



ORDER OF THE ARROW NISQUALLY LODGE #155

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HELLO BROTHERS!

By Zach Victor, Lodge Chief

It is currently unit elections season! This means that all of your chapters are going to units and electing more people to come through ordeal! We encourage everyone to help out with this process. If you help out in unit elections, it will count as a chapter event for your chiefs challenge patch!

Scout-o-Rama is also another great time to rack up service hours! If you can please come and support us for an hour or two!

If you don't finish your chiefs challenge by September, conclave is the perfect opportunity to wrap up some last requirements by staffing! For more

information talk to Jim Desy or Sam Taylor for ways to help with conclave.

A final requirement is to complete brotherhood! Every eligible members must attain brotherhood to get the Chief's Challenge! I hope to see everyone with Chief's Challenge!

NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW CONFERENCE

By Dylan Kitchings, NOAC Youth Contingent Leader

The national order of the arrow conference (NOAC) is a gathering of arrowmen from across the country for a week of fun and fellowship. In the morning, experience classes on anything from ways to get across that finish line and earn your eagle, to how to step up your chapter service projects. In the afternoon, participate in a wide array of activities, including obstacle course, climbing walls, swimming, lodge ball and much, much more! Add in amazing shows almost every night and NOAC is an experience unlike any other.

We will be leaving on July 29 and returning August 4. The cost is \$1,200, which covers the whole trip and is due soon, but we have some flexibility to come up with a payment plan that works for you. There are still five spots left in our lodge contingent.

If you are interested in joining us on this amazing trip, please let me know. Contact me at dylank@gmail.com or 360 529 9217.

CALENDAR

2018 Election Season

January 1 to April 15

Lodge Executive Council

March 12, 7pm, Tumwater Office

Lodge Executive Council

April 9, 7pm, Tacoma Office

Scout-O-Rama

April 14, 10am-4pm, Pacific Lutheran University (PLU) Olson Auditorium

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.

Lodge Executive Council

September 10, 7pm, Tumwater Office

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LODGE ADVISER'S MINUTE

By Gene Victor, Lodge Adviser

Thank you for a great Lodge Banquet! It was powerful to see so many people attend, enjoy the fellowship of the Lodge, and celebrate a tremendous year for Nisqually!

Each of us has the ability to make an important difference.

Whether you know it or not, each of us has the power to make a difference in the lodge. As inspiration for all of us to realize that each of us can do things to help improve our lodge, here are several people in history that have proven one person can make important differences.

Gandhi made peaceful protest and peaceful civil disobedience a valuable process of peaceful change. Susan B. Anthony rose to the challenge as a famous leader of the battle to obtain women's right to vote in the U.S. In 1908, an acclaimed English war hero, Robert Baden Powell, founded the Scouting movement in Great Britain. Seven years later at Treasure Island in the Delaware River, E. Urner Goodman launched an innovative program, the Order of the Arrow, which is based on peer recognition and service to others. John F. Kennedy, America's thirty-fifth President believed that "one person can make a difference and every person should try."

We need to realize that important improvements can begin with one person. If that one person is truly passionate about his or her mission, then he can make a difference. Imagine what would happen if each one of us worked together to improve the attendance at each of our lodge or chapter events. It is easy to say that you don't need to attend the next event, and that it would not matter since you were only one person. What happens when two hundred Arrowmen feel this way? What would be the outcome if these same Arrowmen decided to attend? You may not realize that each and every one of you is important and can make a difference. But just think that if one person can make a difference, imagine the difference a group of committed Arrowmen can make to the lodge. Scout-o-Rama, NOAC, Ordeals, Conclave....the list of events where you can make a difference are many.

Your Brothers need you. Will you answer the call?

