



# ORDER OF THE ARROW NISQUALLY LODGE #155

# RAVEN'S WING

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## HELLO BROTHERS!

*By Zach Victor, Lodge Chief*

Hello fellow arrowmen! I'm am proud to be your 2018 lodge chief! Thank you for voting for me!

I am very excited to help lead the lodge through the many exciting events that we have next year, include hosting conclave and sending a contingent to NOAC!

My goal for the lodge is to help increase participation in the chapters. I know that everyone always has more fun when more people attend meetings! Please contact me with any ideas to help the chapters expand!

Another goal related to chapters it to get 100% unit election. I will also host a Chief's Challenge with a patch (see above), which can be earned through lodge participation and service!

Some things about me are that I love collecting patches. At the National Jamboree, I was bitten by the patch trading bug! Furthermore, I am also an Eagle Scout and member of Ahotasu Mbi chapter!

I hope to make 2018 another great year for the lodge!

## CALENDAR

### 2018 Election Season

January 1 to April 15

### Lodge Executive Council

February 12, 7pm, Tacoma Office

### Craft & Ceremony Fellowship

February 23-25, Camp Thunderbird

### Lodge Executive Council

March 12, 7pm, Tumwater Office

### Lodge Executive Council

April 9, 7pm, Tacoma Office

### Vigil Weekend

April 28-29, Camp Thunderbird

### Lodge Executive Council

May 14, 7pm, Tumwater Office

### Spring Ordeal

June 1-3, Camp Thunderbird.  
*Volunteer to be an Elangomat.*

### Lodge Executive Council

June 11, 7pm, Tacoma Office

### Lodge Executive Council

July 9, 7pm, Tumwater Office

### Lodge Executive Council

August 13, 7pm, Tacoma Office

### Summer Ordeal

August 17-19, Camp Thunderbird.  
*Volunteer to be an Elangomat.*

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## LODGE ADVISER'S MINUTE

By Gene Victor, Lodge Adviser

My Brothers,

*"Fifteen blazes led you to us,  
but the trail that you have  
followed becomes rougher,  
steeper, fainter. You will  
need a brighter fire."*

Have you ever stopped to think about what this means? Perhaps unless you have portrayed Nutiket in the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony, then you haven't given much thought to this. We know what the 15 blazes represent. Think about what Nutiket means when he says that those blazes led you to the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony. What does he mean when he says that the path becomes more difficult? What is the brighter fire he refers to, and how will it help you over this treacherous terrain? Nutiket is not saying that you should abandon the 15 blazes and opt instead for a brighter fire. Instead, you should continue to use the 15 blazes to assist you on your path. However, they won't be enough.

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Have you experienced a time since your induction when the trail has become a bit rougher? Perhaps there were forks in the road and you needed a guiding light to help you safely discern the right path from the wrong one. The 15 blazes are there to help you.

Think about these things the next time you watch a ceremony. What words resonate with you? How can you make the fire brighter?

As we embark on a new year, there are many things that can help you "make the fire brighter." Nisqually Lodge is hosting Conclave this year. Scout-o-Rama is another service activity. Two fantastic Ordeals are on tap as we move toward a Lodge membership of 400. The OA fire bowl is nearing completion. Our

lodge is dependent on every little part to function correctly at each one of our events. We rely on every member, no matter how new or young, to participate to make our program a success. Each one of us is important to the welfare of our lodge. Thank you for what you do to make our lodge successful.

Another way to "make the fire brighter" is the Chief's Challenge. Our lodge chief has a program of service this year called the Chief's Challenge. Through participation in your Chapter, the Lodge, and providing Cheerful Service to others, you will be able to earn the patch shown on page 1. This challenge will help you to live the ideals of the Order, Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui. Embrace and accept this challenge.

Your Brothers need you. Will you answer the call?





## UNIT ELECTIONS

Following is a step-by-step process to help units prepare for their unit's election. This preparation can be done by the Scoutmaster or Coach, Committee Chair, Advancement Chair, Unit OA Adviser, or any adult leader who has access to unit records.

Compile a list of scouts who hold First Class rank and who are registered as active members of your unit.

