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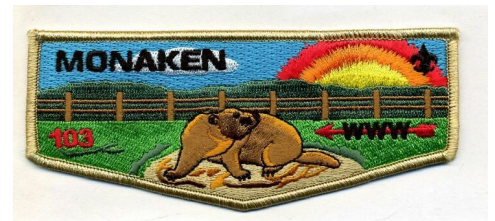
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SALEABLES

Have you ordered your Monaken Lodge outerwear? On those cool and rainy trips, don't be caught without an official Monaken Lodge windbreaker. Or what about on a cold winter's evening: grab a lodge fleece zip-up sweater. Remember, a Boy Scout is always prepared! The green jacket features white embroidery while the sweater shows off red embroidery. For on \$45 each, these trendy items feature lodge embroidery as custom name personalization. Making great gifts this winter season, you don't want your loved one to be seen without one on! Contact Paul Grego if interested. See right

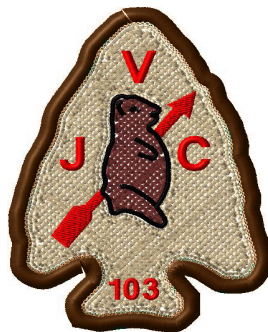


The new standard flaps are in! Starting at the Spring Ordeal, the flaps will be made standard issue. The patch features design elements from ever previous Monaken Standard. Created by Nittany Chapter Chief, Mark Coll, the flap is a good way to jumpstart into our centennial celebrations. See below



As per the next requirement for the Centennial Project, our Legacy Lid has been finished. Painted by Kate Zeigler, the lid features a beautiful image of Rimmy Cabin as well as the new Monaken standard flap. The Executive Board has approved to make canvas prints of the image and sell them for a NOAC fundraiser. The sale runs from Spring Ordeal through Woodchuck Weekend and each print is only \$25. Two print options are available: "3D" canvas print or a flat "2D" print for framing. See the Lodge Treasurer to order yours. See left

Coming in 2014, lodge chinnelles! As the first official fundraiser to raise funds for NOAC 2015, these chinnelles were sold via pre-order from Klondike Derby to Spring Ordeal. At \$20 each, these chinnelles commemorate the first lodge insignia ever created over 75 years ago: the Juniata Lodge arrowhead. Want to help the NOAC contingent, build your Monaken memorabilia collection, and commemorate both our history and the history of the Order? Then see the lodge treasurer or chief at any event or simply email them your order. See right.



At last! A way to show off your lodge pride everywhere you go, literally. With lodge window decals and bumper stickers, you can do just that. Parents, proud of your arrowman? Tell the world. For only \$3 each, these items are a one-of-a-kind, completing any vehicle's appearance. See the treasurer at any weekend to order yours. Proceeds benefit Conclave 2015. See below



NITTANY CHAPTER

Nittany Chapter is currently enjoying their summer, and we hope that scouts are enjoying the new kayaking equipment that our chapter donated for summer camp. Along with the other chapters we have pledged money to treat the hemlock trees by the chapel, have a great rest of the summer.

Mark Coll - Nittany Chapter Chief

ONIEDA CHAPTER

Oneida Chapter is currently not planning anything. Along with the other chapters we have donated money to treat the hemlock trees, we hope that everyone is having a great summer and I hope to see them at summer camp.

Christopher Barnish - Oneida Chapter Chief

SHAWNEE CHAPTER

Shawnee Chapter is currently enjoying summer camp. We have donated money along with the chapters for pesticide to be used to treat the hemlock trees at the upcoming ordeal weekend.

Zack Bonson - Shawnee Chapter Chief

FOUNDER'S AWARD NOMINEE BIOS

YOUTH -

Michael Cavanaugh-

Michael has been extremely active in scouting ever since he was of age. In 2000 he started his scouting career as a Tiger Cub and continued advancing until Webelos. He crossed over into Troop 124 after earning his Arrow of Light in 2005. Since then he has held the troop offices of Scribe, Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader. Michael has hiked two treks at Philmont Scout Ranch and attended the 2010 National Jamboree, holding leadership positions for all three events. In 2011 he was a staff member at Seven Mountains holding the role of Scoutcraft Assistant as well as being chosen to serve as OA Camp Chief. Michael finally reached the rank of Eagle Scout in 2012.

