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NA TSI HI LODGE 71 - ORDER OF THE ARROW

SPRING 2024

From the Lodge Chief - Thoughts

NLS Atlanta 2023

Prior to joining the Order of the Arrow, I thought FSR was a far trip! Back in November 2023 I had the pleasure to attend the National Leadership Seminar with my Lodge Officers and one of their brothers, held at the Atlanta Area Council Service Center. This national OA event was surprisingly only partially about the Order of the Arrow and Scouting. The seminars given definitely complemented and were put into the context of the Organization but more often than not, the content was more universal ideas about leadership that can be applied to any setting. NLS gave seminars not only on what makes a good leader but tips and tricks on how to recognize your own patterns of leadership. I personally enjoyed how the participants were organized into expedition crews similar to how Service Weekend was organized into work crews. This enabled us to bond through the seminar. It was also really nice to see former Lodge Chief Matthew Carlson's last NLS as expedition leader and Eastern Region Chief. EAST IS BEAST!

Conclave from the perspective of a CVC

The Section E17 Conclave is an amazing event facilitated by our OA Section each year. However, the section officers and advisors are not alone in this planning. They recruit members of the Lodges across the section to become Conclave Vice Chiefs to serve from October of the previous up until the end of Conclave on that Sunday. As CVC of Logistics, I have gotten a perspective of Conclave and the OA that I did not get the previous two Conclaves as a participant and recently sworn in as Lodge Chief respectively. The amount of behind the scenes work and preparation that goes into such an exciting event is a feat and to be directly involved in it is most definitely a perk of being active in the OA. Although being assigned the check-in/out process, parking and camp accommodations is boring to some, it is an incredibly technical responsibility that I am glad to have been recognized as someone capable of rising to the challenge. I hope you all consider experiencing Conclave and see all the hard work that myself, the other CVCs and Section Leadership have put into making the event a success!

Best,

Cole P. – Na Tsi Hi Lodge Chief

From the Lodge Adviser

Get off the Fence!

Decisive action is critical to creating brilliant success. In times of great change or opportunity (such as going off to college, taking on a new role or responsibility, learning a new skill, etc.), one of the biggest blocks to building momentum and impact is indecision. Being afraid to make a decision is an actual phobia, aptly named decidophobia.

There is a great expression that sitting on the fence about something gets you nothing but splinters. We are all leaders and with that leadership comes the responsibility to make the tough decisions and to take action.

I would encourage you all to Spring ('tis the season) into action with our Lodge and in your Units. Get involved and help out. You can assist one of the many committees within the Lodge. You can go to Conclave. You can attend and help out at the events that we hold as a Lodge. The opportunities to give back are there for you - take charge of yourself and take action! You and the Lodge will be the better for it.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Mr. Chris Harris - Na Tsi Hi Lodge Adviser

Na Tsi Hi Website - A New Look

Hi all! This spring, Sappy asked me to build a new website for our Lodge. The new website is probably live/updated by the time you are reading this (fingers crossed)! This website is a lot cleaner, easier to navigate, and overall more modern. It also makes the webmaster's life a little bit easier and more organized for publishing content to the website. Along with the new website comes plenty of motivation to hassle all the committees for content, so this website is a live breathing thing! I also want to thank and recognize Mr. Mitchell Mellin and Mr. Adam Gross for all the hard work and assistance for making this possible.

From your webmaster, Thomas O



Lodge Meeting Dates

May 9, 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.

Lodge Calendar

May 31- June 2, 2024

Spring Induction Weekend

Forestburg SR

June 7-9, 2024

Section Conclave

NoBeBoSco



Activities Update

Hi, my name is Douglas T. I am the current Activities chair. You might be asking yourself what is Activities? Well the Activities committee plans the activities at night after the new members have been inducted. At the Fall service weekend some may remember we did an around the world theme such as Geogesser, around the world jeopardy, games and over all a fun night. This upcoming service weekend the theme is chess. If you have any ideas involving chess related games that we could put into place for the spring service weekend, or if you want to know how you can get involved in the Activities committee please email us at Activities@natsihi.org

YiB,

Doug T. - Na Tsi Hi Activities Chair

Elangomats Needed

Are you interested in being an Elangomat? Are you interested in teaching a lesson on leadership?

