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MITIGWA LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW
MID-IOWA COUNCIL #177

**New
Arrowman
Resource
Book**



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip _____

Phone:(____) _____ Troop: _____

Mid-Iowa Council, BSA #177

My personal Order of the Arrow Record:

Ordeal Date: _____

First Work Weekend: _____

Service Award Dates: _____

Brotherhood Date: _____

First Year Award: _____

Served as Troop Representative: _____

Jim Goodding Arrowman Award: _____

Vigil Honor Date: _____

Vigil Honor Name: _____

meaning: _____

Arrowman of Achievement: _____

Founder's Award: _____



In 2005, Mitigwa Lodge began development of the Dan Beard Trail at Camp Mitigwa. Some of you may have had the opportunity to work on the Trail during your Ordeal. Some of you may have the opportunity to work on the Trail during Chapter Work Weekends or Spring Conclave. There will also be opportunities to work on the Trail during the two Week long Trail Crew you will see on the calendar. The application can be found on the lodge website. There is also opportunities during weekend Trail Crews with the following dates: May 21, June 11, August 11, Sept. 24, Oct 22. See the website for up to date information.

WELCOME!

Congratulations, you have just become one of the newest members of Mitigwa Lodge and the Order of the Arrow. You have been selected by your fellow scouts for membership in this honored order because of the leadership you have given them. By electing



you to the OA, your troop honors you for the cheerful spirit you show when a tough task is at hand, when you help another scout even if it is at your own expense, and most importantly for being a leader in the eyes of your fellow scouts.

This Resource Book can not, and will not, explain all the answers to all the questions you may have about the OA. It is meant for you to be able to know what is going on, what has happened so far, what you can do in the OA, and what it takes for you to seal your membership in the Order. This Resource Book is in no way a replacement for the Order of the Arrow Handbook you will receive in your Ordeal Packet.

HISTORY OF MITIGWA LODGE

The Order of the Arrow began in the summer of 1915 at Treasure Island a Boy Scout Summer Camp of eastern Pennsylvania on the Delaware River. Founded by the Camp Director, Dr. E. Urner Goodman, and Assistant Camp Director, Carroll A. Edison, as a way to honor those members who best displayed the scout oath and law in their scouting lives and to recognize them in an honored order.

The honor society of Camp Mitigwa, The Old Guard Honor Society, began in 1931 by Scout Executive J.C. Underwood. The stated purpose of the Old Guard was to assemble veteran and qualified campers to maintain and perpetuate the ideas and traditions of Camp Mitigwa.

In 1951, the Council Executive Board approved the petition for membership into the Order of the Arrow, which was integrated into the Boy Scout movement in 1948. So began Mitigwa Lodge #450.

The members of the Old Guard were first inducted in the summer of 1951 by special ceremonies performed by an Illinek Lodge #132. Our summer inductions at camp have continued to this day.

In 1970, BoQui Lodge, of the former Southeast Iowa Council merged with Tall Corn Area Council to form the Mid-Iowa Council, merged into Mitigwa lodge and formed Golden Eagle Chapter to make Mitigwa Lodge as it is today.

In 1998 and 2004, Mitigwa Lodge served as the Service Lodge for the National Order of the Arrow Conference held at Iowa State University in Ames Iowa. In 2004, The National Order of the Arrow discontinued using numbers to designate lodges thus while we can still use #450 it has no meaning. The Mitigwa Lodge is recognized as serving the Mid-Iowa Council #177.

In 2001, the Mitigwa Lodge celebrated its 50th Anniversary of existence. It was celebrated with a commemorative gold lodge flap.

Lodge Service Award



This award is to recognize outstanding Arrowman who by their participation and leadership show great devotion to the principles of the Order of the Arrow and the Mitigwa Lodge.

In order to qualify, an Arrowman must attend three Lodge functions and complete six of the projects listed **between** consecutive Fall Fellowships.