In 2007 Michael was tapped out for the Order of the Arrow and in 2011 received the Vigil Honor. Through the OA he has attended four Conclaves, serving as the youth chair of the museum at Monaken's 2010 Conclave. In the chapter, he has served as treasurer. He has been an Elangomat many times and has served on the Executive Board for two years as chairman of the Elangomat Committee. Michael served a third year on the Executive Board as Vigil Chief. He was elected Lodge Chief the next year where he served the Lodge by planning and overseeing weekend events, Exec. training, as well as representing the Lodge in the Council and the Section. As Chief he also attended the National Leadership Seminar. Michael is serving his fifth year on the Exec. Board as Vigil Chief.

Michael graduated Juniata High School with honors and was in the top ten percent of his class. He is a member of the National Honor Society and participated in many extracurricular activities such as Track, AV crew, Model UN, and TSA. Currently he is studying Mechanical Engineering at Penn State University, University Park Campus. There he is active with the Korean Karate Club, serving as Club Treasurer, and holds an advanced rank in Tae Kwan Do Martial Arts. He has continued his scouting career by becoming an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 124 and joining Venture Crew 8. Michael plans to continue to be active in scouting throughout college and after he graduates.

Mathew Barnish-

Matthew joined Cub Scout Pack 271 as a Tiger Cub and progressed through all levels of the Cub Scouting Program and earned his Arrow of Light & Religious Award. He then joined Boy Scout Troop 71 of Three Springs, PA, where he was an active member of the troop and held various troop leadership positions including: OA Troop Representative, Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader and Instructor. Matthew earned his Eagle Scout Award and the Bronze, Gold and Silver Eagle Palms. He is an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 71. Matthew became an Ordeal Member of Monaken Lodge in 2009, and sealed his membership in the Brotherhood in 2010. He currently serves as the Monaken Lodge Camp Promotions Chairman and in 2013-14 revised the Boy Scout Camp Promotions Video and developed the first ever Cub Scout Camping promotional video for the Juniata Valley Council. Matt has served as a member of the unit visitations team, the ceremonies team, and was the 2010 Monaken Lodge Conclave Youth Contingent Leader. He has also served Monaken Lodge as a Chapter Vice Chief, Chapter Chief, Lodge 1st Vice Chief, and has served as a member of the Lodge Executive Board for the past 5 years. Matthew has been a volunteer staff member for JVC's Cub Day Camp and Boy Scout Resident Camp for the past several years working in the kitchen, archery range, pool, boating, and fishing areas.

Outside of scouting, Matthew is an active member of his youth group at the Valley View Evangelical Church in Mapleton Depot. He volunteers as an official for the Huntingdon County Pee Wee Football League, and is a member of the International Order of Odd Fellows Lodge # 436. Matthew is currently enrolled at Penn State University in the College of Information Sciences and Technology, majoring in Computer Security Risk and Analysis, and is employed by Carpers Concessions and PSU's Media Tech Services division.

Andrew Kostich-

I first became active in the Boy Scouts of America when I crossed over from Cub Scouts in 2005. Within my troop, I served as a Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader. After earning my Eagle Scout in 2010, I served as a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster until I turned 18. Since then, I have served Troop 9 as an Assistant Scoutmaster.

