

Codzilla Chronicles

The Legend Lives On NOAC 2006!!!

Take 10 Arrowmen and 4 Advisers, put them on a train, send them to the National OA Conference, (NOAC) and what do you get? Answer: You get a Lodge leadership team that is inspired to meet the challenges of creating an Order of the Arrow Program second to none. NOAC is the ultimate experience for any Arrowmen. To tell all the tales of this summers great adventure would take up about 40 issues of the Codzilla Chronicles!

NOAC is primarily a training event, but full of inspirational activities designed to improve our Lodge. It's a lot like a week long OA retreat.

To understand the impact, you need to ask one of the delegates. Ask Dan Graham, who competed in the National Ceremonial Competition, why do you need 5 Hamsters and 5 Balloons on your belt? Ask Bobby Garahan, who won a medal in Vigil competition, if the sticks are here? Ask Gareth Clarke how to sign "Danger, Shark"! Ask Tedi Mori how to "Catch the Fwow-man". The answers will evoke a NOAC memory and a great story.

At NOAC 2006 over 8,000 Arrowmen gathered in the sweltering heat of Michigan State University. The heat only increased the energy and enthusiasm for the Order. The Nanepashemet delegation was no exception. The spirit of 158 shined and a legend lives on.

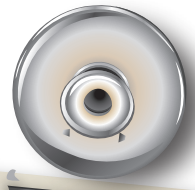


Nanepashemet at NOAC 2006. These Arrowmen are dedicated to growing Lodge 158 by expanding youth involvement. The men in the white suits are coming to get you with nets!

DID YOU NOTICE OUR NEW LOOK?

A primary goal of the 2006-2007 Lodge and Chapter Officers is to improve communications in Nanepashemet Lodge. We are pleased to bring you Nanepashemet News in a new, fun and inspiring format. Welcome to the CODZILLA CHRONICLES!

Nothing Can Stop **CODZILLA!**



Get These Dates On Your Refrigerator!

Lone Tree Ordeal
10/27-29/06
The Arrowman's Conference For Excellence
12/9-10/06
Nanepashemet Lodge Family Banquet
01/07/07

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NANEPASHEMET LODGE
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The "GamePlan" a focus for Lodge Growth

What is Nanepashemet up to? Is there a plan? Do they have a clue? Hey... well... YES! Inspired from NOAC 06, the officers and advisers are happy to present the 2006-2007 "Game Plan". That's right, put down that Slurpee and read on Brother!

Here's how it works. Every person in the lodge has a place. This "game plan" will single handedly revolutionize how we run the Order. Every person gets a chance to lead and express himself in the Lodge.

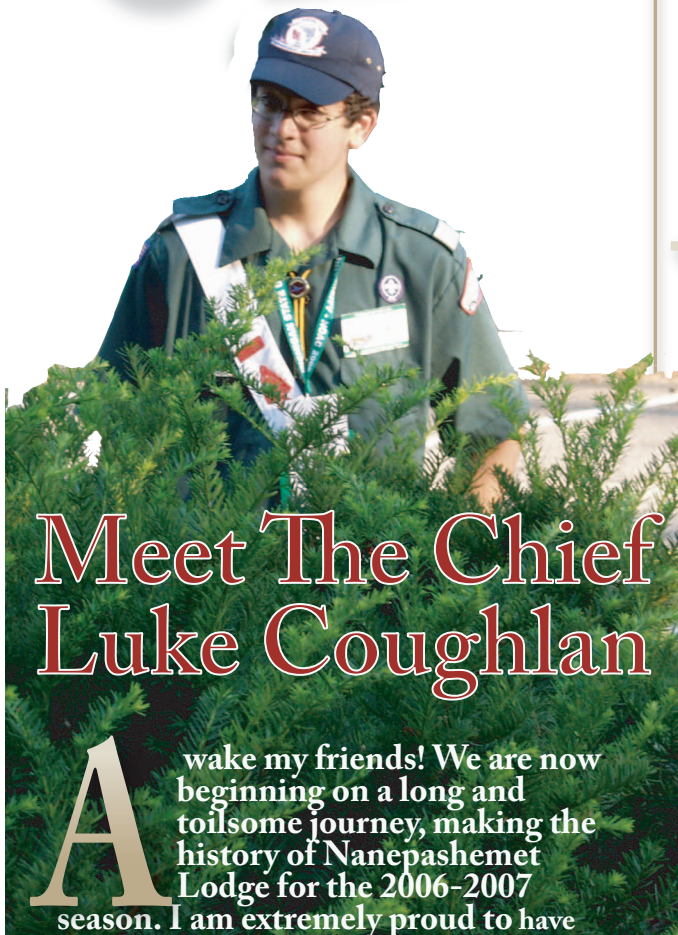
Committees this year will work in a different way. The plan calls for a focus on teams instead of individuals. Less work will be done by ad-hoc chairman and more done by a standing committee.

