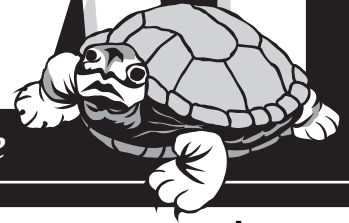


T H E S P I R I T O F U N A M I

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2005-2006

Issue 1

NOAC 2006— *Contingent to Tour before Conference*

On Friday, July 29, 2006, the Unami Lodge contingent will be leaving for the National Order of the Arrow Conference at Michigan State University in East Lansing. This year the trip will include a touring excursion before arriving at the conference on Saturday. After registration and dormitory check-in, Saturday will be a day to get oriented to the campus, bowl, swim, take in a movie or just relax and meet arrowmen from all over the country. After dinner is the spectacular opening arena show. The next three mornings are filled with training sessions with topics ranging from lodge finance to web site design to scuba instruction. Afternoons are spent in competition in ceremonies, Indian dance, volleyball, basketball, soccer, track, swimming, lip sync, OA jeopardy, etc.

After dinner each night is a professional caliber arena stage show for the 7000 plus delegates that are expected. Wednesday is reserved for Founders Day - a carnival like atmosphere with each Lodge producing a booth for food, fun and fellowship. Thursday morning, we will depart for home.

Our goal in 2006 is to build on NOAC 2004, where Unami Lodge won a National Spirit Award, presented to the top 10 Lodges at NOAC. In addition we placed first nationally in OA Survivor and competed successfully in ceremonies and Indian dance. With the enthusiasm generated under the leadership of Lodge Chief John Bickel, Unami should be able to have an even more successful NOAC.

Forms are available on the lodge website or for further information, contact Jeff Aster, Lodge Contingent Adviser at (215) 205-4713 or asterj@comcast.net



Unami Lodge at Resica Update

Recently Completed Projects

- Roofing and vents completed
- Exterior framing completed
- All windows installed
- Exterior power washed and sanded
- Staining begun

Upcoming Projects

- Complete staining
- Finish exterior trim
- Rough electrical work
- Propane feed installation & temporary heat
- Interior framing

HOW CAN I HELP?

Work will be continuing most weekends throughout the Winter and Spring. Contact Mike Coyne to schedule a weekend to volunteer on this project.

(coynemj@comcast.net or
(856) 910-9606)

Nominate a Brother for the Vigil

For anyone who doesn't already know, the Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction that is reserved for those arrowmen who give exceptional service and who help others above and beyond the call of duty. The Vigil Honor requires unselfish dedication to the Lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or Scout Camps.

The process has already begun to recognize this year's deserving brothers. This year the Vigil Committee Chairman is David Schaub and the co-advisers are John and Christian Grandzol. The Vigil committee coordinates the selection and induction of brothers for the Vigil Honor. As lodge members, your part in this process begins NOW! There are deserving brothers in the Lodge who should be recognized. It can only happen if you nominate them.

To be selected for the Vigil Honor, a Scout or Scouter must be nominated by his brothers. After nomination, the Vigil Committee, consisting of Chapter Chiefs and at-large representatives, meets, reviews each nomination, and selects the Vigil Honor candidates for that year. A nomination must be made on the official Vigil Honor nomination form (available on the Lodge's website and in this issue of the Spirit) and sent in no later than February 28, 2006. You are strongly encouraged to send your nomination(s) in as soon as possible, which helps lessen the burden on the committee and paperwork end. If you know someone you believe worthy of the Vigil Honor, why wait? Submit your nomination now! If you have any questions feel free to email Dave Schaub at bnl602@hotmail.com.

-Dave Schaub

LODGE SHORTS



From the Chief

Hello Brothers,

Wow! What a great first quarter of the year we are having! After coming off a very dynamic end to last year topping off with the 90th Anniversary celebration at Treasure Island and continuing through to the Fall Fellowship at Resica Falls, we have had some great events with lots of laughs and great times. I have to first and foremost thank all of you who have helped with the events this year and especially those of you who have gone up to Resica Falls to help on the Lodge House project! It is looking great and we are looking forward to the grand opening in the spring.

