

STEP RIGHT UP TO CONCLAVE 2018!

By Sam Taylor, Third Vice Chief

We as Nisqually hold the privilege of hosting Conclave at Camp Thunderbird, September 14-16. Where could one possibly find extravagant shows, fantastic friends, and authentic thrills at a reasonable, scout-approved price?

My friend, look no further than the Section W-1N Conclave! Conclave is a weekend-long Order of the Arrow gathering of five lodges spanning Alaska and Western Washington. The weekend consists of evening shows at the fire bowl, Saturday morning classes concerning a variety of OA/Scout/Life related topics and an afternoon spent at the marvelous Thunderbird midway! Saturday evening includes a necessary business meeting followed by another exuberant evening show. Sunday is a day of congratulations as certificates are received and everyone heads home infused for another year of Cheerful Service.

Conclave is essentially a weekend long party. A weekend long party that is only possible through your cheerful contribution to the Hosting of Conclave. Nisqually Lodge is the proud 2018 Service Council, which presents us with an excellent opportunity to cheerfully serve our Brothers and affirm our status as a Brotherhood of cheerful service. Predominantly, Conclave is just a really good time that you do not want to miss. Especially since it occurs in our own backyard at Camp Thunderbird.

As a Nisqually staffer you will be sorted into at least one of several crews:

Set-up - Come early and prepare the Camp for Conclave.

Dining Stewards (kitchen crew/dish pit) - Aid in the preparation and cleanup of our terrific meals.

Stagehand - Aid in the production of our exciting evening shows.

Security - Cheerfully greet our guests as you oversee the smooth operation that is the parking lot.

Activities - Oversee the operation of our marvelous midway. Work at the Welcome center or man the ring toss as you welcome Arrowmen both big and small, young and old to the greatest Conclave on earth!

Minions - Serve cheerfully in a variety of tasks filling any needs that may arise throughout the weekend.

Clean Up - The home stretch. Following a fantastic weekend we will need as many Arrowmen as possible to get the job done. Many hands make light work so we will need you on Sunday afternoon.

Registration will be available online soon. When you register for Conclave be sure to pass your name and preferred Conclave Crew on to your Chapter Chief or myself so that we may sort you into your crew. We will do our best to accommodate your preference.

I hope to see you at Conclave 2018. Choose to Step Right Up and experience the greatest Conclave on Earth!



2018 SERVICE AT CAMP THUNDERBIRD





ORDER OF THE ARROW NISQUALLY LODGE #155

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HELLO BROTHERS!

By Zach Victor, Lodge Chief

Hello fellow arrowmen!

Congratulations on completing the Ordeal, or if you are a current member, thank you for attending! Now that we are all members of the arrow, it is time to act.

The Order of the Arrow is much more than just completing the Ordeal. We need to take the call of brotherhood and cheerful service into our daily lives. We also have many upcoming opportunities to stay involved in the order.

In August, we have another Ordeal. Consider becoming an elongomat as this is one of the

best ways to deepen your understanding of the ceremonies and open your eyes to cheerful service.

Speaking of cheerful service, in September, we host the W-1N Conclave! For those who have never been to a conclave, the conclave is an annual event where all the lodges from Western Washington and Alaska come together and feel brotherhood. See the Conclave section for more information. We need everyone to attend and help put on this giant event. There are numerous events for new arrowmen like a special breakfast for you and a reduced price! Hope to see you there!

If nobody has welcomed you to Nisqually, then let me be the first!

*MAKE SURE TO COME BY THE TRADING POST TO CHECK OUT
THE NEW NOAC FUNDRAISER PATCHES.*

*ALSO, DON'T FORGET TO GRAB WHATEVER OA MERCHANDISE
YOU MIGHT NEED!*

*THE TRADING POST IS ALWAYS OFFERING THINGS TO HELP
YOU REPRESENT THE OA IN YOUR EVERYDAY LIFE.*

CALENDAR

Lodge Executive Council

June 11, 7pm, Tacoma Office

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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

Conclave

September 14-16, Camp Thunderbird.

Volunteer! We need all hands on deck!

Lodge Executive Council

October 8, 7pm, Tacoma Office

Fall Fellowship

October 26-28, Camp Thunderbird.

Lodge Leadership Development

November 10, 7pm, Tacoma Office

Lodge Executive Council

December 10, 7pm, Tacoma Office

2019 Election Season

January 1 to April 15

2019 Annual Banquet

January 12, TBD

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LODGE ADVISER'S MINUTE

By Gene Victor, Lodge Adviser

I have here in my hand a key. It's a small item as you can see. Yet it will open the door to my car, and when properly placed and turned it will start the engine. With this little key I can visit faraway places, see wonderful sights, and do so many things that

were impossible a generation ago. Is it any wonder that I always carry this key with me?