If there is something done by the lodge, there will be a committee to take care of making it happen. Through this system, efficiency and communication will increase, and lodge productivity will flourish.

The chapter system is one that we have been developing for some time. This year, and under the new "game plan", strides towards making the chapters more meaningful and effective will be made. Chapters are one of the best ways of communicating with Arrowmen. The "Game Plan" gives direction for the Chapter programs. This year Chapters will run training events, camping promotion, and Scoutreach projects. In this way Chapters will aid in membership retention, and helping others to find the true values of scouting through cheerful service. The overall goal is that through this new system, we will see a huge increase in spirit, productivity, and fun in our lodge.

See the next page and start thinking about which committees you would be interested in. Everyone can contribute by doing something that they enjoy, whether it be managing money, putting on shows, or doing ceremonies. Of course joining the staff of The Codzilla Chronicles is always a good choice.

More information on the "Game Plan" will be given at the "Arrowman's Conference For Excellence (ACE) coming up on December 9-10. Only good things can come from change. This system can mean a whole new beginning for us, and I encourage everyone to join in. Contact Luke Coughlan, the lodge chief, at l.coughlan@yahoo.com, with any suggestions, comments, or ideas. Any contributions to the "Game Plan" are gladly appreciated



Meet The Chief Luke Coughlan

Awake my friends! We are now beginning on a long and toilsome journey, making the history of Nanepashemet Lodge for the 2006-2007 season. I am extremely proud to have been elected to be your lodge chief for these coming months. So much has already happened, and so much is being planned that this year truly marks the beginning of a new chapter in our lodge's history. The year ahead will be one full of promise, as we work to fulfill our obligation to the Order and to "catch the higher vision" that calls to us all.

We begin this year looking to improve on our past experiences in the Order of the Arrow by opening the lodge even further than before, by actively communicating our purpose and intent, and by getting everyone involved in the fun and excitement. This summer, a group of 14 arrowmen took a trip to the National Order of the Arrow Conference to represent our lodge. NOAC was held at Michigan State University, and it truly made for an experience like no other. Our lodge stayed in Yakely hall, and every day, we mingled, ate, and trained with lodges from all over the nation. Ideas were exchanged, people were met, and new friendships were made. Our lodge was represented like no other, and we left Michigan with rejuvenated spirit, a reputation, and a few souvenirs. At NOAC, we were able to concoct a new program that could lead our lodge to greater heights and achievements. On the train ride home, we sketched out the plan, and are set to implement it.

So here's where we're at. Immediate events that need our attention and planning the October Ordeal, the Arrowman's Conference of Excellence, and our Lodge Banquet. Dates and other information regarding these events can be found in our calendar section, and in other articles.

I cannot express the excitement I have for the upcoming year. The promise and potential we showed at NOAC will surely be carried over to this year, making this the best year in Nanepashemet Lodge's history. I cannot wait to continue our journey, and to strive to catch the higher vision with all of you. Let's get going!

