



ORDER OF THE ARROW NISQUALLY LODGE #155

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HELLO BROTHERS!

By Zach Victor, Lodge Chief

2018 has been a great year! We welcomed many new Arrowmen, took an exciting trip to Indiana for NOAC, and hosted a fantastic conclave. Hopefully many of you are considering running for a chapter or lodge position. Getting involved is much easier than you might think! Being active in the Order is very rewarding and fun! Looking forward, we have the Lodge Banquet where we induct and celebrate the great Arrowmen in our lodge! Finally, coming next year is the 25th anniversary of the lodge! We will commemorate this milestone by making a limited edition patch! We need everyone's help to decide the design. When you checked in, you all received tickets. Use these tickets to vote on your favorite designs! While 2018 has been pretty awesome, let's make 2019 even better!

LODGE ADVISER'S MINUTE

By Gene Victor, Lodge Adviser

You probably all know some guy who is grouchy all the time. His neighbors try to be nice to him, but he just won't be friendly. Maybe he'd build a great wall around his house to keep people away.

Let me tell you about another kind of neighbor I heard about. There was no wall around his property, and somebody noticed that a strip of grass between his yard and his neighbor's yard was unusually green. They asked him, "Why?" "Oh," he laughed, "my neighbor and I are so afraid we'll cheat each other that we always water and fertilize the grass across the line on the other fellow's side. That strip of grass down the property line gets twice as much water and fertilizer as the rest of our yards."



CALENDAR

Lodge Leadership Development & Lodge Executive Council
November 10, 9am, 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

Lodge Executive Council
April 9, 7pm, Tacoma Office

Vigil Weekend
April 27, Camp Thunderbird

Lodge Executive Council
May 14, 7pm, Tumwater Office

June Ordeal
June 1-3, Camp Thunderbird

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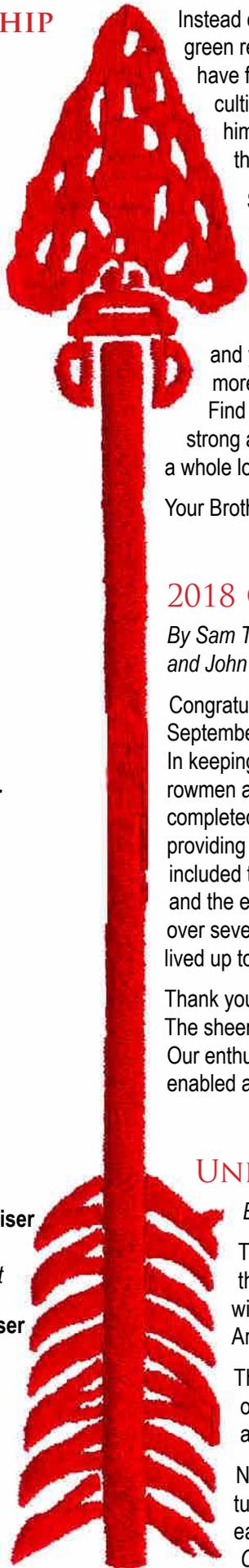
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Instead of a fence to keep each other away, that man and his neighbor had a vivid green reminder that they were friends. The point of this story is that if you want to have friends, you can't build walls between yourselves and other people. Instead, cultivate that space between you by being as fair to the other guy as you'd like him to be to you. A Scout is friendly, and the way to have friends—and keep them—is to be friendly yourself.

Speaking of being friendly, I hope that you have a wonderful time here at Fall Fellowship! Find a new friend and help them learn more about the order, your chapter, or the lodge. In our competitions this weekend, make sure your "neighbor's grass" is greener than yours.

At tonight's elections, look inside yourself. How can you help your chapter and your lodge. Think about running for a chapter or lodge position. Any activity is more fun when you are involved and take part in planning and executing the plan. 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?

2018 CONCLAVE A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

By Sam Taylor, Host Lodge Conclave Vice Chief, Jim Desy, 2018 Host Lodge Adviser, and John Ruppe, 2018 Host Lodge Associate Adviser

Congratulations to the Lodge on hosting a tremendous Section W1N Conclave in September! We hosted 301 Arrowmen at Camp Thunderbird from September 14-16. In keeping with the Conclave theme of "Step Right Up!" Nisqually Lodge had 113 Arrowmen attend Conclave, including 17 Very Important Arrowmen (new members who completed their ordeal this year). The Lodge had 106 Arrowmen volunteer as staff, providing many hours of cheerful service to all in attendance. Highlights from Conclave included the taco truck lunch, carnival midway with root beer floats, human foosball and the evening shows. Our Conclave Vice Chiefs all did an amazing job of planning over several months all the activities and events we enjoyed. Everyone involved truly lived up to our motto, "A Brotherhood of Cheerful Service."

Thank you to each and every Nisqually Arrowmen who Stepped Right Up to Conclave. The sheer immensity of our numbers proved that our Brotherhood is indeed strong. Our enthusiasm, wonderful food, and diligent commitment to getting the job done enabled a delightful event. Congratulations Nisqually Lodge on a job well done!

UNIT ELECTION SEASON SWIFTLY APPROACHES

By Sam Taylor, Third Vice Chief

The OA Unit Election is the first, and arguably most impressionable stage of the Order of the Arrow Induction Experience. The Induction Experience begins with an OA Candidates election by his Unit and concludes with the respective Arrowmen's attainment of the Brotherhood honor.

