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A Section NE4A Lodge

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ORDEAL

July 6-8, 2012

August 17-19, 2012

Custaloga Town Scout Reservation

Brothers,

When you went through your Ordeal, you probably did not notice all the OA members that were there to support the event. But without them it would not have been possible. The more people we have, the more fun everyone will have!

This summer, you have the opportunity to help put on the Ordeal for new candidates for Langundowi Lodge.

Pine Tree Pete wants to remind all arrowmen that "He who serves his FELLOWS is, of all his FELLOWS, Greatest."

W.W.W.





Years ago in the Valley of the Delaware, lived a peaceful tribe of Indians, Lenni Lenape was their name. Deer, bear, wildcat, and panther in the forest they hunted. On the river peacefully they fished and paddled. Around their busy village wigwams the chase they followed.

Many moons they live contented. Springtime blossomed into summer, summer into autumn ripened; autumn died on winter's bosom. A great cloud arising soon changed this peaceful life.

Neighboring tribes and distant enemies came and disturbed their hunting grounds. Then Chingachgook, the aged and wise Chieftain inquired who will go to carry the warning to all Delaware brothers, but none wished to make the journey. Then spoke up Uncas, the worthy son of the chief. "I am ready, send me on this errand if we are to remain a nation."

Chingachgook and young Uncas started on their long trail and in every tribal village they found some who would spend themselves in service of others. At last the fierce marauders were forced back to their own land, and peace was declared.

Those who offered their services to the tribe so cheerfully were promoted to the most respected places by the Chieftain. As a lasting memory the wise chief bound those warriors in a great and honored order into which can only be admitted those who truly cheerfully serve others.

"Brotherhood of Cheerful Service" called by the Lenni Lenape, Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Withahemui.



The moral of the condensed legend above: your fellow scouts selected you into this brotherhood. You successfully passed an Ordeal proving worthiness to become a member of our lodge. Our lodge now needs your help to induct new members, will you be like Uncas and help with this errand?

Do you like writing or taking pictures? Do you have that sense that helps reach people in writing or in pictures? Do you have the journalism merit badge? If the answers are yes to any of these, have you ever considered "cheerfully" serving on the Publications Committee for Langundowi Lodge? The publications committee helps to provide communication for all lodge members as well as informing the non-members of French Creek Council what is actually going on in the lodge. Our committee focuses primarily in three main areas: writing and taking pictures for the Langundowi Log newsletter, writing and publishing articles/pictures for the French Creek Council, and developing promotional flyers for all areas of scouting if asked. We are looking for writers, photographers, and even website developers. If interested in joining or getting involved with the Publications Committee, feel free to contact Scott Morgan, Incoming Publications Adviser at morgans625@roadrunner.com.



CONGRATULATIONS to the newly elected and appointed Lodge Officers of Langundowi for the 2012-2013 Lodge year. They will be installed at the Fall Conclave. They are:



Lodge Chief	Adam Crosby
Membership Vice-Chief	Chris Pasky
Programs Vice-Chief	Richard Herbold
Lodge Secretary	Joe Simonelli
Lodge Treasurer	Blake Schweigert

Joe Simonelli (left), Adam Crosby (left center), Chris Pasky (right center), Blake Schweigert (right), Richard Herbold (not pictured).

Hey everyone, it's Adam Crosby. I hope to see you all at this summer's ordeals. If you have any interest in being an Elangomat, please call, text, or e-mail me! I look forward to serving you next year as your lodge chief.

Yours in brotherhood,

Adam Crosby

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Calendar of Events

<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event Details</u>
July 6 – 8, 2012	Custaloga Town	Ordeal Induction Weekend
July 30 – August 4, 2012	Michigan State	NOAC 2012
August 17 – 19, 2012	Custaloga Town	Ordeal Induction Weekend
September 8 – 9, 2012	Custaloga Town	Lodge Leadership Development
October 12 -14, 2012	Custaloga Town	Fall Conclave 2012

NE 4A Section Conclave
June 8-10, 2012 at Camp Karoondinha



Silver Arrowman Games - Michele Hanes took 2nd place in Coffee Cup Design, Shane Zerbe took 1st place in Lei Twister, and Thatcher took 1st place in Rifle Shooting. All youth and adults had a good time and lots of fun.





A Tale of 3 Chiefs

Arrowmen in attendance at this year's Section Conclave had a chance to meet the Order of the Arrow National Chief Johnny Rehm. Johnny (right) is pictured here with Section NE-4A Chief Tyler Allen (left) and Langundowi Lodge Chief Zach Morgo (center). Johnny Rehm's home lodge of Woapeu Sisilija hosted the conclave. We had a chance to meet arrowmen from the 2 new lodges to our section which are Woapeu Sisilija from the Susquehanna Council and Wyona from the Columbia-Montour Council.



Congratulations to Tyler Allen on his re-election as NE-4A Section Chief! He will be representing the six lodges of NE-4A. Order of the Arrow National Chief, Johnny Rehm conducted the elections of officers. "Deac" will continue his role as NE-4A Section Adviser.

Above John Rehm is swearing in Section Secretary Eric Zavinski of Gyantwachia #255, Section Chief Tyler Allen of Langundowi #46, and Section Vice-Chief Ben Dealy of Woapeu Sisilija #343.

These scouts will run NE-4A Section Conclave 7-9 June 2013 at Camp Olmstead.

