



# 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 want to share a small bit of my experience at the recent week-long NOAC (National Order of the Arrow Conference). We flew to Indiana University with nearly 7,000 Arrowmen from all around the nation. It was great seeing all the unique individuals bonding over the things that we have in common through the Order of the Arrow!

My favorite events were answering questions and telling people about the lodge at the Wayfinder Fair, learning much more about the Vigil Honor at the "Beyond the Triangle" class, and patch trading! I recommend all Arrowmen try and attend at least one NOAC in their lifetime as the experience is like no other.

Next, with our Conclave approaching, I wanted to remind everyone of the service that will be required to host such an event! We will need all hands on deck to accommodate 400 people, and put on a fantastic show! We want to show everyone how great Nisqually Lodge can be as a host lodge! Some of the service will be helping direct people unfamiliar with camp, setting up for events, and completing whatever tasks are necessary!

Service is one of the three Ws that symbolize the Order of the Arrow (brotherhood, cheerfulness, service). Being in the lodge for more than four years now has taught me how to combine all three in service! With the right attitude, any task can be very fun! We hope to have every new Arrowmen come to the Conclave! There is even a special discounted price for new inductees. We hope to see you at the Conclave!

And, if nobody has, let me welcome you into the lodge! We hope that everyone can make it to at least one of the events that are left in the year, such as Conclave in September or Fall Fellowship in October.

Finally, remember to fill out your Chief's Challenge paperwork to get your patch! For more information or any questions come ask me!

"He who serves his brothers, is of his fellows, greatest" -Meteu

## CALENDAR

### Lodge Executive Council

September 10, 7pm, Tumwater Office

### Conclave

September 14-16, Camp Thunderbird.  
*Volunteer and Register!*  
*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, 6pm, St. Martin's Church,  
Lacey

### Lodge Executive Council

January 14, 7pm, Tumwater Office

### Lodge Executive Council

February 11, 7pm, Tacoma Office

### Craft & Ceremony Weekend

February 22-24, Camp Thunderbird

### Lodge Executive Council

March 11, 7pm, Tumwater Office

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## LODGE ADVISER'S MINUTE

*By Gene Victor, Lodge Adviser*

My Brothers,

Last week, our lodge attended the National Order of the Arrow Conference at Indiana University. I was so proud of how our contingent of brothers represented you, our Lodge, and our Council during the conference. Our Ceremonies Team not only received Honor medals for the second conference in a row! First Vice-Chief Nate Ostheller took third place in the swimming event, and your Lodge Adviser took third place in the Goodman Open Golf Tournament. But more important than the medals were the compliments our leadership received from adults and youth around the conference for how our brothers conducted themselves at the conference. What a fun experience!

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. 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? I would like to encourage all our brothers to attend lodge and chapter events. We have some exciting activities coming up... Conclave, Fall Fellowship, and Lodge Banquet. Find something that excites you and jump in. The lodge and the Order are only as strong as their members. The more members who attend, the more fun we have as a whole Lodge.

Your Brothers need you. Will you answer the call?

## PATH OF THE ARROW

*By Sam Taylor, Third Vice Chief*

Congratulations to you, a new member of Nisqually Lodge, Order of the Arrow, a newly ordained Arrowman!

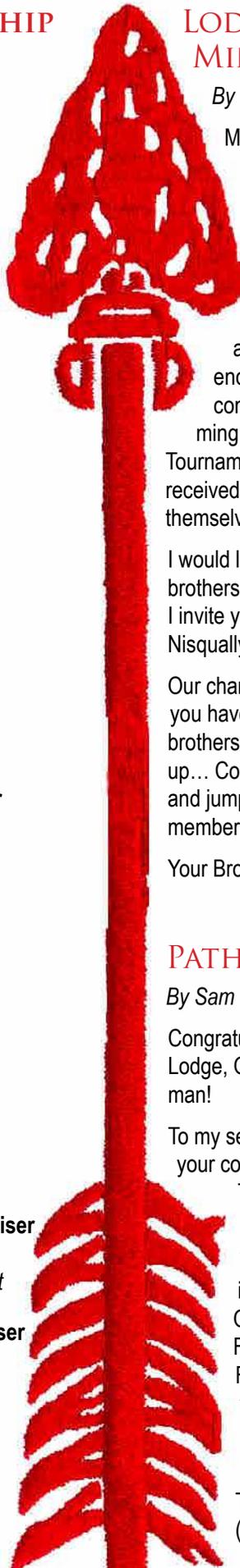
To my seasoned Brothers, I give you my thanks for your continued devotion to the Order of the Arrow.

The forthcoming message is as relevant to you as it is to our new members.

What you have just experienced is your induction into the Order of the Arrow. Scouting's National Honor Society. Your Ordeal requires your solemn commitment to the four challenges of the Ordeal. Four challenges that were presented to you by four mysterious figures on Friday night. These figures stood before you in magnificent attire, speaking words both familiar and fresh. Through each moment of fascinating address, the common themes of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service for which our Order is founded upon, shone brightly.

The Pre-Ordeal Ceremony, for which you experienced on Friday night, is (as I'm sure you noticed) frightfully overwhelming. If done right, it is the most

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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.

meaningful experience the scouting program will give you. A meaningful experience that you may receive again, arguably for every living, breathing moment of the rest of your life. Everything you need to know about the Order of the Arrow can be found within the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony.