1. Fall Fellowship _____
2. Winter Banquet _____
3. Snowflake Pow Wow _____
4. Spring Conclave/Wapello Work Weekend _____
5. Section Conclave/LLDC _____
6. National Conference/NLS _____

(attend three of the above)

1. Serve on or help with ceremony team _____
2. Serve as an Elangomat, adviser or help with Ordeal _____
3. Advance to or mentor another to Brotherhood _____
4. Help conduct an OA Unit Election _____
5. Help give a Camp Promotion _____
6. Serve as Troop/Team Representative, liaison, or adviser _____
7. Attend 50% of Chapter Functions _____
8. Serve on a Lodge Committee _____
9. Participate in a workday at Camp or One Day of Service _____
10. Serve on a Lodge or chapter Service Corps _____
11. Serve on a Camp Staff _____
12. Camp for a week at a Mid—Iowa Council Summer Camp _____
13. Attend a ceremony other than your own _____

(complete six of the above section)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Lodge Officer

LODGE ADMINISTRATION

Mitigwa Lodge is run by five youth Lodge Officers under the age 21, Chief, Vice-Chief of Election and Promotion, Vice-Chief of Ceremonies, Vice-Chief of Membership, and Vice-Chief of Communications. To understand their responsibilities please read the Lodge By-Laws at www.mitigwalodge.org. You can download the file and print it if you want.

To help run the Lodge Program, the Chief appoints youth Arrowmen to be Chairmen of event and program committees. These chairmen handle the necessary details and planning to hold successful events for the lodge and the successful programs like Elangomat, Dancing and Drumming and others. Check out the Lodge Leadership Roster in the appendix to see what committees there are and what you can help do as an Arrowman.

Mitigwa Lodge is separated into six geographical areas, equal to the council's districts, called Chapters. The six chapters also take the name for the district that they serve; the six are Bo-Qui, Broken Arrow, Golden Eagle, Hawkeye, Raccoon River Valley and TaMaHa. Each of the chapters is lead by a slate of officers with a Chapter Chief and a number of Chapter Vice-Chiefs. Each chapter usually holds monthly meetings from fall to late spring,

and holds a few Chapter Work Weekends each year to help camp and to give plenty of opportunity for members to complete the necessary workday for brotherhood. Contact your Chapter Chief to see when and where they meet and how you can become involved. You can find the entire list of Chapter officers in the appendix.

For every position of leadership in the Order of the Arrow, there is an advisor, over the age of 21, ready and willing to help the youth to make a quality program. At the Lodge level there are two advisors. The Lodge Adviser works with the Lodge Chief to help operate the functions of the OA. The adviser is a member of the Council Camping committee and volunteers their time to the Lodge. The Lodge Staff Adviser is a member of the council professional staff and participates in OA functions to represent the council in giving guidance to the lodge.

First Year Award




The First Year Award can be earned by a new Ordeal Member who complete the requirements during the next calendar year after their induction.

Requirements

1. Remain an active member of the Lodge and a Scouting Unit.
2. Obtain Brotherhood Membership during the next calendar year after Ordeal.
3. Attend one of your regular chapter meetings. Works do not qualify.
4. Attend one lodge meeting other than those required for Brotherhood.
5. Attend another Ordeal Ceremony.

The award consists of a special lodge flap with a silver border. It may be purchased upon completion of the requirements,

_____ cut _____

Mitigwa Lodge	Chapter Meeting Date: _____
<i>The First Year Award</i>	
Unit no. _____	_____
 Name: _____	<i>Chapter Officer signature</i>
	<i>Lodge Meeting date: _____</i>

_____	_____
<i>Scoutmaster/Unit Leader</i>	<i>Lodge Officer signature</i>
Work Weekend: _____	<i>Completed:</i>
Brotherhood Date: _____	_____
Another	_____
Ordeal Ceremony: _____	<i>Lodge Vice Chief of Membership</i>

Lodge Calendar

2006

May 19–21 Spring Conclave/LECM

May 20 Elections Forms Due

June 18-23 Trail Crew Week #1

June 24 Trail Crew Work Day

June 25-July 1 Trail Crew Week #2

July 2-8 Trail Crew Week #3

July 14-16 Wapello Work Weekend

July 29-Aug 3 National Order of the Arrow
Conference

Aug 18-20 Fall Fellowship

Aug 20 Business Meeting/Elections

Sept 16 Trail Crew Work Day

Sept 2 Dan Beard Trail Day

Sept 8-10 Lodge Officer Training

Sept 29-Oct 1 Section Conclave

Oct 6-7 Vigil Honor Weekend

Oct 14 Trail Crew Work Day

Oct 20-22 Lodge Leader Development

Oct 21 Fall Festival (approximately)

2007

Jan 6 Winter Banquet/LECM

Feb 1 Elections Begin

Feb 23-25 Snowflake Pow Wow

April 7 LECM

April 28 One Day of Service

May 5 Ring Blitz

May 18-20 Spring Conclave/LECM

May 19 Election Forms Due

LODGE PROGRAM

Mitigwa Lodge holds several events throughout the year to promote brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.

