

**A Guest Editorial from the 2014 Central Region Chief, Ricky Angeletti**

Brothers,

I am greatly honored to be addressing you as your 2014 Central Region Chief. Serving the Great Midwest is a true privilege, and I am genuinely excited about the experiences that lie ahead for the Arrowmen within our region.

There are many opportunities for us as Arrowmen to answer the call to cheerful service in 2014. Maybe you decide to serve the Order of the Arrow as a member of your Lodge Executive Committee, or possibly, you are signed up for a once-in-a-lifetime experience at Philmont, Sea Base, Northern Tier, or for the first time ever, at the Summit with an Order of the Arrow High Adventure Program. Perhaps you are working summer camp staff, or serving as an Elangomat at an ordeal weekend.

Whatever your call to service may be in 2014, always remember the reason you were given your sash. As members of the Order of the Arrow, we were each selected for this honor based on our dedication to the Scout oath and Law, and for our commitment to serve our fellow man. Induction for to the OA is not for what you have done but for what you are expected to do in the future.

An experience that really helped me understand the meaning of servant leadership was in 2010, when I was Lodge Chief, and attended the National Leadership Seminar (NLS). That weekend changed my life, and gave me a new surge of enthusiasm towards helping my lodge grow. The lodge is a key level of our Order that can greatly impact future generations of Arrowmen. So I want to encourage you to attend a National Leadership Seminar if you have not done so already. It is truly a once in a lifetime experience.

One of my favorite quotes from John Quincy Adams says “If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, then you are a leader.”

I will do my best make sure that our region offers you the greatest tools to becoming a successful leader at the lodge level. We have three excellent NLS sessions planned this year, and as I mentioned before, I strongly encourage you to sign up with some friends!

Once again, I look forward to serving you this upcoming year. I would like to give a big thank you to Mike Gray for all of his service to the Central Region this past year. He has certainly left a lasting legacy on the Central Region and his service will not be forgotten.

I hope to build on Mike’s successes this next year and leave my own mark on the Central Region. Your input is always welcome, so feel free to send any of your thoughts or ideas to me via twitter @OACentralChief.

Cheerfully Yours,  
**Ricky Angeletti, Central Region Chief**

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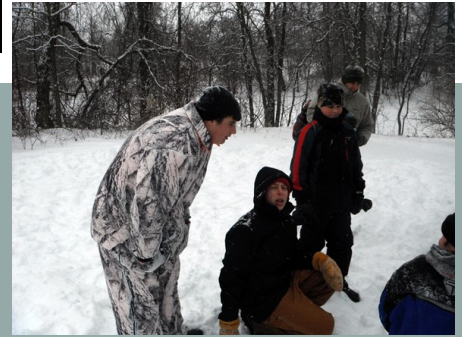
# CHAPTER REPORTS

## ANIKWA CHAPTER



This February, our Chapter was able to help run a station at Klondike and be part of a successful event for over 200 scouts. Fun was had by all. At the chapter meeting, we had some fun with fake injuries for a first aid relay. We're not sure if the injured survived, but we had some laughs and had a good refresher for first aid scenarios. We also continued to review material for brotherhood. Our ceremony team is still having monthly meetings in preparation for spring conference, but we still would love to have more people on the team. If interested, please contact me.

Ryan Ballering, *Anikwa Chapter Chief*



## BESHKNO CHAPTER



It is that time of year again when Beshkno Chapter completes all Unit Elections for Lakeshore District. As of right now we have all troop needing an election have their election scheduled, and of those, twenty already completed. Our chapter Cub Scout crossover team is going strong with five ceremonies this year. Preston Konop has the call out, Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal and Brotherhood teams going strong again this year and we are looking forward to our first ceremony of the year at Spring Camporee with Beshkno chapter's famous call-out ceremony. It is never too late to start thinking about running for a chapter leadership position; elections will be held at May's chapter meeting.

Yours in WWW,  
Beshkno Chapter Leadership

## MEKEK CHAPTER

This past month, Mekek Chapter and Crew 9999 members have worked together to finish all scheduled Crossover and Arrow of Light ceremonies, with our final ceremony on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Our attention has now shifted to Unit Elections, and we hope to complete elections by the end of March. If your troop has not planned their troop elections yet, involved and contact either me at

[erniekretzmann@yahoo.com](mailto:erniekretzmann@yahoo.com) or Mr. Hentz at [hentz5@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hentz5@sbcglobal.net) to get your troop's election planned. Our next chapter meeting is on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm at the Oshkosh YMCA on 20th street. The meeting will be held first and then we will be able to use the facilities afterward. There will be a small fee that has not yet been determined, watch your email or Facebook for more details.

