

# PINE WHISPERS

PATHWAYS TO SERVICE...



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## 2011 Fall Fellowship

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This year's Fall Fellowship was once again a big success, in some ways more than ever! As the flood waters that had previously engulfed much of the Southern Tier area slowly began to recede, many were left to wonder if they would ever be able to fully clean up the damage caused by this natural disaster. Fortunately, the Order, along with Baden-Powell Council, was there to help them get started. Over the course of the weekend of the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> of September, a large number of both Brothers and Candidates, along with several Troops and Crews from the Council, performed over one thousand hours of service. And all of it was in support of flood relief.



Basing out of the Apalachin United Methodist Church (instead of Camp Tuscarora), along with the Apalachin Fire Station nearby, the work crews dispersed to several spots in and around the Apalachin region. They performed a myriad of tasks, from washing off items to carting away debris. A big thanks goes to the adults and youth of Troop 221, without whose willingness to help cook for and serve the multitudes of people present, the event would not even have gotten started. In addition to all the great service performed, the Lodge also inducted thirty-six new members, along with converting seven members

to the Brotherhood honor. In summary, this year's Fall Fellowship can be declared an unmitigated success. Even with a major plan change, Arrowmen still came, worked hard, and ate hearty. And you can be sure that the residents of the affected area are thankful for our job well done. Continue to keep an eye out for more flood cleanup events in your area, and be sure to contribute your cheerful service!!



**THANKS FOR ALL THAT SHOWED UP !!**



## **CHIEFLY SPEAKING**

My Fellow Arrowmen,

Most of you who watched the news, or those of you lived through it personally, are well aware of the destruction caused by the recent flooding of the Southern Tier. And, true to the spirit of our Order, many of you took action to help those who were in need of it. I'd like to personally extend an enormous "Thank you" to the Naxiyoke Chapter Chief, Dan Seel, for coordinating a delivery of badly needed supplies to an American Red Cross Shelter mere hours after the flood waters had receded. Also, I would like to say that I am heartily impressed by the reaction of everyone in the Lodge when it was announced that the Fall Induction Weekend, previously scheduled for Camp Tuscarora, was instead moved to Apalachin, to help spearhead a council effort of flood cleanup. Attendance increased dramatically, and together with Troops and Crews from both in and out of Council, we conducted over **one thousand** man hours worth of flood related service. That is a testament to all of you, the Arrowmen of our lodge, especially those of you who were at the weekend. And when I say Arrowmen, I also mean the thirty-six new members that were inducted at the Fellowship. Congratulations to all of you. To keep the good news rolling, I will also say this: We are **very** close to finishing some of the last requirements we have for Quality Lodge. Chief among them is membership. Remember, we have to finish out the year with a number that shows positive growth of members. This means that those that have not yet paid their dues **MUST DO SO ASAP!!** Members who have already paid, if you know of someone who has not, ask them to send in their dues!! Remember, the Lodge can only succeed if the membership is supportive of it. In the end, it all comes down to one person: YOU. You, the regular Arrowman, are what makes this Lodge great. You, the Arrowman, are what makes this Lodge be worthy of the title Quality Lodge. Without you, the LEC and I are nothing more than a discussion group. If you give us your support, then we will be sure to give our best in return. So show your support, and get your dues in soon! Be watching for further updates, and I hope to see you all at our next big event-The Winter Dinner! Until then,

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Garrett Hendershott  
2011-2012 Lodge Chief

## **Chapter Reports**

### **Tatchen (Delahanna District)**

Hello everyone this is Clark Fuller from Tatchen. We have three new ordeal members that joined from the Induction Weekend. They are Mark

Zayleskie from Troop 154, Harrison Parsons from Troop 89, and Michael Kelly from Troop 89. We will be having our chapter meeting October 11th at the LDS Church in Montrose, 7:00. Also our chapter service will be at the Episcopal Church in New Milford on December 17th. We will be helping the church with their Good News Lunch. A vote at our meeting will make it final for our service project. If you have any questions send me a e-mail [clarklego154@yahoo.com](mailto:clarklego154@yahoo.com)  
Clark Fuller

### **Ka-Na-Kon (Taughannock District)**

While the year has gotten off to a slow start, Ka-Na-Kon had a great showing at the Induction weekend, including the induction of 16 new KNK ordeals. I know that in recent years, KNK chapter has fallen into the background and the OA has not had a strong presence. However, my goal is to try to fix that. But I can only do so with the cooperation of my fellow Arrowmen. I really hope to get as many Arrowmen involved as I can. There are many open positions for them to get involved. The positions include Ceremonies, Service, and Activities Chairmen, and a troop rep from every troop. If you are interested in any of these, please email me. Even if you don't have a position, please come to the chapter meeting. They are fun. We are currently planning a fellowship (perhaps a lock-in) in mid-November (tentatively Nov 18-19.) Please join us at the chapter meeting on the second Sunday of the month at the *VFW/American Legion* on Route 13 in *Dryden* at 2 PM. Thanks.