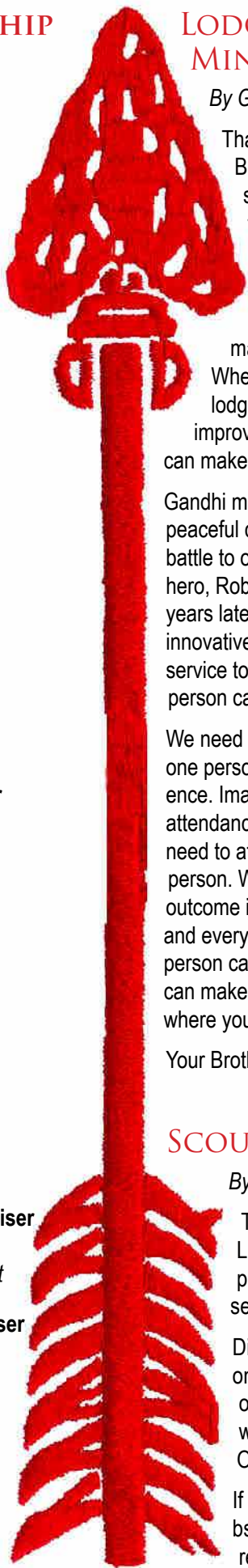
SCOUT-O-RAMA CHEERFUL SERVICE

By Kenda Smith, Lodge Scout-A-Rama Adviser

The lodge has been asked to help with Scout-O-Rama on April 14 at Pacific Lutheran University. We are looking for arrowmen to serve as guides and provide information when visitors arrive and ask for directions. You will earn service hours that can be used for this year's Chief's Challenge.

District Executive Steve Schumaker is also offering a special event patch that only arrowmen who serve the lodge during this council event can earn. Doors open at 9 AM, we would like all arrowmen to be in place by 8:30 AM. We will have a booth that will serve as Lodge Headquarters and a booth for The Oasis Trading Post.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me via email at ksmith-ksmith-bsa@gmail.com or by phone through call or text at 253-652-8753 and I will return your email, call, or text as soon as I can.



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: Michael Forbes

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.

DRAWN FROM MANY OTHERS: UNIT ELECTIONS

By Sam Taylor, Third Vice Chief

Do you remember your unit election? If not specifically, I hope you remember the emotions at that time. You, recognized by your peers as an all-star scout, a coveted guide, a leader with which they would gladly go camping. It was only by exemplifying the Scout Oath and Law as a Cheerful, Trustworthy leader, that you gained such a distinction among your fellow scouts.

What did you like about your unit election? Was it the grand mystery of scouts in snazzy sashes describing a Brotherhood of cheerful service? Or was the democratic aspect of your vote counting just as much as your SPL simply riveting?! Whatever you enjoyed about your unit election, I'm sure there were elements that displeased you. Perhaps the Arrowman running the election spoke too fast or too quiet. Perhaps the rules were simply confusing.

Whatever the case, you my friend, have the opportunity to correct the blunders and enhance the triumphs of previous elections. By joining your chapter's election team you will have the opportunity to represent the Order in the meeting rooms of your local units.

A unit election should be concise.

- Follow youth protection when conducting elections. The election should be conducted by scouts outside of the host unit with at least one external adult Arrowman present.
- Open by introducing yourself (name, unit, town, even school) and state your intent of conducting an Order of the Arrow unit election.
- Give a brief description and history of the OA. You could describe your own personal experience with the OA.
- Describe the election rules with complete clarity. Repeat key concepts such as
 - **CANDIDATES CAN AND SHOULD VOTE FOR THEMSELVES.**
 - An OA election is not a competitive election. It is an election based on the individual's commitment to the Scout Oath and Law in the eyes of the individual scouts of that unit and; therefore, any combination of candidates could be elected.
 - If a Scout is not familiar with the candidates he should put his ballot in his pocket and not turn it in.
 - If a Scout is familiar with the candidates he should fill out a ballot with any combination of eligible candidates on that ballot.
- All eligible youth who receive votes from at least 50% of those who turn in ballots are elected (50% for an even number of ballots and 50%+1 for an odd number of ballots).
- If no one is elected, the OA team announces this fact and states that the unit will now be given the opportunity to vote again. Time is allowed for further explanation of the purpose of the Order and the election procedures, and for any questions. No information about the votes received by candidates is to be revealed at any time. The second ballot is then held immediately, and if the unit still elects no one, this is the final result for this year's election.