Ernie Kretzmann, Mekek Chapter Chief



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## MUK CHAPTER

Hi all,

Hope you have been active trying to get your Troop's OA election scheduled and/or done. Our next activity is on Thursday, March 13th. It starts at 7:00 at Grace Lutheran Church in Green Bay. Lots of key information and planning for events this coming camping season will be discussed. There will be a fun surprise that will be enjoyed by all who attend (psst. food).

Please keep in mind the Spring Conference is fast approaching. We need many volunteers from Elangomats to ceremonies team members to just general help. If you are interested in helping, please contact me.

The t-shirts are in! Official Muk chapter t-shirts will be on sale at the February meeting. S-XL \$10.00; 2XL \$13.00; 3XL \$15.00. Plan on getting yours on the 13th!

Mark Your Calendars! On April 10th Muk Chapter will be having another meeting at Grace Lutheran Church.

Any questions please feel free to contact me, [muk.kon.wapos@gmail.com](mailto:muk.kon.wapos@gmail.com)

WWW,

Mike Laes, *Muk Chapter Chief*





## WESMIANIW CHAPTER

Greetings Arrowmen!

We have our next meeting on Thursday, March 13th at 7:00 at Fox Valley Technical College. Please consider coming to this meeting, It will be just as fun as our Movie night last month and it will be a great fellowship opportunity for you.

If you are interested in helping with the Gathering Waters Camporee as an OA member, please contact Eric Davidson at 257-6362. The camporee is May 16th through 18th, and scouts attending can earn Pioneering Merit Badge. Please consider helping as this would be a great service opportunity for you!

You could also like our page on Facebook! You can find it here <http://on.fb.me/1pNiy3s>

Yours in service,  
**Mitchell Hove**, *Wesmianiw Chapter Chief*

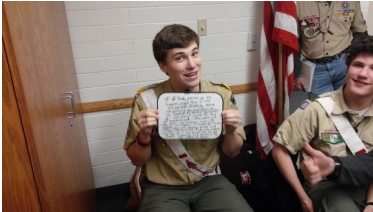


## WITCAWA CHAPTER

This last month, Witcawa Chapter has been busy organizing and conducting troop OA elections. Our next meetings are in conjunction with the District roundtable at the North Fond du Lac community center. If your troop hasn't scheduled an election, please stop by our meeting and set a date. We are planning a Chapter Fellowship event for later this spring. If you want it to be a good event, come to the Chapter meeting and we can chat!

I hope to see you there!

**Spencer Starks**, *Witcawa Chapter Chief*



## ArrowPower<sup>2014</sup>

This coming summer, Lodges in 5 different states will have the chance to experience a high adventure and environmental stewardship opportunity right here within Section C-1B! Arrowpower 2014 is a week long service opportunity in the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway, based out of L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation this August. Arrowmen will perform trail building, habitat restoration, litter clean up and campsite development along the Riverway and the National Ice Age Trail. There will be plenty of time for fun too! Some of our top National leaders will be there, along with plenty of your Section Officers. There will be daily evening activities, opening and closing shows, and an entire day set aside for a recreation trip! You could spend the day at the Waterpark, rock climbing, rafting or more! This project is also open to all BSA members over the age of 14! So whether you're an Arrowmen, a Scout or a Venturer you can join the action this summer at Arrowpower! Sign up or get more information online at [Arrowpower.sectionc1b.org](http://Arrowpower.sectionc1b.org)! You can also like us on Facebook! See you all there!

**Alex Derr**, *Section C-1B Chief*

## Communication Corner

As Spring break approaches, many people are hitting the gyms in an attempt at getting in shape. As I was driving past a gym the other day, I noticed they had an interesting catch phrase. "Summer bodies are made in winter!" What a clever way to attract people in this cold winter we've been having. Just like a physically fit person, our Lodge needs to be planned for and trained for during the winter in order to be fully functional in the Winter. The best way to exercise an organization is to use communication.

This summer is our first summer as Kon Wapos Lodge. We have the ability to leave a legacy and make this the best summer yet for inductions, service, and brotherhood. With Ordeals not happening at summer camp, it is important that we are effective, attractive, and efficient during our Conclaves and Conferences. Without communication between the Lodge and the troops, this might not be very effective. Each and every member of the Lodge has an opportunity to contribute to sharing this information. Every time you see things on Facebook, email, or in the newsletter that mentions information for events share it with your Troop Leaders and other Scouts in the troop. It isn't just information for OA members. A great way to renew our organization is to make it appealing to the younger scouts. A national honor society is only as good as its members continue to strive for. Share and spread the OA with all Scouts.