The Unit Election is the most public stage of the Induction Experience. It is an opportunity to reach the units for which we serve, promote the OA's programs and opportunities, and leave an impression upon each Scout within the Unit.

Nisqually Lodge's 2019 Unit Election Season is January 1-April 15 and Venture Crews and Sea Scout Ships are eligible to have an OA unit Election as early as February 1, 2019.

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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.

So what can you do to help?

- Ensure that your Unit has scheduled an election for the 2019 Election Season.
 - Ask your Adult Unit leader to schedule an OA election.
 - Contact your respective Chapter Adviser to schedule an Election.
 - Promote your OA Unit Election within your Unit. In order for a Unit Election to occur, at least 50% of your Unit's active youth membership must be present at the election.
 - Encourage the Arrowmen within your Unit to wear their OA sashes to the election.
- Join your Chapter's Unit Election team!
 - Being on the election team does not necessarily mean that you have to stand up and speak in front of a whole bunch of (friendly) strangers. Members of the Election team can expect to count the ballots and be a cheerful presence at the Unit Election among other tasks.
 - Any amount of time that you can contribute to your Election Team is appreciated. Most Chapters will organize their Election Teams per day of the week so that Election members can avoid personnel scheduling conflicts.

An individual Unit Election team should include 2-3 youth Arrowmen and at least one adult, all of whom should be from outside of the host Unit.

Key concepts to be aware of

- Candidates can and should be encouraged to 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 eligible Scouts could be elected to the OA.
- An OA election is not a popularity contest. Scouts should ask themselves, "Is this OA eligible Scout trustworthy, helpful and kind?"
- If a Scout is unfamiliar with the eligible Scouts, they can put their ballot in their pocket and not vote. This is perfectly acceptable and will not affect the final results because...
- ...Only ballots that are turned in will be counted toward the final election result.
- If a Scout is familiar with the eligible Scouts, they should fill out a ballot with any combination of eligible Scouts on that ballot.
- Emphasize the fact that a Scout could vote for every eligible Scout, if so inclined. Any combination of eligible Scouts could be elected.
- All eligible youth who receive votes from at least 50 percent of those who turn in ballots are elected. If no one is elected, a second vote may be held immediately following further explanation and the result of this vote will be final.

A complete set of OA Unit Election rules and procedures can be found for free, online at the OA Inductions Portal (<https://oa-bsa.org/resources/inductions>) Reference the "Guide to Unit Elections".

This is an exciting time to be apart of the Order of the Arrow as we prepare to open our Order to the entire Scouting Family!

You can impact the trajectory of Nisqually Lodge by Stepping Right Up to your Chapter's Unit Election team. We need you to help make Unit Elections happen!

Please contact your Chapter Chief or myself (samtaylor580@gmail.com) if you have any questions or concerns.

"Friends, the ones who chose you, need you."-Allowat Sakima; pre-Ordeal Ceremony.



FIRST VICE CHIEF LOOKING BACK ON 2018

By Nate Ostheller, 1st Vice Chief

I wanted to thank all of you for electing me 1st Vice Chief for the 2018 year. I also want to thank Janet Johnson, because I couldn't have done our publications without her. I feel like it was a very successful year and, although I personally did not make any leaps and bounds, our training, camping promotions, and publications have been moving all year, as well as this Raven's Wing. By the end of the year, we hope to have a Where to go Camping Booklet out and I also hope to have the Elangomat Training Program ready by the end of the year. I hope to see you all in the coming year!

2018 JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE

By Troy Schock, 2nd Vice Chief

Arrowmen, I would like to thank you all for assisting me in the role of second vice chief throughout this year. We've made great steps toward the Journey to Excellence and welcoming our new Brotherhood members. All of this is only possible through your activity and help within the Order. Let's all do our best in our next season to further ourselves and strive to be the best we can be. Thank you all.

"WHAT'S HAPPENIN' IN SAHAPTIN?"

By Jesse Adams, Chapter Adviser

Our year began with a simple plan. We set out to increase membership, participation, and service within the Chapter. These goals are the keys to a successful future for the Sahaptin Chapter.

The election season brought forth many new Arrowmen and strengthened our ties to the units within the Chapter. It's culmination was a Call-Out Ceremony at Camp Curran where local Cub Scout Packs witnessed their first ever OA Ceremony. Seeing Arrowmen in full regalia, baring torches and stoically calling the names of candidates, then leading them away into the deep dark woods certainly left a lifelong impact on our future members!

Participation in Chapter events, such as the Call-Out Ceremony, brings our Chapter together. Other events this year included two amazing joint events with Crew 692. There was an end of the school year homework bonfire as well as a day at the beach in Lake Tapps. Every Chapter event this year was open to all Scouts and families. We believe it is important for all to participate in our events, as we strive to serve our entire Scouting family.

Sahaptin Chapter has shown its dedication to Cheerful Service this year. We had a strong showing at the OA Ceremonial Site work parties, Scout O Rama, both Ordeals, and at Conclave. Our members have served their home units in community service projects and Eagle projects, as well. This tireless service not only strengthens the individual Arrowmen's bonds to their Troop, it also inspires others to serve.

This year has been quite fulfilling for Sahaptin. A great many thanks go out to the units within our Chapter. Without them, we would not exist. The cooperation, understanding, and participation from the Scouts, families, and leaders have made lasting bonds between them and the OA this year. We hope to continually build upon these relationships as our Chapter grows each year.

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