



# Moccasin Tracks



## Tisquantum Lodge 164

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### 2009 Ordeal Weekends

Fellow Arrowmen,

Our August and September Ordeal weekends are fast approaching. I encourage all Arrowmen (Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil) to attend these weekends of brotherhood and cheerful service. I challenge all current Ordeal members to come and seal their Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow. I encourage all Brotherhood members to serve their camp and relive their Ordeal as an elangomat. Finally, to those scouts who were just elected by your peers into the Order of the Arrow, this weekend will be one of the most memorable experiences of your scouting career. The August Ordeal always has less people than September, and we would like to change that. Please try and come to the August Ordeal if possible.

Ordeal candidates should bring a tent, sleeping bag, a tarp, poncho, and a set of "grubbies" along with a full Class A Scout uniform. This is a work weekend. Adults should bring tools to use and any materials that can contribute to a camp improvement project. All Ordeal and Brotherhood Candidates should make a small arrow with a string to wear during the weekend. Don't make it too fancy; the Brotherhood candidates will not be keeping it. Please check in no later than 7:00 PM Friday night. Check out is around 10:00 AM Sunday morning.

Also, at the September ordeal, the lodge will hold its annual elections for lodge officers. Come and vote for YOUR lodge leadership. I hope to see a record crowd of Arrowmen at these ordeals. I look forward to seeing all of you either in August or September.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Derek McCormack  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chief

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### Events Calendar

#### June

8 - Lodge Exec Committee  
12-14 - NE-1B Section Conclave

#### July

9 - Lodge Exec Committee at Camp

#### August

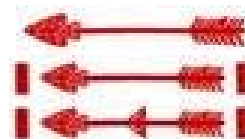
1-6 - NOAC 2009  
14-16 - Ordeal Weekend

#### September

11-13 - Ordeal Weekend  
14 - Lodge Exec Committee

#### October

19 - Lodge Exec Committee



## FROM THE LODGE ADVISOR

In late April we had a fun filled fellowship weekend, I hope you attended—if not, it was your loss.

Sixteen fellow brothers in the OA were inducted into the Vigil Honor; this is the highest award a lodge may bestow upon a member. It is not something that can be earned; rather it is given to selected individuals who have demonstrated the right qualities in the order.

Many people ask who is on the committee and the answer is as follows: two arrowmen who are not eligible for vigil from each chapter serve as the committee which is chaired by the vigil chief. The vigil chief is already a member of the vigil honor and he presides over the vigil ceremony which is held at sunrise on the fellowship weekend. In addition three advisors are present during the selection process. Every brotherhood member of the lodge who has been a brotherhood member for at least two years is considered. A nomination form is available every year for anyone to nominate a candidate...they help. And no, it is not a good idea to try and nominate yourself; if you are worthy, it will be noticed.

The second most asked question is how many do we get each year. It is a simple formula: for every 50 registered arrowman, we get one vigil slot. Since we register over 1,350 members our quota was 27 for this year but there are also some catches: at least half of the vigils selected must be under the age of 21, the other half can be adults—there is no requirement to have any adults although we typically have a 50/50 mix.

Some arrowman selected have the minimum time in and others have been brotherhood for decades so you see there is no magic formula..... But one thing is for sure, do not seek the vigil, it will find you.

Many thanks to the Camp Squanto Alumni organization who purchased the patches for the weekend and gave them to the lodge as a gift.

Come next year and have a great time.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
John Larney

## Salutations fellow Ktemaquians!

Did any of you enjoy our little break between the last issue and the one before it? Probably not, you had to wait so long to read my article...well regardless, I have a few things for the denizens of my realm.

Firstly, some announcements: We have a service project on May 30<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – noon at Horizons Camp Ground. More information will be coming out on the Yahoo group soon so check it every so often. Next, sign up for conclave! It is fast approaching (June) so sign up now and secure your spot.

