



SQUAXIN CHAPTER

by Joey Taylor, Chapter Chief

Squaxin Chapter conducts a monthly ceremonies practice to prepare for the various ceremonies of our order. These practices are held one hour prior to our chapter meetings on the first Monday of every month. If you would like to awaken the spark of ceremonies in your own chapter talk to your chapter chief about gathering others in your chapter who are interested in ceremonies. With your help we can make ceremonies a lodge wide endeavor.

On Valentine's day, Squaxin Chapter spread love through cheerful service at the Thurston County Food Bank.

Squaxin serves the communities of Griffin, Lacey, North Thurston, Olympia, Rainier, Shelton, Tenino, Tumwater, Yelm.



TSAW CHAPTER

Tsaw serves the communities of Tacoma, Gig Harbor, University Place, Fircrest. If your unit is this area, please your fellow OA scouts and carpool to your monthly chapter meeting.



WAPITI CHAPTER

by Nathan Parks, Chapter Chief

We are currently trying to up participation and get more scouts to come to meetings. Wapiti is looking forward to more scouts showing up so we can brainstorm some fun activities and plan some great service projects. We are working to improve communication within the chapter utilizing email. This will help the chapter get things scheduled even if scouts are busy and unable to attend the meetings. 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/>

ELECTION LINKS

2019 Election Season
http://www.nisqually155.org/resources/Election_Letter.pdf

SPRING ORDEAL LINKS

Spring Ordeal Registration - Members Only
<https://scoutingevent.com/612-OAMemberSpringOrdeal2019>

Spring Ordeal Registration - Candidates Only
<https://scoutingevent.com/612-OACandidateOrdeal2019>



ORDER OF THE ARROW NISQUALLY LODGE #155

RAVEN'S WING

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GREETINGS BROTHERS!

By Sam Taylor, Lodge Chief

Thank you to the Arrowmen who served as staff at the Coastal Waters Klondike derby and the Scouts BSA launch party. You all played an integral role in the success of these two events!

Has your unit scheduled an Order of the Arrow unit election yet? If not I strongly encourage you to reach out to your respective Chapter Adviser to schedule an election between now and April 15. Unit election season presents a slew of opportunities for you and your unit. Serving on your chapter's unit election team is a splendid opportunity to familiarize yourself with your local scouting community while simultaneously providing invaluable service to Nisqually Lodge as you inspire and enable the next generation of Arrowmen. An OA election for your unit provides the scouts of your unit a renewed interest in the Order of the Arrow, which in turn boasts opportunity for service, fellowship and a heightened sense of leadership for all scouts and scouters involved. Contact your Chapter Adviser to schedule an OA election and/ or to join the unit election team.

With the recent expansion of the scouting program to fully serve boys and girls, Venture Crews and Sea Scout Ships are now eligible to host OA unit elections. Ventures must have obtained the Discovery award and Sea Scouts must have obtained the Ordinary rank or beyond to be eligible for Order of the Arrow election. The same camping requirements apply to all units. Nights on the ship count as camping nights for Sea Scouts.

One of the finest leadership enhancing experiences within the Order of the Arrow is the National Leadership Seminar (NLS) which is the OA's premier leadership training. NLS is a weekend-long training conducted by a region-based staff and hosted throughout the United States at various locations. NLS is coming to Washington state, April 26-28 at Camp Pigott near Monroe. The last time NLS was in Washington state was November

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CALENDAR

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

Lodge Executive Council

March 11, 7pm, Tumwater Office

2019 Election Season

January 1 to April 15

http://www.nisqually155.org/resources/Election_Letter.pdf

Lodge Executive Council

April 9, 7pm, Tacoma Office

National Leadership Seminar (NLS)

April 26-28, Camp Pigott

<https://western.oa-bsa.org/program/training/nls/>

Vigil Weekend

April 27, Camp Thunderbird

Lodge Executive Council

May 14, 7pm, Tumwater Office

Spring Ordeal

May 31-June 2, Camp Thunderbird

<https://scoutingevent.com/612-OAMemberSpringOrdeal2019>

Volunteer to be an Elangamat or just

come out and join a service project.

