



# VOICE <sup>OF</sup> THE PINES

NA TSI HI LODGE 71 - ORDER OF THE ARROW

FALL 2022

## From the 1961 edition of Order of the Arrow Handbook

What a satisfaction it has been to see the little acorn planted in 1915 grow to be the stalwart oak in the forest of Scouting, thriving in every State of our nation.

That this growth has occurred is the result of no one man's work. Over the years, there have been thousands of men, young and old, who with great devotion have given themselves to the development of the Order of the Arrow.

From the beginning it has been our hope that the Order would serve a useful purpose in causing the Scout Promise and Law to spring into action, especially in the Scout camps in all parts of our nation. We are still dedicated to that high purpose.

The Order of the Arrow is a thing of the out-of-doors rather than the indoors. It was born on an island wilderness. It needs the sun and the rain, the mountains and the plains, the woods, the waters and the starlit sky.

With more than half a century of cheerful service behind us, our supporting role has been broadened on both a national and local scale.

The Order of the Arrow is a thing of the spirit rather than of mechanics. Organization, operational procedure, and paraphernalia are necessary in any large and growing movement, but they are not what counts in the end. The things of the spirit count—Brotherhood—in a day when there is too much hatred at home and abroad.

Cheerfulness—in a day when the pessimists have the floor and cynics are popular.

Service—in a day when millions are interested only in getting or grasping rather than giving.

These are of the spirit, blessed of God, the great divine spirit.

Dr. E. Urner Goodman, Founder

Editor notes: these words could not be more on point for the society we live in today. With the inclusion of women and young ladies into this organization we can only grow stronger and hope to spread our message of Cheerfulness, Service and Brotherhood to those we come in contact to in our daily lives.

## From the Lodge Adviser

Firstly, I want to thank all of you for the trust placed in me to be your Lodge Adviser. I'd like to talk a little bit about the "power of one". Each of us has the ability to make an important difference. Whether you know it or not, each of us has the power to make a difference in the Lodge. John F. Kennedy, America's thirty fifth President believed that "one person can make a difference and every person should try." We need to realize that important improvements can begin with one person. If that one person is truly passionate about his or her mission, then they can make a difference. Imagine what would happen if each one of us worked together to improve the attendance at each of our Lodge events. It is easy to say that you don't need to attend the next event, and that it would not matter since you were only one person. What happens when two hundred Arrowmen feel this way? What would be the outcome if these same Arrowmen decided to attend? You may not realize that each and every one of you is important and can make a difference. But just think that if one person can make a difference, imagine the difference a group of committed Arrowmen can make to the Lodge

Yours in Brotherhood,

Mr. Harris - Lodge Adviser

## Brotherhood Thoughts

Hello Brothers,

Let me start off by saying that this is going to be an exciting year for Na Tsi Hi and you will want to mark your calendars for our upcoming events. Many of you may know me as Eeyore, Scoutcraft director and long time staff member at Forestburg Scout Reservation, but I am also the Vice Chief of Administration for this Lodge year. Within the Lodge, I have also served as the committee chair for the Elangomats and the Vigil Honor.

My main goal for this year is to help increase our number of events, mainly our fun fellowship events. While some of these events may not be on the same scale as our Service Weekends, the goal of these events is to give you more time throughout the year to join the awesome members of Na Tsi Hi. This may

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## Lodge Meeting Dates

**January 12, 2023**

Lodge Meeting

Time: 7:30 pm

**February 9, 2023**

Lodge Meeting

Time: 7:30 pm

**March 9, 2023**

Lodge Meeting

Time: 7:30 pm

**April 13, 2023**

Lodge Meeting

Time: 7:30 pm

**See the website for a complete calendar.**

[natsihi.org/calendar](http://natsihi.org/calendar)

These monthly meetings are open to all members. Come and share your ideas. This is your Lodge as well.

## Lodge Calendar

**January 1, 2023**

OA Elections Begin

**January 8, 2023**

Winter Carnival

Quail Hill Scout

Reservation

**January 14-15, 2023**

OA Section

Leadership Conference

**April 15, 2023**

OA Elections Due  
Results to be submitted  
online

**June 2-4, 2023**

Spring Induction  
Weekend

Forestburg SR

**June 9-11, 2023**

Section Conclave

Citta Scout

Reservation



## Elangomat News

Hi!

