



VOICE ^{OF} THE PINES

NA TSI HI LODGE 71 - ORDER OF THE ARROW

FALL 2024

From the Lodge Chief

Hello Na Tsi Hi,

I am pleased to greet you all for the first time as your Lodge Chief. Even though the Lodge year has only just picked up, the past few months have been filled with landmark moments and revolutionary change.

People, Presence, and Purpose

I have a vision for Na-Tsi-Hi: to be a High Performing Lodge. We may not get there during my term, but I intend to set the precedents we need to be the best we can. My plan focuses on three key aspects: people, presence, and purpose. The order was founded on three principles: Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. Purpose means incorporating these three aspects into each and every one of our events. Presence means emphasizing our place in Monmouth Council. It means making a point of doing unit visitations, volunteering at Council events, and communicating our achievements and events to both our membership and the units. People is most important. The Lodge can't exist without membership, so it is vital that we induct, train, and make use of every existing and potential member. This means running high-quality induction weekends. It means giving every new member a reason to stay: a job, a friend, and a place in the Lodge. To maximize the opportunities and capability of our Arrowmen, we will prioritize our training programs, such as LLD and Polestar. We will build a better Lodge.

Opportunities and Events

Only one week into my term, I had the privilege of attending my second Section Conclave at No-Be-Bo-Sco as a Lodge Chief. I attended an array of excellent training, met the other chiefs from our Section, and participated in various riveting fellowship events. I even ran a mile for one of the competitions. This was a great personal sacrifice; making me run should be considered a war crime. And I had boots on. It was so much fun. We won second place in both volleyball and ultimate frisbee. The highlight of Conclave was the closing show, where I was drenched in slime to entertain the over 600 enthusiastic Arrowmen representing the section.

The National Order of the Arrow Conference at the University of Colorado Boulder was this past summer. NOAC is the OA's premier event: a week of

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From the Lodge Adviser

Greetings in Brotherhood! As the Fall season is in full swing and the leaves are beginning to change, it makes me think about the cyclical nature of things and how change and growth go hand-in-hand. Henry Ford once said, "If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got.". Change can be scary. Whether it is a new job, new classes in school, or a whole new school (i.e. heading to college), adapting to new surroundings, circumstances, etc. can be challenging. But it can also be fun! Personal growth is what happens outside of your comfort zone. We are Scouts after all! I'm sure there was a point in time where you didn't know a tautline hitch from two half-hitches from a clove hitch. But, through putting in the work and stepping outside of your comfort zone, you are now in a space where you can teach those knots to others.

The same is true of life. A new situation will require you to put in the work. But the reward of a job well done or a new skill learned is well worth the effort. Always be learning. Always be growing. And always Be Prepared!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Mr. Chris Harris - Lodge Adviser

Thoughts from a Vice Chief of Admin

A very cheerful "Hello!" to all Lodge members! My name is Colin S and this year I am serving as the Vice Chief of Administration. Previously I have served as the Lodge Secretary and as the Unit Elections Chair, as well as helping out in almost every committee at some point in my time in the Lodge. I deeply value the Lodge and have had many great experiences in the two and a half years I've been involved. The connections and memories I've gotten from the Lodge have been truly wonderful. One highlight was attending NOAC this summer, as I was able to fully immerse myself in all the wonderful things the OA has to offer for a whole week in a new place.

It is these experiences that have given so much to me that gives me the passion to help build the next generation of the Lodge. Myself and the other officers are all working very closely to provide a qual-

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Lodge Meeting Dates

November 14, 2024

Lodge Meeting

Time: 7:30 pm

December 12, 2024

Lodge Meeting

Time: 7:30 pm

January 9, 2025

Lodge Meeting

Time: 7:30 pm

February 13, 2025

Lodge Meeting

Time: 7:30 pm

March 13, 2025

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

December 1, 2024

OA Dues DEADLINE

January 1, 2025

OA Elections Begin

January 5, 2025

Winter Carnival

Quail Hill SR

3:30 pm - 8:00 pm

April 15, 2024

OA Elections Due
Results to be submitted online

May 30- June 1, 2025

Spring Induction Weekend

Forestburg SR

August 6-10, 2025

Section E17 Conclave
Camp Guajataka
Puerto Rico



Vice Chief of Inductions

Hello Arrowmen!

