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A Message From New Lodge Advisor

A Message From The Lodge Chief

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Chief

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Vice Chief

Sean B.
Secretary

Michael F.
Treasurer

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Publications
Chair

Michael H.
Camp Promotions
Chair

Gabriel L.
Elections Chair

Jimmy W.
Ceremonies Chair

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Lodge Advisor

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Staff Advisor

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Ceremonies

Joe Carballo
Membership

Jim Dell
Publications

Sean Johnson
Camp Promotions

Michael Herbert
Activities & Service

Hello fellow Brothers,

Hope everyone had an enjoyable Holiday! As we move into the new year, the lodge youth Leadership has been shuffled. Justin A. is now Lodge Vice Chief and Kevin B. is Lodge Chief. Many thanks to both of them for their continued service. Joining them on the Executive Board is Sean B. as secretary. We welcome him aboard and look forward to the new energy he is sure to bring.

The vote for Treasurer was held over until the next general meeting in March. Meanwhile, Michael F. continues to serve in that capacity.

2006 was a very successful year for our lodge. We started with a membership of 93 Brothers and finished with a membership of 137 Brothers. The charter application has been submitted, and we should be making "Quality Lodge". Thank you all, for making this possible. 2007 is already underway, and it promises to be an exciting. Two new patches were released in 2006, and a new fundraising will be released soon.

Check out **your** website often, as it is constantly being updated! You don't want to miss a thing.

Wishing you all a very healthy and prosperous New Year, as we continue in service to our fellow brothers!

WWW,
Jaime O. Feliberty, Sr.
Lodge Advisor
Ranachqua Lodge #4
The Bronx



Hello Brothers,

Hello everyone! My name is Kevin Bachman, and I'm the new Ranachqua Lodge Chief. I want to thank everyone for your support during the past year and at the recent elections.

As your new Chief I am committed to keep the Lodge momentum going this year. During the past two years we have been challenged to return our Lodge to it's once prestigious reputation. As this year comes to an end, I feel that much was accomplished this past year and our Lodge is clearly taking steps towards recovery. The steps may be small, but they are still steps in the right direction. We have a revived the *Owl* and *Ranaweb* (with a huge thanks to our Publications Chairperson, Matt A). Under the leadership of our previous Chief, Justin A and myself (the former Vice Chief), we accomplished some good things and have moved the Lodge towards progress. We had a very successful Ordeal and Brotherhood Conversions. We have been reaching out to older members that may have gotten lost from Ranachqua and have been helping them find their way back.

Throughout the past year, we have had a small, yet reliable group of core members that have been doing most of the work and have been helping the Lodge get back on its feet. Our primary goal this year is to increase active membership. The more individuals we have that are willing to do some work, the richer a program we can have. There are a lot of program ideas, including the Rit team, but we need more members before we start expanding.

I look forward to working with you and having another great year. Again, thank you for your support

Yours in Brotherhood,
Kevin Bachman



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OA VIGIL NOMINATIONS



The **Vigil Honor** is the Order's highest honor presented to a member by the lodge. Candidates to the Vigil Honor are selected by a committee composed of OA members ineligible for election, which meets in private. Candidates for Vigil Honor membership must be actively registered in both a Scouting unit and in their lodge and are elected more for what they are expected to do, not what they have done. Candidates should not actively seek the Vigil; doing so is an indication that the candidate is undeserving of the honor.

Vigil Eligibility List

Below is a list of those known brothers who are eligible for the Vigil Honor. We are publishing this list to find out if there are any other brothers who maybe eligible. Further, we would like the Lodge members to nominate those members they believe should receive this honor. At the time of nomination the person nominated must both be registered with the Boy Scouts of America and a dues paid member of the Lodge. For 2007 we would have 3 possible candidates. If you wish to nominate a brother please download the Vigil Honor nomination form from our web site and send it to Joseph Carballo at 1807 Yates Avenue, Bronx, New York, 10461 by March 1, 2007.

Criteria for recommendation to the Vigil Honor:

The Vigil Honor is the high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position or office to one or more of the following: their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their Scout camp. Under no circumstances should tenure in the Order of the Arrow or Scouting be considered reason enough for a Vigil Honor recommendation. When weighing "distinguished" service in nominating candidates, remember to measure a Scout on a youth's standard and an adult on an adult's standard. Thank you.

