

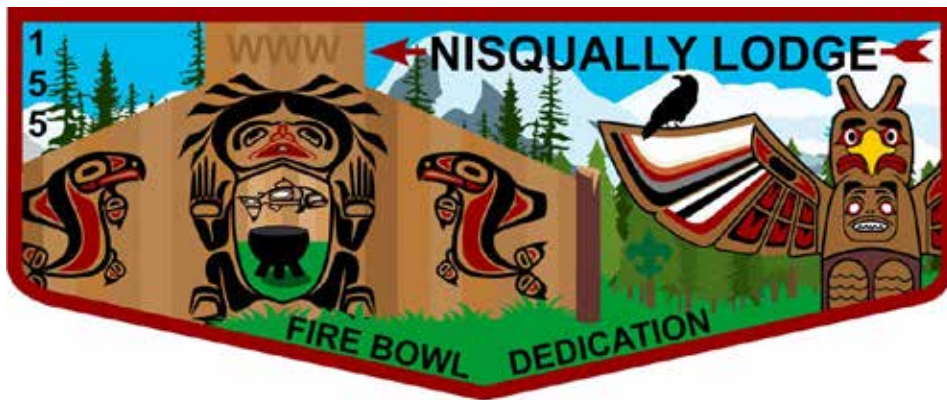


ORDER OF THE ARROW
NISQUALLY LODGE #155

RAVEN'S WING

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HELLO BROTHERS!

By Michael Forbes, Lodge Chief

We have had a great year here in Nisqually! We've put a lot of work into building our fire bowl, we've repainted the dining hall, and we have done so many small things around camp.

It has been an honor being your 2017 Nisqually Lodge Chief. Looking forward to next year we have much coming up, including hosting conclave here at Thunderbird.

In order to have this be a success we not only need an incredibly strong Lodge Executive Council (LEC) but also we need members who have been to conclave to become Conclave

Vice Chiefs (CVC) so that way we can put on the best possible conclave here at Thunderbird. If anyone is interested in becoming a CVC either come talk to me or email me at michael.e.forbes@comcast.net or call or text at (253)495-6445.

Yours in Scouting and Wimachtendienk.

CALENDAR

Lodge Leadership Development
November 11

Lodge Executive Council
December 11, 7pm, Tacoma Office

2018 Election Season
January 1 to April 15

Lodge Executive Council
January 8, 7pm, Tumwater Office

Lodge Banquet
January 13, 6pm, St. Martin's Church, Lacey

Lodge Executive Council
February 12, 7pm, Tacoma Office

Lodge Executive Council
March 12, 7pm, Tumwater Office

Lodge Executive Council
April 10, 7pm, Tacoma Office

Vigil Weekend
April 28-29

Lodge Executive Council
May 8, 7pm, Tumwater Office

Lodge Executive Council
June 11, 7pm, Tacoma Office

Spring Ordeal
June 15-17, Camp Thunderbird.
Volunteer to be an Elangomat.

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LODGE ADVISER'S MINUTE

By Gene Victor, Lodge Adviser

My Brothers,

The school year has started and our Lodge year is winding up. I would like to thank all those in the Lodge who have helped me in my first year as Lodge Adviser.

There were many brothers who stepped up and answered the call of cheerful service and our Lodge has grown and had a fine year.

I want to encourage those brothers who have completed their Ordeal to seal their commitment to the Order through the Brotherhood. For our Spring Ordeal candidates, you will be ready at our Spring Ordeal on June 15-17. How can you continue to live the ideals of the order, Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui?

We have some important and fun activities and responsibilities coming up this winter. For those elected to Lodge and Chapter offices, the Lodge Leadership Development Conference will be on Saturday, November 11, at the Tacoma Scout Office. Our Lodge Banquet will be Saturday, January 13, in Lacey. Come celebrate the past year and all the awards we will be presenting. Finally, in February, we will have our Craft and Ceremonies Fellowship. Have you seen brothers in the Lodge with button blankets? Have you wanted to participate in our ceremonies teams? This is the weekend for you! Registration for all these events will be up on the council website very soon.

As you can see, there are lots of things to do in the Order of the Arrow. 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?

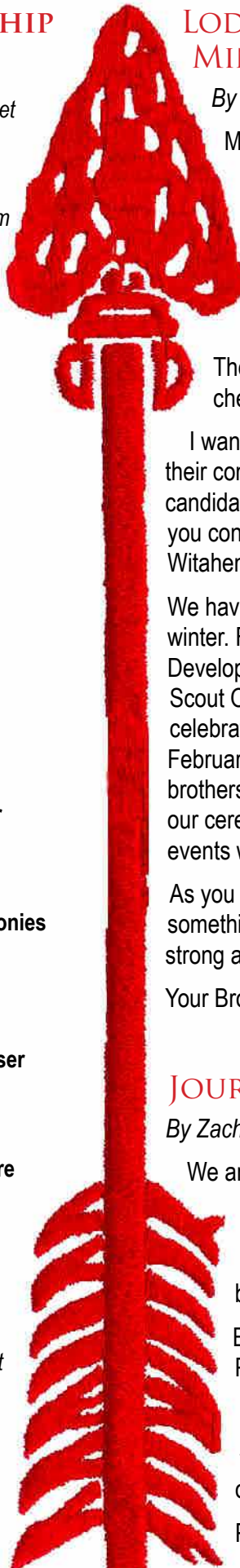
JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE

By Zach Victor, Second Vice Chief

We are currently doing quite swell on our Journey to Excellence! We hope to get to Silver with our new members, we have Gold in vigil and brotherhood!

