



VOICE ^{OF} THE PINES

NA TSI HI LODGE 71 - ORDER OF THE ARROW

FALL 2023

From the Lodge Chief

On June 5th, 2021 I was inducted into the Lodge and immediately had my sights set on working in the kitchen. I never thought that the lessons I learned and the people I met through Commissary and the Lodge as a whole would become the platform I stood on when deciding to run for Lodge Chief. My progression through the Lodge speaks volumes about the Order of the Arrow and its importance in fostering youth leadership. The OA only augments one's Scouting experience and I implore everyone to experience it to any degree beyond induction. No other route in Scouts BSA enables youth to have their thoughts and decisions considered at the Council level and that ability is essential in understanding just what the OA has to offer. Thank you for electing me to be your Lodge Chief and I can not wait to work with you all!

Chiefly Reminders

This is a reminder that it is time to make your Na Tsi Hi Lodge Dues payment for next year. Your timely dues renewal helps our Lodge continue our tradition of supporting our Council Camps. For our newest members who were inducted this year (2023), you have already paid your dues for next year (2024).

We are asking everyone else to pay online before December 15th. By paying your dues renewal online, it helps our youth expedite the posting of your payment.

Lodge Dues are only \$20 if paid by Dec 15, 2023 or \$100 if you want to buy the new BROWN/GREEN Pine Pass, which pays your 2024 dues and prepays for your admission to all of the Lodge's standard events for 2024. For Pine Pass recipients, we will be asking you to register for the events you will be attending to help us keep our headcounts and food expenses as accurate as possible.

Payment can be made on either the Lodge website <http://www.natsihi.org/dues> or Monmouth Council BSA website <https://www.monmouthbsa.org/oa-dues>.

Please remember that you need to keep an active registration in the Boy Scouts of America and have current Youth Protection Training (adults 18 years or older) to remain a member of our Lodge.

Yours in Service,

Cole P. -Lodge Chief 2023-2024

From the Lodge Adviser

Brotherhood. We speak of the "bonds of Brotherhood" within the Order of the Arrow, but what does that mean? Merriam-Webster defines it as an alliance or fellowship. I believe it is our differences, our similarities and our shared experiences that makes all Brothers in the Order of the Arrow.

Our differences are things to be celebrated. If we were all the same, the world would be a pretty boring place. What makes each of us unique (our families, our religions, our cultures) are things that expand our own knowledge when we learn from others.

We do have similarities as well. We all have Scouting in common. We have all chosen to give back to our "communities", be they physical communities, our Troops or Crews or our circle of friends. In seeking to hold ourselves to the Scout Oath and Law, as well as the Order of the Arrow Obligation, we all look to improve ourselves, whether we realize it or not.

Our shared experiences (be they Fellowship events, our Ordeals or other Scouting or Lodge functions) take those similarities and differences and give us a commonality that binds us even tighter.

Take every opportunity to give back and to get involved to the Lodge and to your Troop or Crew. You will be the better for it!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Mr. Chris Harris - Lodge Adviser

Winter Carnival

The annual Na Tsi Hi Winter Carnival banquet is an evening jam-packed with fellowship, fun, and food!

There will be carnival games to win prizes, silent and live auctions as well as a formal award ceremony to recognize those Arrowmen who have gone above and beyond in supporting our Lodge. This is the Lodge's primary fundraiser for the year, so please come out to ensure this program maintains its excellence. The date will be Jan 7, 2024 to be held at Quail Hill Scout Reservation. Time: 3:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Lots of help is needed for this event. Please contact Hazel B. if you can help. Go to the Contact page on the website and send a message to Cheerful Service.

Lodge Meeting Dates

January 11, 2024

Lodge Meeting
Time: 7:30 pm

February 8, 2024

Lodge Meeting
Time: 7:30 pm

March 14, 2024

Lodge Meeting
Time: 7:30 pm

April 11, 2024

Lodge Meeting
Time: 7:30 pm

See the website for a complete calendar.
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, 2024

