

# The Arrow Head



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## THE OFFICERS

This year has started off great; we had two chapter meetings and over thirty people attended at each. Our next event would be our chapter banquet. We're planning to have great food and lots of fellowship. One other thing for all of you people that haven't achieved your brotherhood. There will be a brotherhood ceremony on December 18 at 5:00pm. It is located in Johnston at St. Mary of Nazareth Catholic Church, 4605 Northwest 47 Court. I hope to see you all at our next chapter meeting December 15.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Nate 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 you unit has placed a date on your troop calendar. Your Scoutmaster will receive a mailing with information about how to schedule our visit to your unit. Make sure we come see you next year!!!

**Plan ahead!  
Holiday Party  
Is February  
10-11, 2006!  
(Lock In)**

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### ADVISOR'S RANDOM FIRING OF SYNAPSES

Once again we approach the holiday season and take time to be thankful for all of our blessings. In OA, I am thankful of wonderful officers and advisors, good ceremony teams, and members that show up and help support us in what we try to do. Hopefully you too have something to be thankful about being in the OA. The brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service we promote can lead towards new friends, good feelings about helping Camp Mitigwa, and just plain fun. If you haven't taken advantage of the various events we offer, just try one. I think you will enjoy yourself and make a difference at the same time.

The other officers have hit upon the hot points, Brotherhood and membership. I've been accused of rambling on, so I won't belabor the points. However, when we have asked for your help in the past, the good members of RRV have always responded. Thanks for your help.

Jim Shumaker, RRV OA Chapter Advisor

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### IMPORTANT DATES

November 10, 2005	RRV Chapter Meeting
November 20, 2006	Chapter Banquet
December 8, 2005	RRV Chapter Meeting
January 7, 2006	Lodge Winter Banquet
January 12, 2006	RRV Chapter Meeting
February 9, 2006	RRV Chapter Meeting
February 10-11, 2006	RRV Holiday Party
February 24-26, 2006	Snowflake Pow Wow
March 9, 2006	RRV Chapter Meeting
March 31-April 1, 2006	RRV Chapter Work Weekend
April 13, 2006	RRV Chapter Meeting

### Membership News

You need to get your dues paid, pronto. If you haven't paid your dues your membership card will say your card expires in 2005, but if it says 2006 then you're good to go. If you want to keep active then YOU NEED TO PAY YOUR DUES, and GET YOUR BROTHERHOOD! So get that taken care of ASAP.

Zach Irving, Vice Chief of Membership

### Holiday Party News

The officers have decided to drive the advisors crazy again by making us stay up all night again by having a lock-in. The date will be Friday night, February 10, and end Saturday morning, February 11. 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. We're going to try something different by mailing to each OA Troop Representative or your Scoutmaster the Arrowhead for your unit and have them distribute them to you, and use the savings in postage to reduce the cost of the event. Hopefully the weather will be better than last year so more can come.

### RRV Chapter Banquet

RRV will hold its Chapter Banquet on Sunday, November 20 at 6:30 pm. The officers and advisors will be cooking and are gearing towards an old fashioned diner meal. We'll be passing the bonnets from one group of officers to another and reliving this great year you've helped us have.

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 presentation for a unit, 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 Wednesday, November 16 so we can properly plan food for you.**

### Chapter Banquet Information

Date:	Sunday, November 20th
Time:	Eat at 6:30 pm Finish by 8:30 pm
Location:	St. Paul Presbyterian CH 6426 Merle Hay RD Johnston, IA 50131
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**