Lodge Executive Council

June 10, 7pm, Tacoma Office

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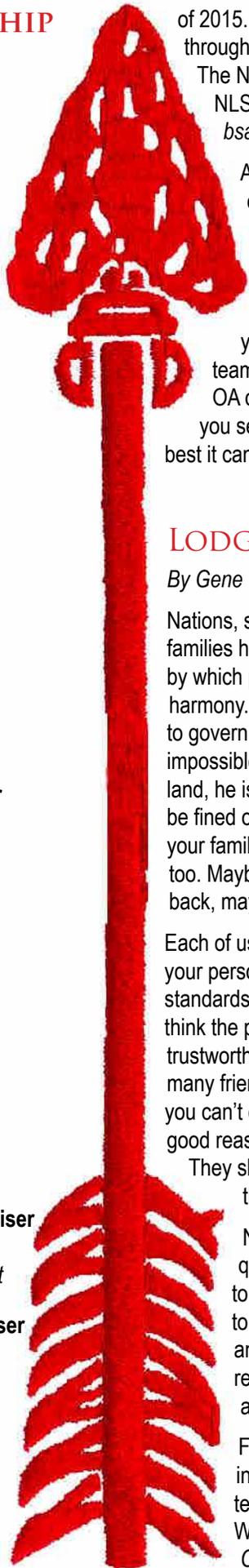
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of 2015. At NLS, participants are divided into patrol sized table groups and are led through the seminar by an experienced leader from the Western Region NLS staff. The NLS staff is led by our Western Region Chief Antonyo Mitchell from Everett. NLS costs \$175 but is well worth the fee. Register for NLS at <https://western.oba-ba.org/program/training/nls/>. All Arrowmen are encouraged to attend NLS.

As Arrowmen, we have a unique obligation to serve our units, our council and our communities. Quality trainings such as NLS equip us with the knowledge and skills necessary to rise up as beacons of servant leadership. In the months ahead, I encourage you to take every opportunity to invest in the programs of the Order of the Arrow. Your chapter offers an ample opportunity to serve your community and the Order whether that be by serving on your chapter's election team, joining (or sparking) your chapter's ceremonies team, partaking in (or planning) a chapter service project, or by leading a clan of OA candidates as an Elangomat at one or both of Nisqually's Ordeals. However you serve, your involvement is key to making the 25th year of Nisqually Lodge the best it can be.

LODGE ADVISER'S MINUTE

By Gene Victor, Lodge Adviser

Nations, states, communities, and even families have laws. These are simple rules by which people must live in order to have harmony. If we didn't have rules or laws to govern ourselves, civil society would be impossible. If a person breaks the law of the land, he is penalized in some way. He might be fined or sent to prison. If you break one of your family's laws or rules, you get penalized, too. Maybe your time to watch television is cut back, maybe you get grounded, or maybe something more serious.

Each of us needs his/her own set of laws to govern himself/herself, too. These are your personal standards, the laws by which you live. In Scouting, we call those standards the Scout Law. What's the penalty for breaking the Scout Law? Maybe you think the penalty would not be so bad, but let's consider it for a moment. If you're not trustworthy, people will never depend on you. If you're not friendly, you won't have many friends. If you're not obedient to your teachers, parents, and others in authority, you can't expect that other people will obey you when you're in authority. There's a good reason for every kind of law—our nation's, our town's, our family's and our own.

They show how we can live in harmony with others and with ourselves. Think about that when you repeat the Scout Law.

Nisqually Lodge has started off our 25th Anniversary with a great Lodge Banquet!. Our officers have set some very ambitious goals and are creating plans to achieve them. We are working on our unit elections and are looking forward to a tremendous Ordeal in June. We are welcoming new Crew, Sea Scouts, and Scouts BSA members to the Order. The enthusiasm of our new members reminds us to maintain our excitement of the Order and to lead in service, as all brothers before us have done.

