



NORTH STAR NOTES



Order of the Arrow

North Star Chapter

November 2011

Shawnee Lodge #51 - Greater St. Louis Area Council, B.S.A.

Challenge Accepted

Brothers of North Star,

It has only been two short months since we last gathered at the Fall Reunion to welcome new brothers into our order and celebrate the three aspects of purpose: brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. It was there that I challenged you as a chapter to stand up and make a difference. I challenged you to attend service projects, join ceremonial teams, and promote participation in our chapter. Now is the time to complete that challenge!

Only a year ago, our past chapter chief Mike Kremer was encouraging the members of North Star to get up after falling and strengthen our dwindling chapter. With our participation numbers down, our chapter was losing its status as 'Lodge Superpower'. It was then when we turned it around. Our numbers began to increase and our status reinforced as we had a successful year. It ended with a bang as we inducted a large number of candidates for the first time in years.

Now, this is our time to continue the legacy. We must continue to rise as a chapter and never forget Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. I continue to challenge you as opportunities come along to serve and be cheerful with your brothers. Ceremonial Teams are always looking for new members and is never too late to join. Service projects will come up regularly, the first being the two nights after our gathering here for our chapter meeting. Camp Promotions will be looking for help to achieve their goal, and as a chapter we will continue to enrich the participation in our chapter. If each member could simply serve their purpose in just one of those areas, the results would be astonishing and we would continue to strengthen our chapter.

My brothers, I challenge you! Have the audacity to be different! Be dynamic in doing so and prove your loyalty to our chapter. Be a brother to all arrowmen, serve to all in need, and always be cheerful and positive on the outlook of duty and life.

Yours in Scouting,

Austin Smith
North Star Chapter Chief 2011

Chairman Reports

Service

Hi, I'm Luke Horner, and I want to promote the principle of service this year. We already have three days of service this November and they are all coming up this week! The first two being this Thursday and Friday, the 10th and 11th, from 6:00 to 8:30 at Central Pattern Company on Pershall to distribute popcorn. Try to make at least one of them! Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, **Service!**

Four Winds

Four Winds is a ceremony preformed for extra exceptional Eagle Scouts at their Court of honor. If you qualify, and you want a Four Winds ceremony at your Eagle Court of honor, there is a request form on the chapter website that you will need to fill out and send to me, Jakob Horner, **at least 2 weeks before the date of your ceremony** so your request can be fulfilled. Directions are on the form.

Enrichment

Hi! I'm Nick Simon, the Enrichment chairman. I need boys in all troops to promote participation in the order! I'll be visiting troops far and wide in North Star to excite everyone about the awesomeness of our chapter. I ask for you to all help me in my mission and every chapter event bring at least one friend who has never been to anything like it before!

Program

The February Banquet is right around the corner. As usual, this year's banquet is going to be SPECTACULAR!! Since everybody loves game shows, North Star will be putting on one of our own. Our banquet will be held on Sunday February 12, at St. Sabina Church at 1 pm.

OA Troop Rep

My goal as OA Troop Rep Chairman is to improve the communication between the lodge and the brothers. I am striving to achieve 95%-100% of all OA Troop Reps and the brothers of their troops to be at all upcoming OA events. Also I want all Troop Reps to have a monthly report on their troops OA activities.

Stephen Swain

Are You Interested in Being An Elangomat?

Elangmomats are the helpful guys who help lead and serve the new candidates in the spring and fall. In addition to that this year, we are going to have year round elangomats who constantly show their love of the order. If you need to knock off a requirement for brotherhood, this is the perfect way to do it. These guys would help the chairmen and officers whenever seen fit. They would be to go-to guys and the stars of North Star. If you are interested on getting on this list of dedicated arrowmen, or signing up to help out at either the Spring Conclave or Fall Reunion, contact me, Louis Hedleskey, the induction chairman.

Regalia

Regalia is what the ceremonialists wear to look like Indians, and this year I, AJ Kissner, am going to make it the best yet. You should join Ceremonial Teams so you too can wear cool regalia!

Ceremonial Teams

Do you like making new friends? Do you wish you were as awesome as Austin Smith? Well, you're in luck! The North Star Ceremonial Teams meet every Monday at Parker Road Baptist Church at 7pm. If you are interested, come to one of our meetings and see if it's the thing for you. See you Monday Night!

Camp Promotion

What would scouting be without camping? With camping comes Camp Promotions. We need you to help us promote our camps to the packs of our district. This is a simple process, plus you get to look cool in front of the cub scouts. Doing a camp promotion also counts as completing a requirement for Brotherhood. In order to do a camp promotion, you must attend a **PIZZA PARTY/Training Session on Sunday the 20th** from **5:00 – 6:30** at **St. Angela Merici Church** on Lindbergh.

Out of Council Elections

Howdy, my name is Austin Hammond I'm Ordeal Chairman. If you are going out of council for summer camp, you need to speak with me so we can set up an out-of-council election with your troop. Please see me after the meeting, or call me at (1-573)-438-8868. I would like to say to those that are Ordeal, there is still time to earn your Brotherhood. It is easy, and well worth it.

Crossover Teams Recruits

As Crossover Chairman, my job is to organize Crossover ceremonies for those Webelos that are crossing over into Boy Scouts. In order to perform these ceremonies, we need your help. We need ceremonialist to perform these ceremonies to the packs. It is tons of fun and a great way to build bonds with fellow brothers. It can also cross off a requirement for brotherhood! So come on over on Monday nights to Parker Road Baptist Church at Seven. Newcomers who bring friends get candy!

**Next Chapter Meeting is
February 12th. Witness
Another Game Show, Be
There! ☺**