

# VOICE OF THE PINES

## WEEKEND EDITION



NA TSI HI LODGE 71 - ORDER OF THE ARROW

### FROM THE LODGE CHIEF

Hello Brothers!

I would like to start this message by congratulating you on the great year we had as we re-emerged out of this year's troubles. My name is Matthew Carlson, and this past year I have had the honor to serve as Na Tsi Hi's Lodge Chief. I can wholeheartedly say that this has been a year I will never forget.

Throughout the past year we have been able to run two amazing service weekends, three fantastic virtual game nights, and a plethora of other great programs. In doing all of this I know that every time a member shows up to these events they always reaffirm their allegiance with the key ideals of our beloved organization. Brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service are just a few of the words that I hope engrave themselves into all of our hearts.

Many of the great youth that I have been fortunate enough to get to know over the past year in the virtual environment that our lodge and section had, enable many great relationships to grow. I hope everyone takes all of the opportunities that they have while a part of scouting, they are well worth it.

I would like to personally thank each and everyone of you for this amazing opportunity you guys have given me as Chief, I had an amazing time and I can't wait to see what our future officers have to bring to the table.

Finally, I would like to leave all of you with a quick quote by one of our founders Dr. E Urner Goodman, "He who Serves his fellows is, of all his fellows, greatest".

**Matthew Carlson**

Lodge Chief 2020-2021

### CONCLAVE 2021

**JUNE 11 - 13, 2021**

From June 11-13, 2021 Section NE-5 will be hosting its annual Conclave, the Backcountry Brotherhood. Conclave will be taking place at Goose Pond Scout Reservation in Northeastern Pennsylvania. This will be a great opportunity for each and every one of us to get to bond with new arrowman from all over the section. You can look forward to a weekend full of fun lumberjack activities, training opportunities, open waterfront access, shooting ranges, and many more great activities.

Also, during this event our section will be running its annual section officer elections, it is a great opportunity to be a part of forging our sections future leadership team. Our Immediate Past Chief, Matt will be running for both section vice chief and section secretary during this event, and it would be amazing to have all of your support with the biggest contingent Na Tsi Hi has ever seen at Conclave. Please see the Lodge Website for details.

## FROM THE NEW LODGE CHIEF

Brothers,

As we wind down our year as a lodge, let us take a moment to reflect. Despite the challenges we have faced, we were able to run a very successful Fall Induction Weekend, host monthly Lodge Executive Council meetings online, and strengthen the ties of brotherhood through virtual lodge game nights. We as a lodge have pushed back against the challenges that have faced us and through this, and have gained momentum towards returning to normal lodge functions. I have personally enjoyed my time as Vice Chief of Administration and working with the officer team.

As chief for next year, I will be working with the new officer team to find committee chairs for next year's Lodge Executive Council. Mahatma Gandhi once said, "the best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service to others." Now more than ever is the perfect time to step up. This is your opportunity make an earnest effort to reaffirm your obligation to be unselfish in service to others. Showing the officer team that you have interest in a position or even just to help out at all with lodge functions, may be a big step, but a worthwhile one. The effort you make to step up will yield unparalleled opportunity and growth. Personally, I will be reflecting on the high ideals of the order while participating in the Order of the Arrow Summit Experience at Summit Bechtel Reserve.

I sincerely hope that you have pondered the ideas of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service this weekend and am looking forward to a fantastic year. I cannot wait to see you on the trail.

**Jacob N.**

Incoming Lodge Chief 2021  
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## FROM THE LODGE ADVISER

Welcome back to our first event in over a year here at Forestburg Scout Reservation.

It has been a long time since we have been able to gather on these campgrounds and we are happy that you were able to join us. Whether this was your first event as a new Arrowmen, or another one in a string of events since you joined the Lodge, thank you for helping us serve Scouting to get this Summer Camp ready for a full 2021 season.

For all of our Brothers, we hope that your service to Scouting will continue past today and you take advantage of all of the opportunities that the Order of the Arrow can present to you. Our Lodge Year would normally end this weekend, but we still have one more event coming up – the Spring Carnival on June 20 at Quail Hill, starting at 4pm. Please come join us for an afternoon and evening of fun, fellowship, and great food.

Back to this weekend, the Spring event does bring another Lodge Officer term to a close with the newly elected officers on Saturday afternoon. I would like to thank Matt Carlson, our outgoing Lodge Chief, and his officer team for a year like no other. They were sworn in during the height of this pandemic to try to keep the program running.

Matt will be handing over the reigns of the Lodge to our Chief-Elect Jacob N. for the next year on Saturday afternoon. Jacob may have already even spoken to you about serving in one of our committees next year to help keep the Lodge going.

Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, Service. Welcome to the Order of the Arrow and Na Tsi Hi Lodge.

**Todd Columbia**  
Lodge Adviser

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