I was selected as a Candidate for the Order of the Arrow in February 2007, and completed my Ordeal in May 2007. After successfully completing my Brotherhood Ordeal in May 2008, I started my journey on the Executive Board as Elangomat Chairman in August 2008. In June 2009, I was approached by the newly elected Section Chief, Mark Sanford, and asked to take over the position of Section Cub Scout Chairman. I served in this position from 2009-2011, while simultaneously continuing to serve as Elangomat Chairman until August 2009, and then Lodge Cub Scout Chairman from 2009-2010. During this time I also served as the Cub Scout Coordinator for Conclave 2010, and oversaw over 100 Cub Scouts come to Conclave and visit for a day. In August 2010 I was elected Shawnee Chapter Vice-Chief, and then in August 2011 I was elected Lodge 2nd Vice Chief. I served as Lodge 2nd Vice Chief until August 2013. This past year I have served as the Brotherhood Chairman for the lodge. Depending on how the new BSA age policy plays out, I hope to serve one last year in a lodge position before turning 21.

Outside of our Lodge, I have served on 7 Mountains Camp staff for, including this summer, 5 years. For 2 of those years I have taken on the responsibilities of OA Chief. Additionally, I have been honored to be a part of numerous Section Visitations, including trips to Camp Potomac, Camp Seph Mac, Heritage Scout Reservation, and Camp Bucocco.

ADULTS -

Paul Grego-

Paul has been involved with the Scouting program for 25 years, starting when he was a Tiger Cub in Lewistown, PA. He was recruited to the program by the late Harry Swanger. Paul is an Eagle Scout from Troop 4, Lewistown. He credits much of his success and interest in scouting to the many mentors and advisors whom he had the pleasure of serving-with and learning-from over the last 25 years.

Currently, Paul serves many roles with in the Scouting program. He is the Shawnee District Chair and attends the council finance committee. Paul has worked on many events including multiple district and council camporees and the 75th Anniversary Gala. In May 2012, Paul was honored with the Shawnee District Award of Merit/Gold Medal.

Paul was elected to the Order of the Arrow in 1997 and was bestowed the Vigil Honor in 2001. As a youth, he chaired multiple committees, was the Lodge Treasurer, and Section Secretary. He is currently serving our Lodge as Associate Advisor and as an Advisor to the Section. Paul hasn't missed a Conclave since 1997. For the last twelve years, Paul has served on the registration group for OA national events, including four NOACs, Summit Corp, Indian Summer, and NCLS. For those national events, he has also served as a regional coordinator for the Southern Region for the last eight years.

During the day, Paul works as an Investment Officer for The Juniata Valley Bank. A lifelong resident of Lewistown, Paul is a member of Grace United Methodist Church. In his spare time, Paul enjoys playing golf, watching sports, and spending time with family and friends.

Just ask Paul...Most, if not all, of the friendships he has made in his lifetime have been started from contacts that he had first made in the scouting family.

Joe Strigle-

It is an honor for me to be nominated for consideration as a Founder's Award Candidate. I became a member of the Lodge after completing my Ordeal in the Fall of 2003. I completed my Brotherhood Ordeal in 2004 and received the Vigil Honor in 2007. I have served as an Adviser to various committees since 2004 and have served as the Lodge Adviser from the fall of 2007 through the beginning of this year. I attended NLS in 2007 at Camp Alpine and have participated in 7 Conclaves.

I have been a member of Troop 83 since 1999, I currently serve as the Committee Chairman. As a member of the troop I have completed two 50 miler awards, attended the 2005 National Jamboree as a staff member, and earned the Troop's coveted 150 degree below zero award for spending enough nights of cold weather outdoor camping to earn 150 below zero (Celsius) points (1 point for each degree below zero each night).

Since the summer of 2011 I have been an active member of the Juniata Valley Council Board where I have served in a number of roles.

Michael Ripka-

Mike Ripka has served the scouting community in the Juniata Valley Council for a decade. His service started as a committee member for Pack 330, he then moved along and became a Webelos Leader. From there he became an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 34, later becoming the Scoutmaster, and the Scoutmaster for a National Jamboree contingent. Mike took his Ordeal in 2010, and later his Brotherhood in 2011. He then became the Nittany Chapter Elected Advisor, which he currently serves as today. Mike also attended NLS in 2013. Mike took Woodbadge in 2008 and is now currently serving on the Nittany District Committee, and the Council Camping Committee