We have a great summer ahead of us, Arrowmen! Focus and prepare effectively as we move into our first summer together. We have a larger lodge and a larger responsibility to serve. Use this time in cold weather to "train" and "build" your OA muscles strong. Serve Strong. Communicate Strong.

W.W.W.

**Zach Galante**, *Lodge Communication Chair*

# KON WAPOS LODGE

## BAY-LAKES COUCNIL #635 WI-MI

### LODGE CALENDAR

2014

#### March

- 15: Maple Syrup Days, BPSC  
16: LEC (Remote teleconference)  
2PM CDT

#### April

- 4-6: NLS/NLATS, Parkville, MO  
11-13: Section COC, GDC  
25-27: Spring Conclave  
Bear Paw Scout Camp,  
Mountain, WI  
26: Rokilio Experience, CSW Rök

#### May/June

- 10: Rokilio Experience, CSW Rök  
30-1: Spring Conference  
Rokilio, BPSC  
6-8: Spring Conference  
Twin Lakes, Gardner Dam,  
Hiawatha

#### August

- 7-14: CR American Indian Seminar,  
Indiana  
15-17: Fall Conference  
Hiawatha, BPSC  
17-23: ArrowPower<sup>2014</sup>, Haugen, WI  
22-24: Fall Conference  
GDC, Rokilio, Twin Lakes

#### September

- 12-14: Section Conclave, BPSC

#### October

- 10-12: NLS/NLATS, Camp Lake, WI  
17-19: Fall Conclave, BPSC

## CHAPTER MEETING INFORMATION

**Anikwa Chapter**– 1st Thursday of the month, LDS Church, West Bend, 7PM

**Beshkno Chapter**– 2nd Thursday of the month, Lakeshore Tech, Cleveland, 7PM

**Mahng Chapter**- *Contact Chapter Chief, Wes Matteson, for details.*

**Mahwow Chapter**– 2nd Tuesday– Our Saviors Lutheran Church– Marinette 7PM

**Mekek Chapter**– 3rd Sunday of the month alternating between Zion Lutheran Church, Oshkosh and Berlin Senior Center 6PM

**Muk Chapter**- 2th Thursday of the month Grace Lutheran Church, Green Bay 7PM

**Wesmianiw Chapter**– 2nd Thursday of the month, Fox Valley Tech, Appleton, 7PM

**Witcawa Chapter**– 1st Thursday of the month at North Fond du Lac Community Center 7PM

## Lodge Adviser's Minute

### Does Your Unit have a Troop Representative?

The Order of the Arrow Troop Representative is a youth serving his troop as the primary liaison to the lodge and chapter. He meets the unit's needs by providing a communication and program link to and from all Arrowmen, Scouts who are not presently members of the Order, and adult leaders. These efforts are meant to assist the unit and its members and the lodge/chapter. By setting a good example, he will enhance the image of the Order as he provides service to his unit.

### OA Troop Representative Duties:

- Attends troop and chapter or lodge meetings regularly as a youth representative of the troop and Order.
- Serves as a two-way communication link between the troop and the lodge or chapter.
- Arranges with the lodge or chapter election team to conduct an annual Order of the Arrow election for the troop at a time approved by the Patrol Leaders Council.
- Arranges with the lodge or chapter for at least one camp promotion visit to the unit annually.
- Makes at least one high adventure presentation to the troop, to include the OA programs, annually.
- As requested by the SPL, participates in Troop Courts of Honor by recognizing: high adventure participation of troop members, induction of new OA members, changes in OA honors of troop members, leadership of troop members, and other appropriate activities.
- Coordinates the Ordeal Induction process for newly elected candidates.
- Assists current Ordeal members in the troop in sealing their membership by becoming Brotherhood members.
- Leads at least one troop service project for the community or charter partner during the year. May also serve, at the discretion of the PLC, as the troop's service chairman.
- Assists the troop (as appropriate) as a trainer of leadership and outdoor skills.
- In all cases, advocates environmental stewardship and Leave No Trace camping.
- Sets a good example by: wearing the Scout uniform correctly, showing Scout spirit, and living by the Scout Oath, the Scout law and the OA Obligation.

### Qualifications:

- Under 18 years old
- Appointed by SPL with SM approval
- OA Member in good standing

This is an approved leadership position for advancement. If you're interested in being an OA Representative for your unit, contact your chapter chief or adviser for assistance. It's a great way to serve your unit and the lodge!