OA Elections Begin

January 7, 2024

Winter Carnival
Quail Hill SR
3:30 pm - 8:00 pm

January 14, 2024

OA Section E17
Leadership Conference

April 15, 2024

OA Elections Due
Results to be submitted online

May 31- June 2, 2024

Spring Induction
Weekend
Forestburg SR

June 7-9, 2024

Section Conclave
NoBeBoSco
Scout Reservation



Fall Fellowship

On October 22, Na Tsi Hi Lodge hosted its Fall Fellowship Event at Quail Hill Scout Reservation. The autumn-themed event featured pumpkin carving, spooky music, and a fair share of Mario Kart Wii. Though the event encountered some issues in planning, spirits were high for a great day of fellowship. The turnout, though less than expected, was promising and attendees began carving into their pumpkins as soon as the event started. The pumpkins were gutted and carved and a pile of completed pumpkins quickly built up, with designs ranging from classic patterns to modern art to shameless self-promotion. The entrails of the pumpkins were whisked away by chief and acting commissary, Cole P. to be prepared into tasty autumnal treats. A competitive game of Mario Kart Wii soon commenced, as attendees snacked on pumpkin seeds and bread pudding. As the event wound to a close, glory shots were taken of the pumpkins as participants reflected on the day of Fellowship. Overall, it was a fun event and will hopefully receive a higher turnout at the next Fellowship Weekend.

YIS,

Declan S. - Vice Chief of Inductions



Something to Ponder

“Each of us is put here in this time and this place to personally decide the future of humankind. Did you think the Creator would create unnecessary people in a time of such terrible danger? Know that you yourself are essential to this world.”

Chief Arvol Looking Horse

Why Apply for a Camp Staff Job?

What National BSA says:

Here are a few of the countless reasons that are frequently expressed:

- > To make new friends in your area, possibly other states, and even other countries
- > To spend a summer in the great outdoors where nature prevails
- > To acquire experiential education (learning by doing) and new skills that will last a lifetime
- > To be part of an effective team and to cooperate with others to get things done
- > To learn how to lead others and to apply leadership skills
- > To undertake and fulfill meaningful challenges and to earn the satisfaction of doing a job well

Why work at a fast food or retail establishment that focuses on sales when you can

have opportunities like these that will prepare you for more meaningful endeavors?

What I will tell you:

- > Network with local employers and managers, because they are Scouts too and come to camp
- > Some staff positions can be considered internships and we have experience in helping create those where you could potentially receive college credits
- > Looks good on resumes
- > You get to be part of a legacy
- > It's fun
- > Your friends that don't come to camp won't believe some of your stories
- > You can field test your skills and find a hobby for a lifetime I've worked at a McDonalds, as radio station board operator, a janitor, and in hospitality management in high school and college. The stories from Camp Staff those summers were far better. Apply to be a part of the team at Forestburg Scout Reservation or Quail Hill Scout Reservation today.
www.Monmouthbsa.org/campstaff

Yours in Service,

Mr. Nate Clark - Staff Adviser



Treasure Island

Recently I was invited to join my cousin on a camping trip with his troop. He was super excited to share the opportunity with me and my other scouting family members. His troop had been trying to make this trip happen for a few years but they were never able to get a slot at the camp, it was always filled within hours of the availability. They finally got their chance and wanted to share this opportunity. What makes this campsite so special is "location, location, location". I was not able to go the entire weekend but I made sure to spend the day taking in the sites. The camp has a very special meaning to me as it is the birthplace to our great order, Treasure Island. I drove just north of Ockinickan along the Delaware and arrived early Saturday morning so I would not miss the ferry boat to the island. I was greeted with smiling faces of fellow adventurers to take in the power of this location. Soon the boat arrived with cheerful staff who greeted us as we began the short journey over to the camp.

On arrival I worked my way up the boat ramp greeting my cousin as he escorted me to their campsite so I could drop off my day pack and join his troop doing their activities. They had chosen to do a morning service project so we were clearing up around building gathering stones then placed them on the dripline of the old dining hall to help reduce the erosion. We soon ran out of rocks, can you imagine that could happen in a scout camp? So we ventured to the north end of the island to gather up some river stone to add to our project. The journey passed by some campsites and some old buildings from a time of adventure. We passed the chapel and headed on to the river's edge where we formed a fire brigade line and in a short time filled the cart with stone. We trekked back to drop off the stones and finish the job. That ended our service time and we checked out the trading post and a few other areas in the center of camp.

We headed back to the campsite to grab lunch and then played with my cousin's "toy", a nice drone and took a sky journey around the island checking out views from the river of various places in camp as well.

