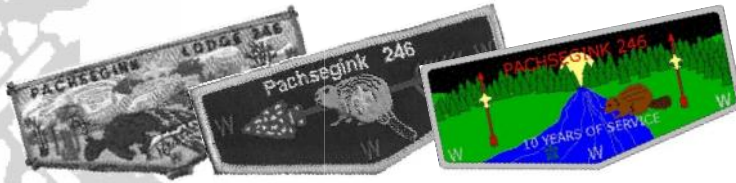


# The Pachsegink

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## Fall Fellowship Recap

Fall Fellowship **WAS AWESOME!!!** We had a great time working, learning, and just hanging out. Our service projects helped build a bridge, clear trails, and flagged the location of the planting of 100 trees. The training sessions were well thought out and taught by Mike Wozniak and Matt O'Brian. The food was great with another round of pumpkin pancakes, and we had a lot of fun just hanging out and meeting new members of

the lodge, of whom there were 58 ordeals. There were also 24 brotherhood conversions, and 3 members were chosen the Honor of Vigil, Joe B., Bob Wilcox, and Greg Novak. Also, with the inclusion of Dunk tank, we managed to raise 500 dollars! Most of this was raised (\$320) when John Armentano got into the dunk tank and everyone started chipping in 20 dollars to get in a bunch of free throws at him. All in all, it was a great fellowship.



## Next Fall Fellowship

Please note that the 2012 Fall Fellowship will be held from September 7-9 instead of the previously planned date of September 14-15

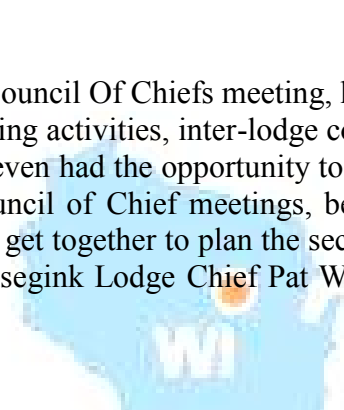
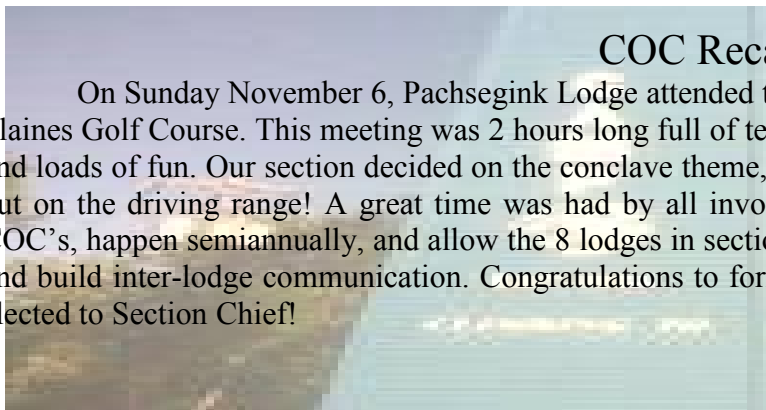
## Scoutmaster Dinner Recap

I would like to thank all the Scouters that came out to the 10th Annual Scoutmasters Dinner. At this event the leaders from each troop were able to see what was going on with the lodge and the opportunities their Order of the Arrow members have in the upcoming year. I hope everyone enjoyed the event. If anyone has any questions about the event or what is happening this upcoming year please feel free to contact me at [hanuslyons@aol.com](mailto:hanuslyons@aol.com)

Sincerely;  
Kristopher H., Event chairman

## COC Recap

On Sunday November 6, Pachsegink Lodge attended the Fall Council Of Chiefs meeting, held at the Des Plaines Golf Course. This meeting was 2 hours long full of team-building activities, inter-lodge communication, and loads of fun. Our section decided on the conclave theme, and we even had the opportunity to hit some balls out on the driving range! A great time was had by all involved. Council of Chief meetings, better known as COC's, happen semiannually, and allow the 8 lodges in section C-7 to get together to plan the section conclaves and build inter-lodge communication. Congratulations to former Pachsegink Lodge Chief Pat Wilson on being elected to Section Chief!



