



THE PINE TREE

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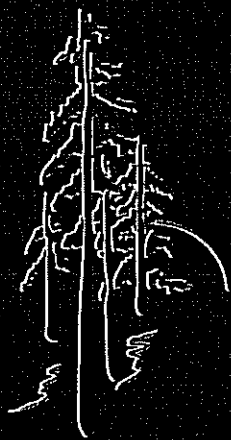
Annual Winter Banquet

The 2012 Cuwe Lodge Annual Banquet will be held on January 7, 2012. It will be held this year at St Joseph Catholic Church activity center in Gaines. The address is 12145 Ray Rd. The doors will open at 5:30 PM with dinner and program beginning at 6 PM sharp. At this year's dinner, we will be remembering Cuwe in 2011. We will be awarding the chapter of the year award, committee of the year award, having a year in review, Founder's Awards, Arrowman of the Year, and finally, the presentation of the Vigil Honor certificates to those members that completed their vigil in 2011. This is a great time for all members to come out for an evening of food, fun and fellowship after a busy holiday season. This year the committee has held the price at \$12 per person. Any and everyone is welcome to come as in years past. Mom, dad, brother and yes, even your sister or girlfriend are welcome! Remember, if you purchase a gold card, the cost is included.

Tickets must be purchased by December 30th, 2011.

Buy A Window

Cuwe Lodge had undertaken a project for our pavilion at Camp Tapico. We would like to install permanent windows all the way around. The lodge officers approved a plan to "sell a window". We are selling a window for the cost of \$100. We have 24 to sell. As of this time, we have already sold at least 12. Anyone can purchase one, i.e. individuals, troops, packs, or even a memorial for a person. The purchaser will have their name located near the window on a plate. If all of the windows are sold, we will plan on installing them at the spring conclave. This sure would make the pavilion a lot nicer to use in all seasons. Please use the form included in this issue if you would like to purchase a part of Cuwe history. You may also go together with another person if you choose to do the purchase jointly and both will be recognized. All the windows are sold on a first come basis. If we sell more, that individual may choose to put the money towards some other pavilion improvement.



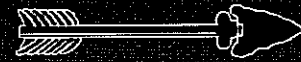
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Lodge changes

(Very Important)

Please Read

Cuwe lLodge will be going through some major changes in the upcoming months of 2012. In conjunction with the Area 2 Project, the Lodges in the state will be reorganized also. We will be merged with the Blue Water (Port Huron), Chief Okemos (Lansing) and Lake Huron (Saginaw and north) areas. We will become the new lodge after NOAC is over in August. Until then we're still Cuwe Lodge. As of now, we have formed committee that will be meeting with the other lodges to form our new lodge. They will be empowered with forming new lodge rules, name, and everything that needs to be done to get our new lodge off and running. They have a great load on their shoulders at this time. One thing is for sure is there will be change. We will all have to bend some as we merge together. We all have our traditions that we do and we may not be able to hold on to those as we melt together to form one new group. One thing to remember is our way isn't always the only way to do things. We all need to keep an open mind on the new lodge formation. We should be getting updates at our lodge meetings every month so come and hear what they are doing on the merger and your voice is important. Remember, the only thing in life that is certain is change!

Unit Elections

This year the lodge is trying a new approach to holding our unit elections. All Scoutmasters will be sent all information and reporting forms directly to them. We as a lodge should still be contacting them to set up the election time but the contact info of who will be doing them is in that letter also just in case we don't. The SM will return the form to the council after the election in the pre-addressed envelope. Remember, we can only grow if we can elect and induct many new members into the Order. Check with your unit in the upcoming weeks to see if they have scheduled an election time for 2012. We want to have all of the elections done by March 31 in order for the unit to have time to get the form returned and for us to get the information letter to the elected in time for them to attend the conclave.

CALENDAR

January 7th	Annual Banquet
January 12th	Chapter meetings with Roundtable
January 19th	OA Executive committee meeting 7pm
February 9th	Chapter meetings with Roundtable
February 16th	OA Executive committee meeting 7pm
March 8th	Chapter meetings with Roundtable
March 15th	OA Executive committee meeting 7pm
April 12th	Chapter meetings with Roundtable
April 19th	OA Executive committee meeting 7pm
May 4th - 6th	Section Conclave - Camp Holaka
May 18th - 20th	Spring Conclave - Camp Tapico



Ceremonies

Cuwe Lodge is in desperate need for some members to step up and become part of the ceremony team. We have lost a few role members due to either age or they moved away. If you like to act, do plays at school or are just interested in helping, please contact Lodge Chief David Ware to let him know your desires. We need to have a team in place soon so that we can be ready for the spring conclave inductions. It seems like a long ways away but before you realize it the conclave will be here. Please contact Dave at 810-399-5555 or email him at dwaresemail@gmail.com.

WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEBSITE

The Lodge would like to have everyone, especially the older members, to visit our website and check out the history part. We need to still fill in some of the Vigil names and the peoples middle initials. They weren't kept track of many years ago. If you know any of these members and there is a blank, please call Barry Jensen at 810-659-1259 with the corrections. Also, now we have all of the Pine tree issues as far back as 1970 now in the history column. Thanks to Barry Jensen for keeping all of them over the years and to Tech Tom for scanning and putting them on the site! Check them out soon.

E-Mail Addresses Needed

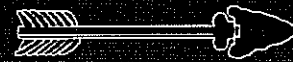
Cuwe Lodge needs all current emails from its members. If you did not receive a test email from drq1702@sbcglobal.net on December 19th, then we need your email address. Please send all new email addresses to the email address listed above. The lodge can communicate quicker by email rather than using snail mail. The above email address is the Communications Advisor, Barry Jensen.

2012 Dues now payable

The dues for Cuwe Lodge for 2012 are now payable. They are only \$15 for the whole year. If you pay them before December 31, 2011, you will receive a \$2 discount which will bring the total to \$13. You may pay them by using the payment form in this issue and mailing it in to the Scout Service Center, through your unit when they recharter (all troops received a form with all members listed), or in person at the office. You may also choose to buy a Gold Card to prepay next years events (see related article). Only current paid up members are able to attend Lodge functions and receive lodge mailings of the Pine Tree.

Gold Cards Available for 2012

Again this year, Cuwe Lodge is offering a gold card for sale to its members. For the discounted price of \$40, a member can prepay all the Lodge events for the whole year. This will save you having to remember to pay for each event individually and possibly paying a late fee!! For the \$40, you will get a whole year's dues, the banquet and the spring conclave paid all at once. What a great convenience! It's also a lot easier for the membership committee to enter all the information at one time for all the events to make it easier on check-in.



Section Conclave 2012 Service

Our lodge is host of next year's section conclave. We will be hosting the great event at Camp Holaka. This will be the last C-2A conclave as the section will no longer exist after this year. We are responsible for all the logistics that happen during the weekend. Setting up the camp, providing the meals for 200+ Arrowmen, making sure everyone has the equipment that they need to carry out their events and of course, the final clean-up- yippee! The committee is starting planning meetings before each lodge executive meeting January-April 2012. They will begin at 6:30pm at the council basement. We need to have many Arrowmen to participate to successfully run this event. There is much planning to be done now. If we have a lot of members, we all can do some and still have time to enjoy the events of the weekend. Please plan on pitching in and making the last C-2A section conclave a huge success and one to remember for all that attend!

New Lodge Flap

Cuwe Lodge will issue one last commemorative lodge pocket flap. Some ideas were brought up at the last lodge meeting. These will be sold on a pre-order/pre-paid basis only. Their cost will be only \$3.00 each. They will be available for pick-up at the Spring conclave in May. The design will be of the first lodge flap of Cuwe with our beginning and ending years added to the design. You will be able to order as many as you would like to. We will accept orders until Feb 1, 2012.

Vigil nominations

Due to the restructuring of our lodge boundaries made by the Area 2 project, the executive committee decided to move up the Vigil call-out to our May conclave at Camp Tapico. This means that the selection time of our nominations needs to be changed also. All nominations need to be sent in to the council office by February 1, 2012 with our selection meeting shortly after that date. The current form may be downloaded from our web site. All nominations for the Vigil Honor need to have been a brotherhood member for at least 2 years, show outstanding service to the lodge above their immediate responsibilities to one or more of the following, to the lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting or their scout camp. This is the highest honor that the lodge can bestow upon an Arrowman. In no circumstance should their tenure be considered reason enough for nomination to this highest honor. Cuwe Lodge can nominate up to 9 brothers for this honor this year but at least half of nominations need to be under the age of 21. For a total explanation of the Vigil please consult your OA handbook.

Any brother is able to submit nominations and you can nominate as many as you feel that are eligible for this honor. Remember, all forms need to be turned in to the office by February 1, 2012!

