



ORDER OF THE ARROW NISQUALLY LODGE #155

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WELCOME ARROWMEN!

By Michael Forbes, Lodge Chief

I want to welcome all new arrowmen to the Order of the Arrow and thank all our current arrowmen for their service to the Order and to Nisqually Lodge by helping to make the Spring Ordeal a success.

As lodge chief I encourage all arrowmen, new and current, to get involved in their chapters. This newsletter contains meeting information for each chapter. Find out when and where your chapter meets and attend your monthly chapter meetings. Get involved and make your chapter strong, which in turn will make the Nisqually Lodge strong. A strong Lodge is dependent on

the strength of its Chapters. Help make your Chapter strong.

I hope everyone has a great summer and I hope to see you at the Summer Ordeal August 18-20, at Camp Thunderbird.

LODGE ADVISER'S MINUTE

By Gene Victor, Lodge Adviser

This April, I was honored to spend an evening in contemplative thought during my Vigil experience. I reflected about what scouting meant to me, my experiences as a youth and as a leader, my friends, my son, the many programs in scouting that I have been involved in such as Wood Badge, NYLT, Brownsea, and, of course, Order of the

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CALENDAR

Lodge Executive Council

June 12, 7pm, Tacoma Office

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July 10, 7pm, Tumwater Office

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August 14, 7pm, Tacoma Office

Summer Ordeal

August 18-20, Camp Thunderbird.

Member registration is online at

<http://phc.kintera.org/>

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Volunteer to be an Elangomat.

Lodge Executive Council

September 11, 7pm, Tumwater Office

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October 9, 7pm, Tacoma Office

Conclave

September 15-17, Camp Pigott

Fall Fellowship

October 27-29, Camp Thunderbird

Lodge Leadership Development

November 11

Lodge Executive Council

December 11, 7pm, Tacoma Office

2018 Election Season

January 1 to April 15

CHAPTERS

Ahotasu Mbi (Hylebos District)

Chief: Brian Moore

Adviser: Warren Nedved

Totem: Timber Wolf

We meet on the third 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 Wiechelmann

Advisers: John Anderson & Tim Helman

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

We meet once a month during the Puget Sound District Roundtable, 7pm, Tacoma Scout Office.

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.

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Arrow. I spent quite a bit of time thinking about what Nisqually Lodge has meant to me, what Nisqually Lodge has been, and what Nisqually Lodge can become.

I would like to welcome our new brothers who have completed their Ordeal and those brothers who have sealed their commitment to the Order through the Brotherhood Honor. I invite you to think about some of the same things, most importantly, what being a Nisqually Lodge member means for you and what you can help the Lodge become.

Our charge is Cheerful Service as part of a wonderful Brotherhood. What hopes did you have as a newly inducted Ordeal member? Has the Lodge or your Chapter lived up to those hopes? If so, that is great. Help it become even better. If not, what can we do together to help the Lodge move in a direction that lives up to those hopes?

We have some exciting activities coming up, including the Summer Ordeal, Conclave, Fall Fellowship, a new OA Site at Camp Thunderbird, Painting the Dining Hall, and more. Find something that excites you and jump in. The Lodge and the Order are only as strong as their members.

Your Brothers need you. Will you answer the call?

THE VALUE OF BROTHERHOOD ATTAINMENT

By Sam Taylor, Vice Chief of Inductions and Ceremonies



Brotherhood attainment is one of the most uniquely valuable opportunities in the Order of the Arrow. Privilege wise, Brotherhood Honor members are permitted to attend (and learn) the Brotherhood Ceremony. They are also given a new sash with the arrow accompanied by two bars, one on each end of the Arrow. While enticing on their own, these two privileges are merely scratching the surface of the significance of Brotherhood membership.

Brotherhood members are observed in a new light by their peers. To be a Brotherhood member means one has retained active membership for at least 10 months and adequately understands the principles, practices and significance of the Order of the Arrow.

In order to attain your Brotherhood you must be an Ordeal member in the Order of Arrow for at least 10 (preferably active) months since your Ordeal ceremony. Brotherhood attainment is available at most every residential Lodge event. It is encouraged that you spend these 10 months learning as much as you can about the Order as you will be tested on your memorization and understanding of the obligation, song, admonition, and handshake.

It is also handy to know the major symbolism of the Ordeal Ceremony including the names, translations, and challenges respective to the four principals. While this might seem daunting, the Brotherhood testing process is a truly positive experience that focuses on expanding your knowledge of the Order of the Arrow.
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As long as you possess a willingness to learn you will be absolutely fine.

In addition to the testing process, you will also be required to write a letter addressed to the Lodge Secretary describing your interpretation of the obligation, how you have previously embodied the obligation in your daily life, and how you plan to pursue your embodiment of the obligation in your everyday life to come.

