



ORDER OF THE ARROW NISQUALLY LODGE #155

RAVEN'S WING

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GREETINGS BROTHERS!

By Sam Taylor, Lodge Chief

Congratulations to all new members who completed their Ordeal this year! 2019 is an excellent year to join the Order of the Arrow, as the opportunities available to you as Arrowmen are as incredible as they have ever been.

A summer in Scouting is by definition exhilarating. Scouting offers us so many adventurous opportunities that it can be difficult to choose which one(s) to partake in. Summer Camp, High Adventure, NYLT, 50 Milers, and if you were fortunate, the World Scout Jamboree are likely highlights of your Summer! By design, the choices that we make as scouts invite adventure and opportunity to serve. Most every summer Scouting experience requires a diligent staff made up of individuals who step right up to serve. No matter where you look, you will find your fellow Arrowmen staffing, individually and cohesively delivering excellent service to our Scouting community.

One of the most exceptional ways that Arrowmen come together to make a difference is through the Order of the Arrow High Adventure program. OA High Adventure provides the opportunity for individual Arrowmen to join a crew of Arrowmen from around the nation at one of the BSA's four High Adventure bases for an experience filled with service and fellowship. There are five treks in total between the four high adventure bases: OA Trail Crew (Philmont), OA Ocean Adventure (Florida Sea Base) OA Summit Experience (Summit), OA Canadian Odyssey (Northern Tier), and OA Wilderness Voyage (Northern Tier). OA High Adventure is relatively affordable, especially since the Section and Region offer significant scholarships. Please visit <https://oa-bsa.org/high-adventure> for more information. Contact Mr. Victor or myself for further information if you would like to attend an OA High Adventure in 2020.

The summer of 2020 is already shaping up to be a blast as Nisqually Lodge prepares to send a contingent to the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) at Michigan

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CALENDAR

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

Lodge Executive Council

September 9, 7pm, Tumwater Office

Fall Fellowship

October 25-27, Camp Thunderbird
Lodge & Chapter Elections! Will you answer the call?

Lodge Executive Council

October 14, 7pm, Tacoma Office

Nisqually Lodge Leadership Development & Executive Council

November 9, 9am-5pm, Tacoma Office

Lodge Executive Council

December 9, 7pm, Tacoma Office

2020 Annual Banquet

January 11, 6pm, Sacred Heart
Catholic Church in Lacey. Vigil
Nomination Info and Forms will be
Available

Lodge Executive Council

January 13, 7pm, Tumwater Office

Lodge Executive Council

February 10, 7pm, Tacoma Office

Craft & Ceremonies Fellowship

February 21-23, Camp Thunderbird

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State University, August 3rd-8th, 2020. NOAC is a week long OA jamboree which features an array of interactive activities and experiences. Be sure to visit the Nisqually Lodge Trading Post during the Summer Ordeal to purchase your limited edition NOAC Fundraiser Flap!

One of the best ways to experience the Order of the Arrow is to attend a Conclave. Conclave is a weekend long multi-Lodge OA gathering. Nisqually Lodge will be sending a contingent to the Section W-1n Conclave at Camp Gorsuch near Anchorage, Alaska, September 20th-22nd. We will also be sending contingents to the W-1s Conclave at Camp Meriwether near Tillamook Oregon, September 6th-8th and to the W-1e Conclave at Camp Fife, near Chinook Pass Washington, September 20th-22nd. Attendance at any one of the Conclaves will earn you the Conclave segment of the 25th anniversary patch. Check out Samuel Kuhn's preview of the Meriwether Conclave and John Ruppe Jr's preview of the W-1e Conclave within this edition of the Raven's Wing!

As we prepare for magnificent adventures abroad, let's not forget about our own Lodge activities. Each Nisqually Chapter has a variety of exciting events planned for you. Be sure to check out your Chapter's section of this Raven's Wing for the details. Our Lodge Fall Fellowship will be held October 25th-27th at Camp Thunderbird and will be a fitting conclusion to Nisqually's 25th anniversary celebration with great food, fellowship and games galore!

As we enter into the home stretch of Nisqually's 25th anniversary celebration, I hope that you will seize as many opportunities as you can within the Order of the Arrow and Scouting as a whole!



LODGE ADVISER'S MINUTE

By Gene Victor, Lodge Adviser

What an exciting time for our Lodge! We are moving forward in service to our council and our local communities. Nisqually Lodge has started off to a great year already in celebration of our 25th Anniversary. We have finished our unit elections and are looking forward a great Ordeal in August. Our officers have set some very ambitious goals and are creating plans to achieve them. The enthusiasm of our new members from crews, ships, and Scouts BSA Troops reminds us to maintain our excitement of the Order and to lead in service, as all brothers before us have done.
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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: Tim Schock

Totem: Frog

Meeting: TBD. Watch your email or the Sahaptin Facebook page.

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: Donnovon Smith

Totem: Elk

Meeting: Second Thursday 7pm, Wally's in Buckley (watch your email).

