Order of the Arrow
Nisqually Lodge #155

Raven's Wing

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Lodge Adviser's Minute

My Brothers, my name is Gene Victor and I am proud to be the new Lodge Adviser for Nisqually Lodge. I'd like to thank Phil Misner for his service to the Lodge and I look forward to giving cheerful service with each of you.

Nisqually Lodge has started off to a great year already. Our officers have set some very ambitious goals and are creating plans to achieve them. We are working on our unit elections and are looking toward a great Ordeal in June. The enthusiasm of our new members reminds us to maintain our excitement of the Order and to lead in service, as all brothers before us have done.

The lodge and the Order are only as strong as their members.

For our Lodge to continue to grow and promote camping in our council, we are in need of many Arrowmen, both youth and adults, to serve as lodge committee chairmen and advisers, as well as members to serve on these committees. We need OA Troop and Team Representatives, Elangomats, ceremonial team members, and project managers. There are many ways to become active in the lodge, and we need you. If nothing else, we need you to set the example for your fellow scouts, whether they are members of the OA or not.

Become a Brotherhood member. Serve in a leadership position in your troop. Attend a chapter meeting. Come to the Fellowships in the spring and fall, and plan now to attend at least one Ordeal this year. The lodge and the Order are only as strong as their members. Your Brothers need you. Will you answer the call?

Yours in Wimachtendienk,

Gene Victor

Calendar

Election Season
January 1 to April 15

Lodge Executive Council
March 13, 7pm, Tumwater Office

Lodge Executive Council
April 10, 7pm, Tacoma Office

Vigil Weekend
April 22-23

Lodge Executive Council
May 8, 7pm, Tumwater Office

Spring Ordeal
June 2-4, Camp Thunderbird.
Volunteer to be an Elangomat.

Lodge Executive Council
June 12, 7pm, Tacoma Office

Lodge Executive Council
July 10, 7pm, Tumwater Office

Lodge Executive Council
August 14, 7pm, Tacoma Office

Summer Ordeal
August 18-20, Camp Thunderbird.
Volunteer to be an Elangomat.

Lodge Executive Council
September 11, 7pm, Tumwater Office

Conclave
September 15-17, Camp Pigott

Lodge Leadership

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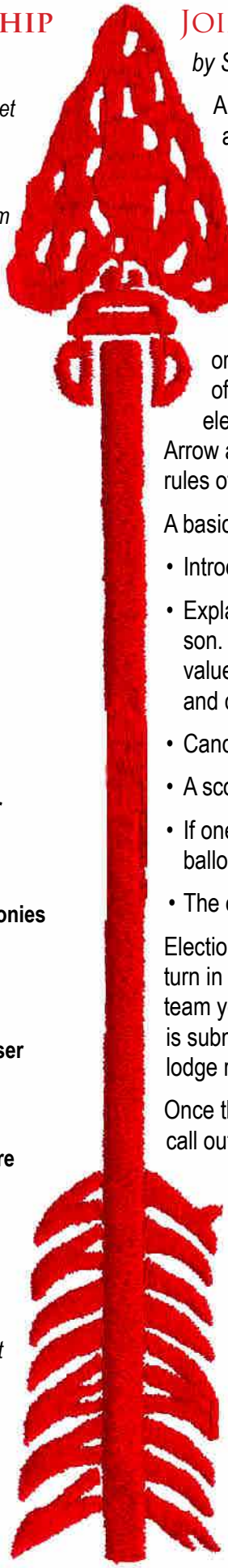

Join Your Chapter Election Team Today

by Sam Taylor, Third Vice Chief

A new year is upon us and with it comes new Arrowmen, but only if ***you*** are willing to devote yourself to the responsibilities that come with being an Arrowman. Each Chapter is responsible for completing elections in their Districts. With dozens of units in each district, running elections for all of them with only a 3-person election team is far from efficient. In order to avoid this familiar reality we need you to join your chapter election team today!

OA elections are preferably done during a unit's regular meeting. In order to run an election in the first place, the unit will need to have 50% of its active members present. Before the voting begins a member of the election team should explain the purpose and identity of the Order of the Arrow and what it means to be arrowmen. You should also explain the essential rules of the OA election.

A basic outline of a unit election address is as follows.

- Introduce yourself (name, unit, and OA leadership position, if you have one)
- Explain the mission and purpose of the OA. It need not be a full history lesson. Simply convey that the OA is the national honor society of the BSA, core values of OA are Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. Serve scouting and community through variety of service projects.
- Candidates should exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their everyday lives.
- A scout may vote for any combination of candidates, including himself.
- If one scout is not familiar with the candidates, he is encouraged to put his ballot in his pocket as not to negatively impact the election.
- The only ballots that count for the election are the ballots that are turned in.

Election candidates who receive votes from at least 50 percent of those who turn in ballots are elected Candidates for Induction. As a member of the election team you record all of the appropriate information on a designated form which is submitted to a designated adult leader so that it may be recorded in the lodge records.

Once the results are determined, it is up to the unit to decide if they want the call out to take place at the meeting or scheduled for a later date.

These are the basic essentials of an OA Election. For additional information please reference the Nationally distributed Guide to Unit Elections as it is a great field guide for your election needs. If you encounter a situation that is not covered by the Guide to Unit Elections I encourage you to contact either your Chapter Chief, Chapter Adviser or myself.

