

# Remembering Our Roots

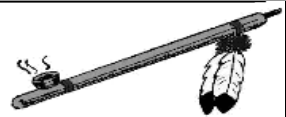
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# Upcoming Events



**August 2014**

10 Lodge Executive Committee Meeting St. Louise De Merrillac School, La Grange Park

**September 2014**

7 Lodge Executive Committee Meeting St. Louise De Merrillac School, La Grange Park  
12 – 14 \*Fall Fellowship Camp Tomo Chi-Chi Knolls, Gilberts

**October 2014**

5 Lodge Executive Committee Meeting St. Louise De Merrillac School, La Grange Park  
20 Scoutmaster Dinner Bethlehem Lutheran Church, River Grove

**November**

7 Lodge Leadership Development Conference St. Louise De Merrillac School, La Grange Park

\*Able to complete your Ordeal at this event.

The name is Bond, James Bond. The Section C-7 Conclave took place from April 25-27 at Mandt Park, Stoughton, WI. The theme of this year's Conclave was License to Serve. Pachsegink Lodge had over 20 people come out for this awesome event. The morning was filled with incredibly helpful training sessions. Arrowmen were allowed to pick and choose from a handful of options. Some examples were: Presenting: Telling a Story They Will Love, Boosting Brotherhood Conversions, Intro to American Indian Dancing, Understanding the Vigil Honor, Regalia Workshop, and many more! The signature session training was wonderful. The key speaker, Paul Empie, gave a beautiful speech about the importance of love in the OA. The afternoon was jam packed with exciting and fun activities. The Stoughton Fire Department came out and had a few demonstrations. They were also letting the older scouts take rides on the ladder. The fire ladder can extend to 100 feet! The K-9 unit of the Police Department also put on a very informative demonstration. Police dogs are trained to bite and let go on command; if they do this, the dogs get the reward of biting again. The Order of the Arrow History Museum exhibit was quite magnificent. Old patches, pins, gear, neckerchiefs, and more, were out on display. Someone even had an old Pachsegink Lodge E-board neckerchief! There was also a chainsaw wood carving exhibit. When the gentleman finished carving, it turned out to be a bear. We were all super pumped for the Lodge Ball Tournament, but we got knocked out in the first round. Other activities included: the car smash, the adult cooking competition, dunk tank, and miscellaneous inflatables. The American Indian Pow-Wow and evening theme show were both enjoyable and entertaining. All of the food for the weekend was spectacular! We finished off the weekend with the elections of our new Section Chief, Vice Chief, and Secretary. Overall, it was a great event and an awesome learning experience.

### Pachsegink Fall Fellowship Reunion

Come one; come all to the Pachsegink Lodge's Fall Fellowship Reunion at Camp Tomo Chi-Chi Knolls this September! Inviting all Arrowmen, past and present, to reminisce about times past as you are making new memories with old friends. For you newer members, come learn about the history of Pachsegink, Shin-Go-Beek and Leekwinai Lodges. There will be OA and historical lodge trivia and a historical patch collection including patches from our founding lodges: Shin-Go-Beek and Leekwinai. Convert to Brotherhood, help out with service projects or **complete your Ordeal**. Many activities are currently being planned, so look forward to an action packed weekend! This is also where we hold our annual lodge officer elections, so come out and vote for who you think would do the best job leading our lodge next year, or run for a position yourself. This will be the first fellowship held at Camp Tomo since Des Plains Valley Council sold the camp 6 years ago. Over one dozen fellowships have been held at this historic camp in the early days of our lodge, and we feel it is time for us to go back to our roots. Please see the enclosed flyer to sign up. See you there!

### Calling All Scoutmasters

This year's Scoutmaster Dinner will be held on Monday, October, 20th. The location is Bethlehem Lutheran Church in River Grove. We would like to encourage all the Scoutmasters and OA troop reps to attend. The Scoutmaster Dinner is Pachsegink Lodge's way of saying thank you to all the Scoutmasters and OA troop representatives for everything you do. This is also the best place to learn about any changes to OA election procedures, the OA summer camp program, or any other OA related news. We will be starting to schedule Camp Promotion meetings for your troop and we can also schedule your troop's OA election for next spring. We will also hold a Q & A to help answer and address any OA related concerns. This event is FREE so bring your appetite and any questions your troop may have for us!

