



# Moccasin Tracks



## Tisquantum Lodge OCC 249

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### 2007 Lodge Banquet Wrap Up

This past January, the proud members of Tisquantum lodge filled the Elks Hall of Randolph yet again for the annual lodge banquet. As usual, it was a sold out event. Our lodge chief Greg Burke welcomed the crowd with a message revealing the success of the past, but the stressing the importance of the future with a quote from Lao Tzu, the father of Taoism. Father John Bacon led the lodge in grace, and the Chinese buffet was opened. The food was a hit again this year with no arrowmen leaving hungry.

After the plethora of food, the guests spoke and awards were given out. Greg capped off the year with some great lodge statistics and ushered in the New Year with a discussion of upcoming events. Scout Executive Steve Whitney thanked the lodge for their continued service and devotion to Old Colony Council. The lodge was grateful to have Mike Shea, our NE-1B Section Chief, and Ken Hager, the 2007 Northeast Region Chief in attendance. Mike discussed the high adventure opportunities that the Order of the Arrow has to offer while Ken talked about the importance of the Order in the future.

The new lodge officers were installed by the immediate past lodge chief Mike Shea. The new officers are: Greg Burke - Lodge Chief, Michael O'Keeffe - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chief, Andrew Ewing - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chief, Chris Marcus - Secretary, and Tommy Taricano - Treasurer. The new officers provided some comic relief as they stumbled through their oath of office.

Many people were recognized with awards this year for their service to our lodge. Read further to hear all about that. The Banquet was a great success, and we look forward to seeing you there next year.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Michael O'Keeffe

Tisquantum 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chief

### Events Calendar

#### February

12 - Lodge Exec Committee  
24-Camp Squanto Service Project

#### March

12 - Lodge Exec Committee

#### April

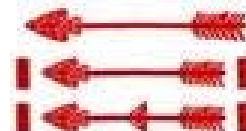
9 - Lodge Exec Committee  
20 ~ 22 - Fellowship Weekend

#### May

14 - Lodge Exec Committee

#### June

8-10-NE-1B Section Conclave  
11-Lodge Exec Committee



## 2007 NE-1B Conclave

This June 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, is the moment you have all been waiting for. The 2007 Section NE-1B Conclave is happening! Now some of you may ask what a Section Conclave is. A Section Conclave is when hundreds of Arrowmen from around the Section (9 Lodges) gather for fellowship and some friendly competition. Lodges will bring their Arrowmen to Russell, Massachusetts to Moses Scout Reservation to experience something extremely breathtaking.

Days will be jam-packed with plenty of activities for all ages. For the more adventurous people things like mountain boarding, blacksmithing, archery, COPE, or even a Polar Bear swim might suit them. Others might enjoy organized patch trading, a patch auction, or field sports. Some might enjoy all different types of training as well as Native American dance and song. But I think it's a given fact we all enjoy the humorous shows.

This year, something will be done especially different and we think you will all enjoy it. On Friday, as opposed to a traditional show, there will be a huge fair with attractions and food as well as a live performance.

The Conclave is extremely fun in itself, but what makes it even more fun is when your lodge brings as many people as possible and uses their lodge spirit to ultimately win the Golden Trowel at the conclusion of the weekend. All of this fun can be had for the small price of \$27. BUT WAIT.... If you sign up by March 1<sup>st</sup> Tisquantum Lodge will pay for \$10 of your conclave fee. It is not too soon to sign up! If you have any questions, contact me, I will be glad to help! mjs359@comcast.net

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Mike Shea  
NE-1B Section Chief

## FROM THE LODGE ADVISOR

I'm writing this a few days before the Annual Lodge Banquet; I hope many of you attended. The banquet is the kick off of our OA year. We always have a guest speaker who this year is the Region Chief who is from western Pennsylvania. In addition to three Arrowman receiving the Founders Award, we also called out twenty two members to receive the Vigil Honor.

Please take some time out of your schedules this year and come to the April fellowship weekend; it is the one OA event where you don't have to work. Just come and have fun. We will also be conducting the Vigil ceremonies that weekend. It is a great time; full of good food, good fellowship and Camp Squanto is the home of the Order of the Arrow for the Old Colony Council.