Lodge Items

Do you have any of the Cuwe Lodge stuff laying around your room? The Lodge is calling it all home. Any ceremonial items, Lodge totems, etc need to get returned to the Scout Service Center as soon as possible in order to get inventoried. We know we are missing the Vigil chief's bolo for sure. If you have or might know where any of our items might be, we would appreciate any help in finding all lodge items.



National Order of The Arrow Conference

July 30th - Aug. 4th, 2012 at MSU

Next Stop: NOAC 2012! Here we go. It is time to begin planning your trip to the 2012 National Order of the Arrow Conferences. Pack your bags, grab your buddies and get ready for the biggest event in the Order. From July 30 through August 4th, 2012 more than 8,000 Arrowmen from across the country and around the world will gather at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan.

Arrowmen have a lot to look forward to from engaging shows, top notch training, inter-lodge competitions, ceremonial evaluations, dance competitions, and learning about the latest initiatives of the Order of the Arrow. At NOAC, Arrowmen will stay in University housing, eat in the dining halls, and will get to spend a week with their 8,000 best friends. What can be better than that?

So get ready for an exciting time at NOAC 2012. Stay tuned to event.oa-bsa.org for the latest updates about NOAC 2012. Invite your buddies to come to NOAC too. Remember, Next Stop: NOAC 2012! See you there.

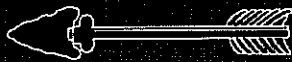
Cuwe will be sending our own contingent to MSU next summer to be part of this great event. The cost will be about \$460 for members to attend. Any youth that goes, Cuwe will underwrite \$100 of the fee bring the youth cost to \$360. We are now taking reservations at the council office to reserve your spot. A \$50 deposit is required by January 31, 2012. The lodge has a limit of members that we can take but we can apply to take more. This is a great time of any brother that attends. Memories will stay with you for a lifetime. And the knowledge of the OA that you will receive is tremendous!

Ask any current or past Lodge officer about it and they will tell you that it was one of their highlights of their scouting time. We will have a presentation at the banquet of NOAC 2012.

Section Conclave

May 4th - 6th, 2012 Camp Holaka

This next year Cuwe is the host lodge of the C2-A Section Conclave. We will be hosting this great Arrowman event at our own Camp Holaka in lovely Lapeer. It will take place on May 4-6, 2012. The Section conclave is a weekend filled with many great happenings. There will be some training, lots of fun, ceremonial competitions, afternoon games, evening show, GOOD FOOD(since we are hosting), patch trading, fellowship with other Arrowmen and no work projects as at our own conclave. Since we are hosting this year, we will be having some service that related to the weekend. We need to have many Arrowmen there to make the burden less for all. We will need to have members help with registration, food service, facilities, health officer and anything else that comes up that need to be done for the weekend to come off without a hitch. We will plan on having a work day before the event to clean up from the winter and to get things ready. If you would like to help, please call Ray Chapman now and let him know of your intentions. The cost of the weekend will be determined at the January meeting and we will pass this on in the next issue. The last time we hosted, we had about 55 members in attendance and with that amount of people, not everyone had to work all weekend, we could attend some of the events. So put this weekend on your planning calendar now and we'll see you there!



UPCOMING NEWS



Vigil Eligible for 2012 (Subject to Change)

Bidaban

Adams, Michael Adult
 Akers, Phil Adult
 Alward, Adam Youth
 Alward, Dan Adult
 Alward, Michael Adult
 Baughan, Ross Adult
 Brown, Thomas Z Adult
 Clark, Steven Adult
 Cohoon, John Adult
 Cottrell, Steven Adult
 Cowden, Frank Adult
 Cox, Dennis Adult
 Crow, Rodney Youth
 Dake, Larry Dale Adult
 DeBusschere, Marc Adult
 Eggleston, Adam Youth
 Garchow, Joseph Adult
 George, Rodger Adult
 Hommer, Matthew Youth
 Howd, Jon-Claude
 Carter Youth
 Kieffer, Tyler Adult
 Kiihr, Elizabeth Adult
 Koch, Brad Adult
 Korb, Kenneth Adult
 Korb, Spencer Youth
 Kudwa, Joesph Adult
 LaNore, Braden Youth
 Legacy, Michael Adult
 Levi, Vinson Adult
 Long, Richard W Youth
 Martel, David Youth
 Martel, Michael Adult
 Miller, Christopher Adult
 Miller, Larry Adult
 Nolkemper, Travis Mi-
 chael Youth
 O'Callaghan, Law-
 rence Adult
 O'Callaghan, Michael Youth
 Payne, Edward Adult
 Payne, Marcus Adult
 Raslich, Eric Adult
 Raslich, Kyle Youth
 Raslich, Stephen Adult
 Reichardt, Tristan Adult
 Robare, Andrew Lloyd Youth