The Spring Fellowship was a great success. Thank you to everyone who made the drive up to Camp Mach-Kin-O-Siew to help out over Memorial Day Weekend. The weekend was fantastic and we made huge progress in our camp improvement. We replaced some of the doors in the Program Building, broke down the cinderblock grill to make way for two new grills, cleared downed trees in campsites and all campsites were evaluated for readiness, and other odd jobs. Arrowmen also had the ability to create their own duct tape sashes. We also would like to congratulate Matt Santie for being called to stand his Vigil! Overall, the weekend was a big success and an awesome time!



We also accomplished a lot at the Shin-Go-Beek work weekend including general things that are needed the shotgun shelter was constructed trash was picked up along trails the top deck of the climbing tower was replaced Thank you for all your help with all the projects that were finished at this event.

### Registration

Just a reminder, every brother needs to renew his membership annually. This involves retaining his or her registration in the Boy Scouts of America and paying the annual dues. Most dues are paid through the troop. If you have not paid your dues yet and have not been contacted by your Scoutmaster (or do not belong to a troop) you need to either see him or register at the Council office. Those who do not renew will probably not receive future newsletters and mailings.

### Election Time!

It's that time of year again! In the fall we'll be holding our Lodge Officer Elections at the Fall Fellowship at Camp Tomo Chi-Chi Knolls. Every year we elect 4 officers: the Lodge Chief, Vice Chief, Secretary, and Treasurer. These 4 positions are immensely important, and we need dedicated Arrowmen to step-up and take charge as a youth leader. To get nominated you'll need to fill out our *Lodge Officer Nomination* form designating what position you'll be running for and a small petition of Arrowmen who have confidence in your abilities to help run Pachsegink Lodge. This form can be found enclosed in this newsletter or at the following URL link:

[http://www.bsa-dpvc.org/OA/documents/memberinfo/Officer\\_Nomination\\_12.pdf](http://www.bsa-dpvc.org/OA/documents/memberinfo/Officer_Nomination_12.pdf)

Check it out, and we'll be holding the elections Saturday evening at Tomo this fall! Get involved and become a part of what makes this lodge a *Diamond Lodge!!!*

### Pachsegink Says: Be Our Guest at Conclave!

In the 20 years that Pachsegink has been around we have never had the privilege of hosting Conclave, but in 2015 our lodge was chosen to host Conclave. This is a very big deal and it is our job to get representation there. Conclave, 2015 will be held **April 17-19, 2015** at the Du Page County fairgrounds.



## *Lodge Adviser's Corner*



Greetings Brothers!

I hope you have all had a chance to experience one of our fantastic events this spring. I truly enjoyed myself at the Conclave and E. Urner Goodman Weekend in April, and the Spring Fellowship in May. I was not able to attend the SGB Work Weekend, as I spent the weekend in a small Virginia town for an event known as Trail Days. Trail Days is an annual festival that attracts backpackers from all over the world, celebrating an amazing culture known as the hiker community. Appalachian Trail hikers past and present gather for this event to reunite with friends and fellow hikers that they do not have the opportunity of seeing the rest of the year.

Now you may be wondering how this festival in the middle of the Appalachians has anything to do with the Order of the Arrow. In 2012, I completed a 22,000+ mile thru-hike of the Appalachian Trail, and along the way, I encountered selfless acts of kindness that I have never experienced before, even in our own organization. People offer their help and services to encourage hikers to accomplish their lofty goal of a successful thru-hike. Complete strangers have offered me meals, rides into town, food, drink, and even their homes with a warm shower, extra bed, and dinner with their families, knowing full well that I would not be able to pay them back, but instead pay it forward. These people do not make excuses – they help even when it is inconvenient for them. For example, when trying to hitchhike into town (there is really no other option when long-distance hiking on the AT), I have noticed 3 types of people. The first type will drive past, concerned for their personal safety, time schedule, or sometimes even the law. The second type will stop to pick you up, and take you as far as they are traveling, as long as it is on their way. The third type of person will pick you up and take you where you need to go, even if it is out of the way (sometimes over 100 miles out of the way!). They help even when it is inconvenient. These are the people that offer their homes, buy you a meal, and even offer to do your laundry. They are known as “Trail Angels”, and they exist all over the world.

So the question is “why”? Are these people sewn from a different cloth than the rest of us? Are they following some religious tenant or principal? Do they seek some existential reward? The answer is no. They do it because they have been inspired by someone or something. For many hikers, it is this hiker community that inspires them to pay forward the kindness they received while thru-hiking. Even I have come back a different person after having experienced this kindness for 6 months.

