

“For he who serves his fellows is, of all his fellows, greatest!” Dr. E. Goodman



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# The Sachem



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## Elections Update

### Special points of interest:

- Winter Banquet
- Winter Fellowship

Hello all! The election season is coming up, and this year we are doing something completely new! We are going viral! We have made a web-site that will have all of the necessary forms at your finger tips. We will be able to have a much smoother election season this year. More information will be provided later. Also, we are trying to make use of having election teams. These teams will be able to go to your individual troops and conduct the elections for you. Troops do have the option of either conducting the elections by themselves or with a lodge presence. If you would like to be a part of an elections team, please notify me at [elections@marnoc.org](mailto:elections@marnoc.org), or talk to me at the Winter Banquet. Please be thinking about which of your fellow scouts you would like to be elected into OA. Good luck!

## Winter Fellowship

Are you getting bored sitting inside all winter? Want to do something with some of your fellow Arrowmen? Marnoc Lodge will be climbing at Kendall Cliffs on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March. Kendall Cliffs is located right down the road from Camp Manatoc. We will be climbing from 11am-1pm. The cost for this event will be \$18 and this will cover your climbing, gear, and some snacks. Also, the Marnoc Lodge Trading Post will be there so you can purchase all of your official Marnoc Lodge gear. We will **NOT** be able to have walk-ins for this event, so please pre-register at the Scout Shop by March 19. When you pre-register, you need to turn the waiver form in that can be found at <http://kendallcliffs.com/forms/>. Hope to see everyone there.

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## Marnoc Lodge's Calendar at a Glance

### December 2011

18-Winter Banquet and Reunion

### January 2012

18-LEC

### February 2012

15-LEC

18-Vigil Elections

### March 2012

21-LEC

24-Winter Fellowship

### April 2012

15-Elections Packet due

18-LEC

21-Camp Service Day

## Trading Post

Right now the Trading Post has received a BRAND NEW SHIPMENT of Marnoc Lodge 151 T-shirts. Both in Brown and Army Green with the new Dark Yellow Arrow Logo. We have them in all Sizes ranging from Small to 3X.

For all you Patch Collectors out there, I have some 2010 Ordeal Pocket Patches with 2011 colors. That's right MISPRINTS!!! I also have one, that's right ONE FULL SET OF SUMMIT RACING PATCHS FROM THE 2010 NATIONAL JAMBOREE!!

After I sell this last set, there will only be 6 of the 7 patches for this set, on sale. First Come First Serve.

Now, where can you get your hands on this fine merchandise??? The next OA function is the Winter Banquet. Those will be the last times you can get your hands on this fine merchandise this year!!!

**SO ATTEND ALL  
FELLOWSHIPS AND DINNERS AND BRING YOUR POCKET BOOK  
AND BUY, BUY, BUY!!!**

## Winter Banquet 2011

Are you starting to feel winter's chill??? If so then that means that the OA Winter Banquet will be here before you know it. The theme is Minute to Win it. The price is \$18 dollars, and don't forget not only is it a great time to meet your fellow arrowmen you haven't seen in a while, but it's a great chance to pay your 2012 dues and obtain your pocket rocket. The event goes from 5:00 to 8:00 on the 18th of December, and is located in Zwisler Hall at St. Sebastian's church.



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## Advisors minute

So...the Holidays are here so I thought I'd maybe do a note about what I'm thankful for in the OA. The first three are pretty obvious....

I'm thankful for a bang-up bunch of kids on the LEC (Lodge Executive Committee) year after year. When people complain about today's youth, I think to myself (and often tell them), they haven't seen the boys we have in Scouting, let alone the ones on the LEC. Imagine running a troop with 18 quality SPLs and you have an idea what we've got on the LEC...kids...excuse me...youth that have school, extra curriculars, Scout troops and crews and OA and somehow manage it all. Now, like the rest of us, none of them are perfect, but they are an amazingly talented and energetically driven bunch of young men that I am proud to serve with.

I'm thankful for the adults who have volunteered to work with and guide these youth in providing quality programs to the units of Great Trail Council. If we use an analogy of the lodge as a troop, then these gentlemen are SAs. They have volunteered to take on tasks for the betterment of all units across our council, in addition to their roles with their families, units, districts and other roles in GTC. The work of the lodge could not be done without the gentle, guiding hands of these men.

