

2009 NOAC  
Interviews  
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# El gamgussit

August 2009

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## Chiefly Thoughts

Brothers-

I am pleased to announce that we had a very successful and eventful time at the National Order of the Arrow Conference. The theme of this NOAC was "The Power of **One**" and it is one that I have taken to heart. I would like to stress upon you to do likewise. Within each and every one of us is the power of one, the power to change the world. It made me realize that just as I was a young arrowman looking up to those older than me, there are those who watch us for guidance. The message that I am trying to express is one of vigilance. Take the time to get to know some of our new arrowmen and even those who have not yet entered into our order. It may just change their lives, they may become the future leaders of our lodge or even higher yet.



With my term ending soon at the Fall Fellowship I would like to express my gratitude to you. As a lodge, we are strong when we stand together, with division we will fail. Over this past year we have had obstacles to overcome and there will be many more to come. I would like to thank you for a great year; I have enjoyed every moment of it, even the difficult times. As an order we have the responsibility to be the leaders of change, strive to find improvements and do not simply stick to tradition. Embrace the future and release some of the past, this is the way to grow as a lodge.

Brothers, I truly do regard you as family, I can only hope that you express that same cooperation and loyalty to all of our future lodge chiefs.

Thank you,

*Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui*

*-Mark D. Rosiek Jr.  
Lodge Chief 2008 – 2009*

## Vice Chief of Program

Hello Manitous,

I am Ken Domingue, your current Vice Chief of Program (VCP), and next years VCP. I hope that you all had a great summer. I went to NOAC, the National Order of the Arrow Conference, it is by far the most fun a scout can have in a scouting uniform. The next NOAC will be at Michigan State in the year 2012. I hope to see you there!

Just a reminder, there is a Fall Fellowship coming up on September 18th-20th. This event is a lot like spring ordeal but I would like to see more of our newer arrowmen come out and participate in this great event. As VCP, I hope by the end of this term, we can achieve many things: better attendance at lodge and section events, more moral throughout our brotherhood, and for the general public to see the values that we stress in our great and honored order. I hope to see you all at the next Fall Fellowship. Enjoy your summer!

WWW,  
Ken Domingue

# Lodge Advisor

From Desk of the Lodge Adviser:

Greetings Brothers! There are two things I would like to talk about today. *Quality Lodge* and “*The Power of One*”

The year is ½ over and time is running out for 2009. The Lodge is trying to earn Quality Lodge for the 13<sup>th</sup> time in a row. It is getting tougher each year. To accomplish it this year we have 2 major things to do. We need 40 Ordeal members to do a Brotherhood Conversion to seal their membership in our lodge. We also need 200 members to pay their 2009 Dues. Just a reminder your dues for the next year are due in December for the previous year. Just go online to <http://www.manitous88.org>, click on Pay Manitous 88 Dues to pay them. Are you a member in this lodge? If so, make sure you are a current paid member of the Boy Scouts of America. If you are not a registered member, you cannot be a member of the lodge.



Did you go to NOAC this year? If not, you missed a very good time. The theme this year was “*The Power of one*”. *The Power of One* is an idea that you, “*One person,*” can make a difference. You, “*One person,*” can do something to make a difference.

“*The Power of One*” is in each one of you. Whether you are 12, 16 or 80 years old, you can make a difference. You can do something. What is that something you ask? It might be something small like being nice to your brother or sister. Try helping a neighbor or friend. Donate to a food bank to help feed the poor. Donate your time to read with youth. Donate time with a volunteer organization like the Boy Scouts or The Order of the Arrow. You see what needs to be done. You know what you have to do. You now have two more things to do. *1st off you have to decide to do something, not nothing.* Then you have to imagine the goal. If you cannot see the goal how do you know if you accomplished what you set out to do. The goal could be planning an outing, planning your eagle project, planning your life, re-planning

your life, or working on a lodge committee. You have to see the path you need to travel to get to the end. Do something! A lot of people will say, “Someone else will take care of that” Just remember, *If you do not do something, who will!*

Yours in Scouting,

Dan Jechura

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## Words from the Chapters

### Tecumseh Chapter Chief

Hey Manitous,

Tecumseh Chapter is still holding strong after achieving the Spirit Stick once again at Spring Ordeal. I was glad to see the turn out at spring ordeal and the amount of spirit everyone brought with them! Lets keep it up, and I hope to see you all back for Fall Fellowship which will be held at Camp Teetonkah Sept. 18th-20th.

Interested in becoming more active within the lodge? Contact myself to see how you can do just that!

I was also proud to see a large amount of people who attended NOAC '09 from not only our chapter, but others too! If you haven't gone before it is comparable to a National Jamboree only smaller, but plenty of stuff to do from trainings, patch trading, TOAP Outdoor Adventure Place, Scuba Diving, golfing, etc. Congratulations to our ceremonies teams which brought back honor medals, good job! Those of you who are looking to attend NOAC in 2012 when it will be at MSU, I encourage you ask others how their experience was. It's a great time that you won't want to miss; I'll see you there in 2012!

WWW,

Kelsey Van Aken

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## Munhackle Chapter Chief

We are currently involved with several service projects given to us by Labor of Love. We are beginning to take our jobs back from districts. Our goal is to run the Three Fires Spring Camporee. It is time to be active in the chapter; we all have a lot to offer and a lot of people to help. If you are interested in becoming more involved within the chapter please stop by one of our meetings! We meet at the Brighton Community Center on the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm.



