

# ITIBAPISHE ITI HOLLO

The Smoke Signals

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## SAFEGUARD THIS PAMPHLET!

By: Al O. Wat

Brothers of Itibapishé Iti Hollo! Remember those ceremonies you saw at your ordeal? How about the brotherhood? Not only is it cool, it's awesome to actually know the legend or know the meaning behind what is said. To be a ceremonialist you have to work hard, learn many words and movements, but in the end it is something that will abide with you throughout your time in the OA. Doing ceremonies has can be one of the best experiences that our order has to offer, it brings you together with a small group of guys into a bond of brotherhood that is rarely seen nowadays. Not only can you participate in ceremonies but you can also be responsible for setting up grounds. The ceremonies are the first look that a new member gets to see of the order and our lodge.

Ceremonialists usually tend to be the people who have the best understanding of the OA and its ideals, and are also the ones who are greatly depended on since they have the face of the lodge. In addition to the fun that goes along with doing ceremonies, you get to wear authentic Native American regalia (outfits). Being a ceremonialist is what you make it! In the lodge we have a strong need of ceremonialists, which is why we will soon be having practices and regalia workshops monthly at Camp Barnhardt. We invite members to attend these sessions, even if you do not want a speaking part. There are many tasks that do not involve being a principal character such as: ceremony ground maintenance, helping the characters practice, leading candidates to ceremonies, or to act as an extra for the ceremony.

Being on the ceremony team has other benefits as well, such as getting to represent our lodge at conclave and NOAC. The lodge has traditionally done well at these events when competing, however the team has now begun to dwindle as brothers age out. We are confident that anyone who takes this challenge will find this aspect of the OA hard to live without.

To get more information about ceremonies and to have any questions answered please go see any of the members on the ceremony team.



### Lodge Calendar

October 15<sup>th</sup>

-Lodge Planning Meeting  
@ Camp Barnhardt, 7:00pm

November 7<sup>th</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup>

-Fall Fellowship  
@ Camp Barnhardt  
-NLS/NLATS  
@ Camp Bethel, VINCASTLE, VA

December 10<sup>th</sup>

-Lodge Planning Meeting  
@ Camp Barnhardt, 7:00pm

January 10<sup>th</sup> thru 11<sup>th</sup>

-Lodge Officer Retreat  
@ TBD

January 24<sup>th</sup>

-Lodge Winter Banquet  
@ TBD

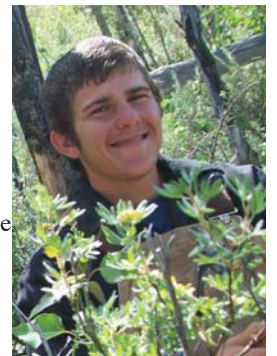
### Chiefly Speaking With Grady "Lee" Gaston

Brothers the past year has been a great one for Itibap, we have really started putting things back together where they need to be. Our spring ordeal was the largest in three years and not only did we gain many new brothers, we also had quite a few get their brotherhood that weekend as well. Other successes include Itibap.org getting back online and the communications of the lodge being reestablished.

Also this summer we had a contingent of arrowmen from Itibap attend ArrowCorps5, at the Wyoming site. Those guys did amazing amounts of conservation work and really brought back to the lodge much knowledge that we will be able to use in the future to serve our fellow brothers as well as communities. I know that personally this year has been amazing to say that I helped us accomplish all of this, but of course, nothing Itibap has to show for itself can go without the full credit of the members of the lodge.

However, I now charge you to continue this growth. There is much to be done, Dixie, NOAC, and the summer of 2009 Approach. Ceremony, Dance, and Drum teams need to be established; we need to get contingents for Dixie and NOAC signed up, members that want to participate in OA High Adventure opportunities at Northern Tier, Philmont, and Seabase need to sign up. The Order of the Arrow has much to offer, on Lodge, Section, and National levels. I encourage you all to participate as much as possible and you will get a fulfillment that few ever find on their path of cheerful service. You are the ones who were chosen by your brothers, and you must be the one to lead them. See any lodge officer to find out about what committees you can join, and encourage other to actively participate as well.

Yours in the Wimachtendienk,  
Grady



A Minute of Time

from our Lodge Adviser Tim Grismer

Arrowmen, this summer seven of our brothers attended *ArrowCorps*<sup>5</sup>, (two of them served on the staff at all five sites staff). I would encourage all of you to talk to those five arrowmen who attended and have them to share their experience(s) with you. After talking with an Arrowmen who attended *ArrowCorps*<sup>5</sup> I am sure that you will wish you had attended. Although *ArrowCorps*<sup>5</sup> was a once in a lifetime event, the experience shared with Arrowmen from across the nation was typical of a National Order of the Arrow event. The good news for you is that the National Order of the Arrow Conference, NOAC, will be held next summer at Indiana University. I hope you will commit early this fall to attending the conference.