Nextly, there is this shameless plug. We need ceremonies people. Like a lot. Anyone interested should contact either me at the bottom of the Ktemaque page of the lodge website or our ceremonies chair Sean Turner ([Soccerwascal@comcast.net](mailto:Soccerwascal@comcast.net)). Also on the topic of ceremonies, there will be a practice for all Ktemaquian ceremonialists sooner or later to help new comers learn the ropes under the direction of the veterans. More info on that as I have it.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting, which will involve something not being at the legion hall so look for forthcoming updates!

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Steven Ketchum

## From the Lodge Chief



Fellow Arrowmen,

This is the final time I will be addressing you all in this role as lodge Chief. In the Fall, I will not be running for re-election as I will be attending college at Boston University. I would like to thank all of you for the opportunity to serve as your lodge chief, I have really enjoyed the experience, and look forward to staying involved with Tisquantum Lodge. There are so many wonderful things happening in the lodge right now, and they will only get better. This upcoming year promises to be exciting, with many events in store. For the first time in many years Tisquantum Lodge will be hosting the Section NE-1B Conclave at Camp Squanto. For those of you who don't know, the conclave is like a Lodge Fellowship for the entire section, which consists of six different lodges. Even though Tisquantum is the largest Lodge in the section, we have difficulty getting people to attend the Conclave. Hopefully as host lodge we will be able to have a large turnout for a weekend that is bound to be full of fun times and memories.

As I prepare to go to college in the fall, I know that my experiences in both the Order of the Arrow and Scouting in general have helped to prepare me for next year. There are many obvious ways that I have been helped, whether it be time management skills, leadership experiences, and the skills I have learned, but it is the less obvious things that may help me the most. During my career in scouting, I have shared tents with numerous people, teaching me to live well in a small place with others. I have stayed in college dorms when I went to both the National Jamboree and NOAC. That experience will undoubtedly help me next year. Scouting provides an array of great experiences, some of which can be overlooked. Take a step back and appreciate all these experiences, and enjoy everything that these is to do.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Chris Marcus  
Tisquantum Lodge Chief

## Service Update: Lodge Project

On May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009, our lodge fulfilled one of the purposes of the OA by helping Camp Squanto. This year, our service project consisted of setting up the tents at camp. Twenty people, adults and scouts came down to Camp Squanto and set up tents in the 8 of the 14 camp sites. We had hoped for more people, but everything that we had hoped to get accomplished was accomplished. The sites we set up look great, and I would like to thank the people who came down to work. Maybe if more people go next year we can get the whole camp set up. Great job!

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Charlie MacDonald  
Lodge Treasurer



# LODGE WALK-IN POLICY & PROCEDURE

APPROVED BY: John Larney, Lodge Advisor.

This policy deals with WALK-INS.

A walk-in is someone who has not registered in advance for a lodge activity; this is not allowed. REGISTER IN ADVANCE OR YOU WILL BE SENT HOME.

A new procedure will take effect with the August 2009 Ordeal weekend:

As you enter the parking lot, you will be asked for your name; you must be registered or you will leave with however brought you. In addition, you will be asked to produce your medical form/ permission slip—forgot it—you're going home.

Both these items are intended to A) help with your personal safety and B) to make sure we have enough food for the weekend.

Registration will be cut off the Tuesday before the event at noon; that means it must be at the Scout Office in Canton by noon Tuesday. That means you'd better have it in the mail by the previous Friday. There are NO EXCEPTIONS.

When you get your Moccasin Tracks with the sign up sheet, fill it out IMMEDIATELY—then it's done. Medicals should be in your camping gear in a zip lock bag for every event.

## Moswetuset Chapter News

Dear Moswetuset Chapter,

This will be the last letter to the chapter before summer camp. In our last days, we have had fellowship. I hope you all enjoyed it and got the most fun out of it all. I have heard that you were a little disappointed about the boat and some of the other games, but don't be discouraged. Next year will be twice as better with the more attendance we have. We also had the service weekend which went well, so good job to all that went. Our last meeting before camp will be June 3, and it will be the best one hopefully. We are going to have an ice-cream social with our fellow scout leaders at round table. To get in, you have to bring some kind of food though. I hope everyone in our chapter will come, so you guys can see how fun we can actually have. At the last executive meeting, we discussed the ordeal weekends. Yes, it is a bit soon, but if you were trained as an elangomat at fellowship, you get a gnarly t-shirt that no one else does. So go! Well my brothers, I hope to see you all at the ice-cream social and at scout camp.

