



The Traveler

Memsochet Lodge 507



Issue I

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Features

The Traveler is our Lodge newsletter. We include news from around the Lodge and information about upcoming Lodge events. If you have anything you want added to the next issue, please forward it to anyone on the Traveler Staff.

ArrowCorps5

Five Sites
Five Weeks
Five Thousand Volunteers

Contact Hunter McCormick for more information.

Traveler Staff

Warren Castonguay
Bob Walz

Interested in a rewarding career in journalism? There are currently openings on the Traveler Staff? Send Warren an email if you are interested.

Lodge Chief's Corner

Hey everyone! This is your new Lodge Chief Nathan Morin. I wanted to give you a heads up with the direction the Lodge is planning to go this year.

First off, we're hoping to get better participation at all the events. We didn't get a large turnout at the Fall Ordeal. This means that you need to tell the brothers that events are coming and try and get there.

The next event is our Winter Fellowship on January 18 - 20 at Chesterfield Scout Reservation. I hope to see you all there.

Another goal for this year would be that we can get our brotherhood conversion up. Another idea that we came up with was to make a new patch for our Lodge. If you have any other ideas, let me know.

See you at the Winter Fellowship!

Nathan Morin
Memsochet Lodge Chief

Lodge Adviser's Minute

Brothers,

Another year has begun in Memsochet Lodge with the election of new lodge officers at our fall Ordeal and Fellowship Weekend. Congratulations to Nate Morin our new Lodge Chief, our new Vice Chiefs and Executive Committee leaders and advisers.

As we enter 2008 our journey continues with leadership, service and camp promotion serving our fellow Brothers, the Council's scouting programs and our Units. Where there are many lending hands of cheerful service, great things can be accomplished. If you are not yet involved with one of the many lodge committees, I invite you to join your Brothers in serving the needs and goals of our Lodge and the Order. Please speak to Nate Morin, our Chief or myself to learn how you can be involved in the operations of our Lodge.

Those of you who have served our Lodge, the Order and Scouting - Thank You! You are making a difference in the lives of others by your willingness to cheerfully serve. I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Al Parent
Lodge Adviser
Memsochet - WWW



Conclave's A Beach!

Calling all Arrowmen

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How can you possibly not have fun at the 2008 Section Conclave with a theme like that? Well, I don't think you can. This year, the Section NE-1B Conclave will be at Camp Greenough in Yarmouth Port on June 13-15. Prepare yourself for an exciting and fast-paced weekend beginning on Friday afternoon with the drive out to Cape Cod. That evening, there will be a great theme show put on by the Shows Committee and a cracker barrel to follow.

You'll also have an opportunity to mingle with over 300 Arrowmen from across the Section. Saturday begins with a morning packed with some of the most diverse and exciting training sessions available to OA members. Saturday afternoon is an opportunity to play sports games, enjoy some of the program areas opened by Camp Greenough, or perhaps catch the legendary Section Officers vs. Lodge Chiefs Volleyball Game! Saturday evening begins with a uniquely prepared dinner and followed with another show.

If you are interested in patch collecting, you won't be alone at the Patch Auction. Sunday morning you'll pack up and have the opportunity to participate in the election of your Section Officers for the next year.

If you have any questions about the Conclave experience, many of our Arrowmen have attended before so please feel free to ask them. If you are interested in going, talk to your Chief, Nate, or your Adviser, Al and stay tuned for updates.

Yours in Service,
Hunter J McCormick
2008 CVC for Training

Looking for an opportunity to serve? Your chance is here! Hailed as the largest single service project in the history of the Boy Scouts of America, Manti La al, Mark Twain, George Washington and Jefferson, Bridger-Teton, and Shasta-Trinity National Forests will be the home of ArrowCorps5. For one week per site spread out over the summer from June through August, each National Forest will be the home to 1000 Arrowmen, 800 participants and 200 staff. Each of the five sites has a unique service project and personalized recreational activities to participate in during your stay. There are two opportunities to serve: as a participant with a Lodge contingent and as a support staff member. Memsochet Lodge has committed to the George-Washington Jefferson (GWJ) National Forest site and the week for this site is June 21-28.

Tulpe Lodge has offered any Memsochet Arrowmen who would like to participate in this site the opportunity to travel with them. I encourage all Arrowmen to seriously consider this opportunity to join 5000 Scouts from across the country in serving the United States. There will be a registration cost charged to cover expenses while at GWJ including food, lodging, etc. There will also be a small charge for transportation and miscellaneous expenses along the trip down. If you are at all interested in attending ArrowCorps5, please contact me so we can discuss the event and where you are interested in serving. There is also the possibility of fundraising to help defray the attendance costs. I look forward to speaking with you shortly about this opportunity.