After our play time we went to go see the museum and with each step I could feel the energy build. Arriving in the original OA building we were greeted by the curator who had story after story for the thousands of pieces on exhibit. To see the various sashes used over time and the wall of Lodge flaps for each and every Lodge that is or ever were in exist-

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Vigil Honor

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>

On September 29th, two Brothers were honored and became Vigil members. Congratulations to:

Sean S

Vigil name: Gunaxit Wojauwe Achgeketum

Meaning: Tall Leader who Teaches

Mrs. Stacey Stefanski

Vigil name: Tindey Mbi Gelennin Achgegim Nitis

Meaning: Firewater Keeper who helps campers



Crew 71 and the DINOSAURS

On October 7th, members of Crew 71 visited Field Station Dinosaurs in Leonia, NJ for Scout day. It was a wet cold day, but we had approximately 65 Scouts as well as 20 to 30 general public youth show up to our display to see what Scouts do. Every one who tried a knot was given a piece of rope and a page with 40 knots. We had two tents, various cooking methods, and general camping equipment. Members present were Theo S., Rob Stawicki (the younger) and Rob Stawicki (Crew Adviser). Over all it was a successful day. Here is a text the park got at the end of the day from a parent who visited our display:

"First off, thank you so much! The handful that went had a blast and were very impressed. Second, my son is a knot typing pro! Seriously he's been trying for a year but 5 minutes in the birthday tent he mastered it. Thanks for all the back and forth as it was worth it for those who went and can't wait to go again!"

To have a parent give this kind of feedback makes it easy to go back next year for the 12th time.

Conclave 2023

For months you hear about the wonders and excitement of Conclave, but it never actually hits until you are there, with hundreds of other Arrowmen of all different backgrounds, belting your heart out to cheesy pop songs while the adult leaders collectively roll their eyes. The level of camaraderie and fun that is manufactured in one weekend alone is an impressive feat in itself, and I truly believe that it was because of the structure of the Order of the Arrow that made this event such a success. I could not be more proud of our contingent and witnessing their energy was a perfect embodiment of why I decided to run for Chief. I am counting the days until Conclave 2024 at No-BeBoSco on June 7-9 and hope to see you all there!

Cole P. - Lodge Chief

News from a Vice Chief

It's the beginning of a very exciting Lodge year. Fall Fellowship was successful and the Winter Carnival is just over the horizon. We're all looking eagerly forward not just to the next Conclave, but the next three Conclaves. I am of course referring to Conclave 2025, which will be in Puerto Rico, and Conclave 2026 —my personal favorite— which will be hosted at Monmouth Council's very own Forestburg Scout Reservation. Also on the Section level is the upcoming Section Leadership Conference. And if that weren't enough, NOAC, the National Order of the Arrow Conference, is happening once again in 2024 at the University of Colorado from July 29th to August 3rd. We have a lot of patches to design.

Perhaps even more exciting than all the upcoming events is the recent invigoration that the Lodge has unexpectedly experienced. The attendance we had at the September LEC was staggering; the service center was practically bursting at the seams. As running out of office chairs is a problem we definitely want to have, this is a wonderful development that myself and the other officers are hoping to maintain. Since we're swarming with new members, we're swimming in potential. Of course, the first step towards retaining membership is giving them something to do. Which is why I'm pleading directly to each and every committee chair: give your committee members something to do (and find more). Believe me, there's always something to be done. If you don't already have ideas for the aforementioned "something to do," speaking to one of your Lodge officers is a ready salve. As for the new members

Pine Pass

As we come up to that time of year to renew your dues (so that you remain a member of the OA in good standing), just wanted to make sure that you knew about the Pine Pass. What is the Pine Pass and why should I get it? Well, I'm glad you asked!

The Pine Pass is available annually. With it, for the price of \$100.00, you get:

- Your dues paid for the upcoming year (2024)
- Pre-paid event fee for Winter Carnival 2024*
- Pre-paid event fee for Spring Service Weekend 2024*
- Pre-paid event fee for Fall Service Weekend 2024*
- Pre-paid for 2024 Fellowship events*
- Patches for the above-mentioned events, even if unable to attend

*Although fees will be paid, registration (at no cost) will still be needed for accurate headcount for event

This is a significant savings off normal registration costs and offers you the peace of mind of knowing in advance, you are paid for. A Pine Pass automatically pays for all major events at a discount and pays your membership dues.

