



# ORDER OF THE ARROW NISQUALLY LODGE #155

# RAVEN'S WING

ISSUE 1

JANUARY 2019

## GREETINGS BROTHERS!

By Sam Taylor, Lodge Chief

I am honored to have been elected as your 2019 Nisqually Lodge Chief. As we reflect on our terrific past year I hope that you will join me in great anticipation for the year ahead!

2018 gave us plenty of reasons to take pride in our Brotherhood. Nisqually cheerfully served our council, camp, and community through two delightful Ordeal weekends, an impressive presence at the Council's Scout-O-Rama and an enthusiastic hosting of the Section Conclave at Camp Thunderbird. 2018 proved that the ties of Brotherhood are strong throughout Nisqually Lodge.

This of course is due to the tireless service performed by you, the Arrowmen. The Scouts whose lifestyle, like an Arrow, springs onward and upward, visible to all. Your commitment to cheerful service through irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities is noticed and appreciated and is precisely what we need in the year ahead.

You can contribute by getting involved in the various programs of your Chapter. Each Nisqually Chapter meets on at least a monthly basis and has some pretty cool programs for you and your OA friends from movie nights to mini-golf. You can help your Chapter by conducting Crossover/ Arrow of Light Ceremonies, by conducting OA Elections, or by staffing Camporees.

As we celebrate 25 years of Nisqually Lodge, I encourage you to take every opportunity to get involved in the Order of the Arrow!

*"NOW, AS ARROWS ARCHING SKYWARD IN THE SUNRISE CATCH THE LIGHT, KNOW THAT YOU ARE SEEN BY OTHERS AS EXAMPLES, SHINING— BRIGHT!"*

- Official OA Arrow of Light Ceremony.



## CALENDAR

Please be sure these events are on your unit's calendar to avoid conflicts.

### Lodge Executive Council

February 11, 7pm, Tacoma Office

### Craft & Ceremony Weekend

February 22-24, Camp Thunderbird  
<https://scoutingevent.com/612-OACn2018>

Vigil Nominations Deadline and Selection

### Lodge Executive Council

March 11, 7pm, Tumwater Office

### 2019 Election Season

January 1 to April 15  
[http://www.nisqually155.org/resources/Election\\_Letter.pdf](http://www.nisqually155.org/resources/Election_Letter.pdf)

### Lodge Executive Council

April 9, 7pm, Tacoma Office

### Vigil Weekend

April 27, Camp Thunderbird

### Lodge Executive Council

May 14, 7pm, Tumwater Office

### Spring Ordeal

May 31-June 2, Camp Thunderbird  
Volunteer to be an Elangamat or just come out and join a service project.

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## LODGE ADVISER'S MINUTE

By Gene Victor, Lodge Adviser

Many of you have heard of Mother Teresa. She was a citizen of India who devoted her life to serving the poor. She is known around the world for her missionary work. Mother Teresa showed that you do not have to do big things to be a blessing to others. When someone is hungry, you can feed them. If they are dirty, you can help clean them. If they are sick, you can care

for them. If they are lonely, you can talk to them. If they mourn someone, you can give them words of comfort. You do not have to be rich or famous or a person of great importance to do any of this. You simply have to care about others as much as you care about your own needs. Mother Teresa cared for many who were sick, fed many who were hungry, and cleaned many who were dirty. She was not always famous, but she always cared.

Each of you can be a blessing to others as you live your lives. You can say a kind word when someone is down; you can buy a meal for someone who is hungry. When you help someone, keep it to yourself, you do not need to beat your chest on a street corner and say what a good person you are. The world will notice your example by how you treat others. When opportunities arise, always be a blessing to family, friends, and strangers!

Nisqually Lodge had a spectacular year excelling at NOAC, "step(ping) right up" to host a dynamic Conclave, achieving Gold JTE status, and pushing our membership toward our 400 goal! Thank you for all you have done! Entering the new year, find new ways for you to "be a blessing." For 25 years, our Lodge has lived the ideals of the order, Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui. Providing Cheerful Service to others is even more essential as we welcome new groups of Scouts into our Order. How can you "be a blessing" to them?

This year the lodge is offering the 25th Anniversary Event Set. The Lodge would like to have each Arrowman participate in the full Lodge experience and celebrate what the Lodge can offer each of its members. Complete the set through your participation.

Your Brothers need you. Will you answer the call?