So where does this tie into the Order of the Arrow? Well, ask yourself what your first instinct is when you see someone with a broken down car on the side of the road. Do you make excuses for not helping to stop? It's okay, most of us do. “He probably has a cell phone, he can call for a tow”...“I'm late for school, someone else will help her”... “He could be an axe murderer and will kill me if I stop to help”... These are our first instincts. It takes something inspirational to jog us out of this mindset and make us *want* to help. Not all of you will experience the hiker community that inspired me. But you do have a great and honored brotherhood of servant leaders. You have taken an obligation to love one another, and in doing so, offer kindness that overpowers the excuses that rationalize any apathy for kindness and service to others. So find your inspiration. It may not be the OA, but I hope you find it somewhere. As Allowat Sakima said, “He who follows such a pathway in unwavering cheerful service will be seen by many others and, by inspiration, lead them.” BE the inspiration.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Chris Brown  
Lodge Adviser

## Calling All OA Troop Representatives!

If you have been selected by your troop to be its Order of the Arrow Representative, please contact Tito Schneider at [bluethread@yahoo.com](mailto:bluethread@yahoo.com) so that he can take down your information and give you important updates about our lodge to take back to your troop! As an OA Troop Rep, it is important for you to help facilitate and encourage the OA program as part of your troop program. Special recognition will be given to those troop reps that go above and beyond their duties in this respect.

Serve Strong!



## Brief From the Chief



My Brothers in the Order of the Arrow, we have surely been busy that last few months. One successful event after another has brought us closer together in the bond of brotherhood and brought some new members into our order. Let's go back in time to our E. Uner Goodman Weekend. A handful of new members completed their Ordeal and were inducted or converted to brotherhood. It was a great weekend of fellowship and service at St. James Farm. Shortly after was our section Conclave, We surpassed our goal of 25 attendees and everyone had a blast. Conclave is always a fun time, and our brothers were able to bring back plenty of ideas for when we host Conclave next year. After the section conclave we had our work weekend at Shin-Go-Beek. Several brothers attended and accomplished a fair amount to help our camp be ready for the summer camping season. A week after the work weekend was our spring fellowship at Mach-Kin-O-Siew. It was a beautiful Memorial Day weekend to be at a beautiful camp. The campsites were cleared of all fallen trees and inspected as well as general maintenance for the upcoming camping season.

The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary has been a great success and will continue to be throughout the summer camp season and fall/winter. Congratulations to our former Lodge Chief Ben White on his position as Summer Chief at SGB/MKOS this summer. Thank you all for your help and support of the lodge. As always, you can reach me at [ahan0491@csd99.org](mailto:ahan0491@csd99.org) with any questions, concerns, criticisms, suggestions or general comments. I hope you all have an amazing summer and I hope to see you all at our council camps this year.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Andrew Handley  
Lodge Chief

## Meet the E-Board

### Lodge Chief

Andrew Handley

### Vice Chief

Anthony Rizzi

### Lodge Secretary

Charlie Ulch

### Lodge Treasurer

Alex Majors

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Kevin Leahy

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Phil Pastor

### Brotherhood Chairman

Kevin Troy

### Vigil Chairman

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### Elections

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### Twin Lakes Unit Elections

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### Tall Grass Unit Elections

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Matt Santie

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### Drum Team Chairman

Tom Pesci

### Merchandise Chairman

Zach Bush



# NOAC 2015



## *NOAC 2015 - SAVE THE DATE!!*

The 100th Anniversary of the Order of the Arrow is less than two years away. Significant planning is already underway at the national and lodge level. You don't want to miss this one; trust us!

Pachsegink Lodge hopes to take the largest contingent we have ever sent to any NOAC in 2015. With that in mind we are already starting to make plans for fundraising to help as many youth to attend as possible. You can be part of the action. Get involved in our Beyond the Lodge Committee and give us your input for ideas. We are currently planning patches, t-shirts, and more for the event, but we are always looking for new ideas.

Currently the cost for the event is going to be \$350 for a youth member to attend and \$400 for adults. Putting a \$100 deposit at the council office reserves your spot. The Beyond the Lodge committee does hope to continue fundraising efforts in the hopes of offering some partial scholarships, more information to follow.

Those who attend will receive a once in a lifetime special OA sash that is red with a white arrow - that's right it's reversed (see picture below). These will be a unique keepsake for many years to come. Those who attend will receive one for their membership level in the OA (Ordeal, Brotherhood or Vigil). None will be sold so you have to be there to get it. Other special recognitions are planned by the National Officers.