My name is Philip R., and I have the pleasure of serving as your Vice Chief of Inductions. If you were just inducted this Fall Service Weekend, you likely saw me helping out in many places during your Ordeal Ceremony.

You may have joined the Order of the Arrow because you thought it looked interesting, or because your Scoutmaster made you attend the Ordeal. Either way, my goal is to convince you to stay involved. I was inducted into the OA at the 2022 Fall Service Weekend. I was told by Arrowmen in my troop that there was really no need for me to come to the LECs (Lodge Executive Committee Meetings), and that I should only come to major events. This was a big mistake, and I urge you all not to make it. The LECs are where all Arrowmen from across Monmouth Council are invited come together to plan OA events throughout the year. These meetings are not just for committee chairs and officers, but all Arrowmen, which includes you. They are every second Thursday at 7:30 at the Morganville Council Center.

The OA has done so much for me. I have had the opportunity to be Membership Chairman, where I learned all about administration. This then helped me become Na Tsi Hi's Vice Chief of Inductions, where I have already learned so much from planning the Fall Service Weekend. I have also been able to go to Boulder, Colorado for the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC), where I met and learned from Arrowmen across the country.

If I had never stepped up, come to LECs, and gained new positions, I would not be where I am today, and not writing this article to you.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Philip R. - Vice Chief of Inductions

The Secretary Scribble

Greetings,

I am excited to serve as Secretary this Lodge year. I have been overseeing the communications committee, and working with the rest of the officer team ensuring everything goes to plan. Come visit our LECs, we have a lot of fun there, and I'll be sure to say hello to you. Remember to pay your dues or buy the pine pass. Follow the Lodge's Instagram account, and Facebook account to stay updated on events going on. Check the website every now and again to keep up with registering for events and more. Until next time, this is Thomas O, and I'll catch you on the flip side!

The Activities Committee

If you were wondering, what is activities? Activities is the fellowship committee. We plan the fun events during the service weekend. This past service weekend we planned and executed a successful fellowship, however WE NEED MEMBERS. If you're interested in having fun, meeting new people, and becoming more active in the Lodge, email activities@natsihi.org. We are brainstorming for the next service weekend and welcome ideas to make our events fun for all Arrowmen.

YIB, Douglas T - Activities Chairman

LLD

Many of you may not know what the LLD is, but I can promise it will be the best one ever seen. LLD, Lodge Leadership Development, is a Lodge run program to help Lodges develop the skills they need to run and plan successful Lodge programs. If anyone has ever been to NYLT that is similar to what this is like, however it will be smaller and more to beneficial to the Lodge and Lodge events. The training of LLD can cover a variety of topics, including: Leadership development, Event planning, Goal setting, and Conclave ceremony preparation. There will be people from the Lodge chosen to present certain activities and topics.

If you have anything particular you would like to talk about or any ideas email LLD@natsihi.org.

Lily S - LLD Chairmen

Vigil Honor

On September 22nd, we honored our newest Vigil at our Fall Service Weekend at Quail Hill.

Congratulations to:

Mrs. Shannon Pullaro

Wischixin Achgekatum Mechelgik

Tireless Mentor of Many Students

The Vigil Honor is a prestigious recognition awarded to Arrowmen who, through exceptional service, personal commitment, and selfless dedication, have made significant contributions beyond their official responsibilities to the Lodge, the Order of the Arrow, or the Scouting community.

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>

Yours in Vigil,

Heidi K – Vigil Chairman

Dear Sappy,

I am currently just a scouter but am interested in joining Order of the Arrow, what are some experiences that I can receive if I join OA?