Mike Mailand, Lodge Adviser

## Staff Adviser's Minute

As I was looking for a topic for this month's minute, I was reading over the National OA's *News You Can Use*, and found a topic that I think is fitting. For many of our Arrowmen there was only a short, fast paced year between when they complete their Ordeal and when they finished high school. Some will go off to college or trade school, some will join the military, others will choose to join the "adult" world and find a job. No matter what case you find yourself in there is a way to stay connected to the Scouting program.

If you are staying close to home you can sign on with your troop as College Reserve and help out when time allows or join a venture crew. If you are going away to school you can look up the local council and lodge and see how to get involved. You could also find a group on campus that shares the ideals of the Order. This was the option I took when I went to college, and the group I joined was the one that I remembered reading about in the back of my Scout book, Alpha Phi Omega. Alpha Phi Omega or APO as it is commonly known is a National Co-ed Service Fraternity that's purpose is "to assemble college students in a National Service Fraternity in the fellowship of principles derived from the Scout Oath and Scout Law of the Boy Scouts of America." Being a brother of APO is a lot like being an Arrowmen in the Order. You will provide service to your community, build on your leadership, and make lifelong friendships.

So as you complete your high school career, remember, there is still way to stay with Scouting.

Yours is W.W.W.

Mike Alberts, Kon Wapos Lodge Staff Adviser

## Chiefly Thoughts

My Brothers,

As the snow continues to fall, I have a hard time believing that spring is just around the corner. However, regardless of the weather outside, our spring events are coming up fast. That means that it is more important than ever to begin rounding up ceremonies teams, practicing lines, and setting schedules for conferences. It is also important to keep in mind that chapters will also be planning the fall conferences this year, so it is not too early to begin planning those as well. On a different note, I want to challenge all you Arrowmen this spring to make everyone feel welcome. Go up to the new scouts who just got their ordeal and invite them to a game of cribbage or risk, or just ask them sit by you at one of our countless cracker barrels. Remember, if it had not been for someone talking to you when you were of ordeal membership and making you feel welcome, you never would have continued on to be the dedicated arrowmen you are today. So this spring, learn from your past experiences, and share brotherhood throughout your whole chapter lodge. Spreading brotherhood must be obviously be an important part of our order, after all, why else would it be the first of our three W's?

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Alex Pond, *Lodge Chief*



## Ceremonies! Ceremonies! Ceremonies!

Hello everyone, it is finally that time of year again! Time to start practicing for the spring and summer ceremonies! If you are having trouble finding people to help with your ceremonies it would be a good idea to have your chapter members go back to their troops for pullers and torch runners for callout ceremonies. Some ideas for practices to make them more interesting and build character is not to solely practice the ceremony but incorporate some games to help warm up your brain and think on your feet. As far as practicing is concerned it is good idea to practice every other week. When scheduling practices it is a good idea to have your practices every other week and rotate between brotherhood and ordeal ceremonies. This allows for equal practice for each ceremony. It is also a good idea to have your team agree on a specific day for practices so you can have your whole team practice at once.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Preston Konop, *Vice Chief of Inductions*

## Where's Waldo? The Flap and Shout-outs!

Our lodge flap is hidden somewhere in the newsletter. Find its location, and send an email to [konwapos.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:konwapos.secretary@gmail.com). Everyone that responds before the next edition is released will get a shout-out in the next edition!

There is an example of what it looks like to the right.

Nota Bene: The flap is not on a uniform. Also, as opposed to previous months, this month's flap is actually hard to find, or it could be because I am colorblind, ya never know!

Last months winners:

Robert Brey	David Jensen
Paul Shrode	Jim Helmer
Joey Polheber	Cliff Polheber
Ken Neumann	Randy Radandt
Alex Derr	Tyler Reininger

Happy Hunting!

Preston Podolske, *Lodge Secretary*



## Rök OA Bowl Update

We are planning on starting the Rokilio OA bowl during our Spring conference May 31<sup>st</sup> thru June 1<sup>st</sup>. We are looking for Arrowmen to help bring supplies. During this project we need to rebuild the gate, trail, steps and seating in the bowl. We will be expanding the bowl and remaking the alter. An access road to the bowl will need to be created and made to be able to get a vehicle down there in case of emergencies.

