#### The Aquehongian

## ARROWHEAD

### Staten Island Council #645 WWW

June 2002 Aquehongian Lodge # 112

### **Upcoming Events**

June 1, 2002 Service Day @Pouch

June 18, 2002 LEC/Spaghetti Dinner @Pouch

> July 4, 2002 Service Day @Seaview

July 27-Aug. 1st, 2002 NOAC 2002

August 23-25, 2002 Section 2C Conclave @ West Point

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# NE-2C Conclave 2002

Dear Brother.

I remember one of the most frustrating things about joining the Order of the Arrow is trying to get the lingo down. Starting the day you join, they throw words at you like you are some kind of human computer. It's like a whole separate language going on in the scouting world and you have no choice but to start speaking the native language. These inconsiderate Scouters barrage you with words like sakima, nimat and conclave, not including the endless stream of ridiculous initials like, LEC, COC, NOAC. PLC, I mean its enough to make a person go crazy. And then, god forbid, you Wimachdenienk where you were supposed to Elangomat: you could be on the outs forever.

So today I am here to clear up a couple of terms, first Section. A Section is a gathering of lodges in our local area. For example our lodge is in Section NE-2C and our section is comprised of 10 total lodges; the five boroughs of New York City Lodges. Westchester and a smattering of southern Connecticut and upstate New York. These lodges gather once a year to hold a Conclave.

Don't get nervous say it with me "con- clave." All a conclave means is a gathering of these lodges that come together to have fun and learn from each other. This year's conclave is August 23-25, 2002 at West Point's Camp, Camp Natural Bridge.

This year's conclave has many planned fun and new activities with a patriotic twist since we are on the grounds of West Point. In the morning, we start with training with some new crazy sessions like "How to pick up girls in your Scout Uniform" and "Gettin' Dirty: Better Service Days." The afternoon is all fun. There are more activities planned then you can actually attend. There are many competitions. jeopardy, volleyball, scavenger hunts, patch trading, basketball, ceremony competitions, Native American events etc. Generally the afternoon is about having fun and fellowship with your brothers from many different lodges. Also in special attendance will be the National Vice Chief Riley Berg and the Northeast Region Chief Brian Favat. The weekend will culminate with a big show on Saturday night. Also on Sunday you



are welcome to take advantage of the tours of West Point.

Some of you may have heard of N.O.A.C.. National Order of the Arrow Conference, which is a big event fellowship in Indiana. Well the conclave is our miniature version close to home. If you can't make it to the National Conference, this one weekend is the next best thing. It will mimic the big conference in every way except the price. [I know it's a cheap shot] Anyway, please take advantage the Conclave it is a great experience where you can learn a lot and have a lot of fun. Hope to see you there!

Yours in Service John Altieri

## Chief's Drum

#### **Dear Brothers**

The time is here, the spring craziness of Scouting has arrived. The Brotherhood Conversion at TMR, has just passed and we are looking forward to successful tap out, lodge meeting and Ordeal. This is the time of the year, when we should all be busy. The Camp Promotions and Elections Committee's are up and running strong. Join them, or another committee and take a role on the Lodge.

To the nominee's for Lodge Office; It is a weighty responsibility which you take you take upon your shoulders. First of all, thank you for being old and brave enough to put your name up for office. Thank you for wanting to serve the Lodge in a more direct role. Believe me when I tell you that being a lodge officer is anything but easy. It is hard work and time consuming, but it can also be very

rewarding. The time is yours; service and duty are calling you now; heed the call of duty and serve the lodge and mankind.

As I look nostalgically back over the four years as an officer of the Lodge; I have made a decision to not seek another term in office. I will be attending college in the fall, and don't know what to expect as far as a workload goes. Plus, I feel it is time for new blood. I have been in office for four years, and the time has come for new faces to be seen at the table. I will not be going away, I have already expressed interest in a committee for next year. But, like when Assemblywoman Betty Connelly retired; she said you know when," it's time."

I have one or two more Chief's drum left after this one. I want to thank all those who have served our Lodge. I thank you all for your work, and hope to continue to work with you through the years ahead.



All my best in the busy upcoming months, I remain

Yours in Brotherhood, *Mchael A. Armato* Michael A. Armato Lodge Chief

# Advisor's Alley

I would like to acknowledge the committees who are in full swing making the pre-

sent calendar events happen. We have returned from the Brotherhood weekend with newly dedicated Arrowman, who provided service to our own Camp Aquehonga. The Ordeal weekend is coming up fast and the

NOAC plans are falling into place for July. Let's take this momentum with a steady pace, focus our efforts to do our best, and make the spirit of the Lodge soar.

The last two service days in

March and April have seen increased attendance. The Lodge meeting on June 2, 2002 at 1 pm in Berlin Lodge will have the 2002 - 2003 officer elections. After the meeting, OA Is-

land will be rededicated with a memorial plaque to Richard Kevorkian, a late member of the Lodge. Add the Conclave at Camp Natural Bridge, West Point to your calendars. Let's get ready to welcome our new Ordeal members in June, and keep up the strong work.

Ron Cullenen, Lodge Advisor 718 948-1007

# **Brotherhood**

2002

Again Ten Mile River was the stage



for Aquehongian Lodge 112 Brotherhood 2002 weekend. This is the third year that we were able to give to TMR the service it so deserves. The service was given to Camp Aquehonga by helping to level the amphitheater in preparation for the new Shawn Bowman Jr. Memorial theater. A split rail fence was put up at the rifle range and we rearranged the staff site area, just a bit.