Back in 1984 when we started doing the OA elections at summer camp, the lodge recognized that some troop either a) wouldn't be at Camp Squanto or b) would have a split summer agenda, like scouts attending the national Jamboree. A troop must petition the lodge to run an election outside of summer camp. The election period is May 1 thru June 15; the request must be in writing and it should be sent to the OCC Service Center not later than April 15. They can be sent in earlier than April 15 but those received after that date will not be considered.

Please remember that a troop cannot elect an adult if no youth are elected and please note that troop with over 50 registered active scouts may have an additional adult. Adults must meet the same camping requirements as scouts to be inducted into the OA.

Your Lodge leadership will go to Indiana this summer for a one week long training session. The next Order of the Arrow National Conference will be in July 2009.

Once again, the Lodge achieved an Ordeal to Brotherhood conversion rate of over 70%; that's been happening for almost 15 years now.....thank you and please keep up the fantastic job you all do to support Scouting. Please remember an Arrowman's first responsibility is to his unit; not the OA.

Yours in Brotherhood John Larney



# From the Lodge Chief

Fellow Arrowmen,

First of all I would like to wish all of you a Happy New Year! I hope the holiday season treated you well and that you didn't have too much trouble getting back into your daily routines.

We have an exciting year ahead of us! In April we will hold our annual Fellowship Weekend. The theme this year is 'Pirates', and the Fellowship Committee is already hard at work to provide an outstanding program for all of us to enjoy. Then in June, we will be participating in our Section's annual Conclave.

After much thought, I came to the conclusion that I did not want to use my Chief's Letter just to promote an event; instead, I would like to promote the Order of the Arrow as a program in general. This may sound confusing, but I will explain. What I am about to say is meant to encourage more participation and support for the lodge which you are all members of.

Our lodge currently is 1361 Arrowmen strong, but only around 150 will show up at Fellowship. Why do you think this occurs? What does it mean for you to be a member of the OA?

Together we need to make a change. You were elected by your peers to be members of our national brotherhood, the Order of the Arrow. What have you done with this opportunity? Many of us have found our niche in the OA, whether in leadership, ceremonies, singing, or just showing up to have a good time. For those of you who haven't, it is never too late. Please do not be afraid to show up at an OA event, even if you have not been involved since your Ordeal or Brotherhood ceremony.

The OA is too often objectified by the wearing of a white sash with a red arrow over the right shoulder. The principles of the OA are much deeper than that. Many people think that by wearing this sash, they have authority or some kind of supremacy over their fellow Boy Scouts. This theory is wrong. Whether you are an officer or a new Arrowman, we are bound physically by the sash, but more importantly through our ultimate purpose to serve others. This purpose is universal, creating equality throughout the Order as well as the lodge between officers and Arrowmen alike. I challenge you to be an Arrowman even without that sash over your shoulder. Your presence should be noticed with or without that white sash.

If you haven't been active, I challenge you to come to our Fellowship, find out more about the OA, and do something you like. If you don't find something that you like, let me know. The OA is all about new ideas and suggestions. With you, the lodge can grow. If you are already active, I challenge you to encourage others to come to OA events.

Check out the National OA Website to see all the programs National has to offer, such as OA High Adventure, National Order of the Arrow Conference, Arrow Corps<sup>5</sup>, and more. Check out the Region Website to find out information about the upcoming National Leadership Seminar. Check out the Lodge Website and see what you can do at a local lodge level.

There is just so much out there for you to take part in. Some events will even be paid for by the lodge, like the National Leadership Seminar! Feel free to call or email me at any time to talk about any of these opportunities. I look forward to another fun and successful year! Hopefully you will be able to say that you were a part of it!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Greg Burke  
Tisquantum Lodge Chief



# Service Update

## Chapter Projects:

This year every chapter will be performing a service project for the community in their area. The project are currently being developed. To find out about your chapter service project, contact your chapter chief.

## Lodge Project:

Currently Camp Squanto is going through some major improvements. We are now working on updating every campsite with the new larger tents that are in some campsites. By the summer of 2008, all of Squanto campsites will have the new, larger tents. By next summer, Provo will have the new larger tents.



