



# ORDER OF THE ARROW NISQUALLY LODGE #155

# RAVEN'S WING

ISSUE 1

JANUARY 2022

## INCOMING LODGE CHIEF

by *Joey Taylor, Lodge Chief*

I am honored to serve as your Lodge Chief for this coming year of 2022. I am a member of Squaxin Chapter, from Troop 48 in Olympia, and I am currently a Life Scout working toward Eagle. I joined the OA in 2016, a year after the centennial anniversary of the order. I had heard of the fun that my brother had had in his first year of being in the OA and I was eager to get involved. The OA offers many fantastic opportunities!

Through my years in the OA I have gone to countless Lodge, Section, Region, and even National events! I've been to multiple Conclaves, NOAC 2018, the National Leadership Seminar (NLS), and Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure (OAOA) through the Order of the Arrow High Adventure program! Through these events and programs I have met new people and forged new friendships.

As Lodge Chief I will make sure everyone has a chance to take advantage of these opportunities as I and many others have in the past. I also want to help Chapters gain more member involvement, as well as support the Chapter Chiefs in all their endeavors. Another goal of mine for this year is to help new members feel connected to the Lodge by keeping the wide variety of fellowship opportunities available at Lodge events such as Smash Bros. and D&D as well as allowing new ideas to be brought to the table.

I will always be open to new ideas or hearing anything you have to say, all you have to do is call or email me and I'd be glad to discuss any ideas you have.



## CALENDAR

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

**Lodge Executive Council**  
February 15, 7pm, Zoom

**Craft & Ceremony Fellowship**  
February 25-27, Virtual

**Lodge Executive Council**  
March 14, 7pm, Zoom

**Lodge Executive Council**  
April 11, 7pm, Zoom

**Vigil Weekend**  
April 30-May 1, 7pm

**Lodge Executive Council**  
May 9, 7pm, Zoom

**Spring Ordeal**  
June 3-5, Camp Thunderbird

**Lodge Executive Council**  
June 13, 7pm, Zoom

**Lodge Executive Council**  
July 11, 7pm, Zoom

**Lodge Executive Council**  
August 8, 7pm, Zoom

**Summer Ordeal**  
August 12-14, Camp Thunderbird

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## LODGE ADVISER'S MINUTE

by Gene Victor, Lodge Adviser

As our year has drawn to a close, we have done many new and exciting things as individual scouts, with our troops, and as a Lodge. As we continue dealing with COVID and all that entails, I would like to thank all of you for your efforts during the past year. There were many brothers who stepped up and answered the call of cheerful service and our Lodge has persevered and had a fine year despite the challenges. Nisqually Lodge was a High Performing Lodge for 2021 and won the Teaquan Games and the Section W1-N Sprit Award at Conclave as the top Lodge in the Section!

I want to encourage those brothers who have completed their Ordeal to seal their commitment to the Order through the Brotherhood. There are 5 opportunities this year... Craft and Ceremonies Fellowship, Spring Ordeal, Summer Ordeal, G15 Conclave, and Fall Fellowship.

Several of you got to go to summer camp this year. Some of you saw new parts of the country as you challenged yourself at Philmont, Sea Base, Northern Tier or some other scout adventure. What an exciting time of your life!

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 new experiences ahead of you...most importantly, what being a Nisqually Lodge member means for you and what you can help the Lodge become.

Our own Sam Taylor was re-elected as Section Chief and we want to make a tremendous showing at Conclave at Camp Parsons this fall!

As you can see, there is lots of things to do in the Order of the Arrow. Find something that excites you and jump in. The Lodge and the Order are only as strong as their members.

Your Brothers need you. Will you answer the call?

