Council and elect those worthy scouts to our Order. Nanepashemet lodge has big plans for the next few years, and we're going to need all the help we can get. That's why offering elections to anything less than 100% of troops cannot be accepted. Not only that, in order for Nanepashemet to be considered a National Quality Lodge we must not only offer elections to every troop in the council but also increase in lodge membership. It's a little bit of a big deal.

Elections do more than just increase our numbers. Sending arrowmen back to the troops is our lodge's primary sources of interaction with non-members. Nothing quite beats ego-boost a troop committee gets when they hear that the lodge wants their scouts to become members of the Order of the Arrow. The new members then return to the troop and improve the troop program. Improved troop program boosts membership, which increases elections, which in turn boosts the lodge program. That wasn't so hard.

Chapters are already deep in planning for the busy couple of months ahead. Pawtucket Chapter Chief, Michael Bazmaji says, "elections are the most important thing a chapter does". For those new members who were recently inducted or those who haven't been involved in the lodge, elections are a great way to get started. Contact your Chapter Chief to find out how to get electing.

NOAC, HERE WE COME

Permits are being filed, vans booked and an entire college prepared for our arrival; that's right kids, it's NOAC. Having made a triumphant landing in 2006, now it's finally our chance to show all of the Order how much progress we've made over the past few years. That means we're bringing the largest contingent in Nanepashemet history. That means we're going to drive 18 hours to Indiana. That means vans. Big, hulking hunks of metal hurling across the freeway with abandon, focusing only on our destination (all reckless abandon occurs within both the speed limit and the painted white lines). This is our year to shine.

NOAC is the National Order of the Arrow Conference. It's held every 4 years as an opportunity for Arrowmen from all over the country to meet and learn from each other. Seminars are held, shows performed and competitions carried out. This year, NOAC is being held at Indiana University from August 1st to 6th. Our NOAC committee, headed up by our own Zach Ryan, has been hard at work detailing our Lodge itinerary. We'll spend six days invading Indiana University, and then invade a famous local water park. Then we'll make our way to Washington D.C. That's right, Nanepashemet goes to D.C.! President Obama's is going to have his hands full, all right.

Get in \$100 to the council office as soon as you can to reserve your spot! Also, Camp Staff should be aware that if they wish to travel to NOAC they are going to need to contact either Jon Keating or Kevin Dion for WTCSR and Brian Arenella for LTSR ASAP. To Indiana or bust!



STAY WITHIN COMMUNICATION RANGE PAY YOUR DUES!

Much of our Lodge Budget comes from the dues paid by our members, and as we roll over into the next year there is no better time to renew your dues than the Banquet! Our Lodge Treasurer, Ben Wesley, will be available to renew all membership dues at the banquet. Remember: No dues means no Codzilla Chronicles for you! We'd hate for you to be excommunicated from the lodge.

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