So far this year we have had a successful Trade-O-Ree, a spectacular Annual Dinner and an awesome training day, lead by Mark Chilutti and other prominent national figures including Dan O'Rourke, the Northeast Region Chief. We also have had a fun and exciting Fall Fellowship weekend where we inducted 66 new Ordeal members and 29 members sealed the bond into Brotherhood membership. We also had a great time enjoying some pirate games and doing a lot of service to the camp.

This coming year is still filled with great events! Make sure you get involved because we will be finishing up the Lodge House at Resica Falls all through the winter, as well as holding 2 spring service weekends, one at Camp Hart in April and one at Treasure Island in May. These weekends will of course feature plenty of service, but also a lot of fun activities to be remembered! I hope all of you are having a good, safe year and I look forward to seeing you at all of the events. I challenge all of you to get involved! There are plenty of opportunities, so please take advantage of them all! If you want to get involved, contact me at Delmontvigil@comcast.net

Yours In The Brotherhood

John Bichel

2005-2006 Lodge Chief

Lodge Approves \$25,000 Campaign for Treasure Island

At the October Meeting of the Lodge Executive Committee, the Lodge approved the proposal to raise \$25,000 to contribute to the Capital Campaign for Treasure Island. The funds will specifically go towards repairs to the Unami Lodge building. The Lodge has raised \$5,000 so far towards this goal. Be prepared for a direct appeal to adult members of the Lodge in November and some special properties in the new year to raise the rest of the commitment.

Last 90th Anniversary Property Available - A Felt Turtle Patch!

The Lodge has issued the last 90th Anniversary property which is an extremely cool felt patch of the 90th logo. At the time of printing, there were only 100 left out of 300 made. Patches are available at all Lodge events and in the lobby of the Firestone Office at Valley Forge. They sell for \$10 with the funds going toward the Lodge House project at Resica Falls.

Camp Promotions and Unit Elections Training Scheduled

For all Chapters - Please note that the Camp Promotions/Unit Elections Committee will sponsor training on Tuesday, December 6th at the Firestone Office in Valley Forge at 7 pm. Anyone who will be involved or is interested in helping with visiting units to promote camp or conduct elections should attend. If you have questions please contact CP/UE Chairman, Nathan Johnson at 215-257-3259 or CP/UE Adviser, Todd Malora at OAU1BPADV@yahoo.com or 215-233-0875.

Ceremonial Committee to hold Training & Recruitment Event

To all youth members of the Lodge - if you are interested in becoming a member of the Ceremonial Teams for Lodge Weekends or Summer Camp this opportunity is for you! The Ceremonial Committee will be holding a training and recruitment event at the Firestone Office in Valley Forge on Saturday, January 28, 2006 starting at 9 am and will run approximately until 4 pm. There is no cost and lunch will be provided. If you would like to have a role in the induction ceremonies for Ordeal or Brotherhood please make plans to attend. If you have questions please contact Ceremonies Chairman, Trevor Fitzgerald at riddlinkidz720@gmail.com or 610-631-2160 or Ceremonies Adviser, Mike Comfort at 610-277-9244 or junglehiker@aol.com.

Lodge Rules and Procedures Changes Approved

At the Fall Fellowship weekend changes were approved to the Lodge Rules and Procedures by the youth membership present. To look at the Lodge Rules and Procedures check out the link on the Lodge's website - www.unamilodge.org

Cradle of Liberty Council Plans Florida Sea Base Trip

For the first time ever, the Cradle of Liberty Council we be hosting a council contingent to the Florida Sea Base. The contingent will be the first week in August 2007, the program opportunity will be reef sailing. If you would like more information please call 610.688.6900 and ask for Simon Nagel.