## Train Them, Trust Them, Let Them Lead

On Oct 1, Pachsegink Lodge held its annual Lodge Leadership Development Conference. This event, held at the Pleasantview Fire Department, is where the youth and adult leadership of our lodge are trained to run Lodge operations and become even better leaders through service and brotherhood. Trainings are run all day, with team-building activities throughout the day. 50 arrowmen attended our LLDC this year, including Central Region Chief Collin H.! This was one of our highest attended LLDC's ever, and we hope to beat that number next year! If anyone is interested in getting involved in the lodge by joining a committee, email Lodge Adviser Chris Brown at Christopher.Brown3@cvscaremark.com. Hope to see you there next year!

Dear Fellow Arrowmen,

I have been given the privilege to talk to you. The reason I would like to talk to you is for you to join the Troop Representative Committee. The Troop Representative Committee is a way to get you on to an E-Board committee with not a lot of skill required. All you have to do is call 10 people a month and every 3 months we have a pizza together. The Troop Rep. Committee is an important part of the Lodge, and you can be a part of that. Please send an email to my adviser with your name, troop, email, and your phone number to danamjrick@yahoo.com.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Kevin T.  
Troop Rep. Chairmen

## Wonderful Webelos Weekend!

On October 15, Greene Valley Forest Preserve was overrun by 150 Webelos and parents for the first time in the Pachsegink sponsored Webelos Weekend. The campout lasting from Saturday morning through Sunday morning was designed to give the Webelos a taste of what a real Boy Scout campout will be like. Webelos rotated from station to station throughout the forest learning and trying out scouting skills such as fire building, cooking, first-aid, knot-tying, and much, much more. Saturday night concluded with a fantastic campfire program, including skits from our Webelos, and also an awe-inspiring Magician! Thanks to all of the Troops and leaders that came out to make this event a huge success.

## It's That Time of Year Again!

Don't forget to pay your lodge dues for 2012! Membership renewal letters have been sent to the troops, so make sure you are on the list sent to your scoutmaster. 2012 Lodge dues are only 15 dollars, and are absolutely essential to the working of the lodge.

## Winter COC

This year's Winter COC will be at the Grand Bear Lodge from Saturday Jan. 21-22, and you can be finished in time to still make it to the Winter Banquet. It should be an awesome planning meeting.

## Winter Banquet

This year's Winter Banquet will be one of the best yet! We have none other than the National Vice-Chief Dan Dick coming to speak to everyone there. There will also be a great trivia game. The meal will be served buffet style at the Park Place Banquet Hall, which is the same place as last year. Also, there will be a fund-raising auction to help out the Lodge. And don't you forget the Founder's Award! The most important award that can be given by the lodge. Don't miss this great event!

# 2012 NOAC 2012

National Order of the Arrow Conference

July 30 - August 4

Michigan State University  
East Lansing, Michigan

Come join the small but mighty contingent from Pachsegink Lodge 246, along with other 8,000 Arrowmen as we gather in East Lansing for this meeting and celebration.

Fellowship, Training, Competitions, Ceremonial Events

The following NOAC is not until 2015, to align with the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the OA

The cost is \$420, plus transportation costs.

If you have interest in considering being a part of this experience, contact Ken Kalny, "Beyond the Lodge" Adviser, at [kdkal@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kdkal@sbcglobal.net)

# NOAC 2012 NOAC

[oa-bsa.org](http://oa-bsa.org)

# SECTION C-7



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Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan-Michigamea-Owasippe  
Pachsegink-Waupecan-Wulapeju*

## CONCLAVE 2012 - APRIL 27-29

- OA Conclave is the annual gathering of the Lodges in Section C-7
  - Education - Fellowship - Elections
  - Conclave 2009 - Canyon Camp – only 3 Scouts from Pachsegink, but those Scouts now have Three Eagle Projects, Two Vigil Honors and a Section Chief amongst them!
  - Conclave 2009 - Edgar U. Beaver watches a professional fireworks show
  - Conclave 2010 - Great Lakes Naval Base - Edgar U. Beaver played Ultimate Frisbee
  - Conclave 2011 - Rainbow - the best recreation sessions so far – of course, organized by Lodge 246!
  - Conclave 2011 - Pachsegink wins Spirit – great attendance
  - Conclave 2011 - Edgar U. Beaver dances with the Lakota Goose
  - Conclave 2011 – you almost want to puke when you hear “Haaaaay Lakoda” with a response of “HAAAAAAAAAY LAKODA”
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- Conclave 2012 – Let’s have a fantastic turnout to show Pachsegink Pride, defend our Spirit

OMG! Look at who is hosting Conclave 2012!