Joseph Acquafredda - T - 240
Adam A. - T - 240-youth member
Matt A. - T - 240-youth member
Alex B. - T - 240-youth member
Morton Berger
Philip Brady - T - 240-youth member
Jonathan C-M - T - 240-youth member
Cecil Charles - T - 208
Sharon Delaney - T - 65
Frank Delgado - T - 65-youth member
Richard Diaz - T - 185
John DiDiego - T - 145
Jaime Feliberty, Jr. - T - 1160
Jaime Feliberty, Sr. - T - 1160
Peter Hamilton, Sr. - T - 145

Michael Herbert, Sr. - T - 182
Steven Iuso - T - 182
Charles Johnson - T - 145
Sean Johnson - T - 145
Chris J. - T - 208 - youth member
Andrew K. - T - 240 - youth member
Howard Malatzky - T - 240
Connor M. - T - 240 - youth member
Alex M. - T - 208 - youth member
Stephen Miaris - T - 208-youth member
Gilbert Moss - T - 240 - youth member
Michael O'Gara - T - 182
Vito Parisi - T - 501 GSMC
Jose Ramirez - C - 183
Joseph R. - C - 183-youth member

Chris Rodriguez - T - 240-youth member
David Sampayo - T - 240-youth member
Maria Sanchez - C - 183
Patrick Stanford - T - 748
Paul Stoveland - T - 182
Andrew Stratford - T - 240
Carmine Tabacco - T - 240
Mat Tabacco - T - 240-youth member
Bill Tauber - T - 240
Rafael Torres - T - 1160
Douglas Urban - T - 182
Karl Urban - T - 182 -youth member
Matthew Visconti - T - 182 youth member
John Wolf - T - 182

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The next **General Lodge Meeting** is set for **Sunday, 3/11/2007, 1:00 PM at Fordham Prep**. The proposed By-Laws will be presented for discussion. All Lodge members are encouraged to attend.

Ranachqua Lodge's **Spring Service Weekend and Ordeal** is scheduled for **April 13 - 15, 2007 at Alpine Scout Camp**. Brotherhood conversion will be available for those Ordeal members in the Lodge for at least 10 months. ALL Brothers should plan to attend. Unit Elections to select Brothers must be completed by March 25, 2007. Please contact Jaime Feliberty for assistance. Forms and medicals can be downloaded from our website www.ranachqua4.org

Proposed Changes to Bylaws

The new proposed bylaws are posted on the website. Below is a synopsis of the significant changes to the current bylaws. If anyone needs a hard copy of these bylaws because they do not have any Internet access please contact Jaime Feliberty Sr. at 845-629-0753 and a copy will be mailed to you. These bylaws will be considered at the March 11th membership meeting.

Major Changes from the 1997 By-Laws as Amended

There are many small changes in language, such as gender-neutral terms where appropriate and the correcting of the name of the Council. These are not included here. Nor are the additions to the By-Laws that are merely more concrete statements of procedures already in place.

1. Term of Office has been changed to September 1st to August 31st from the current January 1st to December 31st. As a consequence, the Lodge Election Meeting has been changed from the last meeting of the calendar year to the last meeting prior to July 1st.
 2. The Lodge Officers have been changed from Chief, Vice Chief, Secretary, and Treasurer to Chief, Vice Chief – Operations, Vice Chief – Program, and Secretary-Treasurer. The positions of Secretary and Treasurer have been combined, and both Vice Chiefs have expanded responsibilities. All appropriate references in the By Laws to officers have been changed accordingly.
 3. The Vice Chief – Operations has been given responsibility for Lodge training, and serve ex-officio as Chairman of the new Leadership Development Committee, He will be responsible for the annual LLD.
 4. The Vice-Chief – Program has been given the responsibility for unit relations and will serve ex officio as the Chairman of the Troop/Team Representative Committee, responsible for promoting the use of this office by Troops and Teams and for establishing communications between the Lodge and the Council's Scouting Units.
 5. Both Vice-Chiefs have been given oversight over the committees appropriate to their main emphasis, and shall serve as interim chairman of these committees in the event of a vacancy in the committee chairmanship.
 6. The quorum for Lodge meetings and elections has been changed from the fixed number of 15 (10 as amended) to a relative number – one-tenth the active youth membership of the Lodge.
 7. The Publications and the Website Committees have been combined into the Communications Committee.
 8. The Dance Team Committee and the Ritual and Regalia Committee have been combined into the Ceremonies Committee.
 9. The Activities and Service Committee has been given the responsibility of the development and oversight of the Lodge Elangomats and Nimats.
 10. The Leadership Development Committee was created under the chairmanship of the Vice Chief – Operations.
 11. Procedures for establishing Ad Hoc committees have been standardized.
 12. The Ad Hoc Committee, the Vigil Honor Nominating and Awards Committee, has been included in the By Laws in order to standardized the procedures for this committee by including concrete requirements and responsibilities. This committee has also been given the responsibility for selecting the Founders' Awards.
 13. All meetings of the Lodge and the Lodge Executive Committee shall be run under "Robert's Rules of Order".
- This is not meant to be a comprehensive listing of all changes, just those that are significant to the operation of the Lodge. Members are encouraged to fully read the proposed By Laws (2007 Revision) found on the website.

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