Confirm that each scout has met the camping days and nights requirements.

If you are not the unit leader, arrange a meeting with the unit leader and certify each nominee's Scout spirit and youth membership qualifications.

Contact the Lodge or Chapter and arrange for an election team to come to a meeting and conduct an election.

Once you have set a date for your unit's election, send out an announcement to your unit along with the final list of eligible scouts and the eligibility requirements. This will allow scouts an opportunity to opt-out, if they choose to, and will allow scouts who are not on the list, and believe they should be, to challenge. Scouts wishing to challenge should request a conference with the unit leader to discuss their eligibility.

Send to the election team the final list of scouts along with any other paperwork provided to you by the election team so they may prepare for your election.

A meeting or two prior to the election, instruct your unit that voting for youth candidates will be based on their spirit of brotherhood, cheerfulness (no matter how tiresome their duties), and a willingness to give unselfish and wholehearted service to others at all times. They should study the list of eligible scouts and give thoughtful consideration of how they will vote.

## INDUCTIONS AND CEREMONIES REFLECTION AND CHARGE!

*By Sam Taylor, Third Vice Chief*

Greetings Brothers! It was an absolute honor to have served as your 2017 Vice Chief of Inductions and Ceremonies. An honor that you have entrusted with me again in 2018, and for that I thank you. 2018 is going to be an exhilarating year. We, as a Lodge have the privilege of hosting the 2018 Section Conclave at our dear Camp Thunderbird. As you may know, hosting Conclave is a tall task. A tall task that can only be completed with the aid of each and every Arrowman.

A successful year of Inductions means more Brothers for the good of the Order. That's more hands helping host Conclave. More Arrowmen at Chapter Meetings and ultimately a stronger, more vibrant Nisqually Lodge. You can help by joining your Chapter's election team today. Simply speak with Chapter Chief or myself about assisting with an OA unit election as a member of the election team. Your helping hand makes all of the difference in a project as large as OA elections.

The Nisqually Lodge Ceremonies team leapt and bound on our journey in 2017. Each Ceremonialist considerably enhanced their respective performance throughout the course of the year and will only continue on the path looking ahead to 2018. If you are at all intrigued by OA Ceremonies please speak with your Chapter Chief or myself and we will inform you of your nearest Ceremonies practice. Some Chapters hold separate meetings for Ceremonies Practice, while others implement it into their Chapter meeting night. Regardless of your Chapters Ceremonies status we will ensure that you have the proper resources and information to delve into the wondrous land of OA Ceremonies.

The 2015 nationally-recognized Pre-Ordeal Honor Team will represent Nisqually Lodge at the 2018 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) with the lofty goal of nationally placing. A return to NOAC for the 2015 team grants Nisqually the opportunity to gain greater insight into OA ceremonies and learn things that a first time team would not get to hear.

2018 is going to be an exciting year that holds many opportunities for your personal involvement. In addition to our annual responsibilities of Troop elections and Ordeal administration, Nisqually lodge gets to host the Section Conclave. You can directly impact the success of Nisqually Lodge as a member of the Election team, by leading a clan of Candidates as an Elangomat, and by assisting with Conclave. Please speak and/or contact me if you have any questions regarding these exciting endeavors. Your help will truly make all of the difference.



## CHAPTERS

### **Ahotasu Mbi** (Hylebos District)

Chief: Brian Moore

Adviser: Warren Nedved

Totem: Timber Wolf

Meeting: Third Thursday of every month, 7pm, North Lake Improvement Club in Federal Way.

### **Chehalis** (Timberline District)

Chief: Laine Lavalley

Adviser: Steve Wark

Totem: Eagle

Meeting: Once a month, Chehalis LDS Church.

### **Kcum Kcum** (Coastal Waters District)

Chief: Daniel Wiechelman

Adviser: Tim Helman

Totem: Salmon

Meeting: Second Thursday of every month, Aberdeen LDS Church.

### **Sahaptin** (Glacier View District)

Chief: Vacant

Adviser: Jesse Adams

Totem: Frog

Meeting: Once a month during the Glacier View District Roundtable.