Sincerely,

Future Brother



Dear Future Brother,

If you decide to join the OA, you will be able to meet people not just from your troop or surrounding troops, but troops from all over your county, and throughout the council. You can meet many different people on a similar or even different path in life, but with this, you can make connections, not just in the scouting world, but in the real world. Some events are even catered to just OA members across the country such as the National Order of the Arrow Conference, more commonly known as NOAC. Many people within this Lodge have grown bonds with people who live across the country due to this event and many others. While these are some events you could participate in, often, certain Lodges will have their events for their Lodge members to build Brotherhood just within the Lodge. There are many opportunities to learn certain skills necessary for everyday life, and even the professional world if you pick up a leadership position.

Sincerely,

Sappy

Winter Carnival

Hi everybody, it's me, your winter carnival chair (well, the co-chair who's writing this article, anyway. Doug says hi, though.) This year's carnival will be held at the American Legion Base in Milltown this year on January 5th. I hope to see you all there! To those of you who are already helping us plan and prepare a great event, thank you. To those who would be interested in getting involved with our Committee, your help would be much appreciated. There's lots to do, and the more hands we have, the better our carnival will be. Our committee is ad-hoc, meaning we're only active during the carnival "season." For our new members especially, ad hocs are a great place to start if you're looking to get active in the Lodge.

If you're interested in joining our committee, you can reach out to me or Doug or our committee advisor Mrs. Pullaro at activities@natsihi.org.

Yours in brotherhood,

Simon DS, Committee Chair

training, fellowship, service, planning, and patch trading. I had the privilege of attending NOAC and could not recommend it more. Our Lodge once again demonstrated its superior volleyball skills by winning third place in the national tournament. I attended the National Council of Chiefs meeting (NCOG), where youth leaders from all levels of the Order gathered to discuss Lodge best practices, the OA program, and the future of our organization. In September, the NCOG voted on the National Program of Emphasis for 2028, which was the first time that this key decision was made by the Lodge Chiefs instead of the National Officers. This historic moment marked a transition of the NCOG from a deliberative to a legislative body.

Chiefly Reminders

Pay your dues! Dues secure your membership in the OA for another year, allowing you to wear your sash and Lodge flap proudly. If you buy the beautiful brand new green & gold checkerboard Pine Pass, you not only get your dues paid, but you also become prepaid for all Lodge events in 2025. New members, your dues are already paid for 2025.

Closing Remarks

This year is the Year of Our Legacy. For the first time since before the pandemic, a chair was appointed for every committee before the first LEC. The THRIVE program will establish strong improvements in the way we run our Lodge program. We're running more events this year — more training, more service, more fellowships. In the coming year, each of you will control the future of our organization. Everything you do will affect countless years to come.

This is what it means to be youth-led. This is your time to write the story of Na-Tsi-Hi.

Yours In Brotherhood,
Theo D.S. - Lodge Chief

Commissary Update

As Commissaries main duty is to ensure delicious food to everyone in the Lodge, we make it our mission to get advice from fellow scouts on how we can improve. Thanks to the new growth in commissary which nearly tripled the size of our committee. We are able to further dedicate ourselves to our goal on insuring food that our is bound to be loved. If anyone has any questions or feedback, please reach out to me at commisary@natsihi.org.

YiS,

ity program for this coming year, taking concepts from previous years and implementing ideas of our own to continue to provide a similar yet more polished calendar. Additionally I look forward to continuing to grow our committees and encouraging individual committee activity.