On February 24, 2007, the end of most peoples February vacation; Tisquantum Lodge will be helping Camp Squanto. We will be inspecting the old tents for rips so we can put a price on them and sell them to another camp to pay for the new tents. Also we will be building the new tent platforms for the larger tents. The first 20 to sign up can stay in Cherokee Cabin during the weekend of service. Anyone after that will have to bring a tent. There will be no cost for the weekend and all you need to bring is a sleeping bag, tent and work cloths. To sign up, just fill out the form below.

If you can't attend this weekend, Council will be working on February 17<sup>th</sup> on the same project. To sign up, just call the Council Office at 781-828-8360. If you have any question, please feel free to email me at [andrewewing@tisquantum.org](mailto:andrewewing@tisquantum.org). I hope to see you there.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Andrew Ewing  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chief

## SIGN UP TODAY

Fill out and return to Old Colony Council, 2438 Washington St., Canton MA 02021

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ February 24, 2007

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be staying for the weekend

# Ktemaque Chapter News

## Lodge Officers

### 2006-2007

Please feel free to contact any of these officers with questions or comments about our lodge!

Lodge Chief  
Greg Burke  
gregburke@tisquantum.org

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chief  
Michael O'Keeffe  
michaelokeeffe@tisquantum.org

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chief  
Andrew Ewing  
andrewewing@tisquantum.org

Secretary  
Chris Marcus  
chrismarcus@tisquantum.org

Treasurer  
Tommy Taricano  
tommytaricano@tisquantum.org

Dear Ktemaque Chapter,

I hope you all had a good holiday break. I would just like to remind you that we did not have a meeting in January, but we will have a meeting on February sixth. Come to the February Fiesta, you will not regret it. There will be plenty of food. I hope to see new and old faces at every meeting this year. If you have any questions about our meeting time and location contact me or check out the Ktemaque section at the lodge website: [www.tisquantum.org](http://www.tisquantum.org). Here is the meeting schedule you can expect for the rest of the year.

6-Feb-07	Fiesta
6-Mar	Ceremonies Presentation
3-Apr	Casino Night
1-May	Sports (outside)
5-Jun	Funway

The lodge Fellowship is coming up, and I encourage everyone to attend. It is a great time to meet new people, hang out with friends, and have a great time. Since we are the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service Ktemaque Chapter will have a service project this year. Come to our next chapter meeting to find out more information. I hope to see you in February.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Spencer Fassett

Greetings Fellow Arrowmen,

As we approach the halfway point of this year, I would like to thank the Arrowmen who have been coming to the Chapter Meetings. For those of you who have not, we have more meetings left for this year. They are held from 7:30 until 8:30 at the Old South Union Church in Weymouth. We have many events planned for the upcoming months, including a Chapter Day Trip. Coming to Chapter Meetings is the easiest way to stay informed about both upcoming lodge events, as well as chapter events.

The Lodge Fellowship weekend is coming up very quickly, and everyone should attend. Fellowship will be a great time for all, with activities all day long. The more people we can get to attend the more fun everyone will have.

I hope that everyone has an excellent second half of the year, and I hope to see you at an upcoming event.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Brad Walker  
Japeechen Chapter Chief

## Moswetusett Chapter News

Fellow Brothers,

It's coming around spring and that means the outdoors are available if we want them. Our new meeting place is at the Brockton High School, Azure (blue) cafeteria. We will be there until the round table meeting is changed, if it changes. We are able to get together there and put things together.

We have a service project being put together at the moment, and there isn't a time yet, but I know it will be around spring time. I won't fully say what I'm planning until I get all the right signatures, but I know it will be fun. I will release it at a round table, if I already haven't. For this project, you will most likely need work clothes and water proof boots, hope you don't mind getting muddy.

Fellowship is coming up fast, and as Moswetuset chapter, we need to hold our title. Last year we won the fellowship trophy, and this year we shall try again. Come to it, bring your friends that are in the Order, and let's do this. Through the team work and friendship our chapter has, we can do anything. So practice your throwing, study your OA trivia, and together we can take home the trophy again.

If you need to reach the chapter, you can e-mail us at [moswetusetchapter@yahoo.com](mailto:moswetusetchapter@yahoo.com). We will try to get to you as fast as possible. If you have a suggestion, or an idea for our meeting, or any part of our chapter: e-mail them to me at [njhhchapterchief@g-mail.com](mailto:njhhchapterchief@g-mail.com). I would appreciate your ideas.

