

VOICE OF THE PINES



NA TSI HI LODGE 71 - ORDER OF THE ARROW

FROM THE LODGE CHIEF

Hello Brothers!

As we start this new year there are many events and activities to look forward to in the Order of the Arrow. I like to start by thanking everyone who has been attending our monthly Lodge Committee meetings and the Virtual Game Nights.

The officer's team and LEC have been putting in very diligent work in preparing for future events. There are many great activities to look forward to, such as additional Virtual Game Night, Winter (Spring) Carnival, Momentum:Discover and Conclave 2021. More on those events will follow further on during this brief digital version of our newsletter.

"An arrow can only be shot by pulling it backwards. When life is dragging you back with difficulties, it means it's going to launch you into something great. So just focus, and keep aiming" (Unknown). Over the past few months we have done great work building back and reemerging as a lodge.

However, we cannot stop now and it is going to take each and every member to help propel our lodge into being high performing. If you have any questions about how to get more involved in our lodge always feel free to reach out to me directly or the Lodge Adviser. There is always more room for more people to join us.

In Service,
Matthew C.
Lodge Chief 2020-2021
chief@natsihi.org

UNIT ELECTIONS UPDATE

Please let us know when you holding your unit elections!

With the current pandemic, the National OA has relaxed the long-term requirement for youth eligibility for this year only.

To be eligible, youth will need to have completed 15 days/nights of camping in the 2 years leading up to the unit's election night. Virtual camping nights done within the unit program or through the National BSA program also will be counted. Full details on the updated requirements for 2021 eligibility are posted to our website.

Please make sure you let us know when you are running your Unit's election. We ask that all Troops, Ships, and Crews reach out to us to schedule our teams to come in and help you with your elections as soon as possible. If you don't have any one eligible, we would still appreciate the chance to talk about our Lodge and its impact within the Scouting program.

NEW FOR 2021 - There are new election spreadsheets this year as we are asking you to let us know EVERYONE that was eligible within our unit so we can directly import that information into our database. We have been told by the National OA that you should have the ability to let you upload this yourself next year.

If you need any help regarding setting up your unit's elections, please do not reach out to us at elections@natsihi.org

Trevor C.
Unit Elections Chair

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MOMENTUM: DISCOVER

APRIL 23-24, 2021



The Order of the Arrow's national leadership invites you to join us for Momentum: Discover, a national virtual event taking place from April 23-24! After months of isolation and quarantine, it's time to get back into the outdoors! At Momentum: Discover, we'll come together as a movement to prepare for a successful summer camp season and recommit ourselves to the joys of camping and the outdoors.

Current OA members and non-Arrowmen are encouraged to join us for a weekend of fun, trainings, competitions, games, and more! With more than 20 hours of original programming, you surely won't want to miss out on exciting updates and interactive games with your 2021 national officers.

Anyone can view the live stream of the Momentum: Discover content at no cost, and no registration is required. The programming will be publicly available online. However, premium delegates, for a fee of \$25, will receive exclusive benefits during this special event experience,

For more information, please go to momentum.oa-bsa.org

LODGE MEETINGS

Monthly Lodge Meetings are currently being held virtually the Second Thursday of each Month starting at 7:30pm.

The meeting is open to all Lodge members. The Zoom link can found on the Council Website under the Calendar.

UPCOMING EVENTS

VIGIL NOMINATIONS

We are asking all Lodge members to recommend Brother of our Order, who have served others unselfishly for an extended period of time. Please fill out the nomination form as best as you can.

As a general rule, if you think there is a worthy Lodge member and you are unsure of their eligibility, please send in the nomination for review.

Confidential nominations can be made on our Lodge website at www.natsihi.org/vigil by March 15.

TJ P.
Vigil Honor Chair



SPRING CARNIVAL

The current restrictions in place in NJ for outdoor gatherings forced us to postpone our Winter Carnival to a later Spring Date.

We are still planning on holding this event during the later Spring months and will post the new date as soon as we can confirm it.

With the warmer weather, the event committee is still working on what new games and surprises we can hold for the event.

Registration is still open for the event on both the Lodge and the Monmouth Council websites.

Christopher M.
Event Chair

SPRING SERVICE / INDUCTION EVENT



WEEKEND OF JUNE 6, 2021

With the recent news that NY State is allowing NY State Summer Camps to open this summer, we are very hopeful to be running an Induction Event at Forestburg Scout Reservation this coming June.

This year's Spring Induction will follow the same pattern as last Fall's October Induction where we expect it to only be an overnight stay at the camp. A lot more details including updated check-in procedures will be posted to both websites as we have confirmations in place to be able to run the event.

The Lodge looks forward to being able to help support FSR to get ready for Summer Camp later this year as a part of our event.

If for some reason, we are unable to hold the event at FSR on the weekend of June 6th, we will announce an alternate date and/or location for the Spring Induction Event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONCLAVE 2021
JUNE 11 - 13, 2021



Section NE-5's "Backcountry Brotherhood" Conclave will take place at Goose Pond Scout Reservation in Northeastern Pennsylvania from June 11-13, 2021. Conclave draws together over 300 Arrowmen from across the section all together in one place for an action filled weekend. Importantly, it will be a celebration of all things that define an Arrowman: brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.

Just as Arrowmen are called to serve everyday and as stewards of natural resources, Section NE-5 will be following in the footsteps of backcountry brethren who were the stewards of the wilderness before us. Join us for a fun weekend full of lumberjack activities including koob (viking chess), flapjack design contests, log splitting and rolling, and many others. Additionally, conclave participants will have free time to pursue a variety of activities such as swimming and boating in the pristine Goose Pond, shooting shotgun, rifle, or archery on our top-notch shooting ranges, an AIA Village, and a museum which commemorates Goose Pond's history as it celebrates 100 years! Training opportunities will be available to those interested in expanding their skills or learning more about the OA and its traditions.