It is a wonderful privilege to be a vice chief, and I hope that I can help others in our Lodge feel the movement of the Order of the Arrow as I have, and I hope to inspire the next generation of leaders. I encourage everyone to become involved within the OA, and to seek positions within the Lodge. All of you are here because your units saw you as leaders and exemplary scouts. Even if you doubt your abilities, I have faith in each and every one of you, and I have faith in the Lodge to support you if necessary

Yours in Brotherhood,
Colin S – Vice Chief of Administration

Elangomat

Elangomats are one of the many committees in the Order of the Arrow. Being an Elangomat entails that you have the mental fortitude and friendliness to go through the Ordeal with the incoming candidates. As much as it can be difficult at times, it is also rewarding when your candidates, whom you helped, become a part of the Order of the Arrow. The word Elangomat is from the Lenni Lenape, when translated to English it means “friend”. While going through the Ordeal process it is important, as an Elangomat, to remember that it is your duty to be a welcoming friend. The Elangomat committee is the backbone of the Ordeal process, from guiding the candidates through the Ordeal, to being the candidate’s first friend in the Order of the Arrow.

Jacob B - Elangomat Chairman

Quartermaster News

Hello everyone,

I hope you are excited about Winter Camava! This is a reminder that the trading post will be up and running for Winter Carnival. I was happy to see new faces at the trading post at our last service weekend, and hope to see you all this winter.

YiB,
Alex A - Quartermaster Chairman

Fall Induction update

Na Tsi Hi's fall induction was an amazing success. Lots of new Ordeal members and eight new Brotherhoods have passed their tasks with flying colors. The trail to the chapel and area for a new cabin are all clear. Thank you to everyone who came out to help!

Communications update

Hello everyone, my name is Elizabeth (Beth) Saada. I'm the Communications Chairman and I'm so excited for the new 24-25 year. You may be asking "what's Communications?" Well, it's your lucky day because I'm here to tell you. Communications handles a lot of the flashy parts of Na Tsi Hi. We run all the social media accounts, take all the photos, make the graphics and finally, we put the VOP together. So, if you want to join or have any ideas, please contact communications@natsihi.org. Thank you in advance and have a great year!

Beth S Communications Chair

Unit Elections

What is a Lodge? Clearly, it's something more than a colorful flap on your uniform shirt, or even a sash over your shoulder. And it certainly isn't just a bunch of people who's idea of a weekend getaway is a day of hard labor and playing dress up around a magic campfire (and this is coming from a member of the ceremonies team). A Lodge is a community, a nexus point for the units of our council. A place of learning, of leading, and of going back and giving back to your unit.

But, you probably didn't know all that when you were inducted. There are Eagle Scouts who have never heard of the OA, and that needs to change. I'd like to be the one to do that, and I'd like your help, if you're interested. The unit elections committee is the public face of the Order of the Arrow. Don't be fooled by the name; we do more than just elections. We are the link between the Lodge and the units. Currently, that link is tenuous. Too often, the OA seems separate from the rest of scouting, when the truth is precisely the opposite. If we help more people see that, all of scouting will be better for it.

If you're interested in joining our committee, you can reach out to me at unitelections@natsihi.org.

Yours in brotherhood,

Simon DS, Committee Chair

Dear Sappy,

There seems to be so much to do within OA but so little time, what events should I not miss?

Sincerely,

A Brother who wants it all

Dear A Brother who wants it all,

It's important to stay involved, and there are many things that you can do. I would recommend going to at least one of the High Adventure bases for an OA Adventure. There you will be participating in cheerful service, but you will meet scouts from across the country who are there to do the same things that you are doing. Make sure to research each High Adventure base before you determine which one you want to go to.

Another event that is not something you should miss is the National Order of the Arrow Conference. At the National Order of the Arrow Conference, or NO-AC for short, you will be able to meet thousands of Brothers across the country who are there to learn about being a brother and even skills, a tradition, or fun activity that can be taken back to your home Lodge.

Something to note is that NOAC only happens every two years, so it may be a good idea to go sooner rather than later.

Lastly, you are part of your Lodge first and foremost, even if you cannot make it or afford these bigger events, it is important to stay involved in your Lodge. If there is a weekend event going on and you're able to go, why not go, that is how you make friends who you can go to these bigger events with.

