



TY-OHNI LODGE 95

# THE HOWL



## Chiefly Speaking,

Thank you to all of you who attended this weekend. Friday night started a little rocky, with the lovely weather for our ceremony. Despite that everyone pulled through and did better than ever. We had some great service, trainings and games, and I hope all of you were happy with the weekend. As this is our last Fellowship as Ty-ohni lodge, I would like to thank everyone who made the Ty-ohni what it is today.

Final Lodge Chief of Ty-ohni lodge,

Keith Osgood

## Word from the money man,

As your Lodge Treasurer, it is my duty to report important figures for this weekend's Fellowship. The Trading Post has made about \$600 thus far, and another \$600 from pre-ordered t-shirts. I would also like to remind everyone that the silent patch auction is still going on, but it ends about a half hour after dinner, so hurry up and place your bids if you're interested in any of the awesome patches being offered!

Congratulations to all of the newly initiated Ordeal members, and good luck to all of the Brotherhood candidates. Enjoy the rest of the Fellowship!

YIB,

Rob Cooper

Your Howl Staff,  
Ben, Buddy, and Mitch Jag

## Your VC,

This fellowship was one of the best thanks to a bunch of people who are pertinent to this event success. We have brought together you, our brothers for the last time under Ty-Ohni. Our great lodge has only just begun making a fantastic history for itself, we come together for fun, training, and ceremonies, we leave for the men we proceed. Bring knowledge back with you on your journey home share your experience with everyone who you encounter. Nothing but good things will come from these events I hope that the games, pong, and trainings, symbolism in the ordeal. I hope you have had as much fun as we have planned for you. We will gather next at our banquet plan on being there and joining in on our events scheduled to go on there as well. Carry your experiences with you always and follow your hopes and dreams.

Sincerely,

Mitch

Dear Brothers,

Thank you all for joining us this fall, for the last Ty-Ohni Fellowship ever. We have been the co-chairmen for the Fellowships for the past two years. We regret to inform you all that this will be the last Fellowship that we will be able to run. We hope that this has been as enjoyable experience for you, as it has been for us. We are excited to see what the future brings to the new lodge. This year has been the most successful event that we have run. The trainings had a great turnout, and the clan game were a big hit too! We would like to congratulate all of the new members that just completed their Ordeal, and would like all of the existing brothers to congratulate Ty-Ohni's final class of Ordeals. Another group of individuals that we would like to extend our gratitude toward is the Elangomats; you guys did a nice job. Thank you John Reed for bringing part of the Lodge's history to the final Fellowship. Thank you Mark Passero for running our trading post all weekend. Jim Gagnon and Dave Whalley put on two very informative training sessions this morning. We would also like to thank the Cook Crew for putting on three great meals. Again this time, the project advisors were a huge success, thanks to all of you who helped with this. Alan Mattice (The Chia Pet) deserves a pat on the back too, for all his hard work putting together the A/V presentations, even though some of the songs he picks aren't that great. Again we would like to thank everyone for coming.

Your Fellowship Chairmen,  
Chris Collins and Shawn Bennett

#### Talking Merger

Some of you probably have some questions about the future of our lodge; very serious questions. Questions like: how will the structure of our lodge be changing? Will we still be Ty-Ohni? What about the wolf? Who are we merging with? Who will be our officers? When will this all be going down? Perhaps even: we're merging? Well I'm here to drop off some answers for you.

All decisions regarding ... everything... will be made by a vote of the general membership (read as all the youth members of both lodges) which will take place January 31<sup>st</sup> at our first combined lodge banquet. At this meeting all youth proposals will be presented and we will vote until we reach a majority opinion. In an attempt to make this process less divisive and more expedient a bipartisan committee composed of key youth from both lodges was put together to create a proposal palatable to both lodges. Here's some feel of some of the key ideas that came out of that meeting.

Will we be keeping Ty-Ohni? It seems unlikely. Keeping either lodges name or number appeared distasteful so in the spirit of creating a new lodge a new lodge name, number, and totem seemed to be in order.

How will the structure of the lodge be changing? It certainly looks like we will have chapters... with our current lodge being split in two. Our west side districts would probably form one chapter, while the east side districts and Genesee Crossroads would likely form the other. The idea of having fewer lodge officers was also popular- with some shuffling and reassigning of the current officers responsibilities.

Who are we merging with? Lodge 417: the Turtle Lodge that owns Babcock Hovey and is remarkably close to Cutler.

Who will be our officers? At the same youth meeting where we vote on our new lodge bylaws we will also be electing the new officers for our combined lodge according to the process laid out in the bylaws we will have just inducted.

When will this go down? January 31<sup>st</sup>- remember that date and clear the calendar now. There will be limited spots available for the banquet itself but any youth who has paid their dues is welcome to attend the vote. The time has not been set yet but I would wager that the vote will take place during the afternoon. While the location has yet to be selected it's a fair assumption that it will be in the Victor area.