OPINION

THIS ISSUE'S CONTRIBUTOR
Pete McPhillips

*This is the Spirit's first try at Opinion writing from Unami brothers.
If you have something you wish to share, please send your
submissions to the editor, Steve Ketchen at stevereno429@yahoo.com*

The OA in the Information Age

My Information Technology professor teaches that we are now living in the 'Information Age.' Just as cavemen used rocks during the Stone Age, we now use data to create tools. These tools must be used in order for a business to be successful in today's world. IT helps to advance their business. Of course, Unami Lodge is not a business, but the same concepts can be applied to help us advance our business of cheerful service.

I recently had a discussion with a long-time lodge member. He was concerned that we were moving to quickly towards purely electronic communications within the lodge. His argument being that many Arrowmen do not have internet access. I'll assure you all, we are not going to stop mailing paper copies of The Spirit, but I do believe the Lodge should embrace technology. There are endless possibilities of what we can do. I would like to make you aware of some of the ways the Lodge is using IT.

The Lodge Website www.unamilodge.org has become an excellent source for anything you would like to know. You can find forms for the weekends, pictures of past events, and pages on making your ordeal and what you need to know to seal the bonds of brotherhood. You can read The Spirit, email the officers and find out when your chapter meets. The

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The Fall Fellowship at Resica in Pictures



Staining work is begun on Unami Lodge



Joe Brooke & Jim Baker help finish the windows



Sal Speaks at the Unami Lodge Dedication Ceremony



Water balloon slingshot



Pirate jousting



This weekend's ceremonialists



New members orientation



Presentation of by-law changes



Everyone gathered for Lodge meeting

2005-2006 Participation Award and Series Patch

The Lodge has announced the requirements for this year's Participation Award. This is a self nominating award based on the amount of events and activities you attend over the course of the Lodge year. The Lodge year operates from July 1st through the following June 30th. A copy of the Participation award form is enclosed with this newsletter and can also be found online at the Lodge's website at www.unamilodge.org on the forms page.

What do you need to do to earn the award?

Print the form off of the website or tear out the copy in this newsletter. Bring it to any Lodge or Chapter events and activities that you attend. This includes Chapter Meetings! Have a Lodge or Chapter representative sign off on the appropriate lines indicating that were present. You must attend at least two of the three Lodge weekends and then three more out of a whole list of options on the form. Some of the alternate choices have multiple possibilities so there is literally a ton of stuff that counts for the award. Any doubts just ask! If you did not attend the Fall Weekend - no problem - there is still two more weekends in the spring but you will have to attend both!

What if I was at an event and did not get my form signed off?

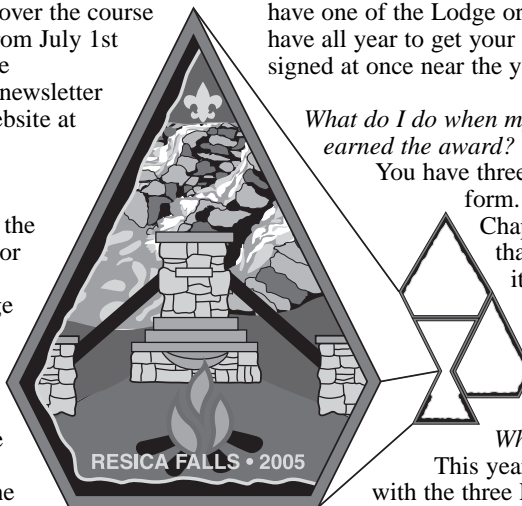
No problem. Bring the form to the next function you attend and have one of the Lodge or Chapter Representatives sign off. You have all year to get your form completed even if you get it all signed at once near the year's end.

What do I do when my form is completely signed off and I've earned the award?

You have three options to submit the completed award form. First you can turn it in to a Lodge or Chapter Officer or Adviser and they will see that it is filed for you. Second you can drop it off personally at the Valley Forge Office of the Cradle of Liberty Council out in Wayne or lastly you can simply mail it to the address on the bottom of the form.

What is the recognition?