Snowflake Pow-Wow – An event to celebrate and educate on the customs and traditions of the Native American aspect and ceremonial portion of the OA. As well as providing a good environment to get some basic classroom training in a variety of subjects and participating in a number of activities, we gather in an evening of fellowship and entertainment with Pow-Wow.

Spring Conclave / Wapello Work Weekend – Held right before the start of the camping seasons of Camp Mitigwa (Spring Conclave) and Camp Wapello (Wapello Work Weekend.) This weekend of service for our local council camps give us a time to get the camps ready to serve the Scouts in our council. This one weekend of service makes a difference in the camps, as well as gives the camp staff a break from all of the hard work that is necessary in preparing for summer. These are also great

times to complete your brotherhood requirement for work and you can go through the Brotherhood ceremony as well.

Fall Fellowship – This weekend held at the end of summer before schools gives us a great chance to gather in the spirit of brotherhood. The purpose of the event is to have a good time. During Fall Fellowship we hold our Annual Business meeting to discuss lodge business and elect officers for the next year. We also call out the Vigil Honor for those selected brothers during an impressive ceremony.

Winter Banquet - Our lodges annual awards and recognition event held at the early part of January. We recognize the accomplishments of our brothers during the past year, including new Eagle scouts, a variety of other awards (some are stated in the awards section later in this book), and we will even recognize you for your completion of Ordeal membership in the OA. Many chapters will hold their own end-of-year banquets, so be sure to check with your Chapter Chief.

One Day of Service-A day set aside for helping the community with a task selected by the Lodge.

fulfilling this obligation in your troop and in your daily life, and how you have used your understanding of the Ordeal to aid in this service.

- Describe your workday of service and your specific plans for giving service in



Gain a thorough understanding of the Ordeal through which you have passed.

3. Serve your unit. Retain your registration in Scouting. During a period of at least 10 months, strive to fulfill your obligation by continuing and expanding your service to your own troop.

4. Plan for service in your lodge. Retain your registration in the lodge and keep your dues paid. Be aware that acceptance of Brotherhood membership involves a pledge of service to the lodge which only begins with the one workday you will serve. Develop a concrete idea of how you plan to fulfill this pledge.

5. Review your progress. When you earnestly feel that you have met the four challenges above, write a letter to your Lodge Vice-Chief of Communications. In this letter:

- Explain what you think the Obligation means.
- Describe how you have been

CHAPTERS

Just as a very large troop depends on the patrol method to organize their scouts, so too, does Mitigwa Lodge depend on chapters to execute the program of the OA. In this way, more youth are given an opportunity to develop and demonstrate leadership ability and to share in the responsibility of giving cheerful service to their units and district. OA projects, ceremonies, and activities can be carried out at the chapter level much more efficiently than at the Lodge level. The chapter does many things throughout the year with ceremonies in the summer, service projects in the fall and spring, meetings through the winter months, and most importantly, elections and promotions in the spring.

You can contact your Chapter by going to the Lodge website at www.mitigwalodge.org and click on the Chapters link.

Chapter information on the back side.

Golden Eagle Chapter 2 nd Thursday, Indian Hills C.C., Ottumwa Adviser: Ron Repp	Raccoon River Valley 2 nd Wednesday, Merrell Middle School, Des Moines Adviser: Jim Shumaker
Bo-Qui Chapter 2 nd Thursday, 1st Baptist Church Indianola Adviser: Dan Dixon	TaMaHa Chapter 2 nd Tuesday, Marshalltown Adviser: Wayne Mast
Hawkeye Chapter 2 nd Tuesday, Altoona Lutheran Church Adviser: Rosemary Hicks	Broken Arrow Chapter 2 nd Tuesday, 7:30 Bethesda Lutheran Church, Ames Adviser: Jim DeHoet

