

The Arrow Head



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Hello fellow Arrow men!. We just had a great Chapter Work Weekend, even if I wasn't there. Three of us went to National Leadership Seminar and Tim went to NLATS, which unfortunately was the same weekend. The officers decided to kick things up a notch for the Spring event. Look for exciting announcements at upcoming Chapter meetings and the Chapter Banquet about the revised format. I look forward to seeing you at the Chapter Banquet on December 2.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Nate Hon
Chapter Chief

Membership News

Do you need to pay your dues? Look quickly at your label. If your label says 2008 on it, then you have your dues paid. If your label says 2007 then you still need to pay your dues for 2008. On the back of the Arrowhead is a form you can send into the Scout Office to Pay your dues. It's all filled out (unless we have your address wrong) and you just need to send it with a check. The only thing the chapter is missing for Quality Chapter is members to pay their dues. For all of you Ordeal members, get your brotherhood. Go to your work weekends, Chapter meetings, and Lodge events. Check the website www.mitigwalodge.org for updates.

Elections and Promotions News

O.A. elections aren't far away, but there is still time get your troop signed up. Election training will be at the January Chapter Meeting, and Ordeal elections run from late January to early May. To get your troop signed up, or if you have any questions, call one of the Vice Chiefs of Elections and Promotions listed to the right under officers.

ADVISOR'S MINUTE

HEY, calling all Arrowmen, want a great meal, want great fellowship, then come to the annual Chapter Banquet December 2. We will be handing out certificates of appreciation to all of you who helped the Chapter in the last 12 months. The 2006-2007 officers will be passing the bonnets to the 2007-2008 officers.

If you are a new Ordeal member from last summer and don't really know very many people in the Chapter then this is a good event to come to. If you have not gone through your orientation yet then this is a good time to do this. I still have several lodge flaps, books, and information to give out.

I would also like to say thanks to our past Chapter Adviser (Jim Shumaker) for his years of service and to his advisers and his outgoing officers. You have done a great job.

Tim Baldon
Chapter Adviser

RRV Chapter Banquet

RRV will hold its Chapter Banquet on Sunday, December 2 with appetizers starting at 5:30 pm and the meal will begin at 6:00 pm. Our past chief, Blue Swimmer (otherwise known as Aaron Hambleton) requested smoked pork loin. Dave Meisinger has arranged a deal with Hormel and Hy-Vee to get smoked pork chops at cost for us, and of course we'll have plenty of other goodies to eat. You know you never go away from an OA event hungry (ok, forget your Ordeal). 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 Thursday, November 29 so we can properly plan food for you.

TO RSVP, PLEASE CALL JIM SHUMAKER AT 515-278-2899. IF I'M NOT HOME YOU CAN LEAVE A MESSAGE. PLEASE LET ME KNOW YOUR NAME(S) OF THE PEOPLE THAT ARE COMING AND YOU CAN PAY AT THE DOOR. IF YOU ARE GOING TO PAY BY CHECK, PLEASE MAKE THE CHECK PAYABLE TO JIM SHUMAKER.

OFFICERS

Nate Hon Chief	279- 4978
Jim Gilbranson VC Ceremonies	523- 2810
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Michael Carlson VC E&P	278- 1043
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Tim Baldon Adviser	993- 4738

Important Dates

December 2	RRV Chapter Banquet
December 13	RRV Chapter Meeting
January 5, 2008	Lodge Winter Banquet
January 10	RRV Chapter Meeting
February 1-2	RRV Holiday Party
February 14	RRV Chapter Meeting
February 22 - 24	Snowflake Pow Wow
March 7	RRV Chapter Meeting
March 28 - 30	Chapter Service & Fun Weekend

Chapter Banquet Information

Date:	Sunday, December 2nd
Time:	Appetizers at 5:30 pm Eat at 6:00 pm Finish by 8:00 pm
Location:	St. Paul Presbyterian Church 6426 Merle Hay RD Johnston, IA 50131
Cost:	\$8.00 per person

Everybody's welcome!!!!