We want YOU!

The Spring Service weekend, is a biannual event in which new Arrowmen are inducted into the Lodge. This event will run from May 31st until June 2nd at Forestburg Scout Reservation. For more details or to become an Elangomat speak to me or any member of the Lodge leadership team. You can also contact us at elangomat@natsihi.org.

In Service,

Adam U. - Na Tsi Hi Elangomat Chair

Membership News

Hello Na Tsi Hi,

85 Arrowmen attended the Winter Carnival, which was on January 7. We're hoping to see even more next year!

309 Arrowmen have paid their dues for 2024. This is fantastic and a great way to start the year. I am hoping to see even more Arrowmen join us after the Spring and Fall Service Weekends.

Speaking of the Spring Service Weekend, I am hoping to see all of you there. It will be from May 31-June 2. It is a great way to get involved and contribute to the Lodge. To sign up, go to "natsihi.org/events", then select the "Induction weekends" tab. Scroll down to the registration link. Once you fill out your information, you're all set.

YiB,

Philip R. - Na Tsi Hi Membership Chair

Quartermaster News

Greetings All,

I hope you all are getting excited for the spring service weekend! This is a reminder that the trading post will be up and running all weekend for all of your Lodge merch and patch needs. We have had great participation in the committee as of late, but we are always happy to take on more OA members interested in the art of selling our Lodge merch!

Email me at quartermaster@natsihi.org for more information on the committee or how you can get involved!

YiB,

Zoe A. - Na Tsi Hi Quartermaster Chair

Something to Ponder

"Sometimes it's easy to forget that we live in a place, this world, where many other beings live, too. As two-leggeds, humans, we believe we are the most powerful beings to walk the Earth. We don't seem to understand that the power that comes from being numerous is not the same power that comes from being wise, or kind."

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Joseph M. Marshall III, Lakota

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 potential 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 wont 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 Cleanup -

Larger than Ourselves

Treasure Island is an island in the Delaware River that was once home to a large community of Native Americans of the Lenni Lenape tribe. The camp eventually traded owners many times, until it was chosen by E. Urner Goodman to be the site of the very first Order of the Arrow ceremony. The island is the birthplace of the Order, where the very best of the best were chosen by Goodman to be Arrowmen and devote their Scouting careers to selfless service to others. The camp grew exponentially with this newfound national fame, and before long it would be a campsite visited by Scouts across the country. Tragically, in the early 2000s, the camp would fall victim to a series of severe floods that would destroy the camp's infrastructure. Due to the difficulty of material transportation reconstruction was called off and the camp sat in disarray. The site was sold to a local wealthy landowner where it sat desolate for many years. Around 2017 a group of former Scouters learned of the history of the island and strove to rebuild it to its former glory. The landowner was willing to give up the island and forfeited ownership of the space to the newly founded organization: the "Friends of Treasure Island." This group of people, with the help of a barge, began to clean up the island throughout 2020 and after many hours of intense labor the camp was in working order. My troop, Troop 116 of Millstone, was fortunate enough to be able to assist in this cleanup and to watch the camp come together was an incredible experience. Many mementos and historic artifacts were uncovered, and the FTI decided to build a museum on the island to house all of their findings.

In 2024 Treasure Island is renowned as one of the top Scout locations in the world, with weekly visitors from all US states and even some foreign countries. Due to the nature of those who own the island, it is not classified as a Scout camp. They do not charge any money to attend but doing so is quite difficult as a man there told me the camp is booked into 2025. The museum is one of the most well known in the country with many artifacts from the very first induction ceremony that made it so famous in the first place. It was at this time that a group of our Lodge's Arrowmen made landing during the offseason in an attempt to improve the camp and prepare it for yet another incredible camping year. During our time on the island the FTI put us to work clearing paths, felling widow makers, blowing leaves off campsites, stacking firewood for the camp's massive bonfires,

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Vice-Chief of Administration Thoughts

Greetings,

Na Tsi Hi has undergone a transformation this last Lodge year. As a Lodge, we've had more events, greater participation, better planning and preparation, and improved communication. We have a few upcoming events as well as NOAC, the Order's largest event happening later this summer.