Mr. Chris Harris - Lodge Adviser

NOAC 2024

Brothers,

I am pleased to announce that Na Tsi Hi Lodge 71 will be sending a contingent to attend NOAC 2024 in Boulder, Colorado. For those who do not know, NOAC is short for the National Order of the Arrow convention, a national level event attended by brothers from across the country. NOAC is the largest event hosted by the OA, hosted every two years and attended by as many as 8,000 Arrowmen from all 50 states. It is an amazing opportunity that I recommend to all Arrowmen, from newly inducted members to the most "seasoned" of scouts and scouters.

If you are interested, be sure to submit your deposit to save yourself one of our VERY limited number of spots. For any questions, check out our website - natsihi.org/NOAC-2024 or reach out to:

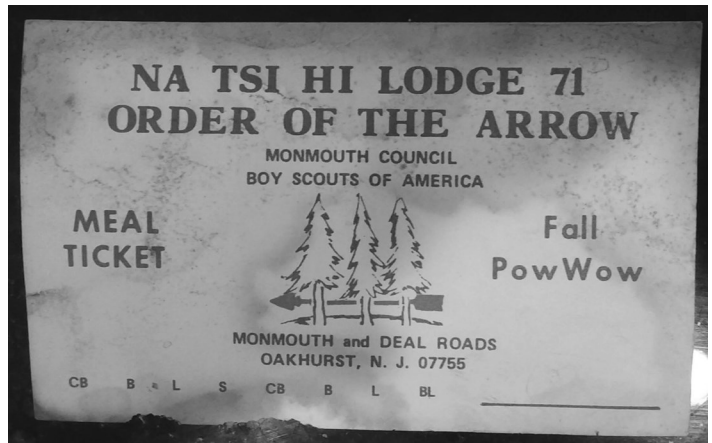
NOAC@natsihi.org

Yours in Brotherhood,

Declan S. - Vice Chief of Inductions

A Memory from the Past

During the Fall Service Weekend at Quail Hill 2023, I was working in Devlin Lodge assisting with the demolition in preparation for an overhaul of the building. I found a great Na Tsi Hi historical item inside one of the demolished walls and would like to share a picture of it. I don't have much info other than where it was found, maybe someone in the Lodge can help us date it! Thanks! -Mr. Ugi



News from a Vice Chief

Brothers,

Hi! My name is Declan S, and you have elected me as you Vice Chief of Inductions. For those of you who don't know me, I was inducted in Spring of 2021 and have been an active member of several committees, as well as the Elangomat Committee and Winter Carnival 2023 Chairs. I'm excited to have the opportunity to serve our Lodge throughout the next year, and I can't wait to get started!

Recently, I've had the opportunity to reflect upon my journey through the Order of the Arrow, and the effect it's had on me. In just over 2 years, I have learned skills I will use for the rest of my life: leadership, professional communication, and event planning. I've made connections (and traded patches) with Arrowmen from Cornhusker Council, Nebraska to Puerto Rico.

A mentor of mine told before my induction that I will get out of the OA exactly what I put in, and I believe that has held true. I threw myself into the OA, wanting to get as involved as possible and experience all it had to offer. I attended every LEC and event I could, taking advantage of opportunities to join com-

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Just a simple reminder. Have you paid your DUES yet?

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Elangomat - Myth vs Fact

For being Lenni Lenape for "friend" the Elangomats sure catch a lot of strays. The people solely responsible for guiding the silenced candidates through their difficult ordeal of self reflection are often the subjects of rumors and myths that simply aren't true. So today I, Adam Ugi, the current Elangomat chair of Na Tsi Hi Lodge, have taken it upon myself to clear up some of the misconceptions of this vital role and shed some light on the true nature of what just may be the most important job in the induction weekend.

Myth: Elangomats fast along with their candidates.

Fact: If they so choose.

You read that right! One of the biggest cons of being an Elangomat from an outside perspective is actually entirely optional. The challenge of scant food is given by Kichkinet and by overcoming it candidates prove they possess self denial, that they can complete the difficult labor of the ordeal without the luxury of nice food to boost them. While the goal of the ordeal is to prove self control, the role of Elangomats is to protect the candidates and guide them, all while deepening their own understanding of the program. An Elangomat may choose to deny themselves food along with their candidates to further their bond and empathy with those who are going through the challenge for the first time, but if they believe that a full meal will allow them to fulfill their duties better they may choose to eat a member meal. It is encouraged that Elangomats fast with their candidates to both further understand Kichkinet's message and to prevent jealousy from forming in the candidates. Honestly, the day of fasting truly does make that evening dinner sooooo much better...