Needs List:

- Arrowmen
- Chain saw certified Adults
- Shovels, Rakes and other tools
- Supplies for a gate
- Rail road ties or other material for seating in the bowl.
- Pavers or other material to create the stairs into the bowl
- Drain tile material to help with drainage in bowl
- Any other supplies that you can donate

If there is anything you that you or someone you know can donate please notify:

Tyler Reininger [treininger@att.net](mailto:treininger@att.net) Or  
Chris Roberts [Chris1984@gmail.com](mailto:Chris1984@gmail.com)

## LEC Minutes

Have you ever wondered what happens at Lodge Executive Committee meetings? Or you are unable to attend them? Well, I have a solution for you! As the Lodge Secretary, I take notes at the LECs and publish the summary of the meetings (called minutes) every month. Stay tuned to the newsletter and Facebook for minutes from all of the LECs.

[Click/tap here](#) for the February 2014 LEC minutes.

Yours in Brotherhood,

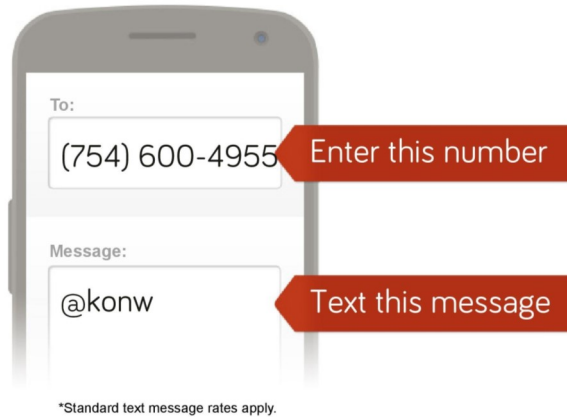
Preston Podolske, *Lodge Secretary*



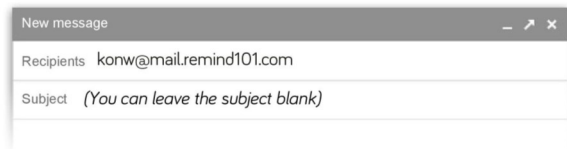
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To receive messages via text, text @konw to (754) 600-4955. You can opt-out of messages at anytime by replying, 'unsubscribe @konw'.



Or to receive messages via email, send an email to [konw@mail.remind101.com](mailto:konw@mail.remind101.com). To unsubscribe, reply with 'unsubscribe' in the subject line.



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# Introducing Remind101

Dear Arrowmen,

Meet Remind101! Remind101 is a great way for you to keep up with happenings in the Lodge. Remind101 is a free\* text messaging service. If you don't text, there is also an email option. The Lodge will use Remind101 to remind everyone of upcoming events and meetings. To prevent spamming, messages are limited to two per week, and will not be sent while you are sleeping.

\*standard message and data rates still apply



## Service in Springtime

During the pre-ordeal ceremony, Nutiket came forth and urged, "Kindle all that is within you with a warm and cheerful spirit. The spark is there, already glowing. Fan it now, forgetting hunger, feed it, until it is a fire." He told you to create within yourselves a 'fire' that brings the warmth of cheerfulness to others through sacrifice and self-denial. In Wisconsin we have experienced possibly the worst winter storm of the last 30 years, and there are many folks whose flame of cheerfulness has dimmed. They need help to keep themselves lively and feel the warmth of generosity from others. As arrowmen who ourselves have dealt with the trials of our Ordeal, we know that such things are not enjoyable to experience alone. Now is the time to spend ourselves in serving others so that they do not experience the same tribulations.

Fortunately, there are ways in scouting to accomplish this. First, on March 15 there will be a gathering known as the First Tap at Bear Paw Scout Camp. It will be the inaugural opening of the maple syrup production season in Wisconsin, and the camp will be open to the public. Since it is showcasing Scouting and Bear Paw Scout Camp, they are in need of some knowledgeable and enthusiastic scouts to make a good impression on their guests! This is going to be a major event, and a lot of help is needed to make it a success. It's going to be a good time - come on along!

Also, there is another great opportunity being presented by your chapters: Spring Conclave, coming in late May/Early June. This event is, along with the usual events made by your chapter, a great opportunity to help build the camp alongside the camp rangers in preparation for the summer camp season. This year there will be a couple significant renovations being done by Arrowmen of the lodge. At Gardner Dam, the steps leading to Lower Bridge will be getting an extravagant facelift, with a wooden deck that can be used for Ecology-related merit badges. There will be some reconstruction at Camp Rokilio as well on the old OA bowl on the north side of camp. Among the work done there will be a new gateway featuring a sign hand-painted by the talent that exists within our own lodge. Pictured to the left, is a draft of what it will look like.

Yours in Service,  
**Alex Pilmore**, *Lodge Service Chair*



The sign for the Rokilio OA Bowl features the Lodge totem along with the totems of the chapters that will utilize the bowl: Anikwa's Flying Squirrel, and Beshkno's Eagle