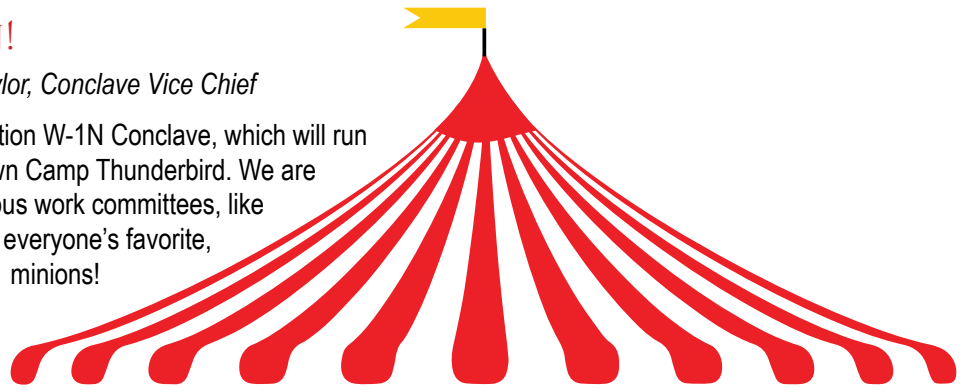
Please do not hesitate to talk to either your Chapter Chief or myself if you have questions. Unit elections are an extraordinary opportunity to greatly expand our brotherhood. I strongly encourage you to join your chapter election team. Even if you can only assist with one election, we need you. Thank you my Brothers for stepping up to this challenge.



CALLING ALL ARROWMEN!

By Jim Desy, Conclave Adviser, and Sam Taylor, Conclave Vice Chief

Nisqually is the host lodge for this year's Section W-1N Conclave, which will run from September 14 through 16 at our very own Camp Thunderbird. We are always looking for volunteer staff for the various work committees, like kitchen staff, set-up, tear down, security and, everyone's favorite, minions!



CONCLAVE



LODGE AWARDS

Nagatamen Awards - Youth

Andy Richardson (Y)
John Ruppe Jr. (Y)
Zach Victor (Y)
Duke Forbes (A)
Janet Johnson (A)
John Ruppe, Sr. (A)

James E. West Award

Andy Richardson (Y)
Tim Helman (A)

Founders Award

Sam Taylor (Y)
Dawn Maddox (A)

Most Active Chapter

Squaxin

Most Improved Chapter

Tsaw

Executive Member of the Year

Kyle Morgan (Y)

Lodge Officer of the Year

Sam Taylor (Y)

Family of the Year

Adkins Family

Arrowman of the Year

Brian Moore (Y)
Kathy Lee (A)

Spirit of the Arrow

Tim Helman (A)

Netami Sakima

Dylan Kitchings (Y)
Wright McCartney (A)

Lodge Adviser Award

Michael Forbes (Y)
Ron Francis (A)

Nutschihhowe Award

Mike Richardson (A)

There will be sign up opportunities at the February Craft & Ceremonies weekend. This year's Conclave will be themed around the circus, titled "Step Right Up!"

The general vibe of Conclave rests greatly on our shoulders as the host lodge. Plenty of toilet paper in the stalls is a simple gesture of courtesy that goes a long way. The only way we can address these small, yet essential needs is if we have a full staff of Arrowmen cheerfully completing each irksome task that comes with hosting Conclave. As host lodge, we owe our brothers across the Section a fantastic Conclave experience. Not only will you be serving your brothers as a cheerful host of Conclave, but you will gain a certain threaded item quite appealing to the human eye (i.e. patches) in gratitude for your service. Sign up, do your part, help make this year's Conclave the biggest and best.



SQUAXIN CHAPTER

by Paul Taylor, Member

In February, Squaxin Chapter performed cheerful service for the South Sound Reading Foundation. Way to go Squaxin!