## INCOMING FIRST VICE CHIEF

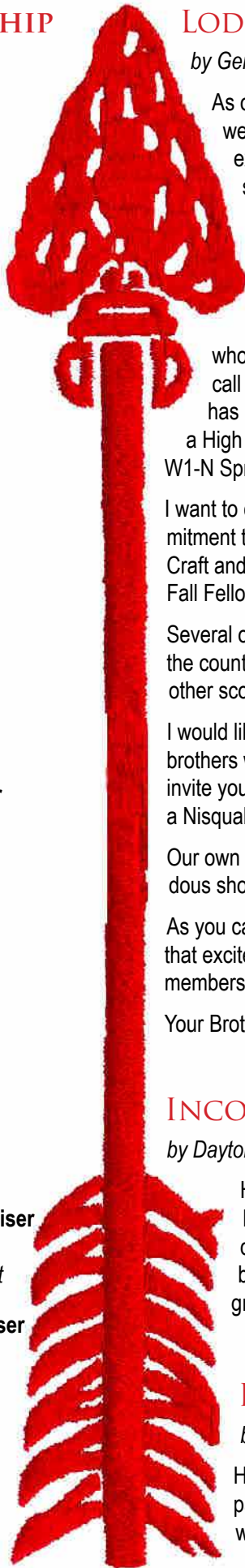
by Dayton Drazkowski, 1st Lodge Vice-Chief

Hello, My name is Dayton Drazkowski. I am your new Vice-Chief of Program. I like to help others have fun and as the Vice-Chief of Program, I am able to do that. I would like to take any activities or programs you think we need and bring them into the Lodge. I am excited to be your new Vice-Chief of Programs. Thank you!

## INCOMING THIRD VICE CHIEF

by Lydia Desy, 3rd Lodge Vice-Chief

Hello, I'm Lydia Desy. I'm a junior at Timberline High School in Lacey. I am part of troop 222, crew 007, and crew 81, the NYLT staff crew. I look forward to what this year brings and I hope to make some great memories.



## 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 variety of roles from portraying principles to staging.

**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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## INCOMING SECRETARY/TREASURER

*by Bernard Bega, Lodge Secretary/Treasurer*

Hi, I am Bernard Bega and I am proud to serve as your Lodge Secretary. As your secretary, I will improve communications between lodge and chapter officers. I will ensure that they are up-to-date on the LEC's decisions and remind them of any commitments they made and make sure they are on track. I look forward to working with them in the coming year. To Banquet!

## OUTGOING LODGE CHIEF

*by Ethan Tice, Outgoing Lodge Chief*

Hey Nisqually! It was an honor to serve as your 2021 Lodge Chief throughout the year! I have enjoyed seeing you all grown in the lodge. I am planning on staying around a supporting Joey through his term as Lodge Chief and I will become the chair for the restructuring committee. I may no longer be the Lodge Chief, but I will still be around for help or guidance if it is needed. As I said before, it was an honor to serve as your 2021 Lodge Chief.

## OUTGOING SECRETARY/TREASURER

*by Zachary Victor, Outgoing Lodge Secretary*

Hello Nisqually Lodge! It has my honor to serve as the lodge secretary this last year. Through the last 7 years as a member of the Lodge LEC, I have been given an extraordinary opportunity to lead my peers in the Lodge. Unfortunately, as I have recently turned 21, this has been the last office that I have held as a youth member in Nisqually Lodge. I plan to still stay active in the Lodge and come to events as I can, given my busy school schedule (GO COUGS!). This has been a wonderful time and I am thankful for everyone who has helped make the Lodge what it is! I know the Lodge will continue to thrive thanks to the dedication of the members of Nisqually Lodge.

## OUTGOING THIRD VICE CHIEF

*by Joey Taylor, Outgoing Third Vice-Chief*

Thank you for letting me serve you as your 3rd vice chief this past year. We have accomplished so much in 2021 and it wouldn't have been possible without everyone's participation. This year we inducted 115 Scouts into the Order of the Arrow, and we had 49 members obtain the Brotherhood honor! We also had 8 members obtain the Vigil honor this year! I'd like to thank everyone who helped with elections and visitations, as well as all those who stepped up to be Elangomats or help with the Ceremonies at the Ordeals, your involvement is what keeps the Order moving forward, inspiring the next generation of Arrowmen!