### **Section C-7 Conclave**

Camp Lakota

Woodstock, IL

April 27th-29th, 2012

[www.oac7.org](http://www.oac7.org)

## Chief's Corner:

Scouting has been a big part of my life since I joined back when I was in grade school. I joined Cub Scouts as a Tiger and worked my way through year by year 'til I reached a Webelos 2. Now the thing about Cub Scouts that aggravated me was the fact that I couldn't advance myself and push to become the next rank; you had to wait a whole year and do certain requirements until the next blue and gold where basically everyone advances, even if you did nothing. Another thing was camping. I found out that I love camping so much, I wanted to go all the time, but with Pack 137 located in Stickney, we only went maybe 4 times a year. When I was a Webelos 2, I remember waiting to crossover that ceremonial bridge, glaring at those fashionable bright red epaulets and ready to be in Troop 337. I finally was a Boy Scout. I got to do so many things on my own and finally got to work on rank advancements all by myself! All of my hard work paid off when I received my Eagle in 2009. Now I won't talk so much as to my scouting experience, but more about the Order of the Arrow. I remember my first year at Camp Mach watching the callout ceremony. I was scared and confused as to what was going on. I didn't realize what was happening around me except that people were "being chosen." I planned on figuring out these mysteries that I had at the age of 12 and tried seeking answers. I didn't see the kids that were selected in my troop back at the campsite and was wondering what was going on. I saw them the next day in silence and working really hard. It was hot out and I was astonished that they just kept working and working, not stopping to catch a breath. At first I kind of wanted to laugh and say that they've been brainwashed, but another older scout saw me staring and told me what it was. He said, "It's the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's high honor society. They were chosen among us to serve us and are true leaders." I questioned him as to why I wasn't chosen, and he responded with the fact that I am a Tenderfoot and do not meet the requirements yet. The year was 2006, we waited in the Storage shed for the callout ceremony to begin and I was standing straight, eyes forward, adrenaline in my body. The team passes once. "You have been chosen, you have been chosen." I kept hearing all of these fellow scouts being selected, and more and more adrenaline went throughout my body. I could see out of the corner of my eye that my friend was trembling and the team came back around. As Allowat comes closer to us, he stops right in front of my friend and says the words. He smiled in relief and proudly told Kitchkinet his name and troop. Once the drum beat started again I was passed. Not many more were selected this round and I began to lose hope and didn't really care to pay attention to the ceremony. The team comes looping around one last time and Allowat goes to pass me up until he points and shouts, "You have been chosen!" Finally! I wait for the comforting pats on the shoulder by the ceremonialist and stand in the center ring by the new candidates. My journey began. Some of you may have felt the same way looking at the Order of the Arrow before you really knew what goes on. I've been busy with the OA ever since my first year. I converted to Brotherhood in 2008 and stood my vigil in August of 2010. I participated in the ceremonies team for 3 years now and have been on the executive committee for 4 years. I've gone to many fellowships, banquets, conclaves, and even participated in NOAC 2009. So finally, I was elected as the Lodge Chief for this upcoming year and I hope for it to be the best year of Pachsegink Lodge yet! The only thing that would stop the lodge from moving forward is membership. I need YOU to serve your fellow scouts and take the initiative to say yes to the lodge. As you can see, I was uncertain about the Order at first, but with dedication and curiosity, I pushed myself forward to achieve what I wanted. Receiving Eagle rank and the Vigil Honor did not stop me from running for Lodge Chief and other activities shouldn't stop one's activeness with scouting. "He who serves his fellows, is of all his fellows, greatest!"

Yours In Brotherhood,  
Justin R.  
Lodge Chief

## Meet the New Lodge Officers

I'm Justin, the newly elected Lodge Chief and I look forward to meeting brothers and have one super fun year! I have been in scouts since I was a Tiger Cub and plan on being active for as long as I am able. I am in Troop 337 in Stickney, IL and an Eagle Scout from there. I am Vigil Honor member in Pachsegink Lodge and was inducted in 2006. I am currently a freshman at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and majoring in Natural Resources and Environmental Science. I like to paint and draw, play sports, music, video games and hang out with friends.