I would also like to report that the Nimat Program is going well and I would like to thank those who are committed to the success of the program. There have been some huddles to clear in getting the program running as is typical of any new undertaking. Thanks, no less to the credit of those involved, constant evaluation and adjustments are being made as needed. I would thank all of you for your support of this program.

LodgeMaster, our lodge database management program, is almost online throughout the lodge leadership. We all need to thank Chad Dry for heading up the implementation of the LodgeMaster system. Your officers have been doing a great job in planning and preparing for lodge events. They need your help however in order to get all the things done that they aspire to do for the good of the lodge. Please contact Lee Gaston, Larry Scaggs, Greg Hartman, or Spencer Hinson and let them know that you would like to help out. If you are not sure what to do, just let one of the officers know that you want to help and they will let you know where they can use your talents. If you are an adult interested in serving on a committee to prepare for hosting the Dixie Fellowship, please contact me.



Yours in Service,

*Tim Grismer*

THE FUTURE OF LODGE COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP TRACKING

Have you ever been at your chapter meeting after an ordeal and wondered where the new members were at, or who they even are?

Has your chapter planned an outing to really get out there and have some fun, but only a few members showed up because no one knew how to contact most of the other members that aren't as active?

Do you or someone you know love facts, figures and reports that track everything about a member. Things such as what troop they are in, their scoutmaster's phone number or just how long ago that one adult was first called out in the OA?

Maybe you have a project your chapter is working on and you need to know what special skills and equipment your chapter members might have to make it easier.

Maybe your chapter just wants to have a killer pool party to end the summer and you need a phone list to call members.

You could just have that one last inch of free space on your computer desktop that's begging for one more icon to fill the whole screen!

Do you want to be able to do all of this FOR FREE!!!

Well we've got the program you've been dying for! It's called LodgeMaster, and it's the best way to track all of this. For information on it visit [www.lodgemaster.org](http://www.lodgemaster.org).

If you think you need access send an email to Chad Drye at [oaguy@yahoo.com](mailto:oaguy@yahoo.com)



FROM THE EDITOR  
GREG HARTMAN



I hope everyone is having fun and learning a lot. I would like to congratulate the new members and their Elangomats for getting through the ordeal. I know it was not easy, I went through it not that long ago myself.

I would like to challenge you to get involved in your chapter and soon you will find yourself involved in the lodge. I know this is not always easy to do! You may not have a ride to the meetings, or they are hard to make because of the day it is on. Never let that stop you, TALK TO SOMEONE ABOUT IT!!!

The Cabarrus Chapter has changed meeting days countless times and they finally found one that worked for most people. So never hesitate to become active, there are many people in your chapter and the lodge here to help you.

There are several opportunities for participation. We have five meetings as a lodge., the two ordeals, the two fellowships (one in the spring and the fall) and the winter banquet.

You were chosen by your fellow scouts from your troop. They look up to you, so do not let them down by not being active. Not everyone is selected to become a member of the Order of the Arrow. So I implore upon ALL of you to do this one simple thing when you come to a lodge event: brings some friends with you! This is your lodge and its success is dependent upon you!!

I hope to see you at the Fall Fellowship!!

In Cheerful Service,

Greg Hartman

## INTRODUCTION TO INDUCTIONS

BY: ID E. BAP.

### National Leadership

#### Seminar (NLS)

The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is a weekend conference focusing on the skills and characteristics of leadership. It is intended primarily to enhance the leadership skills of the Order of the Arrow's key youth and adult members, as they seek to improve their service to the Boy Scouts of America and the greater community.

Each NLS is delivered by a training team selected and approved by the Region Key 3, and includes former and current Section and National Officers of the Order of the Arrow.

Lodge officers, key youth lodge committee chairs, and up-and-coming lodge youth leadership are encouraged to attend. It is recommended that youth participants be at least 14 years of age, and completion of the LLD program is recommended, but not mandatory.

In addition, selected adults with key roles in lodge leadership are encouraged to attend, as they will better understand their role as advisers to youth leadership after studying the leadership skills presented.