We hope that you will all join us from June 11-13 at Goose Pond Scout Reservation, for a celebration of Backcountry Brotherhood and all things great about the OA and Scouting.

ELANGOMAT NEWS

I hope you are all doing well, even though we did not have our Winter Carnival in the winter like we hoped for, the Lodge continues to pivot during these difficult times and hosted some successful online events.

While the next few months come with uncertainty, let's be hopeful that when summer time is closer, we can return to having our regular annual events. I want to focus on the Spring Induction Weekend because personally, this is my favorite event. Not only do I get to see all of my fellow lodge members and help do service for the camp, but I am able to meet and help the candidates become inducted members by serving as an Elangomat.

For those who might have forgotten, the Elangomats are the committee who help lead the candidates by experiencing the Ordeal with their clan. I always find it rewarding as an Elangomat that I am able to both help the Ordeal process and in turn help the Lodge induct these new members; which is why I always encourage everyone to just try being an Elangomat.

Whether you are a newly inducted member or a seasoned arrowman, serving as an Elangomat is a fulfilling experience, even just once, and will help out our committee too. So if you plan on returning to Spring Induction Weekend and maybe you are unsure of which committee to help or want to try something different for once, consider being an Elangomat.

Kevin G.
 Elangomat Chair

OA HIGH ADVENTURE

Have you ever wanted to sail the seas of the Florida Keys? Ride some of the longest ziplines in North America? Hike surrounded by over 80 years of scouting history in the rocky terrain of New Mexico?

For more seasoned members, you may recognize these adventures as activities at BSA's national High Adventure Bases. These bases provide amazing opportunities of outdoor activity on an unparalleled level for scouts. Not only are these unique experiences available to scouts, but for members of our brotherhood there is a program called OA High Adventure. This program consists of a myriad of different treks at the BSA's high adventure bases. Not only do you get to experience all that the high adventure base has to offer, but it comes at a discount too!

The Philmont Trail Crew and Northern Tier's Canadian Odyssey and Wilderness Voyage all are 2 week long adventures, where arrowmen get the opportunity to make a mark in scouting history through service to the bases for their first week. The Florida Seabase Ocean Adventure is a 9 day experience and the Summit Experience is a 9 day adventure, both also featuring service for half of the trek.

Personally, I will be attending the Summit Experience this summer and am very excited. I can't wait to serve these very important landmarks of scouting to make a lasting impact. I hope that some members of our lodge consider this great opportunity, and I hope to see you further on the Scouting trail.

Jacob N.
Lodge Vice Chief of Administration

BROTHERHOOD FOR ALL

What an honor! What an honor to be inducted into the Na Tsi Hi Lodge #71 Order of the Arrow, the Scouting National Honor Society. After I was inducted by my Crew I started asking my mom and my brother questions about induction weekend but they refused to give me straight answers. They told me everything would be revealed to me when I needed to know it -- and they were right.

I have never been so excited about joining anything before, none the less an Honor Society. Since joining I was supposed to go to NOAC this past summer but that got cancelled. Even though it was cancelled I have been trading with other scouts and scouters around the United States our NOAC patch. Our patch is a two for one deal, one side has the girl scout in full uniform and the other side is the boy scout in uniform. Our patch is in high demand because of this.

For the past 4 years my mom and my brother have attended Order of the Arrow events and have returned talking so highly about the activities. So, when I was voted in by my Crew I was very excited. Since joining I had the chance to be an Elangomat and work with a great group of inductees. I love that even though we cannot meet in person our Lodge is still doing virtual activities and meetings.

I was part of the first group of girls from Troops and Crews to get inducted. My induction weekend was just like everyone else's. We woke up early, remained silent, ate small amounts of food and worked on camp improvement projects at Quail Hill. The entire experience taught me to reflect on significant values.

I want to be an important part of Lodge #71 and to show the girls that come after me how important it is to exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in my daily life.

Heidi K.
Elangomat Vice-Chair

YOUTH OFFICER ELECTIONS

You can have a clear and loud voice on how our Lodge runs. Maybe you see yourself as the next Lodge Chief? Starting in March, we will be taking floor nonnominations for Lodge Chief, Vice Chief, or Treasurer at our monthly Lodge meetings. The candidate needs to be present to accept the nomination and be at least an Ordeal member under the age of 21. The Youth Officer Election date will be held in early June.

FROM THE LODGE ADVISER

In these unusual times, I hope everyone is healthy and safe as we all adapt to the guidelines in place due to COVID19. Our Lodge is one of the few Scouting programs that has been running strong since the pandemic first hit our Council last year. We moved all of our meetings to a virtual format and limited our in-person events to needed personnel only. It was the right thing to do then, and we will continue to operate in the same manner to ensure everyone's safety and health is as the forefront of all decisions that we make as a Lodge and within Scouting.

One of the common requests that we have been seeing during this distancing period is "how do I get on the email list" for updates? We try to publish as many updates as we can through our Lodge website, our Social Media platforms, and our monthly Lodge meeting which is open to everyone. Since February, we have been posting the link and agenda to the meeting on the websites in an effort to invite everyone to it.

The other way to stay updates is to get involved one of our Lodge operating committees, whether it is Membership, Ceremonies, Commissary, and Communications to name just a few. The key youth leaders and adult advisors, are always looking for new members who just want to serve.

Thank you for keeping the Scouting program moving forward, and I hope to see you all soon in person later this Spring.

In Service,
Todd Columbia
Lodge Adviser

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