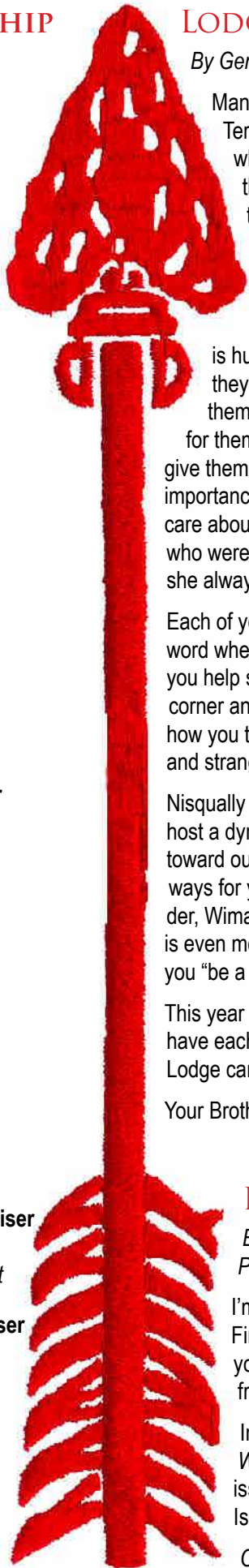
## LEAPS AND BOUNDS

By Nate Ostheller, 1st Vice Chief, Programming

I'm proud to continue as Nisqually Lodge's First Vice Chief. If my face looks familiar you may also know me as as shows guy from Conclave.

In 2018, we continued to make the *Raven's Wing* a robust newsletter publishing five issues and distributing them at lodge events. Issues will continue to be distributed at lodge

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## CHAPTERS

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

*Chief: Dayton Drazkowski*

*Adviser: Warren Nedved*

*Totem: Timber Wolf*

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

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

*Chief: Alex Anderson*

*Adviser: Steve Wark*

*Totem: Eagle*

Meeting: First Tuesday of every month, 6pm, Chehalis Scout Lodge.

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

*Chief: Daniel Wiechelman*

*Adviser: Tim Helman*

*Totem: Salmon*

Meeting: Third Sunday of every month, 5pm, Central Elementary, Hoquiam.

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

*Chief: Chris Byrd*

*Adviser: Jesse Adams*

*Totem: Frog*

Meeting: Second Thursday during the Glacier View District Roundtable, 7pm, Lakewood LDS Church.

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

*Chief: Joey Taylor*

*Adviser: Russ Carron*

*Totem: Salmon*

Meeting: First Monday of every month, 7pm, First United Methodist Church, Olympia.

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

*Chief: Kelson Dooley*

*Adviser: Matt Bachmann*

*Totem: Beaver*

Meeting: Third Wednesday of every month, 7pm, Tacoma Scout Office.

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

*Chief: Nathan Parks*

*Adviser: Janet Johnson*

*Totem: Elk*

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

events and recently published issues are available on the lodge website, which we also continue to keep current with useful information. Finally, we spent 2018 gathering your submissions for our *Where to Go Camping Guide* and researching Northwest scout camps, national parks and state parks.

For 2019, we hope to publish our first *Where to Go Camping Guide* in, near as we can tell, more than 8 years. We will continue to take your submissions and add more content throughout the year. In 2019, we hope to reactivate Nisqually's Instagram account, adding one more platform in our social media quiver. For January, we distributed our first email newsletter to the entire lodge. We plan to make this a monthly eblast and will keep the content simple and short, but relevant.

Janet Johnson, communications adviser, has been hard at work helping me improve our lodge communications. Much of what we have accomplished and plan to do this year wouldn't be possible without her help.

## TRADING POST WANTS YOUR SUGGESTIONS

*By John Ruppe Jr., 2nd Vice Chief, Administration*

Happy New Year Arrowmen! This year, I will be in charge of the Trading Post, Journey to Excellence, and membership. For the Trading Post, I will be soliciting your new item requests via a suggestion box. I'd like to offer fleece jackets and knit caps featuring a 25th anniversary Nisqually design, and I will welcome your ideas for other merchandise, such as OA fidget spinners or Nisqually phone cases. For Journey to Excellence, I will encourage every troop to complete OA unit of excellence applications so we can achieve Gold Lodge designation for 2019. And lastly, for membership I encourage all of you to get your fellow scouts and scouters to renew their OA membership! We also need to start a new plan this year to prepare for the new troops in Scouts, BSA to be ready to hold elections for those eligible. Likewise, please consider registering for the Scouts, BSA kickoff on February 2, to help staff as part of the OA staff contingent. Thank you, and have a great 2019!