Yours in Brotherhood  
Nathaniel J Hains  
Moswetusett Chapter Chief

## Manomet Chapter News

Brothers,

This year has started out to be a great one! Our major goal this year is to continue to foster our chapters' growth. We have had record numbers of participants at our meetings, and we hope that this trend continues! Our chapter meets on the first Wednesday of every month at the Kingston Intermediate School, during the District's roundtable meeting, so your Scoutmaster should be able to give you a ride if you wish to attend. Event planning and the direction the chapter takes in the future months are discussed, so it's a great way to get involved. As the other chapters, Manomet is developing a ceremonies team to perform for our local Pack's crossovers and arrow of light presentations, as well as the approaching Fellowship Tournament. Currently, we have three ceremonies planned and several arrowmen who are interested.

Also, we hope to have a service project planned for the near future in order to better serve our local community. The chapter will be visible at the District Merit Badge University as well, running the snack bar. Manomet Chapter will also have our second annual Chapter Fellowship in June, and this year we hope to go deep-sea fishing!

As great as these activities may seem however, they are only possible if the arrowmen are willing to participate. Participation is something I cannot stress enough, and there are many ways to get involved, from going to Chapter meetings to even joining the ceremonies team. Any way you chose to get involved; I know that your service will help to improve the chapter and how we serve our district, (while having fun at the same time!) If you have any questions, comments, or just want more information on any of these upcoming events, feel free to e-mail me at [John\\_Feeney\\_Jr@tisquantum.org](mailto:John_Feeney_Jr@tisquantum.org). Also, visit our page on the lodge website, or join our Yahoo group for more information.

Yours in Brotherhood

John Feeney

Be sure to sign up  
ahead of time or  
you will not be  
permitted to stay at

# Fellowship 2007

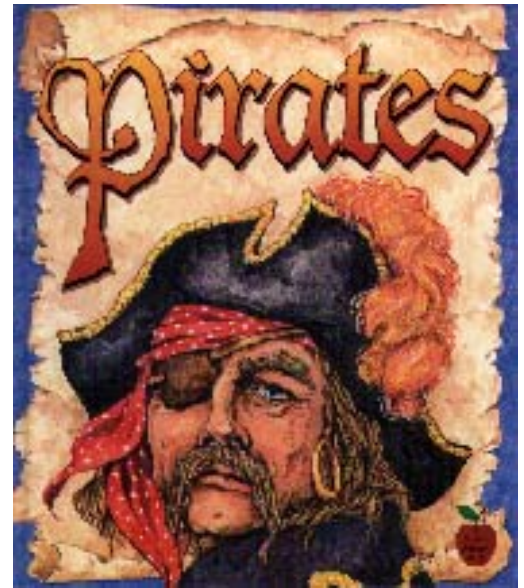
This year's  
theme:  
Pirates!

April 20-22, 2007

## Enjoy a fun-filled weekend of fellowship!

Some events to look forward  
to:

- Theme Parties
- Movies
- Individual Competitions
- Plenty of Delicious Food
- Two Patch Auctions
- OA Jeopardy
- Campfire
- A whole weekend to meet your lodge officers and make many new friends within the lodge!



Be sure to bring your pirate outfit and all of your  
pirate accessories for the theme parties!

All four chapters will be competing during the whole weekend to be the Fellowship 2007's champions! Which chapter will win the Fellowship Trophy this year?

Who: All members of Tisquantum Lodge who love to have FUN!

What: One of the lodge's biggest social events of the year where you can relax and hang out with old and new friends

When: April 20-22, 2007

Where: Camp Squanto

**Sign Up Soon!**



# Fellowship 2007



April 20-22, 2007

Dear Fellow Arrowmen,

We arrrgh very excited about this year's Spring Fellowship Weekend. Fellowship Weekends arrrgh always a great time! This year is going to be a little different than years past, but not in the sense that it is going to be any less fun. We arrrgh getting rid of some old events, while adding some new and exciting twists! One majarrrrgh change includes two theme parrrrrties instead of just one! To go along with this year's pirate theme, there will be a treasure hunt throughout the entire camp with each chapter taking a separate trail to find the treasure chest. Whichever chapter gets to the chest first will gain a strong lead in the competition for the Fellowship Trophy, so start refreshing your memory of the camp! Do you think that you know Camp Squanto? Your skills will be pushed to the limit.