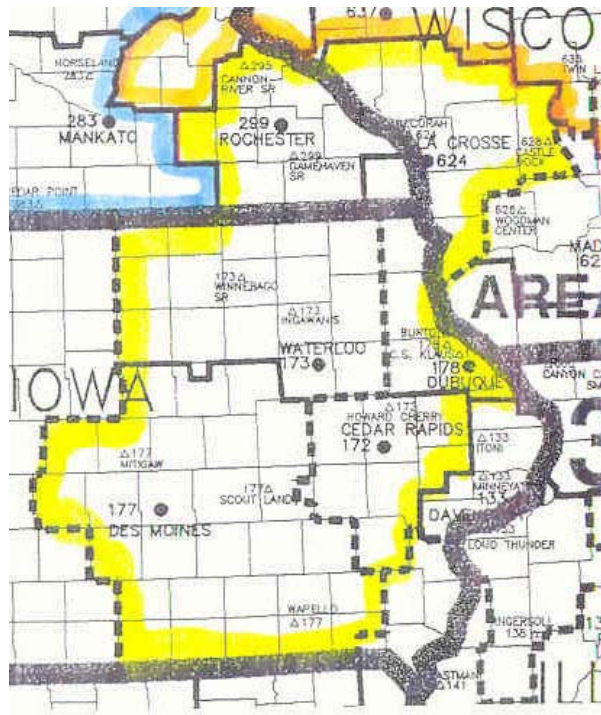
YOUR NEXT STEP!

Brotherhood is the next benchmark that you will face in the Order of the Arrow after completing your induction. It is the next step that you should take when you have decided that you are ready to seal your membership in the Order of the Arrow. Brotherhood is not a rank; it is merely an intensification of your knowledge. Brotherhood membership is represented by two bars on either end of the arrow on the sash. You must meet five challenges before you can become a Brotherhood member. The first of these you should meet now. The next three require steady effort over a period of months. The last challenge you must meet after you are satisfied that you are meeting the first four.

1. **Memorize the sign of Ordeal membership.** Memorize the Obligation of the Order, which you received from Allowat Sakima (printed on the back of your membership card and in your handbook). Also, memorize the Order of the Arrow Official Song, the Admonition, the sign of the Ordeal membership, and the Arrow handclasp.
2. **Advance in your understanding of the Ordeal.**

gion plays an important role in planning and operating the national program and the bi-annual National Order of the Arrow Conference.

Each of the Section Chiefs gathers at the Annual National Planning Meeting to elect the National Chief, National Vice-Chief, and the Region Chief, and plan the National Order of the Arrow Conference or other event on a National Scope.



AWARDS & RECOGNITION

There are many awards given out each year by Mitigwa Lodge to arrowmen for extraordinary service and devotion to the OA and to the Lodge.

Lodge Service Award – To those Arrowmen who have participated in three Lodge events and completed a number of tasks between consecutive Fall Fellowships. The award is a fire pin to be attached to the Lodge flap; in 2001 the Lodge Service Award was a special gold Lodge Flap in recognition of the Lodge's 50th anniversary.

Jim Goodding Arrowman Award – Recipients are Lodge members under the age of 21 who are nominated by their Scoutmasters for exhibiting the purposes and spirit of the Order of the Arrow in their troop activities. The Arrowman must be active in the Lodge for at least one-year prior.

Arrowman of Achievement – The award can be presented to any Arrowman who has demonstrated continued service to Scouting and/or the Lodge. The award was made in 1980, and up to five awards are made each year.

Chapter of the Year – This award is given to the chapter who compiles the most points on a variety of activities throughout the year. Activities include attendance at Lodge functions, the elections and promotions, and Brotherhood Conversations just to name a few.

Quality Chapter — This award is given to every chapter meeting a set of predetermined standards.

Founder's Award – The Founder's Award, given by the national Order of the Arrow, was created to honor and recognize those Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to the lodge. The award is reserved for those Arrowmen who memorialize in their everyday life, the spirit of achievement as described by founder E. Urner Goodman. The Lodge may petition the national Order of the Arrow to present up to three awards annually. If the Lodge presents more than one award, one must be to a youth under the age of 21.

SECTION, REGION, AND NATION

The National Order of the Arrow is broken down into many geographical areas. You can learn more about the different levels and their programs from your OA handbook. Mitigwa Lodge is in Section, C-1C, which extends northeast from Mitigwa Lodge and includes in Iowa ; Sac & Fox (Waterloo), Cho-Gun-Mun-A-Nock (Cedar Rapids), Timmeu (Dubuque); in Minnesota, Blue Ox (Rochester) and in Wisconsin, (Ni-Sanak-Tani (La Crosse)

The Section meets in a Conclave once a year, normally in late September. Each of the six Lodges of the Section work together to plan and operate the Section Conclave. The Conclave is a great time to just relax, take in some great training, and meet other arrowmen from around the Midwest. The highlight of the event is the elections of Section officers for the next year. The Section Chief from our section attends the National Planning Meeting.

Mitigwa Lodge is in the Central Region as denoted by the first letter in the name of the section, C. There are no annual events for the Region, but the Re-