I'm thankful for the professionals that back us up and help bring the program to the units of GTC, from our Professional Adviser to the office staff. Often they are the ones doing the "grunt work" of entering things into computers, paying bills, sending mailings, receiving mail from members and passing it on to us. Yes, it's their job, but they do it so well, often despite the best efforts of volunteers like me, and without the thanks that comes the way of volunteers. And they don't even get to stick around and have fun at the events very often, because they have other things to do for Scouting. I want to add in the staff at Camp Manatoc, year round and during summer camp, that provide for us what we need to provide for the people that use camp, and let us get in their way without yelling at us too much. ☺

I'm thankful for the units that have found ways to use the OA to supplement their own program, for the unit leaders that promote the OA within their units. This is my vision, as well as national's, for what the OA should be. Not a replacement for the unit program, but a supplement...just one more opportunity that you can offer the youth of your troop. From ALTC to Conclave to NOAC to SummitCorps to National Jamboree to High Adventure opportunities to service making our camp a better place to simply hanging out with older kids. Without the kids outside the IEC attending these events, we pretty much have no purpose. There's got to be something that we offer that would interest the youth of your unit and help them stay in Scouting longer. I wish more units encouraged their adult and youth members to do more than wear a sash or pocket flap and pocket rocket, or eat ice cream and really spend some time getting to see and know what Marnoc is all about. The Tribe program is one way to do that at a local level, btw...

I'm thankful for the times I spend at OA events, especially ones at Camp Manatoc. Although I grew up at Camp Firelands, worked summer camp there and joined the OA there, Camp Manatoc in many ways has become as much my Scouting home over the almost 13 years I have been a member of Marnoc Lodge. I was reminded of this recently at the Fall Fellowship. It was the first time I had been back to camp for a long stay since the end of summer (September) and just driving in, I felt like I was home. I was sad that I could not stay longer than the afternoon, but happy that we have such a place to play and be Scouts.

I'm thankful for the people who pay their dues on time. Without that, we simply can't function as we should. We can't support council through FoS, and donations to Scouting programs; through service to camp directly during fellowships, service days and service corps. I'm thankful for people who buy stuff from our Trading Post. Aside from dues, it is the only way we raise money to support Council and the units, with things like bricks for the Dining Hall and Swimming Pool, Butler Gate, new shelters for Handicraft, First Aid and 10-day meetings, regalia to do Cub crossover and Eagle Scout ceremonies (in the works).

I'm thankful to have the opportunity to be one of the leaders of this organization and humbly thank you for taking the time to read these long, winding rants of mine. Peace with you and your family and friends during this season of Holy Days.



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## Where to go Camping Highlights



Hello there everyone! This months' featured camp will be Camp Krietenstein in Center Point, Indiana. This camp has some great activities for people to take part in. They offer rifle shooting, archery, hiking, fishing, and more fun things to do. This camp has a wonderful area to run around and explore. I highly recommend watching this video called Camp Krietenstein 2010 Promo at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j7aUJ097m1o>



## Inductions update

Hello, fellow Arrowmen! Although Inductions season doesn't start back up until May, it's never too early to look for youth willing to volunteer as ceremonialists and Elangomats for next year. It is a lot of fun, and you get to return the favor to those people who helped run your ceremonies. As an extra incentive, Elangomats who bring 30% of their clan to a Fellowship get in for half price, and those who bring in 60% go for free!

We are also looking for people that want to help out behind the scenes during ceremonies and ordeals during the summer. If you are interested in any of these things, or if you have any questions, please send me an email at [vc\\_inductions@marnoc.org](mailto:vc_inductions@marnoc.org) or talk to me at the Winter Banquet.

WWW,  
Your Vice Chief of Inductions



## **Marnoc Lodge on FACEBOOK!?!**

**You bet your sweet bippy!**

In addition to using the SACHEM for news waaaaay ahead of time and the website, [www.marnoc.org](http://www.marnoc.org) for the latest news, we also have a Facebook fan-page that we're going to use to send out messages and post items. It's called **MARNOC LODGE #151** and it's open to anyone who wants to enroll.

**GO THERE. ENROLL.**

**TELL your Arrowmen Friends!!**

**Do it NOW!!!**

**WE COMMAND IT!!!!**

## **Membership**

Dear Arrowman,

Are you ready for another year of OA fun? Come to the Winter Banquet on December 18 from 5-8 PM. It will be at St. Sebastian's – Zwisler Hall.

Saint Sebastian Roman Catholic Church  
476 Mull Avenue  
Akron, Ohio 44320

The at the door fee is going to be only \$18.00! You will get a meal, some raffle prizes, and a chance to listen to our guest speaker. At this event, you can also become a member for 2012. All you need is \$10.00, and you will receive your 2012 pocket rocket and your Membership card. Thank you very much for your time.

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**“Let us realize the significance of the Order in the Unit—for the unit is our best hope in Scouting.”**

**-E. Urner Goodman**

Founder, Order of the Arrow