If you arrrgh planning on attending, I can assure you that you will have a great time, make some new friends, hang out with some old friends, and leave with a plethora of outstanding memories! If you arrrgh debating whether or not you want to give up a weekend of your busy life just to attend some Order of the Arrow event, I strongly urge you to join us because this will definitely not be similar to other Order of the Arrow events. In fact, this weekend will focus on fun and fellowship, not service. There is only one service project all weekend, and it is only about an hour long!

The fun begins at 5:00 Friday night. Be sure that you have signed up and sent in all your paperwork before arriving, or you will not be permitted to stay at the camp. The event will end at around 10:30 Sunday morning.

Again, I encourage everyone to attend. It is a great weekend, and this year's Fellowship Weekend will definitely be one that you will not want to miss! If you have any questions **or** concerns, please feel free to email me at [tommytaricano@tisquantum.org](mailto:tommytaricano@tisquantum.org).

Yours in Brotherhood,

Tommy Taricano

Tisquantum Lodge Treasurer

2007 Fellowship Chairman

### Tisquantum Lodge 2007 Vigil Honor Candidates

Michael Barry

Jeff Bruce

John Channel

John Clarkeson

Dean Clery

Chris DeGirolamo

Frank DeGirolamo

Debbie Dolan

Will Eagan

Andrew Ewing

John Feeney Jr



Brian Haire

Maurice Hains

Nate Hains

Jim Michael

Steve Notarangelo

Nick Poli

Tom Rimer

John Rowan

James Wellock

Brad Walker

Joe Woodman

### Tisquantum Lodge 2007 Unsung Hero Award

Tommy Taricano

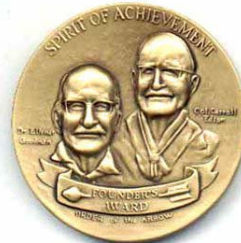
John Houlihan

### Tisquantum Lodge 2006 Founder Awards

Michael Shea

Walter Pelrine

Joe Riendeau



### Tisquantum Lodge 2007 James E. West Fellowship Award



Brian Murphy

Sign up for The



# 2007 NE-1B Order of the Arrow SECTION CONCLAVE (June 8 ~ 10, 2007)

*Summer Time!*

## **PIONEER YOUR POSSIBILITIES**

**WHO:** Arrowmen from Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts

**WHEN:** June 8, 2007, arrive between 5PM and 8PM — until June 10, 2007, depart around 10:30AM.

**WHERE:** Horace Moses Scout Reservation, Birch Hill Road, Woronoco MA 01097 Pioneer Valley Council

**COST:** \$17.00 if signed up by March 1<sup>st</sup> \$27.00 after March 1st

**WHY:** For fun, fellowship, training, and experiences that will last a lifetime!

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** You will be staying on cots in platform tents. Bedding is your responsibility.

**FOOD:** Your first meal will be a Friday night cracker-barrel, and your last will be breakfast on Sunday.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Full "Class A" Scout Uniform and OA sash are required attire for the weekend. The only exception is Native American dancing, ceremonies competitions, and physical activities (Saturday afternoon) where the Class A uniform would be inappropriate. In this case, the activity uniform should be worn. There will be food and paraphernalia on sale during the weekend, so you might want to bring some extra money.

**LEAVING DURING THE CONCLAVE:** No one is permitted to leave the Conclave *for any reason* without permission of the Section Leadership.

**QUESTIONS:** Please contact your Lodge Chief, Greg Burke, at [gregburke@tisquantum.org](mailto:gregburke@tisquantum.org) or Lodge

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**PLEASE SIGN ME UP FOR THE — 2007 NE-1B SECTION CONCLAVE**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Troop \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ Age at event \_\_\_\_ Circle: Ordeal Brotherhood Vigil  
Crew \_\_\_\_\_

**Conclave attendance is limited - SIGN UP EARLY!** # Arrowmen: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$17.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
\$27.00 after March 1st

Return to: Old Colony Council BSA, 2438 Washington St., Canton MA 02021  
For More Information Contact: Rick Poirier at the Council Service Center (781) 828-8360



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