Myth: Elangomats spend the day doing difficult labor

Fact: Yes, we do

Another frequently brought up complaint about Elangomats (from people who have never done it) is that they spend the day doing the intentionally difficult and arduous labor alongside the candidates all over again. This is true, but it is not a bad thing. The fundamental idea of the Order is that of cheerful service, and few encompass that concept as well as the Elangomats. These people willingly toil the day away to bond with the new candidates, protect them,

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2024 Section E17 SLC

Our OA Section of the Eastern Region, E17 is hosting its Section Leadership conference at The College of New Jersey on Jan 14th, 2024! This is a great opportunity to meet other Arrowmen from all over the state, Eastern Pennsylvania, and even Europe and Puerto Rico! The training offered is unique to our section and complements our Lodge Leadership Development, so please consider coming out!

For more information go to <https://sectione17.oa-bsa.org/program/slc/>



The Wolf You Feed

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people.

He said, "My son, the battle is between two "wolves" inside us all.

One is Evil. It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego.

The other is good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather: "Which wolf wins?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

comfort them, and make them feel welcome. It is a difficult job, the rumors are correct, but it is precisely this difficulty that makes it so great. I have never once heard an Elangomat complain about the difficulty of the work, I have never heard an Elangomat complain that they were tired, these people understand the message behind the work and because of that the difficulty is only rewarding.

Myth: All Elangomats get for their work is a big green hat

Fact: Not quite

Elangomats walk away from their difficult weekend of Brotherhood and Service with various gifts based on how many weekends they've completed in their role in the past and it is true that after their third weekend they are gifted the esteemed Elango-hat. These iconic green hats are ludicrously comfy and are a fashion statement and a half but they're not all the Elangomats get. As previously mentioned, completing the Ordeal again gives these leaders a newfound understanding of the ceremonies, the natives, the messages, and the point of the Order of the Arrow. Put simply, Elangomats get to further their bond and relationship with the Order of the Arrow similar to that of being accepted into Brotherhood. Speaking of which, I highly recommend anyone who wants to attain Brotherhood volunteer to be an Elangomat the weekend they do their Brotherhood talk. Getting to experience the Induction again is something special and, in my opinion, makes the Brotherhood ceremony much more meaningful. It really is more than just people walking around a fire.

Yours in the Service of the Brotherhood,

Adam U. – Elangomat Chairman

More Words to Consider

"The same water that softens the potato hardens the egg - it all depends on what you're made of. Who you are is up to you. A bar of iron costs \$5, but made into horseshoes is worth \$15, into needles is worth \$3,500, and into balance springs for watches is worth \$300,000. Your own value is determined by what you are able to make of yourself."

Why an Order Like Ours?

An old man, going a lone highway
came at evening, cold and gray,
to a chasm, vast and deep and wide,
through which was flowing a sullen tide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim-
that sullen stream had no fears for him;
but he turned, when he reached the other side,
and he built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting strength in building here.
"Your journey will end with the ending day;
"You never again must pass this way,
"You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide,
"Why build you the bridge at eventide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head.
"Good friend, in the path I've come," he said,
"There followeth after me today
"A youth whose feet must pass this way.
"This chasm that has been naught to me
"To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.
"He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
"Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."
Will Allen Dromgoole



lost in the ether, the best way to get involved is to communicate. Reach out to the committee chairs, or any officer. The overall best way to get involved is to come to a LEC, which are a lot more fun than they might seem.

Of all the things the Lodge is doing though, the most important ones are the things that are changing. The officers are looking into service the Lodge can perform in the upcoming year. The Committee Crest Initiative is redefining the way we think of our Lodge identity. We're introducing a new recognition device for active Lodge members: The Sharpest Arrow Award. There is so much to look forward to.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Theo D-S

Vice Chief of Administration

Treasure Island (Continued from page 3)

ence was amazing. The Unami Lodge display was a wild assortment of pins, patches, neckerchiefs, certificates, hand written notes and pictures throughout time. This was just the entry room in which this was all displayed. Then moving to the back room where even more historical paperwork from the Hawaiian "Order of the Spear" to the membership cards and certificates confirming the history of the first African American to complete his Brotherhood and as they did in the past actually mix blood with the ceremonialist of the time, and who was later was awarded the Vigil Honor. These historical documents including letters between members and Goodman himself and the stories around these items were just so telling of the greatness of our Order.