Yours in Service,
Hunter J McCormick
Memsochet Lodge ArrowCorps5 Adviser



Patches

Patches, who doesn't like patches? Memsochet Lodge and its executive committee are currently working to bring the lodge the latest and greatest in lodge flaps and event patches. The newest patch to hit the trading post shelves is the Chesterfield Scout Reservation 70th Anniversary lodge flap. It is the same design as the 60th Anniversary flap but features a more diverse color pallet and a Fleur-de-Lis plopped in there to make it official. This patch is available from the lodge trading post and can even be purchased online at Memsochet.org. Oh yeah, by the way, \$7.50 will get you one or get yourself a deal and \$50 will get you ten. Does this patch make you excited? Well wait, there is more.



Presently in progress for your patch purchasing pleasure are plenty of perfect new patches. First up, the lodge is looking into creating a new "official" lodge flap to replace the current series of S9, S10, and S11. For those of you who don't understand patch lingo it means that lodge flap with the mountains and either a gold, silver or red border is being replaced. What will take its place you ask? Well that is in the works and the design is being worked on by --patch design guru -- Tom Slavicek. Tom is a former member of the Great Trails Council and is responsible for many of the Native American designs seen on camp patches, t-shirts, and other materials. As of now, there is no set release date for this new flap.

So - has your patch hunger been filled? Well I hope you have room for dessert because we have Memsochet event patches coming your way. The executive committee of the lodge has shown an interest in having event patches for lodge functions. First up on the agenda is a patch for the fast approaching winter fellowship. With a theme of mad scientist, the patch should be a treat to see. From there, the lodge hopes to have event patches for other fellowships and as always for Beaver Day.

Got more questions about the patches and what the lodge has in development? Want to order some? Well feel free to contact us twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. Yes, that mean all holidays, even festivus, we are here to answer your questions and take orders. Just shoot an email to bgunnells@verizon.net.

Mention that you read this article in the Traveler and get a great deal on the limited edition AT fireman patch, a must have for any true Scout or Scouter!!

Kevin J. Gormalley XVI Esq
Master of the Quarters, 507

To view all the patches and insignia associated with our Lodge, visit:
www.memsochet.org/flaps/flaps.htm

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Upcoming Events

January 12
CSR Boy Scout Leader Dinner

January 18-20
Winter Fellowship at CSR

January 19
LEC (E-Com) at CSR

January 20
Quality Lodge Summit & CoC

March 15
LEC (E-Com) at CSR

March 28-30
NLS / NLATS at Camp Alpine

April 13
Council of Chiefs meeting

April 20
Lodge Banquet

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Order of the Arrow
Great Trails Council- BSA
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**Words from the
C-Team Leader**

Oh man! Who are those guys in the sweet Indian costumes? Well fellow Arrowmen, those are members of the Memsochet Lodge ceremonial team! The ceremonial team is responsible for all of the induction ceremonies of the lodge, as well as the troop election ceremonies and many Webelos crossover ceremonies. We work hard on all weekends, and hold several rehearsals throughout the year.

The ceremonial team is always looking for new people, for both speaking parts and physical arrangements.

If you are interested, contact Eric Frary, C-Team chief for more information.

OA Word Search

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D K L O P E L M I A K D N I A
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BROTHERHOOD MEMSOCHET
CHEERFULNESS ORDEAL
CSR SERVICE
ELANGOMAT TRAVELER
FELLOWSHIP VIGIL
LODGE WIMACHTENDIENK

Yahoo News Group

What are some of the ways you stay informed about all the latest Lodge news and events?

- A) Lodge website
www.memsochet.org
- B) Great Trails Council website
www.greattrailsbsa.org
- C) The Traveler
- D) Roundtables
- E) Lodge Meetings
- F) Lodge Functions
- G) Your fellow Arrowmen
- H) All of the above

Of course the answer is H. However, there is a new way...

You can sign up for the Yahoo Group. It's an open forum type of group. To join, go to the Lodge website and follow the links

**Have you updated your
Lodge Info Lately?**

If you haven't, why not take a few moments and do it now? If members don't keep us informed and up to date with their current information, the Lodge can't keep our members informed.

If you were a member of the Lodge in years past, please respond to the update survey. We are trying to update the Lodge records and we don't have much information on past Arrowmen - especially prior to 1995.

To update your info, visit:
www.memsochet.org/info.htm

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