If you haven't met me during your ordeal (if you were inducted this year), I am Declan Sales, the new Elangomat chair. First, I would like to thank all of the youth and adult Elangomats who helped me run the Fall Service weekend, as well as my adult advisor, Mr. Walter Kain. I would also like to congratulate all of the new Ordeal members who got their sashes this year!

For those of you who either enjoyed your ordeal experience, who want to experience it again to find new meaning from it, who like cool hats, shirts, patches and more, or who like telling others to be quiet (I know you're out there somewhere), joining the Elangomat committee might be for you! No experience is required, just a willingness to learn and help us out (and some food the night before). Email us at [elangomat@natsihi.org](mailto:elangomat@natsihi.org) to get on our mailing list and to start participating in events.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Declan S - Elangomat Chairman

## Commissary Thoughts

Now that you are newly inducted I know that there is one thing on your mind, "How can I get closer to the food?" Well the Commissary Committee of course! Commissary's task is very straight forward; we prep, cook and serve all meals at our Lodge events. We are also occasionally asked to serve as kitchen staff during council events! There is no required skill level to be accepted into commissary, all you need is a willing attitude. Another perk is that we automatically get cabins to sleep in during inductions! I do hope you consider joining Commissary!

All the best,

Cole P, Na Tsi Hi Commissary Chair

## Membership News

Hello OA members! As you know, this past September we had our Fall Service Weekend. Over that weekend 11 members sealed their ties to become Brotherhood Members!

You are now able to pay your 2023 dues. You can either pay your dues or get the Pine Pass and get registered for the Service Weekends, and Winter Carnival. Everyone needs to have their dues in by December 15th. I can't wait to see all of you at the Winter Carnival on January 8th, 2023!

YIB,

Andrew M - Membership Chairman

## Cheerful Service

Hello Na Tsi Hi, exciting news in the world of cheerful service. We are looking to start up an FSR trail restoration crew as a subcommittee under cheerful service. As many of you know we have countless trails up at Forestburg, which unfortunately are not able to be enjoyed as much as we would like them to be because they are in dire need of work. Currently the only trail that is being readily used is the Darlington Falls trail however there are countless other trails on camp. Hemlock Pond trail, a trail used mostly by the first year programs and wilderness survival, Bear Paw trail, the Red Jacket trail, the Dan Beard trail, the Lake trail, and many others are all in need of some TLC, so they can be enjoyed by everyone on camp. If you are interested in getting involved in restoring these trails please reach out to the cheerful service committee chair by using the "Contact: page on the Lodge website; [www.natsihi.org/contact-us](http://www.natsihi.org/contact-us). The trails are calling, come join us!

Yours in Service,

Hazel B - Cheerful Service Chairman

## Ceremonies Update

The Ceremonies Team's main responsibility is to perform ceremonies at our Spring and Fall Service Weekends. We work together to put on excellent Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies. There's always a lot to do with many speaking parts as well non-speaking ones like torchbearer. The team does a small number of Cub Scout crossover ceremonies, mainly in the spring. We can also do a Four Winds ceremony for an active Brother at an Eagle Court of Honor as well as a Broken Arrow ceremony for a deceased Brother.

If you're interested in joining the Ceremonies Team, email us at [ceremonies@natsihi.org](mailto:ceremonies@natsihi.org) or find us at a Service Weekend. The OA Inductions Portal has excellent Ceremony resources.

<https://oa-bsa.org/resources/inductions>

# Winter Carnival

## January 8, 2023

# Quail Hill SR

## NOAC 2022

I have been waiting for the National Order of the Arrow Conference for 6 years now. Our contingent went to the University of Tennessee from Monday, July 25th till Saturday, July 30th.

Yes, 6 years! My mom and brother went in 2018 and came back with such great adventures about meeting scouts from all over the world, like Germany and Puerto Rico, the trainings they took and games they played and of course, we cannot forget the patch trading. I know people think I am crazy because I was only afforded the opportunity in 2020 since I only was inducted in 2019 but when I heard about all the fun my mom and brother had I just had to get into the OA and experience it for myself. Nonetheless, when 2020 was cancelled, I was very upset. I had invested in a large quantity of patches and made many plans to meet up with other Arrowmen that I had met through Conclave and online, but I just had to wait another 2 years to be able to do it. I was asked to be the Youth Contingent leader and I tried my best to attract Arrowmen from our Lodge to go. Our Lodge Contingent consisted of 4 adults, 2 youth adults and 6 youth.