Yours in the Wimachtendienk,

Luke Coughlan

Ordeal Oct 27 At LTSR Brotherhood Opportunity



On October 27-29 the final 2006 Ordeal Weekend will be held at Lone Tree Scout Reservation. Also during this weekend will be the last 2006 opportunity for Ordeal Members, inducted in 2005 to seal their membership in the Order by becoming Brotherhood Members. The Brotherhood is truly a completion of the Ordeal. Members have the opportunity to reflect on their Ordeal and their first few months as a member of the Order of the Arrow.

All members are encouraged to participate in this Ordeal and help inspire our candidates towards the meaning of the Obligation of the Order. Cost for members is : \$12. Brotherhood Candidates is \$27. Members attending just the Ceremony and Banquet is \$7.00.

Arrowman's Conference For Excellence

An Experience For All Lodge Members

If you want to help build a great Lodge or Chapter. If you have something to offer your Brother's in the Order, then you want to attend the Arrowman's Conference for Excellence, known as ACE.

ACE is a training, planning and fun event for all Arrowmen to participate in. At this weekend the "Game Plan" will be launched, setting into motion the brightest and the best Lodge Leaders. If you want to be part of the Great Nanepashemet Lodge Adventure then you want to attend. A special Codzilla Chronicle will be sent to you in November. So save this weekend be a Lodge/Chapter Leader and Catch A Higher Vision.



This year's theme is Catch the Higher Vision. With a new game plan, rejuvenated spirit, changes all around, and a new lodge emerging, it is a time for all to take a step back, look at what we are doing, and strive for that little something extra. Anything is possible, and there will always be something better that what we do, it is inevitable. But, if we are constantly striving to catch that higher vision, there is nothing we cannot do. I encourage you to meditate on what this year's theme means for you. It gives this year meaning, and nothing will be left undone. Come, Brothers, let us try to catch the higher vision.

Lodge Committees 2006-2007

Communications Committee- This huge committee will be able to do all things for the lodge having to do with communications and letting people know things. The web site and newsletter (that's right, the one you're reading right now), will be produced by this committee. Mailings, e-mail, phone calls, and all things to let people know what is happening will be done by this committee. Shows, and campfires put on at events will be this committee's responsibility as well.

Camping Promotions Committee- This committee will deal with promoting camping and all things Boy Scout for the public. OA in camp will be regulated by this committee, as well as other events to promote camping.

Special Events Committee- This committee is also a large one. It is in charge of setting up, planning, and following through with lodge events. These include the banquet, webelos woods, and basically any other events that the lodge does. By grouping the responsibility under one committee, our events will be thoroughly planned, and everything will be carried through with ease and precision.

Inductions Committee- This committee will plan out all ordeals and brotherhood weekends. Basically all new members up through brotherhood will be regulated by this committee to be sure to have people staying active and having fun. Members of this committee will plan ordeal weekends, help younger and newer arrowmen, and other inductions activities.

Ceremonies Committee- This committee will be in charge of putting on fabulous ceremonies. Working closely with the Inductions committee, this committee will fit ceremonies in at the perfect time of day during an ordeal or brotherhood weekend, and put on a show like no other. Members can learn ceremonial parts, help set up ceremonial grounds or help in any way to make ceremonies a success this year. Also, a dance team would be a subdivision of this committee.

Service committee- This committee would be in charge of making sure our lodge gets its yearly dose of service. Being an Order dedicated to cheerful service, it is important that we have people planning for how we can help and give back to the community. This committee will be creative in finding ways to do service, have fun, and keep our ties of brotherhood burning strong all at the same time.

Membership committee- This committee will keep accounts of who is in the lodge, who has and hasn't paid dues, and who is in what committee. They will take care of membership accounts, and keep track of everyone in the lodge.

Finance Committee- Working closely with the treasurer, this committee will regulate the lodge's budget, apportioning money, and keeping fund raising up to date.

Vigil Committee- This committee will deal with all things vigil, from ceremonies to tap out, to elections.

OUR ICEBURG IS MELTING!



Nanepashemet Lodge #158

Presents A TKF/FSTAR PRODUCTION

2006-2007 Banquet Theme Show January 7, 2007

A Story About Vision

WANTED:

Cast Members, Technical Crew, Graphic Artists
Sign Up At Lone Tree Ordeal Or ACE