

# LEGEND



## Chiefly Speaking

Hello, my Brothers!

A new year is already here. The past six months have been phenomenal for the lodge as a whole. Between Coup Trail, NOAC, and our monthly LECMs, it has truly been a year to remember.

Don't forget that the Lodge Banquet is approaching on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Get your tickets [here](#).

Last, but not least, I would like to thank all of the supportive parents and staff that are the reason this is all possible.

Yours in Wimachtendienk,

*Christian Nickerson*

Lodge Chief 2012-1013



## Recent Events/Success Rating\*

LECM (August to December).....	5
Lodge Kickoff.....	5
Ordeals.....	5
Brotherhood.....	4.5
Leadership Course.....	5
Patch Auction.....	5

\*Note: Rating System is sashes. E.g. 4.5 out of 5 sashes

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# Summer Events

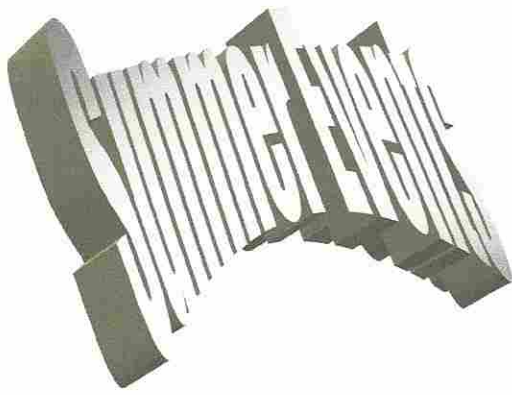
We had an extremely eventful summer as a lodge. We started off with Summer Fellowship, which took place June 6 - 9, 2012 at Camp Tomahawk. We had a fun filled week with flour wars, movies, classes, shooting, and more! We also elected in our new Lodge Leadership: Christian Mickelsen, Nick Montgomery, Brennan Beecher, Alex Watts, Peter Creveling, John Anderson, Kaden Baker, Jared Whiting, and Brandon Augason.



NOAC, or the National Order of the Arrow Conference, also occurred this past summer. Our lodge had a contingent of 20 people, and they all had fun. Despite the sweltering heat of Michigan State University, they survived, managing to learn new lessons to bring back to the lodge, attend the Hodag, and tour the Henry Ford Museum.







By far the most exciting event for our lodge, however, was the reintroduction of the El-Ku-Ta Lodge's own leadership training course, Coup Trail. With a youth staff (who ran the whole entire week) of 7, and 24 participants, it was a crazy week! The opportunities for service abounded, and they gave all they could. Bonds formed that will last for years. The boys learned many different lessons and how to apply them not only to the OA, but also to their troops, communities, and themselves. This was also the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first ever Coup Trail course, and everyone involved was excited to participate in this proud tradition.





Our Lodge had two Ordeals this fall, with over 50 new members inducted into the Brotherhood. While they were at Camp Tracy, the candidates cleaned out Tracy Lake, raised the path by Mill Creek, painted tables, picked up camp, and gained a deeper understanding of themselves. As always, they received their sash and had a delicious meal provided by the quartermasters at the end of the Ordeal.

We also have had two Brotherhood Ceremonies, with upwards of 15 people becoming full-fledged members of the Order of the Arrow. Congratulations!



## Fall Events



In addition to Ordeals and Brotherhoods, we had our annual Patch Auction, with many people throughout the West attending. In conjunction with that event, we also had our second annual Lodge Leadership Development weekend, with many youth in attendance.

We have also had a fantastic turnout at LECMs, where we have taught Dancing, Election Principles, and Leadership techniques for the youth to use in every aspect of life.

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## Upcoming Events

Lodge Banquet – January 12 @ 7:00 p.m. – Camp Tracy Lodge

January LECM - January 24 @ 7:00 p.m. - Camp Tracy Lodge

February LECM - February 28 @ 7:00 p.m. - Camp Tracy Lodge

March LECM - March 28 @ 7:00 p.m. - Camp Tracy Fort

Lodge Ordeal - April 12-13 @ 6:00 p.m. Friday-Camp Tracy Fort

Brotherhood Ceremony – April 13 @ 2:00 p.m.-Camp Tracy Fort

Section Conclave - April 19-21 @ IPP Man Camp, Delta, UT

April LECM – April 25 @ 7:00 p.m. – Camp Tracy Fort

Scout-O-Rama - May 3 & 4 - Details TBA

Lodge Ordeal – May 10-11 @ 6:00 p.m. – Camp Tracy Fort

Brotherhood Ceremony – May 11 @ 2:00 p.m. – Camp Tracy Fort

May LECM – May 23 @ 7:00 p.m. – Camp Tracy Fort

Fellowship – June 5-8 – East Fork of the Bear – Details TBA

Coup Trail – June 24-29 – East Fork of the Bear – Details TBA

Contact & Calendar