We arrived early Monday morning, unpacked and settled in. A few of us roamed the university and began our adventure. We traded patches, talked with Arrowmen from Puerto Rico and other Lodges from all over the country. We took workshops and trainings on different aspects of the Lodge and learned many new things. We ate breakfast, lunch and dinner in the cafeteria with an occasional meal out. Our Lodge contingent did an Escape room twice and made it out in under 30 minutes!! Sean and I attended the Very Important Arrowman luncheon for the Eastern Region. This was a really great experience because we met other Lodge Chiefs from around the country and shared ideas. Others from the contingent had lunch with different groups from the University of Tennessee while a few of the scouts had dinner with NESAs.

But probably the best time I had was at the Ignite Festival that took place on Friday. Our Lodge put together a wheel that had numbers that corresponded to different levels of Order of the Arrow Knowledge. We purchased rubber ducks and someone donated items. So, we had some really great prizes for those who knew their Order of the Arrow history. Some of the questions were pretty hard but many were easy and it was fun to meet other Arrowmen and swap stories about Inductions, Conclaves and just life in general.

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seem like a far jump in time, but soon enough will be our Spring Service Weekend at Forestburg on the first weekend in June 2023. I am looking forward to making this both a successful weekend with all of the cheerful service we will achieve and with fun and new ideas to make this a very memorable Lodge event. If you are not sure what you will be doing during that weekend, I want you to take note of this and make this your highest priority as it will be an event you do not want to miss.

I have one last thing to say for all of the members, especially the new Arrowmen: that is to make the most of the opportunities you have in the Lodge. One of the most important things I did was to prioritize scouting and the Lodge events above all my other activities and the amazing events I have attended make me regret none of it. Along with this is also the chance to try something new with the biggest being a leadership position. If I had not tried serving a new position when presented with the opportunity, then Scouting would not have meant much to me. So I encourage you all to step up for Scouting: whether that's prioritizing our Lodge events, going to our monthly LEC meetings, becoming a committee chair, or maybe even joining Forestburg staff.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Kevin G - Vice Chief of Administration

## Lions and Tigers and Bears

### .....and DINOSAURS

As a new member of the Venturing Crew 71, I had a unique opportunity to participate in a Scout Day event at Field Station Dinosaurs in Leonia, NJ. Field Station Dinosaurs is a small park with dozens of animatronic, life-sized dinosaurs throughout the park, and designed to be educational as well as fun for the children who come to the park. There are many shows throughout the day to enhance their experience.

Mr. Rob Stawicki and his son Rob have been organizing this Scout Day event with the staff of Field Station Dinosaurs for 10 years and setting up a station demonstrating many camping skills and displaying various types of camping equipment. Mr. Stawicki, the Crew Advisor, thought that this would be an event for Crew 71 to participate in. After hearing about it, I jumped at the opportunity. I was not disappointed!

The event was geared toward cub scout aged boys

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All in all, I really look forward to NOAC 2024, wherever it may be. Even though we do not know at this time where it will take place, we as a Lodge, can start planning for it.

Here are a few quotes and remarks from those who attended.

"NOAC was enjoyed by the over 6,500 Arrowmen that attended in Big Orange County - University of Tennessee. We learned a lot in the trainings, made some new friends, and enjoyed the campus.

Enjoyed Adventure Central with all the many things to do- welding, climbing, obstacle courses, music, airsoft shooting, archery, volleyball, etc. We enjoyed the Ignite Festival on Friday, where the different Lodges set up tables and offered many challenges to those Arrowmen that walked around and tried their luck. The evening shows were fun to see, we sat in a different seat each night.

Until next time NOAC...." Mrs. Weiss

"NOAC 2022 was my second event and I loved it as much as the first. Since I attended it before I knew what to expect. I enjoyed the different trainings, the comradery not only of our contingent but the other Lodges that were there and most of all the evening programs. This is an event not to be missed. It is economical and usually close to home. I highly recommend to any of Lodge #71 members to experience this at least once in your lifetime." Mrs. Kiss

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Heidi K. - NOAC 2022, Youth Contingent Leader

## Vigil Committee

Hello Na Tsi Hi, it is that time of the year again and vigil nominations are open for our 2023 Vigil class. What is the Vigil Honor? The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position of office to one or more of the following: Lodge, Order of the Arrow, Scouting community, and Scout Camp. If you feel that anyone you know is deserving of this high honor be sure to nominate them in the form which can be found at the following link: <https://www.natsihi.org/Lodge-forms/vigil>



# Camp Staff Interviews

WHEN: NOW!