I find myself awestruck by the power of our purpose and the people it brings together and for what the Order has accomplished. It makes me wonder what we could accomplish in the future if we can keep our group growing and find those precious places that make activation a guarantee with our new members. Maybe this could be a place to bring some of those who feel our purpose.

You can go over as a day visitor also.

The museum was so worth it and there is a pdf for a self guided tour of the property.

The last weekend for this year was October 20-22, so plan on a trip for 2024.

This is the link

<http://www.friendsoftreasureisland.org/>

Reggie Carlson - Gunaquot Wulamehelleu

mittees and attend trainings. I took part in planning events, both as a member of a team and a director. I am now an officer in our Lodge, and I continue to involve myself with improving it.

The OA is a place where you can have once in a lifetime experiences, make lifelong friends, and build skills and habits that will carry through your adult life, and it is open to those who apply themselves. Our organization is filled with endless opportunities for leadership, service and (most importantly) fellowship, and I urge each and every one of you to dive into the OA and experience everything it has to offer.

Why do you wear the flap?

The following is from the Election Ceremony that many of you should have heard at the time of your election into the Order of the Arrow. "That you, my fellow campers, have been chosen by your companions to become members of the Order of the Arrow reflects great credit upon you, and I congratulate you upon your election. You have impressed upon those who have lived closest to you the sincerity of your purpose to live in accordance with the high ideals of the Scout Oath or Promise. The judgment of your fellows could hardly have been mistaken. In a short time, you will take upon yourselves another solemn obligation to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others. Your fellow Scouts elected you because they felt that you would continue your service. Do not let them down."

Regardless of the kind of Arrow you wear across your shoulder, Ordeal, Brotherhood, or Vigil, you have an obligation to honor your Brother Scouts who selected you to wear that sash and flap. In many units today the Order of the Arrow is seen as a popularity contest and that is the wrong attitude to take.

As a reminder here is the Purpose of the Order:

To recognize those campers--Scouts and Scouters- - who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and by such recognition cause other campers to conduct themselves in such manner as to warrant recognition.

To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit.

To promote Scout camping, which reaches its greatest effectiveness as a part of the unit's camping pro-

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gram, both year-round and in the summer camp, as directed by the camping committee of the council.

To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

And finally in a short time there will be those who will be honored by being chosen by their Brother Scouts. Lest they not forget one of the Principles of the Order:

You were inducted into the Order of the Arrow "not so much for what you have done, but for what you are expected to do." For in taking the Obligation of the Order, you promised, on your honor, "to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others."

So it will be asked again. Why do you wear the flap?

In Service,

Mr. Rob Stawicki—Communications Adviser

Teach Him

He will have to learn. I know that all people are not just, all people are not true. But teach him also that for every scoundrel there is a hero; that for every selfish politician there is a dedicated leader. Teach him that for every enemy there is a friend. It will take time, I know, but teach him if you can, that a dollar earned is of far more value than five found. Teach him to learn to lose and also enjoy winning. Steer him away from envy, if you can, teach him the secret of quiet laughter. Teach him, if you can, the wonder of books but also give him some quiet time to ponder the eternal mystery of birds in the sky, ocean beneath the sun, and flowers on a green hillside. Please teach him that it is far more honorable to fail than to cheat. Teach him to have faith in his own ideas, even if everyone tells him that he is wrong. Teach him to be gentle with gentle people and tough with the tough. Try to give my son the strength not to follow the crowd when everyone is getting on the band wagon. Teach him to listen to all but teach him also to seek out the truth, teach him to take only the good that comes through.

This is a letter from Abraham Lincoln to the headmaster of the school his son was attending.

The Ten Inductions Principles

Purpose

The purpose of the induction is to encourage and inspire each candidate to develop firm individual dedication to the ideals of Brotherhood and cheerful service.