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. As new voices take leadership positions, there are plenty of options for you to be involved. We need OA Troop and Team Representatives, Elangomats, ceremonial team 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. Earn your Chief's Challenge Lodge Flap! Come to the Fellowship this fall and help elect our new officers! Plan now to attend a Conclave this year. We are sending groups to 3 separate Conclaves in September.

The lodge and the Order are only as strong as their members. Your Brothers need you. Will you answer the call?

SECTION W1-S CONCLAVE AT CAMP MERIWETHER

by Samuel Kuhn

If you are unable to attend our Section's Conclave in Alaska this year, or want to attend two Conclaves in one year, come down to Section W1-S "Conclave by the Sea: Shipwreck at the Cape!" Section W1-S covers western Oregon, part of southwestern Washington, and a small piece of northern California. This year, their shipwreck-themed Conclave will be held at Camp Meriwether, located on the Oregon coast. From September 6-8, many events, trainings, activities, great food, and fun games are planned for the weekend. The cost is \$45 for the weekend, and new Arrowmen can receive a discount of \$5. Registration is open online at sectionw1s.org/conclave, and sign-up with our lodge to help facilitate transportation to and from the event, and get ice cream from the Tillamook Cheese Factory on the way home.

GET YOUR OA SWAG

by John Ruppe Jr.

Arrowmen! It's great to come to you with updates! Here at Summer Ordeal, you can see at the trading post that we have more great 25th anniversary swag available. Lodge anniversary AND new "standard" neckerchiefs are available, as well as the last of the anniversary lodge flap/council shoulder patch sets. The OAsis can size you for your order of a Lodge fleece jacket. Get your fleece beanies while they are available! If we run out, we will also take your order for a beanie. We have just a few of the World Scout Jamboree/Hands Across the Border sets left to sell you, too. The proceeds have helped send arrowmen to conclave this year already!

Have you taken the Brotherhood seminar yet? We will offer it again, Saturday morning at 9:15 in the Dale-O. All requirements will be covered in the class, all you literally have to bring with you is your cheerful spirit, though your OA handbook will help if you have one. Invite all your troop's ordeal members to come out for brotherhood, if they've been Ordeal at least 6 months. They don't have to come for the entire weekend, just the morning class and the ceremony should end by 4pm. They can have lunch for \$5 or bring their own.

Put it on your calendar now, OA Fall Fellowship October 25-27. Games and fellowship for youth members, adults can cause trouble ☺ and all can work on their button blankets they started at Crafts and Ceremonies in February.

Is your unit and its members participating in any lodge events? You might be eligible for the OA unit of excellence award. It's good recognition, and your troop's effort to fill out the *Continued on next page.*

COMMON OA TERMS

Adviser - Each OA Chief has an associated adult adviser who enables the youth and ultimately our Order, to succeed.

BSA - Boy Scouts of America

Candidate - What those undergoing an ordeal are referred to before becoming a member.

Ceremonialist - Those who help with the induction ceremonies of the lodge. They have a vast variety of roles from portraying principles to setting up the area.

Chapter - The most local embodiment of the Order of the Arrow. Each chapter serves a particular geographic area. There are seven Chapters in Nisqually Lodge, each with their own leadership and schedule.

Chevron - The patch that covers the bottom part of the left pocket below the lodge flap. They are commonly created to match a lodge flap (as they are not worn without one) and traded as a set with the matching lodge flap.

Chief - A youth leader in the Order of the Arrow.

CoC - Council of Chiefs; The council consisting of the 5 Lodge Chiefs from across the Section, the three Section Officers and the CVC's, all responsible for the planning and execution of the annual Conclave along with the general wellbeing of the OA program in our section.

Conclave - A weekend gathering of all the lodges in a given section. Usually the biggest annual OA event in the nearby area. A very fun time for Arrowmen both new and old.

CSP - A council shoulder patch. The most commonly traded patch type outside of the OA.

CVC - Conclave Vice Chief; each CVC is responsible for a particular portion of the Conclave program such as Activities, Special Events, ICE, etc. CVC's attend the CoC and plan Conclave.

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page can mean the difference in the Lodge achieving the top level in lodge quality this year. We just would like you to document for the Lodge the great things you are already doing in your troops and crews!

And finally, plan now to attend conclave! I will be the contingent leader serving you for our trip to Camp Fife, just East of Enumclaw in the Cascades. It will be a great weekend full of OA fun! Register online at <https://scoutingevent.com/611-conclave19>

YOU COMPLETED YOUR ORDEAL! NOW WHAT?!

by Conner Frans, Third Vice Chief

Congratulations on your induction into the Order of the Arrow. After your weekend of arduous labor, you may be asking yourself, well now what do I do? The answer to that is simple; there is something for everyone within our lodge. These opportunities include participating in ceremonies, serving as a chapter or lodge officer, or simply spending time with your friends. There are lots of activities other than ordeals, such as your chapter's monthly meeting, a section conclave where scouts from all over Washington and Alaska meet together, and the upcoming fall fellowship. With all these activities, everyone should feel free to enjoy whatever activity they choose.