Sincerely,

Sappy

Historic Trails and what we plan to do

Historic Trails is a great committee to join if you enjoy hiking and history! We have planned to do a clean up sometime soon. We plan to go through the trails at Quail Hill and possibly Forestburg to see what needs to be renovated and to make sure the trail still lines up with the questions that go to the trails. We also work with Cheerful Service so if you'd like you can hike through and mark what needs to be done and then help clean it up we could use your help.

Mya W - Historic Trails Chairman

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.



Holy Buckets!

Have you ever thought about joining the Scouting Profession?

When I started as a District Executive 20 plus years ago, I was right out of college and still a little hazy on what I wanted to do for a career. Luckily, a few Scouters and Camp Staff friends pointed me towards looking into joining the Scouting profession, (I was actually hired before I graduated).

Profession with a purpose is what they called it. Whether you were a product of the program, spent some time as a Cub Scout, was a former Scout leader looking to move into a second career, or just thought you fit the mold of what was needed, you might have had what it takes to become a successful District or Exploring Executive.

Now I got to tell you, as much as my supervisor, mentor, and coworkers tried to prepare me about the commitment of time the job required I was not really expecting how much time was required. I missed outings with friends, had to work Sunday afternoons at Scout meetings, and spent endless late nights driving to all sorts of little towns starting Cub Scout Packs and training leaders. However, over time I got into a groove and learned to balance my schedule and stopped letting the tail wag the Dogg (this was my camp nickname as a Camp Director at the Howard H Cherry Scout Reservation). I found what a pathway to adventure the Scouting profession was.

Since then, I have been able to live and see many parts of the country. I have been able to enjoy adventures at camp and claim camp as an office where I actually work. I have made friends and developed a network of professionals and volunteers all over the Scouting movement that I call on even today.

Do you think this is a profession you could see yourself in? Well Monmouth Council has two openings for entry level District Executives. If you are interested or know some one who you think could stretch the mold to make it fit. Reach out to Robert Buob, Field Director, at the Council Service Center, email him at Robert.Buob@Scouting.org or feel free to talk to me or any of the other professional staff you know for more details.

Yours in Scouting,

Mr. Nate Clark - Staff Adviser

Leadership is not about being the best.

Leadership is about making

everyone else better.

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Here's to Alpha Phi Omega!

After arriving here at Purdue University I knew that eventually I would want to be involved in Scouting to some extent while out here. I attended a few interest meetings for the University's Eagle Scout Association and while I am a member, the primary focus of the club is not quite what I was looking for. Scouting Purdue's main goal is to register Eagle Scouts and those interested in Scouting with the intention for them to then join local Packs and Troops. While this initiative is important, I knew that I would not be able to balance school and weekly meetings off campus as well as I was able to in high school.

A few weeks later I walked by two members of Alpha Phi Omega, a gender-inclusive service organization that were promoting their upcoming interest meetings. Their core values of leadership, friendship and service resonated deeply with me and that night as I was doing more research about the organization, I discovered that the founder of the organization was inspired by the Scouting movement! It was by total coincidence that I found APO and I could not be more thrilled. In order to become and stay an active member, APO requires its members to complete a number of service and Scouting projects, fundraisers and attend an overnighter at the chapter's local Scout camp.

Through APO I have not only met a number of Eagle Scouts but also people who are actively and passionately committed to creating lasting bonds and benefiting the community. The people, mission and structure reminds me so much of the OA and I implore those who are interested in attending higher education and staying involved in Scout-like activities to consider Alpha Phi Omega!

Yours in Service,

Cole P - Immediate-Past Lodge Chief

Crew 71 Is Fun

A few weekends ago, I had the privilege to represent Crew 71 at Dino Day. Rayna M., Griffin H., Theo DS., and myself taught overhand, and square knots to young children, showed them tents, offered cookies in baked in a cardboard box oven, and more! I'd highly recommend joining the Crew, we need more members, and I can assure you we will be planning some fun events if more people join the Crew. Please contact crew71@natsihi.org or find me for more information on how to get involved.