We're merging? Yes. Our councils have merged and lodges must complete their merger within a matter of months of the official council merger. Not merging the lodges is not an option and finding loophole ways to merge without merging are generally discouraged. If this is an upsetting piece of news for you- get over it. It's too late to do anything about it now, so get on the train and help us make this new lodge the best it can be.

If you're looking for more information on this merger committees decisions check us out on the web- the full report is on the Ty-Ohni webpage. Just go to Otetiana.org, we're listed under the camping links.

Yours in service,

Buddy Phipps

## The Ceremonial Word,

We have had a great year for ceremonies and there are many more to come. We have a great ceremony team but we need more people. Many of our team members are aging out and we need you, "The ones who chose you need you". Show your OA spirit by signing up and becoming part of the best ceremony team on the Westside! If you are interested in becoming the best of the best contact me, Brandon Kaller, through my advisor, Dale Gagnon at 594-8401 or [jgagnon2@frontiernet.net](mailto:jgagnon2@frontiernet.net). I'm looking forward to working with you in the future.

Forever in the ties of scouting,  
Brandon Kaller

## From the Eye of the Everyman,

So it's been 20 plus years since my ordeal. Since registering for brotherhood. I've spent the last couple weeks trying to remember everything I had learned back when I was 17. I studied my obligation, the characters and the ceremony. I even tried fitting into my old sash that I had obviously outgrown over a couple decades ago. I thought I knew the 3 w's until I arrived last night and discovered a new meaning; Water, Walking, and Weariness. I had been waiting for this weekend since my oldest son was born. Now we were going to experience it together. He was tapped out this past summer and this was HIS ordeal.

I wasn't sure what this weekend held for me. Up until this morning my only experiences were the mud, the cold, and the amazing array of snoring and bodily functions radiating from the tents surrounding me. Then I came to the flag pole and saw the awesome beauty of the new day: the blue sky and the bright colors painted on the surrounding hills reminded me of why I loved this as a youth.

Walking inside and waiting for that first cup of "go juice" gave me the opportunity to speak with fellow arrow men. They've come from all over the council: different troops, different towns, and different lives... but all bound by one common thread- Brotherhood. It really started me thinking about why I was here. I knew I had to give an account of that for my Brotherhood and I thought I knew why, "to help the OA program in my troop grow." Then I started to reflect, what was my purpose? A shiny new sash with bars on it? A new lodge flap? Because it's the next step? If it's about that for me then my obligation is empty and meaningless. It's not about me or you and it never has been. It's about doing our duty to serve others, to place others before ourselves. That's the obligation I'll take tonight and the one that will be passed on to my son. I need to walk the talk. OA gives us the opportunity to do just that. I'm proud to be a part of it and to be able to share this experience with my son. I want to thank all the brothers who work so tirelessly behind the scenes to make this weekend possible.

So my brothers (and sisters), as we leave this Fellowship to return to our outside lives, I want to challenge each of us to remember why we're here. It's not about the sash, the patch, or how good it looks on a college application. It's about the ties of brotherhood and the commitment we've made to improve the lives of those around us. The Power of One can be an amazing thing- be "the one" in someone's life.

-Jeff Davis

**Memoirs of an Arrowman**  
**By Justin Dilgard**

With this being our final Fellowship as Ty-Ohni lodge, I've been spending this Fellowship very reflective on fellowships and moments past. The events that have occurred, the people I've met, and the experiences and ideals I've learned that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. I think in order for the new lodge to be successful, we have to look at the history of both lodges (I know very little of our neighbor to the east so I can only talk about this lodge) in order for us to be able to progress to the new lodge that we will become.

I've always get a bit sentimental when I think about my experiences from receiving my Ordeal, to becoming a lodge officer, to go through brotherhood and eventually receive Vigil, to being an advisor to the youth, and whatever lies ahead with the new uber lodge. It might seem silly for just one person (me) who's a very small part of a team of youth and advisors that make up this lodge to talk about his past memories, but if other people can learn from the experiences and mistakes that I've made and been through, then I'll be happy knowing that this article wasn't for nothing.

I received my Ordeal when I was 15 during the Spring Fellowship in 1998. I really didn't know what to expect during the weekend since it's kept quiet until you've gone through the Ordeal, but it was one of the best experiences ever. What I didn't know at that time was that it was just the beginning of many great moments and learning experiences as a member of the OA. After I got my Ordeal, I didn't really know what I was supposed to do as an OA member aside from going through the Ordeal weekend, and that there were two more honors that I didn't know much about then. Back then, the OA had more of an emphasis on Camping then service (at least from my perspective), so the service aspect of it hit me more as time went on. After I got my Ordeal that weekend, I signed up to be an Elangomat for the Fall Fellowship, since I wanted to help out with the event and take the next step with the lodge. After that fellowship, I did nothing with OA aside from running Unit Elections with my troop since I was still unsure exactly what I was supposed to do with OA.