Once all of these have been completed, you will begin the ceremonial portion of Brotherhood attainment concluding in your reception of the Brotherhood honor.

The next Brotherhood Attainment opportunities are Saturday, June 3, of the spring Ordeal and Saturday, August 19, of the summer Ordeal. It is certainly okay to come to Thunderbird strictly to earn your Brotherhood. Simply write your letter in advance, arrive in due time for testing, and stay for the complete duration of the Brotherhood Ceremony. Brotherhood attainment will also be available at Fall Fellowship, also at Camp Thunderbird, in late October.

I strongly encourage you to pursue your Brotherhood Honor! If you have any questions regarding the Brotherhood Honor or Inductions and Ceremonies, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at samtaylor580@gmail.com.

Brotherhood Attainment is an immensely valuable experience, immersing you in an aura of understanding and appreciation for the Order of The Arrow.

MEMBERSHIP & MERCHANDISING

by Zach Victor, Second Vice Chief

I am in charge of the trading post and the Journey to Excellence program. Part of the Journey to Excellence program is Brotherhood conversion. This is when you earn your brotherhood! Check out Sam Taylor's article above or visit oa-bsa.org for more information.

I welcome you into the order! If you have any Trading Post ideas, don't be afraid to tell me!

THE THREE STEPS TO BROTHERHOOD ATTAINMENT

- 10 active months in the OA.
- Adequate knowledge and memorization of OA symbolism, Obligation, Song, Admonition, and Handshake.
- A letter addressed to the Lodge Secretary describing your personal commitment to the OA obligation described through your interpretation, recollection, and vision of the OA obligation as it pertains to your life.



PROMOTE SCOUT CAMPING IN YOUR UNITS

By Janet Johnson, Lodge Communications & Wapiti Chapter Adviser

While Boy Scouts serve their communities, Order of the Arrow serves Boy Scouts, specifically our camps and our units. One of the ways you can serve your unit and the mission of the Order of the Arrow is to promote scout camping, and develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit in your unit.

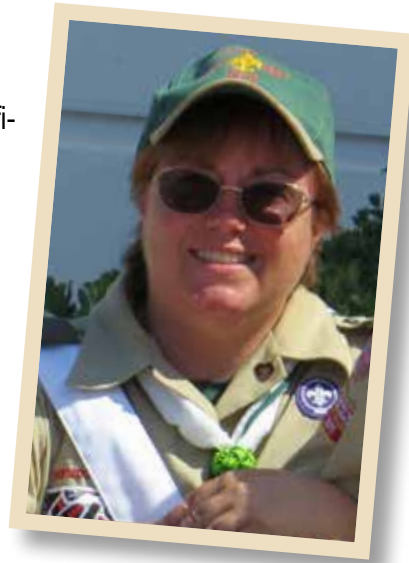
By promoting camping in your unit, you are helping your fellow scouts experience the outdoors and log camping nights, which they need to be eligible for the Order of the Arrow as well as eagle-required merit badges like the Camping Merit Badge. In your troop and Patrol Leader Council (PLC), actively campaign for overnight campouts. When your troop holds its annual planning meeting, be a voice and advocate for scouts who need more short-term (weekend) campouts.

From February through October, our troop devotes one weekend a month to a campout consisting of 1-2 nights. Every year, when we're planning these campouts, we try to change the activity and/or the location so we keep it new and interesting for our scouts. Here's a sample of things we have done in the past.

February is usually some kind of snow camp where we build igloos and dig snow caves and sleep in them. Once a year, we try to hold a Trail-to-First-Class (TTFC) weekend where our older scouts can use the EDGE method to teach skills to our pathfinder scouts. Every year we alternate between a 50-mile biking road trip and a mountain biking trip. We've gone white water rafting. We've gone to the Ape Caves near Mt. St. Helens and many of our local forts, including Fort Ebey, Fort Worden, Fort Flagler, and Fort Casey.

Scouts need to campout. They need to log nights with their troop and/or their patrol if they want to be eligible for Order of the Arrow and if they want to Eagle, which means earning merit badges like the Camping Merit Badge.

It doesn't matter where you go or what you do, so long as it is outside and overnight!



2017 SERVICE TO CAMP THUNDERBIRD

During the Annual Craft & Ceremonies weekend at Camp Thunderbird, Arrowmen spent a couple of hours in Dale O., removing sticky tape residue from the new chairs that the Lodge purchased for the meeting center. Many hands made the work easy and quick to finish.



Thanks to all the Arrowmen who continue to give their time, energy, and talents in cheerful service to Camp Thunderbird.

Together, we can make it a great camp.