Yours in Venturing,

Thomas O – Lodge Secretary

Dear Sappy,

I want to get involved with Order of the Arrow but don't know how, and don't know who to reach out to, how can I get and stay involved?

Sincerely,

Brother who needs guidance



Dear Brother who needs guidance,

One of the main ways to get involved is to ensure you are on our email list, there you'll get emails about our meetings and events, and be in the loop. We have meetings every second Thursday of the month, more details can be found on our website, and there are alternatives if you cannot make it in person.

If you want to get involved in a committee or want more information on said committee, visit the contact section on our website and ask as many questions as you want. www.natsihi.org

Sincerely,

Sappy - aka Julia A.

Lodge Chief Thoughts

When my predecessor, Cole P, wrote his first address as chief, he briefly discussed his time in the Lodge. I'm not as concise as Cole.

My journey through the Order of the Arrow began in the spring of 2022. It started with my Elangomat, Heidi Kiss. Heidi is the finest Elangomat Na-Tsi-Hi has ever had. She has received the Founder's Award and the Vigil Honor. Her record for creating devoted new members is without equal. Of the five members of my crew, four became committee chairs in the next year. Heidi has been there for my entire journey: my Elangomat, my Nimat during my Brotherhood ceremony, my friend and coworker on FSR staff, and Master of Ceremonies for my New Chief Induction Ceremony. Thank you, Heidi, I owe much to you.

My crew worked closely with that of another Elangomat, Declan S. Declan turned out to be the son of my teacher at the time, and we had an instant connection. He is one of my closest friends to this day. Also being inducted at the same time was Declan's brother Colin, whose part in this story continues though Declan's is closed for now.

The ceremonies were the most notable part of my Ordeal. Matt Carlson was Allowat Sakima. Unlike many people witnessing them for the first time, I understood what I was listening to. The admonition convinced me that I should stay.

I was already hooked by the time Fall Service Weekend rolled around. I went through the Ordeal once again, this time as an Elangomat. I became cognizant of the existence of the Lodge Chief, and spoke to him, Sean P at the time. He told me about the need for committee chairs, and I asked to be one. I joined the membership committee, as well as Unit Elections. Eventually, I was made Activities Committee Chair. My role ended up being recruiter, as I had no committee members or even an Adviser.

I never expected to be a member of the Ceremonies Committee. I was one of the first candidates in line during my Pre-Ordeal ceremony and overheard our torchbearer describing their job to a curious candidate. I thought immediately that I would never be a part of the ceremonies committee, as I had no interest in playing dress up. Little did I know that my Troop Committee Chair, Mrs. Klinecicz, was the Ceremonies Adviser. I filled in for a Crossover Ceremony. And then another. And then another and another. I found a desire to personify Allowat Sakima, The Mighty Chief, and requested to fill the role during the upcoming Spring Service Weekend. Unfortunately, I was already committed to being an Elangomat and those two things were thought incompatible at the time. Impossibility only being a minor issue, I convinced the ceremonies committee chair to let me be Allowat for the upcoming Pre-Ordeal. I kept personifying Allowat Sakima for our ceremonies, and I have every Service Weekend since. I have conducted around 12 crossover ceremonies (I've lost count), 4

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Pre-Ordeals, 4 Ordeals (two during Fall Service Weekend in 2023, we had too many candidates), 11 Brotherhood Ceremonies (most during summer camp), 1 Four Winds, and 1 Broken Arrow. I am the only youth member who has done every ceremony.

That same service weekend, I was elected Vice Chief of Administration. Cole was elected Lodge Chief, Declan Vice Chief of Inductions, and Colin Lodge Secretary. The election was a little rushed, as the Brotherhood ceremony was scheduled immediately after. I was effervescent following my election, and my Brotherhood Hike is a euphoric blur punctuated by moments of pinpoint clarity. Ever since the completion of my Quest for the Arrow, Brotherhood has been my favorite ceremony.