Be sure to check out the Trading Post for our new patches! We have many new items and always appreciate feedback on any items you would like to see added to our Trading Post!

Please remind all of your OA brothers to pay their 2017 dues... every last penny and membership counts!



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 Wiechelman

Adviser: 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: Kelson Dooley

Adviser: Matt Bachmann

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.



AHOTASU MBI CHAPTER

by Brian Moore, Chapter Chief

2017 has been a busy year! We performed many elections! We did elections in every troop that had eligible members. We also activated our chapter button blanket team to do multiple arrow of light ceremonies for our local cub packs. Late in the summer we had an inter-chapter BBQ with new chapter Tsaw. We encourage all Ahoatsu Mbi members to come to events. We would like ideas for meeting activities!



SQUAXIN CHAPTER

by Nate Ostheller, Chapter Chief

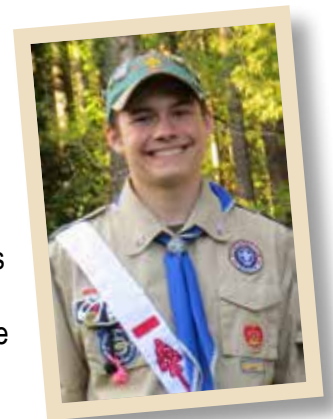
Hello Nisqually! I'm back with some more news from Squaxin Chapter. As a reminder, we meet at the First United Methodist Church of Olympia, 7pm, the first Monday of every month. We also do either a Service or a fun day on the third Thursday of each month. Recently for service we have washed Senior Services vans, helped the South Sound Reading Foundation, and just this month we filled backpacks for the backpack program at the food bank. On the fun side of things we have gone to a rock climbing gym, had picnics and ice cream socials, and many other fun activities. We have many more fun and service activities coming and we hope to see you there.



WAPITI CHAPTER

by Kyle Morgan, Chapter Chief

We had awesome picnics during the summer and had the most fun at all the events like ordeals, fellowships, and NOAC. Our plans for the future are to get bigger and to spread all the fun and joy in scouting to all of our members. So come to the monthly Sumner Roundtable meetings to get active. New friends are waiting to be discovered. Our next meeting is Thursday, November 9, during the Mt. Tahoma District Roundtable, 7pm, Sumner LDS Church. Hope to see you there.



2017 CONCLAVE SUMMARY

By Gene Victor, Lodge Adviser

Conclave 2017 at Camp Piggott was a great time for Nisqually Lodge! We had more than 57 people there, which was 300% of quota. The Section was impressed by our attendance.



Nisqually Lodge put forth a great impression at the shows. Zach Victor won the superhero trivia contest and rocked the multiple sunglasses look. Speaking of sunglasses, Nisqually Lodge's future was so bright we had to wear shades and wear them we did.

Several of our members earned a degree in the Teaquan Wask University Training. Our WashJam patch sold for more than \$100 at the Auction. You can get yours for \$15 at the Trading Post!

Nisqually Lodge is the host of the 2018 Conclave at Camp Thunderbird. Keep September 14-16, 2018, open on your calendar. It takes more than

100 Lodge members to staff this event. There is a place for everyone!

Let's make 2018 Conclave the best ever!



OA AT CAMP PIGOTT

The morning air is crisp and damp as we descend upon our camp.

We're here for fun, to learn and share and try new things we hardly dare!

Dark flint and red rocks line the fields the woods have treasures rare to yield.

Then at attention we all stand; the flag is raised o'er Boy Scout land!

We watch a show with dance and song and we're all glad we came along.

We meet new friends and talk with others happy to be with other Lodge Brothers.

Another year will pass and then at Thunderbird we'll meet again.

We'll take more classes, laugh and sing, enjoying what our Lodge life brings.

-Bev Kirk, Nanuk Lodge

2017 SERVICE AT CAMP THUNDERBIRD

Our Lodge OA Firebowl at Camp Thunderbird is rapidly approaching completion. Under the direction of Tim Helman, many Lodge members have been putting in many hours of service getting the holes dug for footings, mixing and pouring concrete, and planning the framework for the backdrops and entrances.



Special thanks go out to Ranger Dan for his backhoe work, Mike Richardson and Duke Forbes for their engineering and planning, and again, Tim Helman, for his leadership on this project.