Bidaban con't

Schiess, Shannon
 Kerry Youth
 Schuize, John Adult
 Swanson, Thomas Youth
 Thomas, Brandon Youth
 Vaughn, Charles Adult
 Wagner, Alexander Youth
 Ware, David Eward Youth
 Warner, Jerry Adult
 Waters, John Adult
 Waters, John D Adult
 Weber, Michael Adult
 West, Andrew R Adult
 West, Daniel Adult

Chippawa

Ackerman, Dennis Adult
 Ashley, Blake Youth
 Barber, Todd Adult
 Battiste, Craig Adult
 Battiste, Gary E Adult
 Deville II, Peter Adult
 Ferrier, Mellicha Adult
 Graves, Noble Adult
 Heidtman, David Adult
 Palmer, Mark Adult
 Smithwick, James Adult
 Staley, Paul Adult
 Tatro, Amy Adult
 White, Jeannie Adult

Muscadawin

Bodziak, William Adult
 Corthals, Nancy Adult
 Diefenbach, James Adult
 Diefenbach, Spencer Youth
 Jones, Truman Youth
 Kelly, David Adult
 Kraszewski, Matt Youth
 Lombard, Miles A Adult
 Plumley, Bruce Adult
 Savage, Ned Adult

Wassa

Ammerman, Jack Ryan Youth
 Athey, Carolyn Adult
 Athey, Clare Adult
 Brooks, William Adult
 Cummings, Richard W Adult
 Dombeck, Joe Adult
 Dunn, George Adult
 Kittle, Robert Adult
 Luznak, Jason Youth
 Monroe, Corey Matthew Youth
 Nelson, Lorence Adult
 Pattengill, Ada L. Adult
 Pirker-Fruehauf, Erich Youth
 Rumisek, Christopher Adult
 Rumisek, Daniel Adult
 Rumisek, Jeffrey Adult
 Rumisek, Michael Adult
 Stankiewicz, Joshua Youth
 Stankiewicz, Leonard Adult
 Thayer, Larry Adult
 Toma, Jonathan Youth
 Warren, Patrick D Adult
 Warren III, Wells Adult
 Whitman, Andrew Youth

CUWE LODGE #218 - Activities Payment Voucher

Submit with payment or payment information to: Tall Pine Council, 507 W Atherton Road, Flint, MI 48507-2404

Event	Code	Quantity/Price	Payment
Lodge Dues	Before January 1, 2012	685 @ \$13	\$ _____
	After December 31, 2011	685 @ \$15	\$ _____
Gold Cards	Sold til December 31, 2011	693 @ \$40	\$ _____
Lodge Banquet			
	January 7, 2012	686 @ \$12	\$ _____
St Joe's Catholic Church	After December 31, 2012	\$15	\$ _____
Section Conclave			
	May 4-6, 2012	682 @ TBD	\$ _____
Spring Conclave			
	May 18-20, 2012		
	Candidate (going through Ordeal)	684 @	\$ _____
	Member Sealing Brotherhood	684 @	\$ _____
	Member not changing honor at Conclave:	684 @	\$ _____
	Late Fee (after May 13, 2011) add to fee:	684 @	\$ _____
Fall Conclave			
	August 17-19, 2012		
	Candidate (going through Ordeal)	684 @	\$ _____
	Member Sealing Brotherhood	684 @	\$ _____
	Member not changing honor at Conclave:	684 @	\$ _____
	Late Fee (after August 12, 2011) ADD to fee:	684 @	\$ _____
Lodge Commemorative Flap			
		@ \$3	\$ _____
NOAC 2012			
	(at Michigan State University)	681	\$ _____
	Early Deposit	@ \$50	\$ _____
	Subsequent Payment	@ \$ _____	\$ _____
Donations			
Buy a window for lodge pavilion		@ \$100	\$ _____
	Tower Fund	683 @ \$ _____	\$ _____
	Campership Fund	688 @ \$ _____	\$ _____
TOTAL DUE			\$

PAYOR INFORMATION

Name(s) (list everyone included above) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Date of Birth _____ / ____ / ____

HONOR (circle) Ordeal Brotherhood Vigil Honor

Credit Card Payment (Check one) Discover Master Card Visa American Express

e-mail address _____

Card Number _____ CVV Number _____ Expiration Date _____ / ____ / ____

Name on Card _____ Signature _____