Section Conclave is a transformative experience. Whether it is your first OA event or your 100th, every Conclave gives you new life. When I think of Conclave 2023, I think of three moments. First, the Brotherhood Ceremony Training I attended. I spoke to other Allowat Sakima about the nature of the Mighty Chief. We discussed who and why they are, what they say, what it means, and how to best personify the Principle of Service. The ceremonies define the OA in a way nothing else can. Second, I beat Declan at Chess for the first time. Finally, I remember meeting the then National Chief of the Order of the Arrow, Zach G. I had the opportunity to ask him why he ran for National Chief and what his platform for the position was. I saw immediately why Zach was elected, as he cut to the heart of the issues the Order faces today. He left an impression on me, and you can imagine my surprise when he recognized me by name at NOAC this year. Great leaders tend to be good with names.

I experienced the induction outside of the crews for the very first time during my second fall service weekend. As an officer, your job during the Ordeal is to be everywhere. I made sure to visit all the crews several times, staying flexible. I spent a good portion of the day with the ceremonies committee since I was Allowat Sakima for all three ceremonies that weekend and we needed to practice, build the fires, and prepare the ceremonial sites.

During my term as Vice Chief, I served as Lodge Leadership Development Committee chair as well. LLDs are the OA's most fundamental training. My time in the role was vital. It was my first time being in charge of an event, and it taught me much. I made one major mistake: lack of promotion. As a result, very few people came to the LLD. No matter how good the training itself is, it doesn't matter if no one shows up. Regardless, the event was a success, and I was later surprised to learn that attendance met the Performance Measure Program's standard for a Thriving Lodge.

It wasn't long into the Lodge year when I was busy preparing for the Spring Service Weekend, planning it, and preparing to be Ordealmaster. Again, for those unfamiliar, the Ordealmaster is the youth responsible for running an induction weekend. My two challenges were reordering the timing of the Brotherhood Ceremony and the Lodge Officer Election. I was Allowat once more, conducted several Brotherhood talks, and stayed on top of the crews. All too soon, it was time to elect the new Lodge Chief.

My memory of the election is crystalline. I'm not proud of my speech. The moment I opened my mouth, everything I wanted for the Lodge left my head. Granted, this was the second most nervous I have ever been, but I wish I could have spoken as eloquently as I had first envisioned. My speech contained a platitude that I didn't mean.

My favorite memory of the weekend was right before the results were announced, as the votes were being counted. I was sitting outside the Dining Hall with Colin on the grass. Colin was my opponent, but he is also my friend. We agreed that no matter the results, we would support each other, and that there is no one who we would rather lose to. I have a picture of that moment. I've never been as at peace as I was sitting on the grass. My speech was imperfect, but it was over. Whatever happened, it was time to face the music.

After several millennia, we were called back into the dining hall, and I became the 69th Lodge Chief of Na-Tsi-Hi.

Yours In Brotherhood,
Theo D.S. - Lodge Chief



District Executive

Boy Scouts of America – Morganville, N.J.

\$47,500 a year

The District Executive selected will:

- Work with a volunteer board of directors and other community and business leaders to identify, recruit, train, guide, and inspire them to become involved in youth programs.
- Achieve progress towards specific goals and objectives which include: program development through collaborative relationships, volunteer recruitment and training, fundraising, membership recruitment and retention.
- Be responsible for extending programs to religious, civic, fraternal, educational, and other community-based organizations through volunteers.
- Secure adequate financial support for programs in assigned area. Achieve net income and participation objectives for assigned camps and activities.
- Recruit leadership for finance campaign efforts to meet the financial needs of the organization.
- Ensure that all program sites are served through volunteers, regular leader meetings, training events and activities.
- Collaborate with adult volunteers and oversee achievement of training for their respective role.
- Be a good role model and recognize the importance of working relationships with other professionals and volunteers. The executive must have communication skills and be able to explain the program's goals and objectives to the public.
- Provide quality service through timely communication, regular meetings, training events and activities.
- Have a willingness and ability to devote long and irregular hours to achieve council and district objectives.