Indian cliffs at Camp Kunatah was the perfect back-

drop for the Brotherhood ceremony. We requested hawks were rented for the occasion and did they ever provide a swooping show. The weather held out, until the service, ceremony and evening program was complete. What timing!

The Brotherhood Committee would like to thank all the supporting committees and individuals who made this weekend a success.

Congratulations to the Brothers of 2002.



Ray DeSaro, Lorraine Gizzarelli, David Greis, Marcus Guash, Sean Haggerty, Jeffrey Kaplan, Jason Kurzweil, Adam Loftman, William Mantly, Paul Schoppmann, Michael Slisz, Brian Thomasen, and Brian Thomson.

Ordeal members - be there next year for Brotherhood 2003 at Ten Mile River Scout Camp.

### **Basket Case**

Every basement has one!

Please send unwanted baskets to the Alzheimer's Association OR to a Lodge meeting / LEC.

The fundraising baskets have been a success and will be



sending Brothers to NOAC. In order to continue the profits of these attempts, baskets are necessary.

Please keep your baskets healthy, reduce, recycle, and reuse..

#### Vigil calling

The Vigil Honor selections this year are:

Robert Giorgio Brian Levinsky Gil A. Schweiger Monique Kusick



## Committee's R' Us

#### **Committee Midway**

During the Lodge meeting of June 2, 2002 at 1pm there will be a committee midway for anyone who is interested in joining a committee. There will be representatives available to assist you with your questions. The committees which always need participants are RIT, publications, the Web committee, commissary, etc.

It takes a village to raise a child - as does this Lodge. Our village is comprised of our committees. Help strengthen each of them to help the village raise the child!



Dance Team

This is David Brighina the dance team

chairman of the lodge. We are in

of members willing to donate a few hours a month. Anyone willing to help

the dance team can e- mail me at Davesny302@ yahoo. com or call me

at (718) 981- 3134.

Yours in Brotherhood,



The newsletter can have submissions from anyone in the Lodge as long as it pertains to Lodge information and is may be edited by publishing committee members for spelling and obvious grammar. It is a great way to highlight information that will interest Lodge members and possibly have

better attendance at



To everyone who helped out this weekend at Brotherhood, thank you from the Cullinski's. We think the food was OK, you certainly ate enough!

We can always use help! Any volunteers?

Reminders:

Ordeal Weekend June 7-9 Spaghetti Dinner June 18

The Web Committee is looking for members. If interested, please email webmaster@aquehongian112.org or call 967-4398. In the future, we hope to provide a way for each committee to update their respective section of the website.

Brian Levinsky Ed Baggs

Web Committee Chairman

tee Advisors

Frank Davis &

Web Commit-



#### From the Membership Committee:

1. Reminder that dues are \$8.00 per year and expire on October 1st of each year. If your dues are expired you may not serve on the LEC (adult or youth), run for any office or vote at any meeting (youth). You must be an "ACTIVE" member (dues paid up

to date) in order to participate in this year's Brotherhood Quest (adult or youth).

Dues can be mailed to the Lodge address. If you include a stamped, self-addressed envelope, we will send you an updated membership card.

2. A limited supply of Brother-

hood Neckerchiefs are available to those ACTIVE members who did not receive them at their Brotherhood Quest. Please see Neil Levinsky, Membership Advisor, at an LEC or General Meetings.

# Thanks to the printer!!!

The OA newsletter would not have made it to your mailbox without the help of the following people. Gladys Schweiger has let the publishing group, print and use the facilities at the Alzheimer Association at 460 Brielle Avenue, Seaview Hospital, ask for direc-

tions at the guard booth if you have never been there. A special thanks and "we're not worthy" to M r s . Schweiger!



# REMEMBER TO COME AND VOTE AT THE JUNE LODGE MEETING

Office Slate for 2002 - 2003

Chief Michael Gazinski

Joseph Perchiacca

Vice Chief of Administration Joseph Vaccaro

Vice Chief of Operations Andrew Montero Matt Sekzer

Secretary

Daniel Sullivan Eric Becker

Treasurer Jared Vega

## Cub Scout Fishing Derby

June 1, 2002 At Camp Pouch

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Aquehongian 112 Lodge Service Day

Camp service: Competition fish measuring, lake side assistance for parents and Cubs, cooks and servers for the refreshment stand, registration and parking lot assistance.

Wear the sash and class B uniform!

#### **NOAC Lodge Flaps**

Aquehongian Lodge 112, in addition to the regular NOAC flap with a black border, will be offering a **limited edition** NOAC-WTC 3 flap set, that consists of a Red Border NOAC flap, White Border NOAC flap, and Blue Border NOAC flap, on a **first come**, **first serve basis**. Only 112 sets will be created. The 112th set has already been donated to Pouch Camp. These patches will **NOT** be sold separately. The WTC buildings will be in white thread. Order form Will be attached to the back of the Newsletter.

# Anderson Fight Back Walk for A.L.S.

Gary Anderson, lost his battle with ALS on October 30, 200. He left a legacy of courage and hope. He had a dream. First he wanted to make people aware of ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) Second raise money for research and third was to find a cure for ALS.

He knew when he began his fight against ALS the cure would not come before he succumbed to the devastating disease. You can help fulfill he dream.

Please come and support his dream on Saturday June 1, 2002. The day will begin at 9 am at the Midland Beach Promenade.





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The Founder's Award was given to David Edelman and Michael Armato by Marty Poller during the April Lodge meeting.

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