Most important of all our upcoming events is our Spring Service Weekend, something that I have had the honor of planning. The theme this year is chess, and we've got some exciting things planned, a Lodge-wide Blitz tournament (with a special reward for the winner), and a human chess game.

Apart from all these exciting things, there is one rather disappointing one: the current Lodge officers will soon face the end of their terms. As Vice Chief, and as a leader in general, I've never worked with such an amazing group of people. I'd like to thank you all for this Lodge year. Let's keep it up in the next one.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Theodore D. – Na Tsi Hi Vice Chief of Administration

Why Should You Go to the Lodge

Executive Committee Meetings?

The Lodge Executive Committee meetings are Na Tsi Hi Lodge 71's monthly business meetings. They are open to any member of the Lodge to attend and occur on the second Thursday of every month at the Monmouth Council Service Center in Morganville, NJ.

Here's why you should go: Get informed. The LECs are your best bet at getting the most accurate information as to what is happening in our Lodge. From our meetings, you can then take that information and distribute that to your units if you happen to be the OA Representative for your troop. Knowing what happens in our Lodge is vital to strengthening your activity within Na Tsi Hi.

Get involved. The LECs are a great way to get involved with what is currently going on in our Lodge, and also a great time to step up and help out with planning an event or running an election for a unit nearby. There is always something to do in the Lodge, and the LEC is a place where you can talk to all the committee chairs. Join Ceremonies and learn

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From the Vice Chief of Inductions

Brothers,

One of the biggest benefits of being a member of our organization is the opportunities it offers. The Order of the Arrow is an entirely youth-led organization, and with that comes the necessity for youth to fill the roles necessary to support itself. In Na Tsi Hi, we have plenty of opportunities for all members to get involved. As the end of the Lodge year approaches, as does the turnover of (most) leadership responsibilities for the next year. This time of year is a great way to make connections within the OA, join a committee in preparation for the upcoming Spring Service Weekend, and step up to fill one of the many roles our Lodge consistently seeks to fill.

One of the best pieces of advice I have ever been given in this organization came from my OA Rep Adviser: You will get out of the OA exactly what you put in. Throughout my time in the OA, I've found this to be 100% true. I've stepped up to assist committees in need of support, fill vacant committee chairs, and even plan Lodge-wide events. The lessons I learned, friends I've made, and stories I have to share all came directly back with every second I've spent supporting the Lodge.

In the Unit Elections script, one of the final lines spoken to the elected candidates goes as follows: "The Order of the Arrow has offered this [experience] to every candidate for over a hundred years. It is now our privilege to offer it to you." This is the Order of the Arrow's true purpose, to offer youth the opportunity to learn about scouting, leadership, and life lessons in fellowship with peers. I ask you, regardless of when you were inducted or how active you have been since then, to take advantage of the invaluable experience of seizing opportunities, challenging yourself, and learning from each experience, for it is through your dedication to service and leadership that you truly embody the spirit of the Order of the Arrow.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Declan S. – Na Tsi Hi Vice Chief of Inductions

Crew 71

Interested in joining a Venture Crew? We are looking for active members to boost our numbers. Contact Mr. Rob Stawicki if interested at rpstawicki@gmail.com

Ceremonies Update

Treasure Island (Continued from page 3)

Dear Lodge members,

My name is Dhwen P, and I am proud to serve as your Youth Committee chair for the Ceremonies Committee. As your committee chair, I have been working to make the Na Tsi Hi ceremonies memorable and meaningful for everyone. To achieve this, I have implemented several changes and modifications, including bringing back something the Lodge has not seen in a long time - all service weekend ceremonies, including Ordeal and Brotherhood, will now be completely off-script, and members participating will memorize lines. This implementation, along with others, will significantly strengthen our Lodge ceremonies in terms of their message and overall impact.