Upcoming changes to our Log:

As we are now in the electronic age and also due in part to bulk mailing rates going up, we are taking our Log electronic. Current logs will be posted on the Langundowi website (www.Langundowi.org) under the Publications button along with some past logs. **We will not be mailing any more logs out.** We will email you a link to the log using the email you have provided to us previously. If you do not receive these emails, please email me morgans625@roadrunner.com and let me know immediately so that we can update our records accordingly and get future emails to you. Registration forms are also available on the website under Registration Forms under the Activities section. A link to these will be in the email as well.

Scott Morgan, Incoming Publications Adviser

History of Langundowi Lodge

Langundowi Lodge is the result of the merger off three councils and their respective lodges in 1972. They were Washington Trails Council and Eriez Lodge in Erie, PA; Custaloga Council and Ho-Squa-Sa-Gah-Da Lodge in Sharon, PA; and Colonel Drake Council and Skanondo Inyan Lodge in Oil City, PA.

At their first meeting, held at Custaloga Town in the summer of 1972, the three lodges met and held their first combined meeting known only as Lodge #46.

The Lodge's new name, Langundowi, was chosen at the Fall Conclave in 1972 from a contest involving all members. Translated Langundowi means *Peaceful One* and for that reason the *Iroquois Greet Tree of Peace* was chosen as the Lodge totem.

Since that first meeting, Langundowi has made great strides in becoming a nationally recognized Lodge. We are well known throughout western Pennsylvania and western New York. Representation at National Leadership Seminars, Section Conclaves, and National Conferences has been strong. Langundowi brothers have participated in training sessions at Philmont, served on OA Trail Crews at Philmont, and served on the staff at the National Jamboree. We have created a great deal of fellowship, friendship, and brotherhood with other lodges and Scouts across the country and around the world.

Langundowi also provides a wide variety of activities for its members locally. There are three conclave held each year, one in January, one in May, and a third during October. An annual family banquet is held each March. Two Ordeals during the summer to induct new members complete the year. This offers a wide variety of opportunities for our brothers to join in the spirit of fellowship.

The leadership of the lodge is vested in the youth officers and committee chairmen each year. The fine young men of this group make the decisions concerning the operation of the lodge and the programs it offers. The youth run the organization with the support of adult advisers.

The trail that Langundowi has followed has had its shares of pitfalls, but the Lodge is dedicated to the ideals of the **Brotherhood of Cheerful Service**.



Anniversary lodge flap coming out this fall commemorating our 40th year.

LODGE POLICIES

Leaving Camp:

Please note that is the policy of French Creek Council and Langundowi Lodge that anyone (youth or adult) leaving a lodge event must sign out at the Administration Building desk before leaving and sign back in upon returning. Any youth (under 18 years of age) must have parental permission in writing in order to be able to leave camp before the event is scheduled to be over. This permission must be presented to the Lodge Adviser upon arrival at camp. This written permission must include time and date of departure, time and date of return, and with whom the youth will be traveling. This must be signed and dated by the youth's parent or guardian.

The Lodge Policy on Refunds:

Reservations for Lodge functions can be fully refunded only if they are cancelled on or before the reservation deadline. Section Conclaves and National Conferences are handled in much the same manner.

The Lodge Policy on Senior Citizens:

Any active Lodge member over the age of 65 may attend any Langundowi Lodge activity free of charge. There are only a few things that must be done to qualify. First, their dues for the current year must be paid. Second, they must send in a reservation form by the deadline (minus the fee). This policy applies only the Langundowi Lodge events, and is not applicable to the Section Conclave, NOAC, or guests.

The Lodge Policy on Smoking:

The designated smoking area during Lodge functions is the front seat of your personal vehicle, butts in the ashtray. The cooperation of all smokers is greatly appreciated. Remember there is a legal age for the purchase of tobacco products.

The Lodge Policy on Special Mailings:

The Langundowi LOG is mailed to all registered Scoutmasters in the French Creek Council to keep them better informed of the Lodge program. If the Scoutmaster is an active Lodge member, they would have received a copy anyway. If the Scoutmaster is a member of the Order, but is not active (ie. dues not paid), then he can become active by paying his current dues and attending Lodge functions. If the Scoutmaster is not a member of the Order, then we encourage them to share this information with their unit and promote Lodge participation. Through their involvement in Scouting, we hope they will become a Lodge member.

The Lodge Policy on Pocket Flap Sales:

The official Lodge pocket flap will be available for sale at each lodge function during the operating hours of the trading post. An active member may purchase one (1) pocket flap at each lodge function he attends. Members may also purchase one (1) pocket flap at the time they pay their annual dues. The purpose of this restriction is to encourage member participation. The pocket flap is to serve as a method of identifying the members of Langundowi.

FROM THE LODGE ADVISER:

“Fifteen blazes led you to us, but the trail that you have followed becomes rougher, steeper, fainter. You will need a brighter fire.”

Have you ever stopped to think about what this means? Perhaps unless you have portrayed Nutiket in the pre-Ordeal ceremony, then you haven't given much thought to this. We know what the fifteen blazes represent. Think about what Nutiket means when he says that those blazes led you to the pre-Ordeal ceremony. What does he mean when he says that the path becomes more difficult? What is the brighter fire he refers to, and how will it help you over this treacherous terrain?

Nutiket is *not* saying that you should abandon the fifteen blazes and opt instead for a brighter fire. Instead, you should continue to use the fifteen blazes to assist you on your path. However, they won't be enough. Have you experienced a time since your induction when the trail has become a bit rougher? Perhaps there were forks in the road, and you needed a guiding light to help you safely discern the right path from the wrong one.

The fifteen blazes are there to help you. Think about these things the next time you watch a ceremony. What words resonate with you? How can you make the fire brighter?

Servant Leadership looks to “Pay it Forward” Will you help those that follow you? *Rob*