The Pre-Ordeal captivates you as four mysterious figures address you as a friend and as a critical piece of the Scouting puzzle. The leadership that you have demonstrated to get you into the OA has found excellent soil in which to blossom, and will only be required from this point forth.

In 10 months time, you will have the opportunity to seal your membership by earning your Brotherhood honor. To earn the Brotherhood honor, you must familiarize yourself with the various practices of the Order of the Arrow and reflect upon them.

I encourage you, my Brother, to learn as much as you can about the OA. An excellent way to do this is to study the Pre-Ordeal script itself. If you would like a copy of the Pre-Ordeal ceremonial text, please contact your Chapter Chief or me and we will give you a script and invite you to your Chapter's next Ceremonies practice.

Awake my friend, for the journey has only begun! Congratulations on your induction into the Order of the Arrow

## NOAC: DECIDE YOUR DESTINY

*By Dylan Kitchings, NOAC Contingent Member*

Brothers, July 29 to August 4, more than six thousand arrowmen descended upon Indiana University for the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). Similar to the national jamboree, NOAC is a National scouting event where scouts come together from all over the nation for one huge party. This year, Nisqually sent 25 arrowmen for fun, fellowship, and training to bring back to their units, chapters, council, and lodge. Some highlights of this include:

- Our ceremonies team receiving national honor team.
- Our very own first vice chief Nate Ostheller winning third place in the 50m swimming event.
- Our lodge advisor took third place in the golf tournament.
- Our lodge putting on a great booth at the wayfinder festival showcasing what makes our lodge great!
- One of our youngest arrowmen Matthew Swenson carrying our banner in the Lodge flap parade.
- Our past lodge chief Michael Forbes doing us proud in the brotherhood band.
- Amazing shows!
- A visit to the Indianapolis motor speedway!

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I'd also like to thank my amazing clan chiefs for all their work in giving all our members an amazing NOAC experience.

The theme of this conference was "Decide Your Destiny." There were many discussions on how even the smallest change could change not only our future, but the legacy we will leave behind as a brotherhood of cheerful service. I challenge you, my brothers, to reflect on how your choices today affect your tomorrow. Only you can choose impact you will have on the people around you and on the world. Only you can decide your destiny!

## CONCLAVE IS COMING TO CAMP THUNDERBIRD

*By Sam Taylor, Third Vice Chief*

Join your OA Brothers from across the Pacific Northwest for an exhilarating weekend-long party at Camp Thunderbird! An OA Conclave is a unique event that unites a particular number of Lodges for a weekend of Food, Fellowship and all things Order of the Arrow. Nisqually Lodge is a member of Section W-1n which unites us with Arrowmen from across Alaska and Western Washington. Nisqually Lodge has the honor of serving as Host Lodge for this wondrous event and we need your help in hosting the Greatest Conclave on Earth!

Conclave Participants can expect...

- Thrilling multimedia evening shows on Friday and Saturday at our Campfire Bowl!
- An informative array of classes and trainings on Saturday morning, covering topics such as Unit Elections, Chapter functions and Ceremonies.
- An interactive midway on Saturday afternoon that will put both your mind and body to the test. Activities range from traditional carnival games to an intense "Human Foosball" pitch.
- Delicious meals that will fuel your Conclave thrills!

As a Nisqually Arrowmen you will receive the opportunity to work both in and behind the scenes of Conclave. Opportunities include...

- Aiding in the production of our fabulous evening shows.
- Guiding Arrowmen to their Camps and Classes.
- Rocking out to some sweet tunes in the Dishpit!
- And much, much more.

Opportunity for Cheerful Service at Conclave abounds! Staffing Conclave counts as 10 hours of service for your Chief's challenge and simply put, is a really good time.

The theme for Conclave 2018 is "Step Right Up" playing off of all of the incredible thrills of a traditional circus.

Registration is available online at <http://sectionw1n.org/conclave/>. The early bird discount is available online through August 26. Online registration is open till September 9. Walk in registration is available, but it is highly recommend that you register online. Arrowmen inducted within the past year (September 15, 2017 or later) will receive a \$30 (online registration) discount and an invitation to the Very Important Arrowmen "VIA" Luncheon to occur on Saturday afternoon.

If you have any questions regarding Conclave or if you would like to express your staffing preference, please email [conclavehost2018@yahoo.com](mailto:conclavehost2018@yahoo.com). Conclave is an important event and clarity is key to putting on a good show. Conclave will occur September 14-16, 2018, at Camp Thunderbird. Nisqually will be camping in the Red Ward campsites so please bring your tent.

Conclave setup will occur in the days leading up to and the day of September 14. If you are able to be at Conclave on Friday September 14, between 1pm and 5pm, please email [conclavehost2018@yahoo.com](mailto:conclavehost2018@yahoo.com). In addition to general set-up, certain services such as parking lot guides and camp guides will require Nisqually Arrowmen to be at camp by about 4pm or 5pm. More details concerning the set-up and early execution of Conclave will be revealed soon.

Conclave is an extraordinary experience. Any and all assistance that you can lend to the hosting of Conclave is greatly needed and appreciated.

I encourage you to Step Right Up to Conclave at Camp Thunderbird!

