

The Arrow Head



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Hello fellow Arrow men, Since our elections at Fall Fellowship we have had 2 chapter meetings and a Service weekend. If you were able to attend I'm glad you were there. If not, why weren't you there? We would like to see you become an active Chapter Member. Come enjoy the fellowship of the Brotherhood. We have the annual Chapter Banquet coming up, and hopefully you will attend. If you're never been to a Chapter event, make the Banquet your first. Enjoy the food, fellowship, and fun. Also congratulations to our Chapters new Vigil Honor members.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Pat Hon
Chapter Chief

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Elections and Promotions News

It's not too early to think about when your unit will hold their annual Order of the Arrow Elections and summer camp promotion. Please check with your Order of the Arrow Troop Representative to make sure your unit has placed a date on your troop calendar. Your Scoutmaster has received a mailing with information about how to schedule our visit to your unit. Make sure we come see you next year!!!

Chapter Week-ends are fun—the next one is April 1—2 at Camp Mitigwa!!

ADVISOR'S RANDOM FIRING OF SYNAPSES

Arrow men, we need your help to maintain our status as a Quality Chapter. If the mailing label doesn't say 2005 to the right of your name, then you haven't paid your dues. One of the items to be a Quality Chapter, just like to be a Quality Unit, is to show an increase in membership. Membership is measured by the number of people that have paid their dues. This is one item that the officers and advisors can't control. Please pay your dues to the council office by December 31, 2004 to help us out and save you a couple of dollars.

Ok, official advisor pen being set down. Hopefully the officers have provided fun events that you would like to attend. First you have to know about the events to see if you can come. The chapter wants to keep its members informed of upcoming events and we do that through this newsletter. We get the money to send the newsletter through your dues. See the problem? No dues, no newsletter, no fun outings. The more people we have at outings the more fun we all have.

Our next events are recognition and fun. The Chapter Banquet will recognize the hard work our members have done this past year. (See below for information about the banquet.) And what a year it's been!!! Thanks to all of you who helped make it a very successful year. Then we move into the holiday party where the officers decided to have another lock in. We're working on the location. We're working on making it fun. But unless you pay your dues, you won't know about it and won't be able to come.

Jim Shumaker
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Holiday Party News

The officers have decided to drive the advisors crazy by making us stay up all night again by having a lock-in. The date will be Friday night, January 21 and end Saturday morning, January 22. Once again we will have mass quantities of food, fellowship, games, but little sleep. Please look for more information in the next Arrowhead about final details. If you have something you would like to do at the lock-in, please let an officer know and we'll try to make it happen.

RRV Chapter Banquet

RRV will hold its Chapter Banquet on Sunday, November 21 at 6:00 pm. Dave Meisinger and gang will be cooking up a storm for a wonderful feast. Wayne Stewart, Mid-Iowa Council President will be the featured speaker, we will have the traditional passing of the bonnets from the old to new officers, and give out awards to those who helped the RRV Chapter during the past year.

Who will receive the most certificates this year??? That's right, if you helped us during the year at a Chapter Weekend, did an Election and Promotion, helped with a ceremony team, etc. you will be recognized. Come collect your well deserved awards.

The event is open to everyone, so if your parents have to drive you to the event, they can stay and have a nice dinner with you.

Please RSVP by Monday, November 15 so we can properly plan food for you.

IMPORTANT DATES

November 10, 2004	RRV Chapter Meeting
November 21, 2004	RRV Chapter Banquet
December 08, 2004	RRV Chapter Meeting
January 08, 2005	Lodge Winter Banquet
January 12, 2005	RRV Chapter Meeting
January 21-22, 2005	RRV Holiday Party
February 9, 2005	RRV Chapter Meeting
February 11-13, 2005	Snow Flake Pow Wow
March 9, 2005	RRV Chapter Meeting
April 1—2, 2005	Chapter Weekend
April 13, 2005	RRV Chapter Meeting
April 23, 2005	Lodge One Day of Service

Chapter Banquet Information

Date:	Sunday, November 21
Time:	Eat at 6:00 pm Awards at 7:00 pm Finish by 8:00 pm
Location:	Earlham Church of Christ 535 NW 6 th St. Earlham
Cost:	\$8.00 per person
	Everybody's welcome!!!!

Please send your reservation to:
Name _____
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PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO JIM SHUMAKER