I would also like to remember Mike Richardson who sadly passed away this year. Mike was a key part of the Ceremonies team, he stored the materials such as the torches and torch boxes in his garage and was always willing to load his trailer full of the materials and drive them over to the Ceremonies site whenever we needed them. Mike also helped head the construction of the Ceremonies site alongside Duke Forbes. Mike Richardson put so much work into helping the Ceremonies team, he will be missed dearly.

## 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 youth leaders who plan and execute the Lodge program. 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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## FALL FELLOWSHIP WRAP

On October 29-31, Nisqually Lodge had its Fall Fellowship and General Meeting. The day was filled with lots of fun as we played table tennis, spike ball, D&D and other games! Pumpkins were carved and costumes were judged. There was candy galore and we had 13 people go through and receive their Brotherhood. We were able to eat inside for the first event this year! At the General Meeting, Joey Taylor was elected as Lodge Chief for the 2022 year. The weather was very cold, but as the Honored Campers we are, scouts were prepared for the cold conditions and it was fun to see sooo many tents up and out in the field. It was a tremendous event to end the year!

## AHOTASU MBI CHAPTER SERVICE

*Robert Butzerin, RN, Manager, 3rd Floor, Providence Mount St Vincent*

I would like to share with you all an example of Order of the Arrow Chapter members reaching out to elders in a nursing home. I manage a couple large nursing units for Providence at Mount St Vincent in West Seattle. The Covid pandemic has of course caused illness and even fatalities there. But it has also caused a sharp drop in activities nursing home residents enjoy, like van outings, group activities and even the ability to visit in person with family members. This is very hard on their emotions and well-being.

To meet their emotional and activities needs, we have adapted new strategies like window and laptop visits with families. Early in the pandemic, I received a few personal, handwritten letters to residents written by Ahotasu Mbi member and Eagle Scout, Zach Victor. There were shared with several residents at a resident council meeting and were received very warmly.

Ahotasu Mbi Chapter Adviser, Angela Rueber sent me these and followed up in a big way. Around Christmas, Angela provided me five large bags packed with colorful cards, each with a message for our residents. There were enough for everyone and were distributed by our Activity staff all over the facility. These were large, colorful, easy to see and read even for residents with limited vision.

Most of these ended up placed in the receiving resident's rooms and hallways. This act of compassion had an immediate positive impact on the residents we care for. On behalf of all of them, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to these Ahotasu Mbi members. Angela made a tremendous effort and helped dozens of people feel better in these particularly challenging times. The Chapter should be very proud of this example of compassion and dedication.



## AHOTASU MBI CHAPTER

*Evan Testerman, Incoming Chapter Chief*

*Jack Porter, Outgoing Chapter Chief*

Hi! Chapter Chief Jack here and I'm glad to announce we have 5 new members joining Ahoatsu Mbi and we saw 80+ candidates joining the OA and I'm glad to have you all here. The recent ordeal was great. I'm glad we all worked together and did a good job. I hope that you all got your ordeal bread and I hope to see you all in an in-person meeting! Ahotasu Mbi serves the communities of Federal Way, part of Auburn, Fife, Milton, Northeast Tacoma.

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## COMMON OA TERMS

**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! Nisqually Lodge's own Sam Taylor is the current Section Chief.

**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 OA was founded.



## CHEHALIS CHAPTER

*by Thomas Prok, Chapter Chief*

My name is Thomas Prok. I am an Eagle Scout from Troop 373 and I have been voted in as Chapter Chief for the Chehalis Chapter. I have participated in Scouting for as long as I can remember. My vision is to help improve and grow the chapter. 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

*Adam (Chance) Tidwell, Chapter Chief*

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. 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

*Curt Lynn, Chapter Chief*

Hello OA members of Nisqually Lodge. I am Curt Lynn the incoming Sahaptin Chapter Chief. Some things about me are I enjoy playing Magic the Gathering, D&D, and Warhammer 40K. I am currently a Junior in high school and am planning on going to Arizona University. The vision I have for the Sahaptin Chapter is that we can find ways to rebuild the chapter while giving our Arrowmen a time and place to have fun with scouts of similar age and keeping them going on their scouting journey. Thanks and let's have a good year in Scouting. Sahaptin serves the communities of Bethel, Clover Park, Eatonville, Franklin Pierce, Graham, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Lakewood, Steilacoom.



