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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- A Brief History Of Wag-O-Shag Lodge
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1944-2014 70 YEARS OF BROTHERHOOD AND CHEERFUL SERVICE

From Your Lodge Chief

The 70th Anniversary of our lodge is a milestone in the history of our lodge. With so many other counsels and lodges merging for financial and political reasons, the fact that we have remained strong is fantastic. This could not have happened without the continued service given to us by you, the mem-



sary of the Order of the Arrow and beyond. Thank you all, and see you at our next event, LLDC weekend at Camp Long Lake.

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Aaron Kuentler

bers of Wag-O-Shag lodge. Please remember this as we move in the 100 Anniver-

Wag-O-Shag Lodge Turns 70

70 years ago, a group of dedicated Scouting leaders sent in the application to form a new Order of the Arrow lodge for the Potawatomi Council. The Order of the Arrow, being relatively new at the time, was still expanding as more and more lodges were being established

across the country. 70 years later, the spirit of brotherhood and cheerful service is still strong. Generations of Arrowmen have passed through the ranks of Wag-O-Shag lodge and have led successful lives in and out of Scouting. As we approach the upcoming centennial of

the OA, this is a perfect time to reflect on our lodge's past and examine ourselves as we enter into a new Century of Service with the Order.

Lodge Membership in 1945 (First year of new inductees:) **16**

Lodge Membership in 2014: **702**

Number of Lodges in 1944: **250 (Many lodges have since consolidated or folded)**

Number of Lodges in 2014: **300 and counting!**

A Brief History Of The Lodge

In late 1943 and early 1944 Charles W. Woodson, Potawatomi Area Council Executive, conferred frequently with William G Hoffman, then Samoset Council Executive and Adviser to Area P of the Order of the Arrow, about starting a lodge in our council. Application for a lodge charter was submitted and approved by the National Council on October 21, 1944, with the number 280 being designated for the Potawatomi Area Lodge.

Dr. Vince Batha suggested the name "Wag-O-Shag" which was derived from the word "Waugooshance". Waugooshance, in the tongue of the Potawatomi Indians meant "little foxes". At that time, early 1800's,

many foxes inhabited the area and it was also the totem of the local Indian tribe. Waugooshance was also a favorite name with the Indians for crooked rivers, whose winding resembled the eccentric trail of the cunning animals whose name they bore.

Original charter members were: Charles W Woodson, Dr. James Christiansen, Dr. Vince Batha, Robert Jansky, Barton Rodgers, James Huber, Rudolph Timmel, Fritz Grover, Eugene Radke, and Ronald Johnson.

The first lodge officers were: Charles W Woodson, Adviser, who appointed the following: Ronald Johnson, Lodge

Chief; James Huber, Scribe; Fred Grover, Treasurer.

Over the years the lodge has always been the leader at Area and Sectional Meetings as well as the National Order of the Arrow Conferences.

—Copied from article by Paul Fisher in the program for the 40th Anniversary Dinner March 16, 1984



Wag-O-Shag 70th Anniversary Apparel

*Embroidered T-Shirts, Sweatshirts Hooded or Crew neck,
and Polo's are now available.*

Sweatshirt Crew Neck: ____ S ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____ XXL ____ XXXL

7.75 Oz. 50/50 blend s-xl- \$25, xxl-xxxl - \$27 Name under add \$5

Sweatshirt Hooded: ____ S ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____ XXL ____ XXXL

9.3 Oz. 50/50 blend s-xl- \$35, xxl-xxxl - \$40 Name under add \$5

T-Shirts: ____ S ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____ 2XL ____ 3XL ____ 4XL ____ 5XL

5.6 oz. 50/50 blend s-xl- \$20, 2xl-5xl - \$22 Name under add \$5

Polo's: ____ S ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____ 2XL ____ 3XL ____ 4XL ____ 5XL

5.6 oz. 50/50 blend s-xl- \$22, 2xl-5xl - \$28 Name under add \$5

Colors: *Black, Navy Blue, Light Blue, Red, Grey (Ash)*

Please indicate color choice and alternate if 1st choice isn't available

Lighter color shirts lettering would be done in Black

Name _____ **Name to be embroidered** _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Troop/Meeting night/ Location _____/_____/_____

Contact Curt Krohn if questions at ckrohn1@wi.rr.com

Cash or Checks payable to: Boe & Tee Stitchery

Lodge Leadership Developing Conference (LLDC) 2014

As the campfires of summer fade away, we must prepare for the coming winter. When snow blankets Camp Long Lake and we must keep the camping spirit alive by gathering together as brothers and making the most of what has been given to us. And, luckily, The Wag-O-Shag Lodge plans to do just that. The Lodge Leadership Development Conference (LLDC) 2014 will be held on December 12th-13th starting after nightfall (around 7:00, with registration starting at 5:45) and is FREE to all who sign up in advance. This weekend experience is meant to be a convention where we learn about various parts of the Lodge and the Order and make sure that all of its members are made aware of the inner workings of the Lodge and their own duties.

"But, we're in school right now," one might say, "Why would we want to leave school, go up to Camp Long Lake just to continue learning?"

Ah, not to fear, for you might be confusing this with the old LLDC. The old LLDC was a little like school, but this year, we are giving the LLDC a much needed make-over.

The weekend will begin right away with fellowship, as you will be put into a small group of brothers. Soon after, the bonds of friendship will immediately be put to the test, in order to begin to build your team on a firm foundation of brotherhood and cheerfulness. We will then get to view an example of leadership from the big screen. We will then slumber and awake the next day, ready for the training and fellowship to follow. By the end of this weekend, the snow will have to battle against the heat that will be reradiating from the Dining Hall. And, did I mention that the event is FREE, and who only have to sleep one night up at Camp Long Lake.