There will also be upwards of 10,000 Arrowmen just like you in attendance. See the NOAC registration insert in this Newsletter to sign up. And mark your calendars to keep the dates open - August 3-8, 2015, on the campus of Michigan State University.



# MEET THE OFFICERS

## TRESURER: ALEX MAJORS

This is a year of many new things, including your officers. In our second edition of our two part series of "Meet the Officers" we interviewed Alex Majors (Treasurer), Andrew Handley (Lodge Chief), and Charlie Ulch (Secretary). This is what they had to say...



### **What is your name, age, grade, school, and rank?**

My name is Alex Majors, I'm currently a Sophomore at Provio Math and Science Academy in Forest Park, I was born in 1997 so I'm 16, and I'm a Life Scout working on my Eagle Scout rank.

### **What is your favorite thing to do in your free time?**

Well I love to read books, play video games, and just get out into nature every once in a while to relax and get some fresh air- especially through biking.

### **What is your favorite scouting memory?**

It's hard to say because I have so many, but probably my first year at Camp Shin-Go-Beek up in Wisconsin in 2010, because the camp is beautiful and the staff makes the camp feel like my home. And I just love that I can come back as a staff member myself and do the same for other scouts and their troops and family.

### **What is your favorite animal?**

Either a panda bear or a penguin- because when I was little I got a stuffed panda bear instead of a normal teddy bear, and I think penguins are these cool little birds that can swim and live at the coldest place on Earth.

### **What makes you unique?**

I like to think that I'm a smart person who works hard, and really tries to use my passion for things like Scouting and the OA to keep trying to do as much as I can.

### **What type of music do you listen to?**

Well, I'm not really picky, but I tend to lean towards country and rock with a little folk mixed in, so artists like The Rolling Stones, Tim Mcgraw, Kenny Chesney, Smash Mouth, Toby Keith, Pink Floyd, etc.

### **Tell me about your troop.**

My troop (73) is a smaller troop out of Westchester, and I think we're all about our long history (more than 75 years!), building brotherhood, and trying to expose our scouts not only to traditional "Scouting" activities like camping, but also other opportunities like going to the EAA museum in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, having almost monthly lock-ins where we just hang out with pizza and games all night, or even just coming up with new games and activities for our meetings.

## LODGE CHIEF: ANDREW HANDLEY

### **What is your name, age, grade, school, and rank?**

My name is Andrew Handley, I'm old, I just finished my Junior year and I can't wait to be a Senior. I'm a Life Scout and I go to Downers Grove North.

### **What is your favorite thing to do in your free time?**

I really enjoy camping and hanging out with my friends; which is why OA events are so great because I get to enjoy my two favorite things at the same time!!

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**What is your favorite scouting memory?**

My first full year on staff We were hearing a lot of stories about parts of camp that not a lot of people knew about, so myself and a few other first year staff members asked the glorious Brian McGinity to show us the secrets of Camp Shin-Go-Beek. It was a three hour hike that I will never forget.

**What is your favorite animal?**

The Grand Hodag!!!!

**What makes you unique?**

Well, for example this interview took us three hours for five short questions. Having fun and making people life's better is an important part of my life. I measure my life in the amount of stories I can tell and I am always down for an adventure.

**What type of music do you listen to?**

I listen to everything; I usually can find a song to listen to from every genre. If it sounds like music I'll listen to it.

**Tell me about your troop.**

I'm in Troop 89. I love it, and the kids are great and it gives me plenty of opportunities to teach the kids stuff like wilderness survival.

**SECRETARY: CHARLIE ULCH**

**What is your name, age, grade, school, and rank?**

I am Charlie Ulch I am 17 and I just finished my junior year at Downers Grove South. I am currently a Life Scout.



**What is your favorite thing to do in your free time?**

In my free time I love to play video games and listen to music.

**What is your favorite scouting memory?**

My favorite memory of scouting is going on my first campout with Troop 89. It was the shooting camp-out and I was extremely nervous, but when I got there everybody was really welcoming and treated me like I had been a member of the troop for years. The next day we went and shot rifles and shotguns and that was my first time doing either of those things and I was really excited. Later for dinner we had peach cobbler that Jordan Schroeder (our Scoutmaster at the time) made and it was awesome. Later that night we all sat around the campfire while Justin Feld played his guitar. It started raining but we all stayed out and talked. It was awesome.

**What is your favorite animal?**

My favorite animal I would have to say is a Dog because they're energetic and are always ready to have fun.

**What makes you unique?**

What makes me unique is my ability to find the humor in any situation.

**What type of music do you listen to?**

I like to listen to rock and roll but will occasionally listen to techno music.