### **Squaxin** (Capital Area District)

Chief: Clay Miller

Adviser: Russ Carron

Totem: Salmon

Meeting: First Monday of every month, First United Methodist Church in Olympia.

### **Tsaw** (Puget Sound District)

Chief: Kelson Dooley

Adviser: Matt Bachmann

Totem: Beaver

Meeting: Second Thursday during the Puget Sound District Roundtable, 7pm, Tacoma Scout Office.

### **Wapiti** (Mt Tahoma District)

Chief: Tim Arensdorf

Adviser: Janet Johnson

Totem: Elk

Meeting: Second Thursday during the Mt. Tahoma District Roundtable, 7pm, Sumner LDS Church.



## KCUM KCUM CHAPTER

by Daniel Wiechelman, Chapter Chief

I am with Troop 4005 in Aberdeen and I am the 2018 Kcum Kcum Chapter Chief. My goal for the Kcum Kcum Chapter is to have more attendance, fun activities, and some service projects. Together, we can build it into a strong chapter. I hope you will join us at our monthly chapter meetings and help us have a great year!



## SAHAPTIN CHAPTER

by Vacant, Chapter Chief

Sahaptin Chapter recently held elections for its chapter leadership. Results were not available at press time. The Arrowmen of Sahaptin invite all Arrowmen of the Glacier View District to attend their monthly chapter meetings, which are held during the District Roundtable.



## SQUAXIN CHAPTER

by Clay Miller, Chapter Chief

I am from Troop 9110 in Shelton and I am the 2018 Squaxin Chapter Chief for Nisqually Lodge! I currently have the honor of brotherhood and have been active in the OA as a ceremonialist personifying Meteu. Upon receiving this position as chapter chief, I plan on having more attendance on our monthly meetings, activities and services. I hope that with my first year as a chapter chief, members will come to realize that Squaxin is great because Squaxin is good.



## TSAW CHAPTER

by Kelson Dooley, Chapter Chief

I have been in scouting since tigers and I am excited to lead the Tsaw and rebuild the chapter. We meet at the Tacoma Scout Store on the second Thursday of each month (until future notice) at 7pm. Our chapter is back after a brief hiatus and we are working hard to bring it back to its former glory and we are excited to see you at the meetings to help plan and build the chapter.



## WAPITI CHAPTER

by Tim Arensdorf, Chapter Chief

I am excited about taking on this role because I get the opportunity to get to know other OA members and help the lodge grow more from a chapter level. Our chapter meets at the Sumner LDS church every Second thursday of the month at the same time as the Mt Tahoma round table meeting. This year, the Wapiti chapter has some fun things planned like an ice cream social to a fun weekend spent in the outdoors at our chapter outing. Hope to see you there for the gathering of our brotherhood.



## FIRST VICE CHIEF

*By Nate Ostheller, First Vice Chief*

I've had a great year as the 2017 Squaxin chapter chief and I wanted to thank everyone for giving me this great opportunity. I saw an opportunity and have moved up to being the lodge's 1st Vice Chief. Some goals I have for this year as 1st Vice Chief are to continue with Raven's Wings at every event, get the where to go camping book out once we've received all the submissions, and hopefully get many more pictures from lodge events and have them posted in multiple locations. I am personally hoping to have a photographer or a group of such

people for OA events. If you are interested in this or being a part of the Service, Publications, or Training committees/projects see me for more information.

## JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE

*By Troy Schock, Second Vice Chief*

I will be your Vice Chief of Administrations. I previously resided in Cahuilla Lodge #127 and now belong to Nisqually Lodge in the Sahaptin chapter. I started scouting as a tiger and have a passion for scouting. I plan on having our lodge achieve the highest award in Journey to Excellence.

Please remind all of your OA brothers to pay their 2018 dues... every last penny and membership counts!

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



## AHOTASU MBI CHAPTER

*by Brian Moore, Chapter Chief*

2018 will be a busy year! Our goal is to conduct elections in every troop that has eligible members. We are excited to have our chapter button blanket team to do Arrow of Light ceremonies for our local cub packs. We encourage all Ahoatsu Mbi members to come to events. We would like ideas for meeting activities!