Where: In person or Virtual

SUMMER CAMPS

Quail Hill Scout Reservation: Manalapan, NJ

Forestburg Scout Reservation: Forestburgh, NY

Monmouth Council is looking for Scouts and Scouters to fill positions at Quail Hill and Forestburg for summer camp 2023 staff members must be at least 14 years old to be a cit (counselor in training) and 15 or older for a paid position.

For virtual interview appointment go to :  
[www.monmouthbsa.org/campstaff](http://www.monmouthbsa.org/campstaff)

POSITIONS Available:

Lifeguards, Camp Chief, Climbing Instructors, Merit Badge Instructors, Trek Staff, High Adventure Staff, Tech Instructors, Ranger Staff, Area Directors, Trading Post Staff, Commissioner Staff, Counselors in Training , Administrative Positions, Volunteer Leaders

Submit an application and we will set an interview.

All Applications can be sent to :

Monmouth Council BSA

705 Ginesi Dr.

Morganville, NJ 07751

Or [Nate.clark@scouting.org](mailto:Nate.clark@scouting.org)



## Just a simple reminder.

# Have you paid your DUES yet?

# Section E17 News

Hey Na Tsi Hi, I am happy to announce that Section E17's Conclave is rapidly approaching! Conclave is the premier event that the Order of the Arrow holds every year. You can expect to see everything from fantastic shows, phenomenal trainings, exhilarating competitions, and hands down some of the best fellowship you will ever see! This year's conclave has been fitly chosen to follow a Jersey shore boardwalk theme with our own Brotherhood Beach Bash! Conclave will be held at Joseph A. Citta Scout Reservation, in Barnegat, NJ, on June 9-11. Last year Na Tsi Hi had the best attendance I have ever seen out of our Lodge with 40 members registered and attended. This was fantastic, but I know we can do better.

If Na Tsi Hi gets at least 71 members to come to conclave I can guarantee you that I will be dunked in the dunk tank during the event! If you all have any questions about Conclave 2023 please be sure to reach out to me at [mcarlson9071@gmail.com](mailto:mcarlson9071@gmail.com) . Finally we are also looking for a Conclave Chair for our Lodge. This is one of the best positions to serve in if you are excited for this year's conclave.

On another topic I am excited to invite you all to one of the best section events we offer which is coming around the corner! The Section Leadership Conference (SLC) has been a mainstay since 2018 to suit the leadership development needs of the section and individual Lodges. This year we will have exclusive training tailored for every Arrowman in the section. This includes all of you. Join Section E17 at the Joseph A. Citta Scout Reservation in Barnegat, NJ on January 14-15, 2023 for a weekend of fun and education! For our 5th annual Section Leadership Conference, we will be extending this days event into an optional overnight. Saturday will be some of the best fun, food, and fellowship our section offers outside of our yearly conclave. This will directly be followed by informative and engaging training sessions Sunday as well as our CoC Sunday afternoon. With this new program that we added onto our SLC I want to see Na Tsi Hi be the most hyped up Lodge there. Plus we may have some inter-Lodge competitions that I know we can and will win. Sign up and come out to the best event section E17 is hosting this year. If you all have any questions about SLC please be sure to reach out to me at [mcarlson9071@gmail.com](mailto:mcarlson9071@gmail.com). Be sure not to miss out and come to the Section Leadership Conference! The link to register will be posted on our sections website: <https://sectione17.oa-bsa.org/>

Yours in Brotherhood,

Matt Carlson - Section E17 Chief & Na Tsi Hi Vigil Honor Chair

and girls, and many stopped by the exhibit throughout the day. Rob set up a knot tying station which attracted the kids to come over. He taught the square knot to most of the scouts and their siblings. Some of the very young children learned to tie an overhand knot and as Rob explained, it was the beginning of learning to tie their own shoes.

Mr. Stawicki, along with interacting with all the youths and their parents, cooked and distributed over 350 cookies that he made throughout the day in a cardboard box oven. I can tell you that the kids, their parents, and I enjoyed tasting his chocolate chip and sugar cookies.

There were many different camping scenarios they set up including a family tent, back packing tent, sleeping bags on a cot or an air mattress, various types of camping stoves and cooking equipment, and knots and lashings that set up many of the displays, including a free standing flag pole with an American Flag which had flown in Afghanistan.