WWW,

Paul Friedlander  
Munhackle Chapter Chief  
Three Fires

## Additional Messages

### Treasurer

Dear Arrowmen,

My name is Steve Domingue, this past years treasurer and upcoming Vice Chief of Membership. Our NOAC contingent had over 40 youth attend, and I can say that they don't regret going. It is a blast! The next NOAC, at Michigan State University in 2012, I would highly encourage everyone to go. We have plenty of patches to be sold, so buy them while they are hot at Fall Fellowship on September 18th-20th at Camp Teetonkah. I hope that everyone can make it and spread the word out to fellow arrowmen. More hands make the work easier, fellowship greater, and more spirit at competitions. I hope we can all work together this year to make this the best it can be and also show up the other lodges at Section Conclave :)

Yours in Scouting,  
Steve Domingue

### Vice Chief of Membership

Dear OA Brothers,

I'm Ryan Oleynik, your Vice Chief of Membership. Just writing to tell you what a fine turn-out we had for NOAC. It was good to see so many faces at this wonderful event. I hope everyone had a great time at NOAC. I hope to see more of you at the next one in 2012 at MSU. Also, Fall Fellowship is coming up soon, so I hope you guys can come for your cheerful service. So far, not much has changed here since NOAC, but next year will bring more LEC members and more leadership. I will become the Secretary and look forward to another year of service to this beloved lodge.

Yours in Scouting,  
Ryan Oleynik

### Communications

Hey Manitous,

My name is Stephen Stump and I have been the Communications chair for the last year. It has been a great year to serve on the LEC. Since this is going to be my last article I would like to pass on some info to the entire lodge. My time in the Order of the Arrow is a little different then most on the LEC. I got into the OA and went through my Ordeal and got my Brotherhood. I stayed somewhat active, but not very much, and now as I am coming to the end of my time as a youth, I regret not getting involved into leadership from just being a chapter chief to being something on the LEC. For anyone that is new into the OA, I would suggest getting involved in your chapter, and shortly after that, start seeing where you can fit in on the LEC. You can help the main leadership lead Manitous 88 to be one of the greatest Lodges in America. Thank you!

Stephen Stump  
Communications Chair  
**Camp Promo**

Hello everyone,

My name is Michael Saunders and I am the Camp Promotions chair for Manitous 88. September 18 through the 20 is the annual Fall Fellowship at Camp Teetonkah. Come down and complete your ordeal or go through a brotherhood workshop to secure your membership in the lodge. Also, anyone who has completed ten months as an ordeal member can attend the brotherhood workshop. Anyone who has completed their ordeal can be an Elongomat. Make sure to stop by for a weekend of brotherhood and fellowship! See you there!

Michael Saunders  
Camp Promotions Chair  
Manitous 88

## Brotherhood

Dear fellow OA member,

Over the past two years I have been the Brotherhood Chairman. I will be stepping down from my position in the fall. If you are interested in being Brotherhood Chair contact Jason Strimple and let him know you're interested. It's not hard. All you have to do is run the workshops. If I can do it, then you can too!

Yours in Scouting,

Matthew Thrift  
Brotherhood Chairman

## Great Service from Our own Munhackle Chapter

This project was chosen by Labor of Love and suggested to Munhackle Chapter early in May 2009 by Mr. Allan Lutes, Chairman of Labor of Love.

Project was to remove asphalt from a private house in Howell. The owner is disabled and can not ride his wheel chair on drive way. The owner's family volunteered to pave the drive way but they needed help to break and remove the asphalt.

Labor of Love paid for the equipment rental and half of the dumpster rental fee. While the owner paid for the other half.

Munhackle Chapter provided the labor.

The project was initially scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup> but due to unavailability of equipment the project was postponed to July 11<sup>th</sup>. The project started at 8:00 AM on July 11<sup>th</sup> and was completed to the owner's satisfaction by 2:00 PM.

Two OA youth, Paul Friedlander and Joe Swift along with two OA adults Dennis Stratton and Sassan Tarahomi and four of the owner's family members participated in this project.



## NOAC '09

Interviews live from Indiana  
University!!!

Q: What will you Remember Most about NOAC '09?

A: The general Fellowship and shows

- Brad Tata

Q: What was your Favorite Training Class?

A: The Power of One, because it helped to teach me you can be your own person, and the videos were cool too!

- Keith Thrift

Q: What was your favorite sport that you played here at NOAC? Did you win?

A: Mountain boarding because it was my first time and I kept falling off, but gaining speed at the same time.

- Mitch Long

Q: What was your favorite show at NOAC?

A: Closing Show, Intense Drama, Fantastic Comedy, and the pyrotechnics were amazingly entertaining, don't forget the music!

- Mitch Long

## Manitous Lodge Needs You!!!!!!!

Are you a responsible adult that wants to help out the lodge? We need Adults to fill open positions. Many hands make the job easier. We need adults willing to work with the youth running Membership, Program, Brotherhood, Training and more. We need adults to run work crews on Ordeal and Fellowship weekends. If you have special skills (Plumbers, Electricians, Carpenters, Chain Saw operators, etc.), we need you to supervise other adults on special work crew's.

You do not have to be an "old timer" in the lodge. Maybe you just passed you ordeal, maybe you have been around for a while and you are looking for something new to do. Please contact the lodge Adviser for further information on how to have more fun than you can ever have, while wearing a scout uniform.

Yours in Scouting,

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