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### **Naxiyoke (Hiawatha District)**

Hey,  
Naxiyoke Chapter has converted several members to brotherhood, added several members, and we took part in almost every Ceremony. I am proud of all the work that members of our Lodge and Chapter have done to help the Floor Relief effort. Our annual service project was completed in Jon Hrehor's term, but we are going to do the Turkey Drive at Wal-Mart again in cheerful service to our community.

Thanks,

Dan Seel  
Otahnagon Lodge  
Naxiyoke Chapter Chief

## **Otahnagon Lodge Winter Dinner**

There's something coming up right around the corner... Otahnagon Lodge's annual Winter Dinner!

The Winter Dinner this year is scheduled to be at Donoli's in Apalachin; all topped off with great entertainment! Bid on patches in our Silent Patch Auction and catch up with fellow Arrowmen, all while enjoying great food! Donoli's is located at 6510 Route 434 in Apalachin. The dinner is on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> and will begin at 6:00pm and end at 10:00pm. The cost of the dinner will be \$26.50 which includes your 2012 dues. Cost for non members will be \$16.50. We hope to see you there!

We also need patches donated for the Patch Auction; any donations would be appreciated! If you have any, give them to your Chapter Chiefs or Josh Naylor.

### **Some Thank You Letters from Fellowship Weekend**

<p>You Made the Difference!</p> <p>The flood devastated our church but the response of volunteers like you supported us and kept us going. What a refreshing! You were the there when we needed you the most. We will be forever grateful for your acts of kindness.</p> <p>Finally, all the heavy mud is gone and the rooms are dry and ready for renovation. We continue to believe God for whatever else is needed. It's been miraculous so far. Thank you for being a vital part of our recovery.</p> <p>We appreciate all 50 of you coming to help! It looked like you really enjoyed destroying the soggy walls!</p> <p>Love from Pastor Pete &amp; Jill and Faith Christian Fellowship Church</p>	<p>Dear Joe &amp; Boy Scouts</p> <p>On behalf of Apalachin United Methodist Church, I want to extend our Thanks and appreciation for the clothing donations and all the help the Order of the Arrow gave in sorting clothes up in the Sanctuary of our church. It was quite a sight to see every pew filled with clothes. The boys made such a difference in sorting out the bags and bags of clothes plus several boxes of donations.</p> <p>It was amazing the out pouring of love from people near and far reaching out to the flood victims in our area with donations of clothing bedding house hold items and children toys, games.</p> <p>Thanks for making a difference.</p>
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# OTAHNAGON LODGE

## WINTER DINNER

**DONOLIO'S RESTAURANT APALACHIN, N.Y.**

**January 7<sup>th</sup> 2012**

**6 P.M. TO 10 P.M.**

**Rt. 434 Apalachin, NY (Sweeny's Plaza)**

\*Come enjoy Fun and Fellowship, while enjoying a recap of 2011: Spring Induction Weekend, SummitCorps, Conclave, and the Fall Service Weekend in Apalachin along with what's ahead in 2012!

### **PLUS:**

\*Founders Award and Vigil Candidates

\* Patch Auction

### **Menu**

**Roast Beef with Gravy and AuJus, Chicken Parmigiana, Haddock, Mashed Potatoes, Ravioli, Ziti, Mixed Vegetables, Salad and Drinks.**

Dinner with 2012 Dues	\$29.00	\$ _____
Dinner with 2012 Dues and Flap	\$34.00	\$ _____
Dinner (Non Members)	\$19.00	\$ _____
Late Fee ( <b>After December 30<sup>th</sup></b> )	\$10.00	\$ _____
	Total	\$ _____

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**Be sure to sign up for the upcoming Winter Dinner on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Need Help Learning About The Order of the Arrow?**



<http://www.jumpstart.oa-bsa.org>

A special area of the national OA web site has been created to help new members of the Order of the Arrow learn about the OA. The "Jumpstart for New Arrowmen" area provides an introduction to the Order and its programs, and assists new members in sealing their membership in