## SQUAXIN CHAPTER

*Steven Sullivan, Incoming Chapter Chief*

Hello, my name is Steven Sullivan and I am the newly-elected Squaxin Chapter Chief. I have had many troop leadership positions and for 2021 I got to serve as the Squaxin chapter vice-chief. I am a life scout in Troop 48 and I will be working on my Eagle project this winter. I hope to get my brotherhood next spring. What I will bring to the chapter is trying to communicate and help the lodge with anything it needs. I am glad that I have the honor and privilege as serving as your Squaxin chapter chief.

*Lydia Desy, Outgoing Chapter Chief*

As I leave the position of Chapter Chief, I look back at a very successful year. As a chapter, we were able to transition from zoom meetings in the early part of the year to in-person meetings where we have planned service projects, picnics, and other events. I would like to congratulate Steven on his election to Chapter Chief. I know the Chapter

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## CHAPTERS

### Ahotasu Mbi

Chief: Evan Testerman

Adviser: Sue Terrana

Totem: Timber Wolf

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

### Chehalis

Chief: Thomas Prok

Adviser: Brian Billings

Totem: Eagle

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

### Kcum Kcum

Chief: Adam (Chance) Tidwell

Adviser: Tim Helman

Totem: Salmon

Meeting: Third Thursday of every month, 6:30pm, Aberdeen Elks.

### Sahaptin

Chief: Curt Lynn

Adviser: Duke Forbes

Totem: Frog

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

### Squaxin

Chief: Steven Sullivan

Adviser: Russ Carron

Totem: Salmon

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

### Tsaw

Chief: Cody Somers

Adviser: Matt Bachmann

Totem: Beaver

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

### Wapiti

Chief: Erick Velez

Adviser: Donnavon Smith

Totem: Elk

Meeting: Second Thursday 7pm, Sumner Scout Lodge (watch your email for details).

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

by Andrew Sullivan, Chapter Vice Chief

Hello, my name is Andrew Sullivan and I am the newly-elected Squaxin Chapter Vice-Chief. I am a hard worker and know my limits. I am Life rank in Troop 48 working on my Eagle project. This last spring I did my Ordeal and hope to complete Brotherhood this next spring. What I will bring to the chapter is supporting our Chief in any way that he needs help with. I look forward to learning more about the Chapter and Lodge.



## TSAW CHAPTER

Cody Somers, Incoming Chapter Chief

Hi! My name is Cody Somers and I am the new Chapter Chief of Tsaw Chapter. Tsaw Chapter has many new activities for this year, including some social events, service projects, and some chances for you to volunteer for the Lodge. The success of the chapter depends on your active participation, so please come to our monthly chapter meetings to meet new friends and brothers. Tsaw serves the communities of Tacoma, Gig Harbor, University Place, Fircrest. 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!



## WAPITI CHAPTER

Erick Velez, Chapter Chief

Hello, I am Erick Velez and I will be the new incoming Wapiti Chapter Chief. My vision for being Chapter Chief is to have fun meetings and get scouts from my troop to join OA. A little bit about me is I am a Life Scout. I have just recently gotten Brotherhood during Fall Fellowship and I am a graduate of NYLT. I do swimming and thinking about doing football. My favorite thing to do in Boy Scouts is camping because I love nature and being active/adventure. 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.pacificharbors.org/>

## 2022 MEMBER DUES LINK

<https://scoutingevent.com/612-OAMemberDues2022>

## CRAFT&CEREMONY REGISTRATION

<https://scoutingevent.com/612-OACnC2022>

# 2021 CONCLAVE WRAP



*John Ruppe earns  
Teaquan Wask Doctorate*



*Lodge wins Best Lodge Spirit Award.*



*Lodge wins Teaquan Games.*