For our Lodge to continue to grow and promote camping in our council, we are in need of many Arrowmen, both youth and adults, to serve as lodge committee chairmen and advisers, as well as members to serve on these committees. We need OA Troop and Team Representatives, Elangomats, ceremonial team
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2019 LODGE BANQUET AWARDS

2018 Nagatamen Awards

Nate Ostheller (Y)
Joey Taylor (Y)
Matthew Swenson (Y)
Matt Bachmann (A)
Kenda Smith (A)

James E. West Award \$1000 Donation

Sam Taylor (Y)
Dave Wellman (A)

Founders Award

Zach Victor (Y)
Mike Richardson (A)

Most Active Chapter

Squaxin

Most Improved Chapter

Kcum Kcum

Executive Committee

Member of the Year

Kelson Dooley (Y)

Lodge Officer of the Year

Nate Ostheller (Y)

Family of the Year

Taylor Family

Arrowman of the Year

Connor Frans (Y)
Karl Ostheller (A)

Spirit of the Arrow

Mickey Adkins (A)

Netami Sakima (Medals)

Sam Taylor (Y)
Wright McCartney (A)

Lodge Adviser Award (Medals)

Zach Victor (Y)
John Ruppe Sr. (A)

Nutschihhowe Award

Jim Desy (A)

Special Awards - Firebowl Work

Mike Richardson (A)
Duke Forbes (A)
Tim Helman (A)

Distinguished Service

John Anderson (A)

will be completing a banner with our totem on it as well as holding our February chapter meeting.

We have been working on gathering dates from our local Troops for elections. So far, we have heard from 4 out of 6 troops and 3 have given me dates; one troop does not have eligible Scouts at this time.

I'd like to invite the Ahotasu Mbi Chapter Arrowmen to come to the next meeting on March 21st and meet our new Chapter Advisor and myself. We meet on the third Thursday of every month at the North Lake Improvement Club in Federal Way starting at 7pm. A note to all Arrowmen, if you haven't been to a meeting lately, I suggest you go and meet your new 2019 Chapter Chiefs. Thank you to Warren Nedved for his past service.

Ahotasu Mbi serves the communities of Federal Way, part of Auburn, Fife, Milton, North-east Tacoma.



CHEHALIS CHAPTER

by Alex Anderson, *Chapter Chief*

As we move into unit elections season, I cannot emphasize enough how important unit elections are to each chapter, and therefore, the lodge. Without elections, there can be no new ordeal members. Veteran members eventually become too old to remain youth in

Scouts, and without new members to replace them, membership declines. With declining membership, the remaining members no longer feel excited to come to events, as they do so largely by themselves.

This is the state that our chapter has been in for the past two years, and while this may seem like a bleak outlook, I am proud to say that now, for the first time since 2016, our chapter will be having elections and growing again. So, to all the other chapter officers out there, keep up on your elections! They're more important than you may think.

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 Quinault, McCleary, Montesano, Mary Knight, Naselle-Grays, North Beach, North River, Oakville, Ocean Beach, Ocosta, Pioneer, Raymond, Satsop, South Bend, Taholah, Willapa Valley, Wishkah. If your unit is in this area, please contact your fellow

OA scouts and carpool to your monthly chapter meeting. We would love to see you at the next Chapter Meeting!



SAHAPTIN CHAPTER

Sahaptin serves the communities of Bethel, Clover Park, Eatonville, Franklin Pierce, Graham, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Lakewood, Steilacoom. If your unit is in this area, please contact your fellow OA scouts and carpool to your monthly chapter meeting. We would love to see you at the next Chapter Meeting!

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CHAPTERS

Ahotasu Mbi (Hylebos District)

Chief: *Dayton Drazkowski*

Adviser: *Angela Rueber*

Totem: *Timber Wolf*

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

Chehalis (Timberline District)

Chief: *Alex Anderson*

Adviser: *Dave Anderson*

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.

members, and project managers. There are many ways to become active in the lodge, and we need you. If nothing else, we need you to set the example for your fellow scouts, whether they are members of the OA or not. Become a Brotherhood member. Serve in a leadership position in your troop. Attend a chapter meeting. Come to the Fellowships in the spring and fall, and plan now to attend at least one Ordeal this year. The lodge and the Order are only as strong as their members.

Your Brothers need you. Will you answer the call?

OA SWAG IDEAS WANTED

by John Ruppe Jr., Second Vice Chief

As this year's Second Vice Chief of Administrations, I am responsible for the Trading Post, Journey to Excellence, and Membership.

For your Trading Post ideas, there will be a can for your ideas in the dining hall. Feel free to put your ideas there! We have projects underway currently for designing a watch cap/ beanie with a lodge logo, and a fleece jacket with the same. Are there other ideas you have for merchandise? We will have a sketch pad and color pencils at craft and ceremonies if you want to work up a new design.