This year the participation award will fit together with the three Lodge Weekends patches to form a large arrowhead. You must earn the participation award to receive this fourth patch which completes the series. The patches will be awarded at the annual dinner on September 10, 2006.



Part 1 of this year's patches

Venture Crew 251 Hosts Week-Long Indian Seminar at Seven Mountains Scout Camp

As part of its continuing efforts to improve Lodge knowledge about and participation in American Indian dance and culture, Venture Crew 251 hosted a week-long training seminar at Seven Mountains Scout Camp this past July for Arrowmen interested in learning about OA opportunities in this area. Several youth attended the seminar in hopes of developing their skills and serving the Lodge in this unique way. They learned basic dance regalia construction, powwow etiquette, dancing and singing styles, and cultural norms and expectations. The week's highlight was the 3rd Annual Aquanuchione Powwow, an educational event co-hosted by Unami's brothers and Monaken Lodge 103. Crew 251 helps youth represent Unami Lodge in American Indian dance contests at conclaves and national conferences, while enhancing the American Indian experience throughout Lodge functions. Two of its members, John Sender and David Parillo, won first and third place, respectively, at the Camp Karoondinha conclave this past June. Members have also competed successfully and served on the American Indians Affairs staff at the '96, '98, '02, and '04 National OA Conferences.



Venture Crew 251 will be hosting another seminar next summer (July 16-22, 2006). Watch for information in future Spirits. This is a great opportunity for any brother who is interested to learn about American Indians and serve the Lodge in this unique way.



Without these kinds of experiences, we risk losing our knowledge about and practice of the culture chosen as the model for our Order.

Jimmy Clark & Christian Grandzol

Learn to Powwow at Camp Alpine 5th Annual Indian Seminar Hosted by Shu-Shu-Gah Lodge #24



As a first-time attendee at this event (and participant in these activities) Jimmy Clark was a bit unsure of what to expect. "I had fun with the dance team at Seven Mountains. I learned how to drum, how to sing, how to make regalia, and how to dance. Even though we were doing American Indian stuff most of the time, we still found time to enjoy other activities as well. For example, we participated in the mile swim, played volleyball with the staff, and ran in the Ironman competition. On Thursday night there was a powwow, where we danced and sang with another lodge. Scouts attending summer camp came to watch us. Because it was my first powwow, I was scared and nervous. However, when the powwow started I was not nervous at all; in fact, it was the best time I had in a long time. I danced the way I was taught and wore the regalia that everyone helped me to make all week long."

Fun, Fellowship, Training, Dancing and ... a Trade-O-Ree! You are invited to join your OA brothers from Shu-Shu-Gah Lodge #24 at their 5th Annual Indian Seminar and Powwow. The seminar runs from Friday, November 18th through Sunday, November 20th at Camp Alpine in Alpine, New Jersey. This is a great opportunity to meet arrowmen from around the Northeast US and learn about various aspects of modern powwow dancing, singing, and crafts.

Last year, Unami Lodge sent a contingent of nine arrowmen. Dave Schaub, David Parillo, John Bickel, Matt Sender, John Sender, John Grandzol, Bob Ostrowski, Christian Grandzol, and Daniel Sender attended the weekend. The contingent worked together on various dance clothing-related crafts and participated in training cells held throughout the day Saturday. Mealtimes and socials offered the group a chance to branch out and meet arrowmen from Shu-Shu-Gah and other lodges. This weekend seminar brings together Scouts and Scouters from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, and beyond who appreciate Native American powwow traditions.

"If something interested you throughout the day or gave you an idea for starting a craft, you could immediately drop by the fully-stocked trading post for supplies. They carry beads, feathers, furs...everything you

need!" reported John Sender. John was able to buy hand-painted Eagle feathers for use in his hair roach. He then used that very hair roach while dancing in the Saturday night powwow. Expert craftsmen, singers, and dancers offered several training sessions and workshops that provided hands-on and active-participation learning experiences. Meals were served buffet style in the large modern dining hall - the location for the big Saturday night powwow.