Eligibility

The right to earn Ordeal and Brotherhood membership is given only by the scouts of a candidate's home unit during an authorized Order of the Arrow election. Only the elected candidate can overrule their decision.

Candidate's Compliance

The candidate has the continuous choice of meeting the tests of the Ordeal to the best of his ability, or of withdrawing.

Member's Compliance

All members participating in an induction must respect and comply with the tests of the ordeal to the extent allowed by their specific responsibilities.

Discretion

In cases where strict application of the test and requirements of the Ordeal is not possible, the lodge may choose an alternative that will best preserve the spirit of the induction, and the quality of the candidate's experience.

Importance of the Individual

All actions and procedures must recognize the worth, dignity, and separate identity of each individual, and his present or potential ability to govern himself.

Generosity

The attitude of members towards the candidate must be one of acceptance, respect, understanding, sincerity, friendly encouragement, support, and trust.

Focus

Everything in the lodge-created environment must direct the candidate to the central meaning of the induction and not distract from it.

Symbolic Progression

No symbol or symbolic procedure should be mentioned or used unless and until it is called for in the authorized ceremonies.

Active Membership

Lodge policy must recognize that one who understands the obligation of the Order and is striving to fulfill it is an active member, and that his dedication in itself accomplishes a major service to the Lodge.

OA Member Portal

The Order of the Arrow has recently introduced a Member Portal, through which you can do the following:

- Update your contact information (email/phone/mailling address)
- View the lodge calendar
- Find links to register for events
- Check if your dues are paid
- Contact lodge leadership with questions

You will be sent an invitation following this weekend's induction information to help you prepare for your journey to Brotherhood.

You must be 13 years of age or older to get a Member Portal account. Currently there is no access for parents to accounts of members who are under 13, either. A future update should add the ability for parents of members under 13 to access on their behalf.

Get an Arrow ID account

The Order of the Arrow has a single-sign-on system called Arrow ID which is used to access any official Order of the Arrow. You will need an Arrow ID account first before you can access the Member Portal. If you don't have an account yet, you can sign up with the following steps:

1. Go to <https://id.oa-bsa.org/Account/Register>
2. Fill in your name, your email address, and the password you want to use for your account, and submit the form.
3. Click Register.
4. Follow any directions given to complete your registration.

Get a Member Portal Invitation

Click the link in the invitation email. If you get prompted to log in, then do so using your Arrow ID login. After you've logged in, go back to the email and click the link again. If it doesn't automatically link your account, click the red "Have an invite?" button near the top, choose "Member Portal" for the application. Select your council. Then paste in the code from the email and click "Add".

Once you have accepted the Member Invite, you can access your member portal at <https://portal.oa-bsa.org> If you cannot find the member invite email, please email us at membership@natsihi.org

Quote of the Month

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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

EQUALS

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

THEN

K N O W L E D G E

11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 = 96%

H A R D W O R K

8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 98%

Both are important, but fall just short of 100%

BUT

A T T I T U D E

1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 = 100%

Coincidence or Not?????

Na Tsi Hi Word Find

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 F E K Z V B E L X D N O I T A G I L B O A
 S U I K Y U F C R J Y R E O C L K I Z N F
 E F S F S P W T I L E P Q F X Z X M V T E
 N L H O D A C O E V Q W N A T S I H I E I
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 P J U E J C K P A R I E V A L C N O C I C
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KICKINET

POWWOW

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LLD

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Place label here

Calendar of Events for 2024	
January 1 OA Troop Elections Begin	January 7 Winter Carnival Where: Quail Hill SR
January 11, 7:30pm - 9:00pm OA Monthly Lodge Meeting Where: Council Service Center	January 14 OA Section Leadership Conference The College of New Jersey
January 29-August 3 NOAC University of Colorado	February 8, 7:30pm - 9:00pm OA Monthly Lodge Meeting Where: Council Service Center
February 28 Lodge Dues Deadline for late renewal	February 28 Lodge Dues Deadline for late renewal
March 14, 7:30pm - 9:00pm OA Monthly Lodge Meeting	Where: Council Service Center
April 11, 7:30pm - 9:00pm OA Monthly Lodge Meeting Where: Council Service Center	April 15 OA Elections Due Results to be submitted online
May 31-June 2 Spring Service Weekend Forestburg SR	June 7-9 Section E17 Conclave NOBosco SR

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