Pepsi or Coke: Coke

Paper or Plastic: Plastic

Xbox or PS3: Xbox

Chocolate or Vanilla: hmmm Chocolate

Snickers or Twix: Twix

Simpsons or Family Guy: Both are good, but I like Simpsons more

Star Wars or Star Trek: STAR WARS

Soccer or Football: Soccer

Superman or Batman: Batman

Spring or Fall: Fall

NOAC 2012 or do nothing at all: NOAC 2012!!!!!!



Ben- Vice Chief

17 years old (12/16)

Ordeal-2008/B-hood-2009

Favorite BSA memory-Philmont & Sea Base

Past positions- Secretary, BSA Affairs Dir., SPL, ASPL,  
Summer Camp Staff

Favorite color- RED (like my hair)



Jeremy- Treasurer

I am 13 years old

I am brotherhood

My favorite memory was working on the trail to Eagle

Past OA positions were Treasurer

My favorite color is blue

On a lighter note.....

The Scoutmaster went to the Psychologist because he was having these weird dreams. The scout master said: I keep Dreaming of teepees and wigwams, teepees and wigwams, doc, help me! He Calmed down the scoutmaster and then said: You're just too tense.



*Pachsegink Lodge of the Order of the Arrow  
 Invites you to build upon the fire of cheerfulness at  
 the  
 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Banquet*

Come join your Brothers in the Arrow (members only, please) as we look back on our accomplishments of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service of the past year. Obviously because of your help and participation, we've had a lot of success. We'll reflect on these as well as have fun and look forward to the coming year. This year's banquet will feature:

- An evening of food, fun, and fellowship
- Guest Speaker National Vice Chief Dan Dick
- Recognition of Vigil Honorees and Founder's Awards Recipients
- Live and silent auctions to fund the Lodge and its activities
- including Announcement of opportunities coming up in 2012
- and.....All sorts of other great stuff!

Bring items to sell in the silent auction

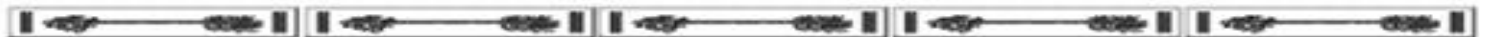
When: Sunday, January 22, 2012- Fellowship - 6:00 - 7:00 P.M., Dinner - 7:00 P.M. **SHARP!**

Where: Park Place Banquet Hall  
 6240 Joliet Rd  
 Countryside, IL 60525

**COST:** \$26.00 until January 12<sup>th</sup> 2012; \$31.00 after January 12<sup>th</sup> 2012 or at the door

**Or use the Platinum pass**

To register, tear off bottom portion and return to Council Service Center (811 W. Hillgrove, LaGrange, 60525) or fax as instructed below



Please register me for the Pachsegink Lodge 2010 Winter Banquet (\$26 until January 12th, \$30 after January 12th) Acct#105

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Troop: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration by credit card can be done by fax to 708-354-3615 (attn: Barb) or by phone to 708-354-1111 ext. 10.

\*\*\*In order to process credit card transactions, the cardholder's zip code must be noted below.\*\*\*

Card (circle one): Visa    MasterCard    Discover    Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Brothers,

As your new Lodge Adviser, I would like to first thank all of the youth and adults that have been working very hard to make our Fall season a great success. We raised \$500 for NOAC at our Fall Fellowship, had record-breaking attendance at our Lodge Leadership Development Conference, put on a fantastic Webelos Overnight (first ever for our Lodge), and a very informative and delicious Scoutmaster Dinner. It has been an extremely busy season, and I couldn't be happier with the results. We now turn our focus to the Winter Banquet on January 22nd, and position-specific training for our Lodge Leadership.

As we step into the 2012 year, remember that we are all leaders: in our troops, our community, our schools. We have a responsibility as Arrowmen to hold ourselves to a high standard of character, and set that example for others to follow. Let us help each other to keep our Obligation and live the Scout Oath and Law. I leave you with a quote from John Quincy Adams: "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader." See you at the Winter Banquet!

Yours In Brotherhood  
Chris Brown  
Lodge Adviser