So in 1999, I got a postcard for the banquet and went to that expecting only expecting an event with lots of food (which is always a plus) and chillin' out with my fellow Arrowmen. During the banquet, all the youth were supposed to take part in an election (which was briefly mentioned to me), so I went just because I was supposed to. I thought signing up for Vice-Chief of Unit Relations looked cool, so I went for that, and lost (since 20+ people signed up for it). I was sitting with a fellow Arrowman named Jeremy Cooney (who was also there as an attending youth) and he knew that I lost running for Unit Relations, so then Secretary/ Treasurer came up for nominations (which No one ran for that year) so Jeremy said he'd nominate me, and I wasn't sure if I should do it, but he convinced me to, and I'm very glad he did. So he nominated me, and 10 minutes later, I was Secretary/ Treasurer of the lodge. As time went on, I started to become uneasy a bit because I somewhat spontaneously ran to be an officer, and then I started thinking "What did I get myself into? Can I do this?" So I was a bit nervous in that respect. At the time, finances weren't an established thing like they are now, so when I talked with the previous officer on what I was supposed to do as Secretary/ Treasurer, he gave me a book to keep records in and told me that I was supposed to keep track of finances in this book of transactions. As you can probably tell by reading this, I was clueless on what I was supposed to do because there was no real explanation of ANYTHING with where money comes from, where it goes etc. so it left me very nervous on the financial side of things. I didn't realize then (for whatever strange reason) that I could of just asked my advisor for help on this (since I was clueless on what to do) and didn't utilize his resources, and I look back on that now going "What was I thinking? Why didn't I just ask?". So a half year went by like that until I met an advisor by the name of Jim Trybalski, who was very knowledgeable of how finances worked, and also had very extensive knowledge of all the politics going on in Scouting. So I asked him what I should do with the finances and how they work, and after a few meetings of learning about budgets and frying my brain, I knew what to do with budgets, and the lodge created a system of finances and watching those finances and making sure money is in check, and it's been like that ever since. It was great for me to learn about how finances worked, and using that knowledge to improve the lodge finances at the time. I have many good memories of going to Jim's office for financial meetings and raiding the freezer for Klondike Bars, and also take a bunch of other snacks and soda. By this time Jeremy Cooney (the person who nominated me to become Secretary/ Treasurer) was now the Lodge chief, and it was an awesome group of officers and chairmen. We managed to revise the Lodge Rules, improve the finances, and put other improvements in place. It was a team effort by all members of the LEC and very memorable years. After I graduated High School in 2001, I was going through a very difficult time of finding myself and what I wanted to do in life, and resigned as Secretary/ Treasurer because I was struggling to make sense of Post High School life. In retrospect, I could of handled it better, but I wouldn't of learned anything if I didn't go through the experience, because that's what life is about. It is what it is, and it was just another step in learning life.

In 2002, I was nominated for Vigil, which really surprised me, because it's something I never expected to get, and I was most humbled. It was a good feeling to know that my time as an officer was a great help to the other some of the basic functions of the lodge. When I look back at that aspect of being an officer, it still felt kind of empty for me because although I helped improve the lodge a bit, has any of my leadership actually helped any other youth to go along the right path? Has it actually been about more than just being an officer helping with behind the scenes stuff? When I realized that, it then finally hit me what OA was really about. Service. Not just to the community, but to the troop (which I did a lot during my years as an officer) and to fellow scouts as a Patrol leader, and as a role model to my troop. It was one of the best learning experiences I ever had.

I came back a few years later as an adult advisor, and every year, each new group of officers take the things from the previous group of officers and make even more improvements and help make the lodge even better in achieving their goals in unselfish service and devotion to the welfare of others.

I have so many great memories and experiences with this lodge, which will carry with me, plus the memories and experiences from all the other people from this lodge to the new lodge. We are at a major crossroads where a great lodge ends, and an even greater lodge is about to begin.

#### This Weekend in Sports

This weekend is the "Last Call" for Ty-Ohni lodge- and as such I thought it fitting that we should engage in some fun activities... like root beer pong. In the reporters perspective the MVP award had to go to Shawn Bennett. He was a member of a great duo with Mitch Jag- posting an evening long win-streak, and didn't lose after he hooked up with Chris Collins. The only team to defeat Mitch and Sean was a truly dynamic set of Buddy Phipps and John Robbins, winning quite possibly the longest final cup showdown in pong history. Averaging 3.75 cups a game, Buddy made a name for himself as a beast on the table... but a complete inability to sink big shots left his teams sitting at final cup forever and losing redemption every time. Why does all this matter? Because tonight pong will quite likely continue and every serious player likes a good scouting report. PS- Robert Horry, if you're reading, I need a partner. -Jim Rome (staff contributor)