Throughout the day I had an opportunity to see the other attractions throughout the park. The shows and the actors were very good and kept the children involved. The roar of the different dinosaurs throughout the park enhanced their experience.

As I left to go home, I was thinking that this was a great event to promote scouting and the outdoors. I couldn't tell who had more fun, the young scouts and their families or the Stawickis.

For the crew members, it gives us a great opportunity to promote scouting and show off some of the skills you have learned throughout your scouting days to the younger scouts and their families. As for me, it was a great day and I plan on attending next year.

Mr. Walter Kain - Crew 71 Committee Member

## For open discussion - do you have an answer?

Dear Sappy,

I want to try and get involved in the lodge again, but I got inducted a year and a half ago and I don't know where to start. What should I do?

From, Stagnated but Motivated

Dear Sappy,

I don't like the Committee I'm on, but I still want to stay involved. What should I do?

From, Trapped in the Kitchen

Dear Sappy,

I loved my ordeal weekend experience and I want to get more involved, but my parents think my schedule is too busy for me to get involved. What should I do?

**6** From, Trying to get involved

## OA Membership Dues Renewal for Calendar Year 2023.

If you are renewing more than one membership, please pay for each one individually.

The Standard Dues Renewal for 2023 is \$20.00 and can be completed on the Lodge website.

What is a Pine Pass?

This special Season Pass pays your 2023 dues, admission to the OA Winter Carnival (Banquet), Spring Service Weekend, Fall Service Weekend and Fall Fellowship in one payment of \$100.00. This is a significant savings of normal registration costs and offers you the peace of mind of knowing in advance, you are paid for.

A 2023 Pine Pass automatically registers you for all four major events and pays your membership dues

Membership Requirements

1. You must be currently registered with the Boy Scouts of America.
2. Make your annual Dues Payment. Lodge Dues will expire on December 31, 2022, but we need to re-charter before the end of the year.
3. Late Fees are assessed starting on December 16, 2022 for the upcoming Lodge year. (2023)

# Have you paid your DUES yet?

## Vigil Worthy & the "Founders Award"

This past year seven Brothers kept their Vigil and two were awarded the Founders Award.

The newest Vigil for 2022 are:

Mrs. Stephanie Billings  
Happy Scouter who likes to cook  
Wulamallsin Chesimus Wiechenin

Andrew C  
Friendly Guide of the Camp  
Elangomat Mechmauwikenk

William K  
Banjo Player in the Camp  
Ahpikwe Tekene

Mr. Eric Low  
Quiet Elder with Many Talents  
Chans Klamachpin Wulaboewagan

Mrs. Shan Low  
Willing One with many Tribes  
Wingi Chweli Nitis

Sean P  
Leader among Cooks  
Gegeyjumhet Sachgachtoon

Kevin L  
Quiet One with Great Influence  
Wulaptonaelchukquonk

The Founders Recipients for 2021 are:

Kevin G & Mr. Karl Weiss

Congratulations to all

## The Winter Carnival

Ladies and gentlemen, step right up! The Winter Carnival is back again at a NEW location!

We will be moving the 2023 Winter Carnival to Quail Hill Scout Reservation's Lawrence Lodge. Join us for Dinner, Fun, Games, Giveaways, and Fellowship.

This event is open to all Arrowmen and their families/invited guests.

New for this year -- we are also inviting all of those Youth and Adults who were elected in 2022 by their units as Candidates of the Order but have not yet completed their Induction to come see what the Lodge is all about.

Dress Code for Scouts/Scouters is Class A uniform with an OA sash (as applicable)

Time: 3:30 - 8:00 PM (See the website for tentative schedule)

Cost:

\$25 per person if paid in advance online (by December 25)

\$35 per person after December 25

\$40 per person at the door

Pine Pass Program:

This is a YELLOW WITH PURPLE BORDER Pine Pass (2023) Event. If you have the new Pine Pass, we already have you as pre-paid for the event. You will still need to register.

You can STILL buy one of the few remaining Pine Passes at the door for \$100.00, please email us first so we know to add you to the food count.

Projected Event Menu

Appetizers

Dinner

Dessert

Anticipated Door Prizes to Include:

Gift Cards

Some Various Swag

Limited Edition Winter Carnival 2023 Lodge Flaps

2023 Pine Pass

Conclave 2023 at Citta Full Event Fee Scholarship  
and much, much more if you sign up today!

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