AHOTASU MBI CHAPTER

by Dayton Drazkowski

Dear fellow Lodge Mates, we've had lots planned since the spring ordeal. In June, the Ahotasu Mbi Chapter had mowed the lawn for the Federal Way Improvement Center followed by games for a fun day. In July is a family BBQ. We are hoping to see new faces over the next few months. We meet every third Thursday at the Federal Way Improvement Center at 7PM. Ahotasu Mbi serves the communities of Federal Way, part of Auburn, Fife, Milton, Northeast Tacoma.



CHEHALIS CHAPTER

by Alex Anderson, Chapter Chief

To our newest members of the Order, I would like to congratulate you on taking these first steps on the journey in our organization. I would also like to encourage you to attend as many Chapter meetings and events as you are able. Just back in July, we had a planning meeting at the Quesadilla Factory, and just recently we had an overnight game night. If you would like to be a part of planning the next fun event we do, make sure to come to our chapter meetings! Chehalis serves the communities of Adna, Boistfort, Centralia, Chehalis, Eva-line, Morton, Mossyrock, Napavine, Onalaska, Packwood, Pe Ell, Randle, Rochester, Toledo, Vader, White Pass, Winlock.



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COMMON OA TERMS

Elangomant - The guide and leader who helped you through your ordeal. They willingly devote themselves to undertake another ordeal as service to the lodge and the candidates.

Honor - Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil. The different levels of accomplishment in the OA, similar to scouting's ranks.

ICE - Inductions and Ceremonial Events; a term used in the context of national or sectional events. ICE events include inductions, ceremonies related classes, ceremonial evaluations, and ceremony-themed cracker barrels.

LEC - Lodge Executive Council is the governing body of Nisqually Lodge composed of local OA youth leaders who plan and execute the Lodge program. The Nisqually LEC meets on the second Monday of each month at the Tumwater Scout office on odd-numbered months and at the Tacoma Scout office on even-numbered months.

Lodge - The Order of the Arrow division chartered directly to the individual BSA council. Nisqually Lodge #155 serves the Pacific Harbors Council.

Lodge Flap - The triangular patch made by various lodges to be worn on the right pocket. They show the lodge that member belongs to.

National Chief - The top youth leader of the Order of the Arrow, elected from the field of Section Chiefs at the OA National Meeting.

NLS - National Leadership Seminar; the official OA leadership training conducted by each Region.

NOAC - National Order of the Arrow Conference; hosted every two years on a college campus, NOAC unites Arrowmen from across the nation and the world for a week of fantastic fellowship, spectacular shows, and unforgettable experiences! NOAC 2020 is August 3-8 at Michigan State University. Talk to your Chapter Chief about joining the contingent!

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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!



SQUAXIN CHAPTER

by Joey Taylor, Chapter Chief

Congratulations on your induction to the Order of the Arrow! Regardless of your experience in the Order of the Arrow, Squaxin chapter has something to offer you.

We meet at least twice a month. Once on the first Monday of each month, 7:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church of Olympia when we hold our regular meetings where we plan and discuss upcoming activities and events and close with a game (typically Frisbee). We also meet on the third Thursday of each month for a service project or fun event, though we have so much fun serving that it is difficult to tell the difference between what is service and what is a fun event!

Some service projects we often do are sorting and labeling books at the South Sound Reading Foundation, bagging food for the Thurston County Food Bank's backpack program, washing vans for the Senior Services for South Sound, and much more.

Some fun events we do are Movie Nights, Game Nights, Mini Golf, and Roller Skating. We are always open to new service and fun event ideas. Every August we have a Chapter Picnic with great food, yard games and Disc Golf! (this year it is Thursday, August 22nd at Woodland Creek Park in Lacey at 6pm).

Our Ceremonies team meets prior to our Chapter meetings on the first Monday of every month at 6:15. We are open to all Arrowmen who wish to get involved in ceremonies.

We hope to see you at the chapter picnic (Thurs. August 22) AND at our next meeting (September 2)!

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

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OA - Order of the Arrow; Scouting's National Honor Society founded in 1915 by Treasure Island Scout Camp counselors E. Urner Goodman and Carol A. Edson.

Region Chief - There are four OA Regions: Central Region, Northeastern Region, Southern Region and Western Region (West Is Best!) Each Region is led by a Chief who enables each Section and Lodge to succeed.

Section - A collection of lodges in a particular geographic area. Section W-1n (Western Region, Area 1, North) serves both Lodges in Alaska and the three Lodges around the Puget Sound. The Section helps each Lodge build and maintain a quality program while also planning the annual Conclave!

WWW - Wimachtendienk Wingolauchsik Witahemui (Brotherhood Cheerfulness and Service); the three primary principles of the Order of the Arrow in the language of the Lenni Lenape, Natives of the Delaware River Basin, the area where the OA was founded.



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 car-pool to your monthly chapter meeting.



WAPITI CHAPTER

by Nathan Parks, Chapter Chief

We had a meeting at Wally's Drive-In for the month of July and discussed future activities to do as a chapter. We had a meeting in August and are planning on having a meeting in September on the second Thursday at Wally's Drive-In. Wapiti serves the communities of Carbonado, Dieringer, Enumclaw, Orting, Puyallup, Sumner, White River.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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