The course is designed for one-time participation, and is limited to 60 participants per NLS. As such, the Region recommends limiting adult participation to 1 adult per 3 youth participants. It is understood that this recommendation may require flexibility due to transportation and youth protection issues; the important point is to make every attempt to provide priority to lodge youth leadership with this valuable learning opportunity.

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The process of inductions is how an Order of the Arrow Lodge increases and retains its membership. Any effective organization will not leave membership recruitment to chance, and should have a specific plan to achieve its goals. It is necessary to their survival, and how closely that plan is followed will directly impact their growth and success, and can be used for example to determine whether or not a Lodge achieves Quality Lodge recognition. Effective recruitment and retention of our membership is the most important thing we can do as Arrowmen and as members of Itibapishe Iti Hollo. The best news is that we not expected to make our own way; we just have to follow the instructions.

From the Guide to Inductions: "The sequence of events in the Order of the Arrow induction begins with the election of a Scout and ends with the Scout becoming a Brotherhood member of the Order. Each induction event is vital to the success of the following stages. The Scout is at all times the central focus of the induction.

The induction sequence is at the heart of the Order. Its purpose is to encourage and inspire Arrowmen in the ideals of the Order and Scouting. As a result, the induction sequence is one of the major tools that the Order uses to accomplish the first part, to recognize Scouts and to cause others to warrant recognition and the fourth part, to develop the habit of cheerful service in a Scout, of the Purpose of the Order." There are eight steps in the induction sequence, beginning with unit elections, call-outs, and progressing through pre-ordeal ceremony, the ordeal, the ordeal ceremony, new member orientation, journey to

brotherhood, and the brotherhood ceremony. Though each step is conducted in a specific sequence, it is not uncommon that at a Lodge event such as fellowship or ordeal that any or all of these could be occurring within the course of the same weekend!

To provide further spiritual and conceptual guidance in executing our Inductions process, the Order of the Arrow has also established ten induction principles which include purpose, eligibility, candidate's compliance, member's compliance, discretion, importance of the individual, generosity, focus, symbolic progression and active membership.

These steps and principles must be exemplified in both action and attitude to so that the candidate may experience the best possible induction. In future issues of The Smoke Signals we will take a more in depth look at both the steps and principles involved in the inductions process.

### Name that Caption



- 1) Lee, Philmont is in New Mexico, not Mexico!
- 2) Lee models the runner-up to the New Centennial Boy Scout Uniform.
- 3) After getting on the wrong flight to Wyoming, authorities report that he is found living in Mexico. (Wish you were here!!)

Have you ever seen a funny scouting picture and created your own caption? Here is your chance to do just that. Send us your best caption, the best one will be featured in the next edition of *The Smoke Signals*. Above is an example of what you could come up with and below is next the editions caption challenge.

### Next Months Challenge



Send submissions to [operations.ad@gmail.com](mailto:operations.ad@gmail.com)



INTERESTED IN NEWSLETTERS?  
MAYBE WEBPAGES AND DESIGN?

The Communications committee for the lodge is looking for interested youth and adults to help design and maintain the lodges communication apparatus.

This includes:

- Content writing for the newsletter
- Lodge plan book
- Website maintenance
- Website design

For more information contact Burl Holland at [burl.holland@gmail.com](mailto:burl.holland@gmail.com)

NOAC 2009  
in Bloomington, IN

The National Order of the Arrow Committee recently announced that the 2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference is scheduled for August 1-6, 2009, at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. This will mark the 10th time that NOAC has been held at Indiana University. Please make sure to add this date to your lodge calendar and start planning early. NOAC is a gathering of all our lodges from



across the nation. At Michigan State in 2006, more than 8,000 Arrowmen came together for a week long conference that featured superb training, intense competitions, great shows, and fellowship, and provided an excellent environment for us as an organization to reflect and grow.

More information will come in the fall edition of the National Bulletin. For current information, visit <http://www.oa-bsa.org>. (Reprinted from the National OA bulletin)

Next Lodge Event  
Fall Fellowship

The Fall Fellowship is quite an important event for the membership of Itibap. This event is a time for all our new membership that underwent their ordeal in either the spring or fall to meet and get to know all their brothers that they may not have had the opportunity to get to know. All lodge membership young and old will work on a joint service project at some point during the day, then they will all join in fun and fellowship.

There will be several different activities held throughout the day to include elections of the new lodge officers, judging for the Golden Arrow Award and the recognition of new Vigil Honor members.

STAY UP TO DATE WITH THE LODGE AT [www.itibap.org](http://www.itibap.org)

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