## CHEHALIS CHAPTER

*by Laine Lavalley, Chapter Chief*

Arrowmen of Chehalis Chapter, let's make 2018 a great year! Join us at our monthly chapter meetings and help us plan activities and service projects in the Timberline District.

## VIGIL HONORS

*By Connor Smith, Vigil Chief*



It is an honor to be the Vigil Chief of 2018 for Nisqually Lodge. I am excited about being Vigil Chief

because I enjoy helping my fellow brethren in the Order of the Arrow and I also enjoy giving back to the lodge.

Vigil nomination forms will be available at the Lodge Banquet. A brother cannot be elected to the vigil honor if they have not been nominated.

All forms are due by or at the Craft and Ceremonies fellowship this upcoming February 23-25.

Vigil is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can present its members for service to the lodge and council. It dates back to the year 1915 when one of our founders, E. Urner Goodman, became the first Vigil Honor member. Since then, thousands of brothers have received this honor.

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who have given exceptional service, helping others beyond the call of service involving personal effort and unselfish interest to one or more of the following: Nisqually Lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their Scout camp.





The 2017 Fall Fellowship's theme was "Dio de Muerte" with a Mexican-inspired menu.

Fun and games included Hungry Hungry Hippos (back by popular demand), pumpkin carving, table tennis, and more.

Arrowmen stayed up late, fueled by late night cracker barrels, plotting and scheming over world conquest on the Risk board.

Costumes were great!

While some folks were busy playing games, others took advantage of the large tables and worked on their blankets. And, others completed their Ordeal or their Brotherhood Honors.





Fall Fellowship was also when we held Lodge and Chapter Elections! This is a great way to serve and take an active part in guiding the Lodge and our Chapters. Our Lodge and Chapters are what we make them.

Hope to see you for more fun activities at the 2018 Craft & Ceremony February 23-25 at Camp Thunderbird.

Registration is on Kin-tera. Please register no later than February 9 so we can plan the menu!





## GET READY FOR CONCLAVE 2018!

By Jim Desy, Conclave 2018 Adviser

Nisqually Lodge is the host Lodge for the Section W-1N Conclave for 2018. Back in 2014, Nisqually presented a first-class show for all participants, including the first ever food truck lunch. This year promises to be bigger and better.

Conclave will be held at Camp Thunderbird from Friday, September 14, through Sunday, September 16, 2018. There will be training classes, displays, shows, and competitions throughout the weekend.

The Lodge needs you! We will be looking for more than 100 Arrowmen to staff the various committees and work crews to make this a successful Conclave. Look for sign up opportunities starting with the Lodge Banquet.



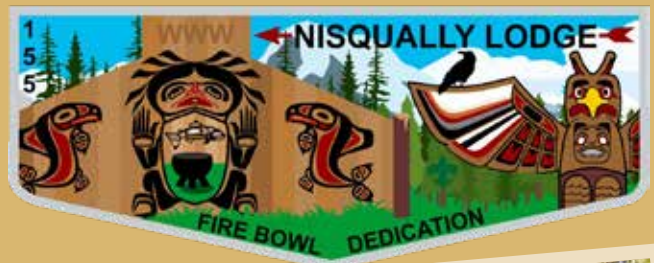
## 2017 SERVICE AT CAMP THUNDERBIRD

By Tim Helman, Kcum Kcum Chapter Adviser

Our Lodge OA Firebowl at Camp Thunderbird is rapidly approaching completion. Many Lodge members have been putting in many hours of service getting brackets in place to hold the backdrops and framing out the area.

More work parties are needed to prep and install the backdrops and give everything a fresh coat of paint. Check the Facebook group for announcements. All volunteers who work on the project will receive the special pocket flap above!

The goal is to have the entrance and backdrops in place by the Craft & Ceremony Weekend February 23-25. If



you have not seen the site, join us for Craft & Ceremony Weekend and visit the firebowl.

Special thanks to all of our volunteers who have generously given their time and talents to building this beautiful ceremonial site, which will serve us for many years to come.