If you have any questions or need an explanation on what the [this word was emitted by the Editor] I am talking about here, please refer to the article titled 'From the Training Committee'.

Thank you for your time and help. I look forward to seeing you kinder friendship despite the cold of winter.

WWW,

Nick S.

Training Committee Chair



Wag-O-Shag Lodge LLDC December 12 - 13, 2014 Agenda



Friday Night:

5:45-7:00: Registration at the Dining Hall

7:00-7:30: Meeting with Small Groups in Dining Hall.

7:30-8:15: Team Building Activity:

8:15: Leadership Movie/Cracker Barrel.

Lights Out half hour after movie ends

Saturday:

7:55: Flags

8:00-8:45 Breakfast

8:45-9:15: Team Building Activity

9:15-12:00: LLDC Sessions (Are Subject to Change)

1 (Large Group):

2 (Small Group):

3 and 4 (Large Group):

5 (Small Group):

12:00-12:45: Lunch

12:45-1:30: Team Building Activity

12:45-2:00: LLDC Sessions (Are Subject to Change):

6 (Large Group):

7 (Small Group):

8 (Large Group):

2:00- 2:30: Team Building Activity/Meeting with Small Groups

2:30-4:30: Lodge Executive Committee Meeting with NOAC Promotion, Strategic Plan Updates, 2014 Budget, and Evaluation of LLDC.

4:30-5:50: Free Time (Brotherhood Ceremony at 5:00)

5:50: Flag

6:00: Dinner

Clean Up and Check out following dinner

Photographs From The Wag-O-Shag 70th Anniversary Celebration October 25-26, 2014 Camp Long Lake



More Photographs From The 70th Anniversary Celebration



From The Training Committee

Dear fellow Arrowmen,

On December 12-13th, 2014, up at Camp Long Lake, The Wag-O-Shag Lodge will be hosting its annual Lodge Leadership Development Conference (LLDC). This event is a fun weekend of training, where you learn a lot and kindle brotherhood with a lot of people. And, with a new format that includes more team building, it is sure to be a grand event! And did I mention it is free! Go to the 'Calendar' on the Council Website and register by November 28th. More information on the event will be available soon. If you have any questions, contact Mark Rzeznik, training committee adviser, atmrzeznik1@gmail.com. Thanks and I hope to see you all there!

Nick S.

Training Committee Chairman

From The Communications Chairman

Greetings, Fellow Arrowmen,

Seventy years is quite a long time ago in the past to think about. In that year, America was fighting alongside her allies in World War II. Massive campaigns in the Pacific brought the fight closer to the Japanese home islands, while the liberation of Europe was started with Operation Overlord, the invasion of Normandy in France. Many Scouting activities across the country slowed down quite a bit as the nation's resources were needed for the war effort. But that didn't mean that young men and their leaders would abandon Scouting completely. Across America, Scout troops showed their dedication to their country by participating in war bond drives, rallies to collect scrap metal, and encouraged their fellow civilians to be resourceful by planting their own fruits and vegetables. It almost seemed like the home front was turned into one gigantic service project!

After the war, America paid back the Boy Scouts in numerous ways. Scout Troops received surplus Army tents and cooking gear, much to the delight of supply-weary Quartermasters everywhere. With the nation at peace, families were able to have their children involved in Scouting in record numbers. In 1947, the Potawatomi Council teamed up with returning soldiers and invited many of them to that year's summer camp at Long Lake. By that time, Wag-O-Shag was still a brand-new OA lodge, and they must have appreciated the help!

Boy Scouts and Arrowmen of 1944 would probably be both shocked and amazed on how troops and lodges would be run in the future. Imagine how an LEC member of the past would react to seeing lodge members communicate with each other with electronic mail and text messages that could travel infinitely faster than telegrams! Back then, a lodge newsletter would have taken weeks, if not months to set the type for the lettering and gathering important updates from the council. Now, The Fox can be published and sent out to every lodge member in the blink of an eye—an incredible feat, considering what few computers existed in 1944 took up an entire gymnasium's worth of space! [Editor's Note: Can't you tell I'm a history major?]

As we look back on 70 fruitful years of Wag-O-Shag's existence, we must remind ourselves that hard work and cheerful service can't always be brought on with new technology. Scouts and Arrowmen alike must be willing to use the tools and resources available at their disposal, even if it means building a camp chair with wood, a hammer, and nails or using lashings to create a campfire stove. But above all, Scouting and the Order of the Arrow is "a thing of the spirit," just as E. Urner Goodman said nearly 100 years ago. You must always have it in your thoughts to Do A Good Turn Daily, Be Prepared, and follow the OA Obligation. In this way, an Arrowman can accomplish anything he sets his mind to.

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Jordan Heller

Communications Chairman

From The Service Committee

Hello Everyone,

I hope that those of you who went had a great time at the 70th Event this past weekend. What a great time to celebrate such a great organization! One other fantastic way to celebrate who we are as an Order of the Arrow Lodge is to perform service for the benefit of others. We are looking to coordinate an event for late November or early December, in which we would help out at food pantries within the Lodge's area. We are hoping to work at multiple locations to allow more members to participate. Keep an eye on your email for more details coming soon, and sign up as soon as possible! A larger turnout will make the work that much more fun! Beyond this, I hope you will continue to show up in great numbers for the Conferences. The next one will be in the spring, when we set up in preparation for summer camp at Long Lake. It is committed Arrowmen like you that have kept this Lodge going for the past 70 years, and keep us all looking forward to a bright future.

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Nick R.

Service Committee Chairman

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