**Tell me about your troop.**

I am in Troop 89, and they are the reason I am so involved in Scouting. I saw so many people in my Troop on camp staff and in the OA that it made me want to get involved too.



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Shin-Go-Beek Lodge

## O. of A. Banquet - Dec. 29, 1955

If you don't wake up and look alive, you'll miss out on one of the most promising banquets the O.A. has ever planned. It is to be held at the First Baptist Church of Oak Park on December 29, 1955 at 6:30 P.M. The program as outlined by Larry Ryan, Chairman of the Banquet Committee, shows a very appetizing meal along with Lee Stuflet as master of ceremonies, and Russel Forkins, the scout executive of the St. Charles Council, who will be the guest speaker for the evening. Bill Copeland will introduce the new camp song book, and Pete De Luca will be in charge of the installment of the 1956 lodge officers. Any fool could tell, this banquet will be forgotten for a long time - SO GET YOUR RESERVATION IN NOW!!! The cost of the banquet will be \$1.75. Along with this fee you are expected to pay your 1956 dues which is \$1.50, so for a total amount of \$3.25 you are able to enjoy a wonderful meal plus the fellowship that goes along with any lodge function such as this AND another whole year of active membership in the Shin-Go-Beek Lodge. This is even better than the Bargain Basement! But that's not all!! No-Siree-Bob!! If you attend O.A. Banquet you will have the one and only opportunity of buying the new lodge patch at a reduced price. The regular price is 40¢, but on this night you will be able to get them while they're hot at only 35¢! Because of the limited supply there will be only two to a customer, but even so you can't afford to miss this sale AND this banquet. LET'S GO AND REGISTER NOW---OK?



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## Brotherhood Membership

(the first of a series)

"Not so much for what you have done as for what you are expected to do"-this we learn from the Ordeal Ceremony. Recognition comes for our first efforts; but we continue and serve.

After a comparatively short period of about ten months to a year, during which the new Ordeal member has had an opportunity to continued interest in the camping program, as well as to continue to serve others cheerfully, he may seal his membership in the Order by participating in the Brotherhood ceremony.

The Ordeal and the Ordeal ceremonials brought to the new member many ideas and ideals that were somewhat new and difficulty to comprehend. During the year that followed, he was able to think deeply about his induction into the Order as he tried his best to live according to the principles that were taught to him. The Brotherhood ceremony aims to strengthen those things that were taught in the Ordeal. The two together make up the complete induction into membership, and after the Brotherhood Ceremony, the member becomes a "brother" in the Lodge. The Order is trying to impress upon the young men elected as candidates the topmost value of a life of cheerful service to others, and that all "others" are "brothers". The Ordeal, primarily of physical impressions, the period of new associations and additional preparation, and finally the Brotherhood, of deeper and **quister** mental impressions, are all part of the induction into one full membership in the Order"

## Roach Headdress

For over 400 years, a roach headdress of dyed animal hair has been made by the Indian men and worn when going to war, at their feast, dances and on any other special occasions. The roach was usually made of stiff moose hairs or porcupine hairs 6 or 8 inches in length with the softer white hair 3 or 4 inches long from the deer's tail which was dyed a brilliant red

Today rope fiber and horse hair are often used in making the roach. The stiff hairs stand erect when the roach is worn on the head. When worn by the Indians the roach is festooned to the head by pulling the scalp lock through a hole that is left in the circular part and tied firmly. Today leather thongs are used to secure the headdress. A long feather, preferably an eagle feather, is often attached to the circular portion of the headdress as to rotate freely.

When not in use the roach is stored by securing the end of a long stick in this hole and the hairs that make up the roach are carefully wrapped around the stick, tied down and covered with a skin or soft cotton cloth for protection.

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## New Lodge Patch

Many of you who were at the banquet and some who were not got a pretty confused story as to why the patch we had wasn't the right one. At the December Executive Committee meeting it was decided to order the patch with the same color as the last one but to just change the shape to that of the pocket flap, and to have the patch solid embroidery. When the patches were delivered it was found to our disgust that even though they were what we had ordered, they were not solid embroidered. After a somewhat lengthy conversation with Chicago Embroidery it was agreed that we would sell as many as possible at the Banquet and pay for them and that they would make another loom of the solid embroidery patches. So here we are now with 270 of the new, right, patches on sale at 40¢ a piece at Scout Headquarters. If you want one, be sure you remember to bring O.A. membership card.



Pachsegink Lodge ...  
20 Years Later ...



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