It's election season! That means to not forget to conduct OA elections in your unit. Remember, even if no one is eligible, we still need to contact the unit and have them tell us, so that it doesn't count against us for an election. Please fill out the form at this link, <http://www.nisqually155.org>.

And lastly, don't forget to encourage friends, family, and fellow Scouters to renew their 2019 membership dues in OA. From personal experience, it is a great place! This can be done at the Scout Office, online when registering for a lodge event, or at any lodge event where the trading post is open. Also, this February, female youth will be allowed to join the OA! Venture Crews and Sea Scout Ship members who meet the requirements are eligible for election.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

The National Leadership Seminar

(NLS) is a weekend training program focusing on leadership development.

Run by the Region Chief and his advisers, it provides an in-depth look at leadership skills and techniques.

You will learn how these skills can be applied in your role in the OA and in other aspects of your life.

NLS is coming to Camp Pigott near Monroe, April 26-28. All Arrowmen are encouraged to experience NLS. Register today at <https://western.oe-bsa.org/program/training/nls/>.



UNIT ELECTIONS

Following is a step-by-step process to help units prepare for their unit's election. This preparation can be done by the Unit Leader, Committee Chair, Advancement Chair, Unit OA Adviser, or any adult leader who has access to unit records.

Compile a list of scouts who hold First Class, Discovery, or Ordinary Rank and who are registered as active members of your unit.

Confirm that each scout has met the camping days and nights requirements.

If you are not the unit leader, arrange a meeting with the unit leader and certify each nominee's Scout Spirit and youth membership qualifications.

Contact the Lodge or Chapter and arrange for an election team to come to a meeting and conduct an election.

Once you have set a date for your unit's election, send out an announcement to your unit along with the final list of eligible scouts and the eligibility requirements. This will allow scouts an opportunity to opt-out, if they choose to, and will allow scouts who are not on the list, and believe they should be, to challenge. Scouts wishing to challenge should request a conference with the unit leader to discuss their eligibility.

Send to the election team the final list of scouts along with any other paperwork provided to you by the election team so they may prepare for your election.

A meeting or two prior to the election, instruct your unit that voting for youth candidates will be based on their spirit of brotherhood, cheerfulness (no matter how tiresome their duties), and a willingness to give unselfish and wholehearted service to others at all times. They should study the list of eligible scouts and give thoughtful consideration of how they will vote.

ELECTION SEASON IS ON!

by Conner Frans, Third Vice Chief

As of January 1st, elections to induct members into the Order of the Arrow have been opened. This spring we would like to get as many eligible youth elected as possible. To do this, we need all of our members to help out. The first thing you can do is check if your own troop has had an election. From there, you can go to your Chapter Chief to find troops to have elections for. Each chapter should have an election team set up to conduct elections. If you know other kids at school who are scouts but not in the OA, go and talk to them to see if you can set up an election. In addition, contact the venturing crews and sea scout ships in your area as this year they are eligible to join.

ANTONYO MITCHELL ELECTED WESTERN REGION CHIEF

Nisqually Lodge congratulates Antonyo Mitchell of Sikhs Mox Lamonti Lodge (Mt. Baker Council, Everett WA) on his election to Western Region Chief at the National Planning meeting in Irving, TX. Antonyo will oversee the National Leadership Seminar among other endeavors throughout 2019. Thank you Antonyo for leading us onward and upward!



IAN SANDS ELECTED SECTION CHIEF

Nisqually Lodge congratulates Ian Sands of Nanuk Lodge (Great Alaska Council, Anchorage) on his election to Section Chief of Section W-1N. Ian was elected to serve as Section Chief, following Antonyo Mitchell's election to Region Chief. Ian will take the lead in the planning and execution of our Section Conclave, September 20-22 at Camp Gorsuch near Anchorage. The future is bright with Ian at the helm!



AHOTASU MBI CHAPTER

by Dayton Drazkowski



Hello fellow Arrowmen! I am the new Chapter Chief of the Ahotasu Mbi Chapter. This is my first year in the OA and I am very excited to help contribute my skills to the OA as Chapter Chief. Here's what happening in our Chapter right now.

We have a new Chapter Advisor; her name is Angela Ruber. She's very helpful, nice, and organized, and we are lucky to have her on our team.

On February 20th there is a crossover and Arrow of Light Ceremony for Pack 318.

The Craft and Ceremonies weekend will be a busy one for the Ahotasu Mbi Chapter. We

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