## BROTHERHOOD IS AN EASY STEP! TAKE IT!

*by Dave Wellman*

It took me 10 years to finally attain my brotherhood. I forgot the admonition—what they whisper in your ear upon completing your Ordeal. I thought I would have to go through the Ordeal again! Once I started preparing for my Brotherhood, I realized that it really wasn't that hard. And, there were many brothers and sisters who helped me.

We are here to help you! Brotherhood is a very easy step! We want every member to complete their Brotherhood. In 2018, we had nearly 100 eligible members not complete their Brotherhood. They didn't fail to attain it; they didn't even try! Why not make a New Year's resolution? This year, in 2019, I'm going to get my Brotherhood.



## AHOTASU MBI CHAPTER

*by Dayton Drazkowski, Chapter Chief*

The reason I joined the Order of the Arrow is to be the best scout I can be. To follow the scout oath and law in everything I do. I am passionate about earning eagle. My plan for the chapter is to strengthen the bond between members by trying to find all members of the chapter and getting them to show up to chapter meetings and so some team building exercises and communication

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activities to strengthen their bond with each other. Ahotasu Mbi serves the communities of Federal Way, part of Auburn, Fife, Milton, Northeast Tacoma.



## CHEHALIS CHAPTER

by Alex Anderson, *Chapter Chief*

As the incoming Chapter Chief, I intend to rekindle interest in our chapter by promoting participation of current members, seeking out new members in the upcoming unit election season, and holding regular chapter meetings. Improving communication between our members will be key to fulfilling these goals, so I am asking for all members of the chapter to sign up on our GroupMe chat group; contact me for more details. Together, I hope that we have an exciting new year. Chehalis serves the communities of Adna, Boistfort, Centralia, Chehalis, Evaline, Morton, Mossyrock, Napavine, Onalaska, Packwood, Pe Ell, Randle, Rochester, Toledo, Vader, White Pass, Winlock.



## KCUM KCUM CHAPTER

Kcum Kcum serves the communities of Aberdeen, Elma, Hood Canal, Hoquiam, Lake Quinalt, McCleary, Montesano, Mary Knight, Naselle-Grays, North Beach, North River, Oakville, Ocean Beach, Ocosta,

Pioneer, Raymond, Satsop, South Bend, Taholah, Willapa Valley, Wishkah.



## SAHAPTIN CHAPTER

by Chris Byrd, *Chapter Chief*

I'm from troop 696, and I'm ecstatic to have this opportunity as chapter chief. As a newly accepted member to the order, I'm striving to bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to the chapter. This year, I want to strive for high attendance, plenty of service projects, and fun activities to keep our chapter thriving. To accomplish this, we need to strive for excellent communication and to focus on our values of service and brotherhood. I'm looking forward to the coming year and seeing you all at our meetings! Sahaptin serves the communities of Bethel, Clover Park, Eatonville, Franklin Pierce, Graham, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Lakewood, Steilacoom.



## SQUAXIN CHAPTER

by Joey Taylor, *Chapter Chief*

I am honored to serve as Chapter Chief for 2019. I am an active ceremonialist personifying Meteu. We meet the first Monday of every month; however, our Chapter activities are on the third Thursday of every month, which alternate between fun events and service events. Some of the fun events we do as a chapter include movie nights, game nights, and mini-golf. Some of our service events, which always turn out as fun focused events anyway, include the Thurston County Food Bank and the South Sound Reading Foundation. Squaxin serves the communities of Griffin, Lacey, North Thurston, Olympia, Rainier, Shelton, Tenino, Tumwater, Yelm.



## TSAW CHAPTER

by Kelson Dooley, *Chapter Chief*

I am excited to continue my work in growing the chapter. Last year, I focused on increasing our numbers, having people show up at meetings and events. This year, I will be focusing on making meetings better. My goal is to have an event each month and a service project every other month. I hope to finish the year having made the chapter stronger, more organized, and better run. Tsaw serves the communities of Tacoma, Gig Harbor, University Place, Fircrest.



## WAPITI CHAPTER

by Nathan Parks, *Chapter Chief*

I am looking forward to being the Wapiti Chapter Chief for 2019. I am hoping to increase attendance for Wapiti Chapter meetings. I am excited to get to know you guys as we do more service projects and fun activities. Wapiti serves the communities of Carbonado, Dieringer, Enumclaw, Orting, Puyallup, Sumner, White River.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

<http://www.nisqually155.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/nisqually155/>

<http://www.pacificarbors.org/>

## CURRENT PROGRAM LINKS

2019 Election Season

[http://www.nisqually155.org/resources/Election\\_Letter.pdf](http://www.nisqually155.org/resources/Election_Letter.pdf)

Craft & Ceremony Registration

<https://scoutingevent.com/612-OACnC2018>