Sincerely,

Alex Novin

Moswetuset chief

Let me give you something to think about...

Imagine yourself being placed amid a great crowd of people that are just like you. They are all wearing Boy Scout uniforms, mostly different sizes, all with different name tags and all sorts of different badges and things. Right when you step off the coach bus into the path of the burning sun it seems as though you're dreaming – you're staring at an open field, at least 5 miles of flat grass, and you just don't know where to start. But then you see it – right in front of your eyes – Thousands of tents shooting up in a massive city of people that all love the same things that you do.

This is not a dream. It is a goal for all Boy Scouts, and it's happening in Mid-summer 2010 in Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia.

This National Jamboree marks a great waypoint in the history of Scouting. It is the celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> year of the most respected and attended organization in the history of America. These ten days are a constant collaboration of Enjoyment, Learning, and reflection of the past of the Boy Scouts of the world.

You may wonder how this has to do with the Order of the Arrow – this jamboree has great opportunities for Order of the Arrow members. They can go to the dance pit and watch the native dancers, look through the heritage of the organization at the national exhibits, or even be part of the team that does the volunteer work around the base.

This is going to be the largest event in Boy Scout history – this will be the chance of a lifetime for everyone. From the Fireworks at the arena shows to the army action centers, this will be something that you will be telling your grandchildren about when they join the scouting program.

So before you go ahead and flip the page and never look back at this article, think to yourself – will you regret it if you miss this great opportunity to be part of the most spectacular event in the history of Boy Scouting? This is not something you want to miss – the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary will never happen again. This is the time to wonder. . .

Will you be a part of history, or will you let it pass you by?



# Fellowship 2009

Dear Fellow Arrowmen,

I'm sure those of you who were in attendance at this year's Spring Fellowship Weekend would agree that a great time was had by all! It began with the theme party on Friday night that included an opening ceremony at the waterfront, the movie Beowulf, and a cracker barrel which everyone seemed to enjoy! Saturday morning began with a delicious breakfast. Shortly after, everyone helped move the docks into position on the beach so that our Camp Ranger, Roland, can easily pull each dock into the water in preparation for summer camp. Also, the waterfront tower was gutted to continue with its renovations. Throughout the day, there was elangomat training, rifle shooting, an extremely competitive risk tournament, an inter-chapter ceremonies competition, silent patch auction, and an inter-denominational Scout's Own service. The day ended with a patch auction and another fabulous cracker barrel. Sunday consisted of a closing ceremony and a quick clean up of the campsites that were used during the course of the weekend. This year's Fellowship Weekend will surely be remembered for years to come and in the planning of future weekends. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those individuals that helped make this weekend what it was. First off, I would like to thank all of the adult leaders who gave up their time to supervise, cook, provide first aid, and help in leading everyone the whole weekend. Also, Roland, as usual, was a great help by giving us a service project that was not too time consuming because this was a fun weekend, not a work weekend. All of the Lodge Officers and Lodge Advisors were instrumental in planning and running this outstanding event. On behalf of the Lodge I would like to congratulate our brothers who were awarded the Vigil Honor. Lastly, I would like to thank all of the attendees because, without you, there would be no Fellowship Weekend. I hope that everyone had fun!

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Colby Ward  
2009 Fellowship Chairman  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chief

## Camp Promotions Update

Over the past few months, members of each chapter have contacted every scoutmaster in the council to promote our beloved Camp Squanto and all that it has to offer. Using the Camp Promotions DVD and their own personal experiences, scouts from each chapter conducted presentations for many troops. A special thanks to the camp promotions committee members who presented Camp Squanto to the new scouts of our council as well as all of the adults who helped with transportation. Your hard work is greatly appreciated.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Colby Ward  
Camp Promotions Committee Chair





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