John Grandzol, Vigil Adviser for Unami Lodge, had the privilege of being head male dancer for this powwow last year. Being head dancer is a very serious honor in the powwow world. The privilege was made all the more poignant by the fact Ken Hood of Shu-Shu-Gah Lodge honored a Unami Lodge brother. This sense of inter-lodge fellowship is what makes the Shu-Shu-Gah weekends so special. Plus, a patch Trad-o-Ree takes place all day Saturday at the Orbach Arena right at the camp.

We invite you to take part in this special annual event and build on the foundation of friendship that has been laid by your brothers in Shu-Shu-Gah and Unami Lodges. For more information or to receive a registration form, please contact Dan Sender at DanielLeeSender@hotmail.com.

Dan and John Sender

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website is constantly being improved and updated.

We now have a discussion board on the lodge website, where anyone can post questions or comments. There are sections for the various lodge events as well as for each chapter.

The members of the executive committee receive a monthly e-newsletter called the Unami Update. It runs down the upcoming events and reminds them of what is going to be discussed at the next meeting.

The Service Committee is working on creating an online database of the various skills that our members have. This should better match service projects with a member's expertise, and improve the quality of the service done at the week-ends.

Where do we go from here? I received an email this month encouraging me to sign-up for OAmail. "Email for Arrowmen." I took a look at the site. It has 10mb of space, requests that it only be used for scouting, and it's free. I thought it was an interesting idea. It certainly could help solve the 'not everyone has an email address' problem.

The OA is all over the Internet; from the national sites to the patch collectors on eBay, to personal blogs. You can easily find our ceremonies and sites about our history. But we need to use the internet to discuss our future as well. Some have already begun. I recently came across an Unami lodge group on Myspace, a friends network/ blogger website. We can, and should, use these resources to continue to improve our organization and ensure that it remains relevant in a changing world.

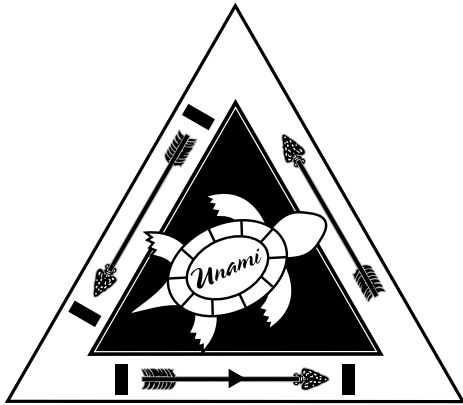
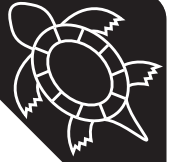
2005-2006 LODGE CALENDAR

Dec 6	Camp Promotion/Unit Election Training Firestone Office at Valley Forge 7 pm
Jan 28.....	Ceremonial Training Firestone Office at Valley Forge 9 am
April 21-23	1st Spring Service Weekend Camp Hart
May 19-21	2nd Spring Service Weekend Treasure Island
June 9-11	NE-4A Section Conclave Hawk Mountain
July 29-Aug 3.....	National Order of the Arrow Conf. Michigan State Univ., East Lansing, MI
Sept 8-9	Tradoree National Guard Armory
Sept 10.....	91st Lodge Annual Dinner
Oct 13-15.....	Fall Fellowship Camp Delmont

**Check Out Our
Website at
www.unamilodge.org**

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Cradle of Liberty Council
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Wayne, PA 19087





2005-2006 Vigil Honor Nomination Form

**Deadline for submission: Must be received at
Firestone Council Office by February 28, 2006.**

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that a Lodge can bestow upon a member. It dates back to 1915 when our Founder, Dr. E. Uner Goodman became the first Vigil Honor Member. It is a mark of high distinction and is reserved for those arrowmen who have given exceptional service and who help others above and beyond the call of duty. The Vigil Honor requires unselfish dedication to one or more of the following: the Lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or the Scout Camp. The Vigil Honor is a recognition of one's commitment to altruistic leadership and proper example of Brotherhood in Cheerful Service. Alertness to the needs of others is the mark of the Vigil Honor.