Your OA Handbook is a lot like my car key. It is a small item, yet it will open the door to Scouting and the Order, and will speed you on your way to adventure. Sure, you probably could get by without using your handbook. I could get by without my car key, too, but I'd have to walk and it would be slow. I certainly wouldn't get to see all those places I can reach by car. Let's not leave our key behind as we enjoy the Order of the Arrow. Use your handbook regularly. Take it with you to meetings and on hikes and camping trips. Let your handbook open the door for you.

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 use your handbook and think about 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. Our work at Scout-O-Rama was fantastic. A summer Ordeal is on its way...do you want to be an Elangomat or part of the ceremonies team? Our NOAC contingent will come back with new and exciting ideas to move our Lodge forward.

We have some important and fun activities and responsibilities coming up this fall. There is the Section Conclave Sept 14-16 where all the lodges in Western Washington and Alaska will meet for fun, training, fun, fellowship, and did I say, fun? Early Bird registrations are coming soon! Sign up to be on staff as the Lodge will need 100+ members to help put on this tremendous event.

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.

Will you answer the call?

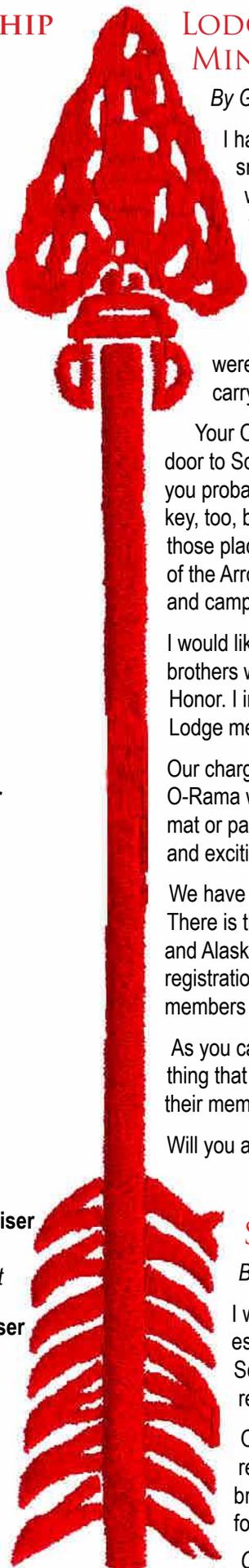
SCOUT-O-RAMA CHEERFUL SERVICE

By Kenda Smith, Lodge Scout-A-Rama Adviser

I would like to express my gratitude and deepest thanks for the support you provided during Scout-O-Rama on April 14. The lodge was represented well at this event.

Our booth provided opportunities for brothers to renew their memberships, pick up an informative brochure on our Lodge with contact information for all of the chapters, and to raise funds for our

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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.

NOAC contingent through the sale of a beautifully designed fundraiser patch set. We also had photo opportunities for booth visitors to have photos taken in a ceremonial button blanket.

Forty-nine brothers, including 17 youth and 32 adults, served 149.75 hours at Scout-O-Rama. We had 58.75 hours of service given by youth brothers and 91 hours of service given by adults.

Once again I would like to thank all the Nisqually brothers who were able to volunteer their time and make our council's Scout-O-Rama 2018 a success, and I look forward to seeing what the Lodge comes up with for a booth next year!

I will be available at the Spring Ordeal to sign off Scout-O-Rama for one of the service hour components on the Chief's Challenge forms.

WELCOME NEW VIGIL HONOR MEMBERS

By Connor Smith, Elangomat Untshi Gischuch, Vigil Chief

As the Vigil Chief, I'm happy to report a successful, warm and dry vigil weekend full of reflection and fellowship.

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members. On April 29 at Camp Thunderbird we were able to induct eight new Vigil members.

Congratulations to all the new Vigil members in the Lodge: Zach Victor, Kyle Butzerin, Sam Taylor, Michael Forbes, Clay Miller, Gary Arensdorf, Angela Reuber, and Steve Schumaker. Practice those names, as you prepare to continue your tradition of Cheerful Service.

Thank you to Vigil Adviser Wright McCartney and the Vigil Ceremonies Team for helping make a great event. Special thanks to the Kitchen Crew of Kenda Smith, Donovan Smith, PK Dan, Tim Helman, Erin Helman, Phil Misner (Biscuits) and BBQ Chefs Gene Victor and Jim Desy!