I can be reached at *samtaylor580@gmail.com* or 360-438-0173.

As a member of the Election Team, you will experience scouting culture first hand and will develop a greater appreciation for the Scouting program. Joining the Election Team is a perfect opportunity to get involved in the OA regardless of whether you are a new or returning member.

I strongly encourage you to contact your Chapter Chief, Chapter Adviser or myself and join the Election Team today!

Chapters

Ahotasu Mbi (Hylebos District)
Chief: Brian Moore
Adviser: Warren Nedved
Totem: Timber Wolf
We meet on the last Thursday of every month at 7pm at the North Lake Improvement Club in Federal Way.

Chehalis (Timberline District)
Chief: Devon Schey
Adviser: Steve Wark
Totem: Eagle
We meet once a month at the Chehalis LDS Church.

Kcum Kcum (Coastal Waters District)
Chief: Daniel Wiechelman
Adviser: John Anderson
Totem: Salmon
We meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month at the Aberdeen LDS Church.

Sahaptin (Glacier View District)
Chief: Nathan Placker
Adviser: Michael Placker
Totem: Frog
We meet once a month during the Glacier View District Roundtable.

Squaxin (Capital Area District)
Chief: Nate Ostheller
Adviser: Russ Carron
Totem: Salmon
We meet on the 1st Monday of every month at the First United Methodist Church in Olympia.

Tsaw (Puget Sound District)
Chief: Vacant
Adviser: Vacant
Totem: Beaver
Tsaw chapter is currently inactive. For information on how to make it active, please contact the Lodge Adviser.

Wapiti (Mt Tahoma District)
Chief: Kyle Morgan
Adviser: Janet Johnson
Totem: Elk
We meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month during the Mt. Tahoma District Roundtable, 7pm, Sumner LDS Church.

Membership & Merchandising

by Zach Victor, Second Vice Chief

As second vice chief, my job is to help with the membership committee, where we work with lodge elections and membership retention. Another thing I will be heavily involved in is sales and marketing. This means I will help manage the trading post! If you have any ideas for new merchandise, tell me! And finally, I will be managing our progress on journey to excellence! Have a happy and healthy 2017.

Ahotasu Mbi Chapter

by Brian Moore, Chapter Chief

A little about myself. I go to school at Columbia Junior High in Fife. I'm 14 years old and I completed my ordeal last spring. I must admit, when I went to the Fall Fellowship I had no idea that I would be elected Chapter Chief. I'm not a very athletic person and I'm not very popular in school; however, I really enjoy serving in the OA and scouting. I'm currently working on my eagle project. My favorite OA experience was being an elangomat at the fall ordeal. It is an experience I would suggest to any arrowman who hasn't done it. Our chapter has had activities. In February, we did a Webelos crossover for pack 307. It was a great experience and it helped introduce cub scouts early to the Order of the Arrow. If you are an Ahotasu Mbi member and haven't been to a chapter meeting for a while, feel free to drop by. We meet at North Lake Improvement Club in Federal Way.

Squaxin Chapter

by Nate Ostheller, Chapter Chief

Hello Nisqually! Our chapter meets every first Monday of the month at the First United Methodist Church of Olympia. We normally discuss the month and plan and prepare. We also have either a service or a fun activity on the third Thursday of the month. We are a very active chapter and are hoping to see many new members around.

Wapiti Chapter

by Kyle Morgan, Chapter Chief

For some great fun and snacks, come to our chapter meetings. You'll be able to participate in gear giveaways and learn about upcoming news regarding lodge outings and chapter activities. Don't miss out! Our next meeting is March 9th during the Mt. Tahoma District Roundtable, 7pm, Sumner LDS Church. Hope to see you there.

Lodge Banquet Awards

The Lodge Banquet was held January 14, 2017, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Lacey. The BBQ Dinner by Del Johnson was fantastic and the Skype interview with Past Lodge Chief Tony Pigmon delivered some excellent insights into college life at Eastern Washington and the need for Cheez-Its. Despite some car trouble for our fearless leader, all the awards were handed out and the Lodge Chief and incoming Lodge Adviser would like to thank all those who pitched in to help present the awards!

Here are the awards from the Banquet:

Most Active Chapter - Sehaptin

Most Improved Chapter - Ahotasu Mbi

Executive Committee Member of the Year - Joe Oczkewicz

Lodge Officer of the Year - Michael Forbes

Family of the Year - The Kitchings

Arrowman of the Year - Nate Ostheller

Spirit of the Arrow - Nathan Placker

Netami Sakima Award - Sam Taylor & Laura Kitchings

Lodge Adviser's Award - Joe Oczkewicz & Wright McCartney

Founder's Award - Tony Pigmon & Wright McCartney

Nagatamen Awards - Jace Ezell, Michael Forbes, Alex Johnson, Mickey Atkins, Gene Victor & John Anderson

Nutschhowe Award - Dawn Maddox

James E West - None this year

OA Legacy Fellows - Dylan Kitchings & Phillip Misner

2016 Ordeal Camp Thunderbird

Arrowmen build brand new picnic tables at Camp Thunderbird.