Nominations for the Vigil Honor ought to be taken seriously. Please provide as much information about the nominee as possible. In this way the Vigil Honor Selection Committee can make a fair assessment of the contributions of the nominee to Scouting and the

Lodge. To be eligible for the Vigil Honor an arrowman must:

1. Be a Brotherhood member for at least two years prior to March 9th of the nominating year
2. Be registered in the Cradle of Liberty Council, BSA
3. Be a member in good standing of Unami Lodge, One

In order for a nomination to be accepted it must:

1. Be submitted on an official and current Vigil Honor Nomination form. Any additional information can be attached to the nomination form.
2. **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: Be received at the Firestone Council Office no later than February 28th, 2006.**

Completed nomination forms may be turned in or mailed to the Firestone Service Center:

Cradle of Liberty Council, BSA
Attn: OA Registrar
1485 Valley Forge Road
Wayne, PA 19087

Vigil Nominee Information

Name: * _____ Chapter: * _____ Unit: * _____

Address: * _____ Date of Birth: _____

City: * _____ State: * _____ Zip: * _____ Phone: * _____

Degree date & location: Ordeal _____ Brotherhood _____

List any awards received: _____

Vigil Nominee Information (continued)

List all troop positions held by nominee: _____

List all District and/or Council positions held by nominee: _____

List all Chapter positions held by nominee: _____

List all Lodge positions held by nominee: _____

What about this nominee makes them worthy to be recognized for exceptional service with the Vigil Honor?*

Nominated by: * _____

Address: * _____ Email: * _____

City: * _____ State: * _____ Zip: * _____ Phone: * _____

***Required Information**



2005-2006 Participation Award

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: JUNE 30, 2006



The 2005-2006 Participation Award is open to all Arrowmen in Unami Lodge, One, Order of the Arrow. This award includes the activities from the beginning of the lodge year (July 1, 2005) to the end of the lodge year (June 30, 2006). The Officers and the Executive Committee look to all Arrowmen to be as active as possible, and encourage the completion of this award. The award will be presented at the Annual Dinner each year. All requirements must be approved by a Chapter Adviser, Lodge Officer, or Lodge Adviser.

Requirements for Approval (Attend at least two weekends and any three of the remaining events)

- Attend the Fall Fellowship Weekend at Resica Falls Scout Reservation – October 14-16, 2005
Signature _____ Date _____
- Attend the First Spring Service Weekend at Camp Hart – April 21-23, 2006
Signature _____ Date _____
- Attend the Second Spring Service Weekend at Treasure Island Scout Reservation – May 19-21, 2006
Signature _____ Date _____

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- Attend the Unami Lodge, One Trade-O-Ree at the National Guard Armory – September 9-10, 2005
Signature _____ Date _____
 - Attend the Lodge Annual Dinner at Williamson’s – September 11, 2005
Signature _____ Date _____
 - Attend the Lodge Training Day at Firestone Service Center – September 24, 2005
Signature _____ Date _____
 - Attend the Lodge Camp Promotions/Unit Election Training – December 6, 2005
Signature _____ Date _____
 - Attend the Lodge Ceremonial Training – January 28, 2006
Signature _____ Date _____
 - Attend the Section NE-4A Conclave at Hawk Mountain – June 9-11, 2006
Signature _____ Date _____
 - Attend a Special Lodge Service Event – (For Example, Lodge House at Resica, TI Cleanup)
Signature _____ Date _____
 - Serve as a Troop/Team OA Representative
Signature of Unit Leader _____ Date _____
 - Attend three chapter activities – (Chapter Meetings, Chapter Service Event, CP/UE Visitation)
Signature of Chapter Adviser _____ Date _____

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Participation Award Applicant

Name: _____ Chapter: _____ Unit: _____

Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____