We have been having monthly meetings as a committee to prepare for this, and we need your help to make it a success. Our Lodge's continued support of the ceremonies committee is crucial for its survival. Without this committee's strong and loyal members, the ceremony we all went through and witnessed would not exist. Therefore, I encourage new members to join our committee, stay active, learn, take on new roles and responsibilities, and replace existing committee members when their time is up. If you are interested in joining, helping, or supporting the committee, please do not hesitate to reach out. We need help with countless things, and anyone who can help is welcome, big or small. Just like the passed-down stories mentioned in the ceremonies, it's our job to uphold the tradition of telling these stories to new and old members alike; we must keep the fire going.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Dhwen P. - Ceremonies Chair

From the NOAC Contingent

Na Tsi Hi Lodge will be attending the National Order of the Arrow Conference this year at the University of Colorado Boulder. The event is completely sold out, and will be attended by 6,500 Arrowmen from across the nation. NOAC is an amazing opportunity for all Arrowmen, from newly inducted to even the most "seasoned" scouts and scouters. For Lodge members who are unable to attend, the official Na Tsi Hi NOAC patch set is available for purchase now for all Lodge members interested in getting their hands on these limited-edition patches.

For those who are interested in attending NOAC, Na Tsi Hi still has ONE SLOT LEFT, available for a YOUTH OR ADULT. Register online at monmouth-bsa.org/noac2024 or contact noac2024@natsihi.org to take your place as the final member of our contingent today.

Declan S. - Na Tsi Hi NOAC Chair

and repainting the historic buildings.

Treasure Island is an incredible story about a group of passionate people doing something truly amazing, and the history and significance of the location cannot be understated. This location is the birthplace of our organization, and none of us would be here without it. Thanks to everyone who came out to participate in the cleanup, the food was great and the FTI were very grateful. I end my story with this, FTI's account of their recovery and the TI spirit:

Some years ago our island was shuttered

Tears were shed and words were uttered

The old guard rallied and formed FTI

Plans were made, save her they would try

Despite their best efforts the island was lost

Funds were not there to cover the cost

For years she sat closed and left there to rot

No campers upon her, no cars in the lot

Out of the blue emerged John and Dave

They came up with a plan so an offer they gave

News spread fast the island was sold

But scouts could return is what we were told

The brothers you see, are men with a vision

They enlisted FTI to assist with their mission

Three years later we work as a team

To support each groups efforts and fulfill all of our dreams

Scouts have returned you can see it and hear it

Awakened again has the TI Spirit!

Adam U. - Na Tsi Hi Elangomat Chair



Section E17 Word Find - Councils, Lodges & Camps

Can you find all 42?

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Unami

Cradle of Liberty

Resica Falls

Musser

Ajapeu

Washington Crossing

Ockanickon

Lenape

Garden State

Roosevelt

Pine Hill

Pine Tree

Lenapehoking

Northern New Jersey

No-Be-Bo-Scio

Turrell

Floodwood

Woapalanne

Patriots Path

Winnebago

Somers

Witauchsoman

Minsi Trails

Minsi

Na Tsi Hi

Monmouth

Quail Hill

Forestburg

Lowwapanau

Northeastern Pennsylvania

Goose Pond

Japeechee

Jersey Shore

Citta

Black Eagle

Transatlantic

Alpine

Avantura

Kenya

Yokahu

Puerto Rico

Guajataka

how to help out with the upcoming Spring Service Weekend, talk to the Elangomat Chair about becoming an Elangomat this spring, and ask about unit elections in your area that you could help run.

Have fun. They may be business meetings, but we still have plenty of Brotherhood and cheerfulness at these meetings. The LEC is a great time to connect with other members of our Lodge and spread some joy around the council.

Lastly, if in the unfortunate event that you are unable to attend in person: Join the Zoom. That's right, you can call in via Zoom to attend our LECs to find out what is going on and how to get involved.

I hope to see all of you at the LEC, whether it be in person or via Zoom. Remember, it's the second Thursday of every month. If you want to see what happens at our LEC check the Lodge emails that get sent out with the minutes from the previous month's minutes and the agenda for the next month's meetings.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Colin S. – Na Tsi Hi Secretary

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The Communications Committee is interested in you.

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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.



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