Desired Skills:

- Strong marketing, fund-raising and program development background is highly desired.
- Non-profit, fundraising or sales experience is a plus.
- Must be comfortable with public speaking and interacting with diverse audiences. Excellent people skills, enthusiastic, punctual, responsible and creative.
- Self-motivated individual with solid time management skills and strong organizational skills in management, budgeting, and planning.
- Committed to personal and professional productivity, while maintaining high ethical and professional working standards.

Requirements:

- Must be willing to accept to subscribe to the Scout Oath and Law. (Information on this may be found at www.scouting.org)
- Must apply for and receive Commissioning from the Boy Scouts of America. (Information on this may be found at www.scouting.org)
- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university (transcript with the date degree conferred stated is required for employment).
- Attained 21 years of age or older unless prohibited by any applicable law.
- Ability to work varied hours when necessary, evening activities and weekend work is frequently required to achieve positive objectives.
- Ability to travel for training at least once a year for one to two weeks

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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/ mailing 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

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 (2025)
- Pre-paid event fee for Winter Carnival 2025*
- Pre-paid event fee for Spring Service Weekend 2025*
- Pre-paid event fee for Fall Service Weekend 2025*
- Pre-paid for 2025 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

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The Communications Committee is interested in you. We are always looking for new members to cover Lodge events!

If you're interested, email communications@natsihi.org

- Valid Driver's License and access to a registered and insurable vehicle.
- A Scouting background is helpful but not required for employment.
- Offers for employment are subject to criminal, reference and motor vehicle background checks.

Compensation:

All councils are equal opportunity employers. In addition to offering a competitive salary of \$36,700, Professional Scouting offers benefits to include major medical, prescription coverage, dental, vision, life-insurance, long-term disability, accidental death, a defined benefit retirement plan, plus compensation for authorized and approved business related expenses to include phone and mileage reimbursement. We also offer generous vacation policy and ten holiday observances.

How to apply:

Qualified candidates must submit cover letter and resume with salary history to " Robert.Buob@Scouting.org " only the most qualified candidates will be contacted.

From the National OA Website

Over the past several years the national committee, under the leadership of Christina Clarke, has examined the OA's place in Scouting. We gathered input from Arrowmen, the leadership of Scouting America, parents and non-Arrowmen Scouts. Many of you provided input in these discussions—thank you.

This input made it clear the Order of the Arrow needed to make some slight but meaningful adjustments in its mission and purpose to support Scouting America in the future.

The Order of the Arrow's purpose is now:

As Scouting's National Honor Society, we forge lifelong bonds among the leaders in Scouting and:

- *Recognize those who exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and, through that recognition, cause others to act in the same way*
- *Reinforce a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others*
- *Create and deliver peer-led, adult-guided, advanced leadership experiences for Scouts and Scouters that positively impact their unit, community, and ultimately our nation*
- *Be an integral part of Scouting America and encourage participation in all it offers through units, outdoor adventures, and national events to further the Scouting experience*
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That purpose is leading us towards a vision for the Order of the Arrow: "To be why Scouts want to stay in Scouting."

To make that vision reality, the Order of the Arrow's mission is now: "To achieve the mission of Scouting America through transformative fellowship that ignites limitless Scouting journeys."

Our purpose defines who we are and the role we play in Scouting America. Our vision gives us a clear goal to strive towards in the coming decades. Our mission guides our leadership at all levels, on a daily basis, to achieve both of these things.

For more up to date information about the Order of the Arrow organization go to National website:

<https://oa-scouting.org/>



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Calendar of Events for 2024-25

<p>December 12, 2024 OA Monthly Lodge Meeting Where: Council Service Center</p> <p>January 1 OA Troop Elections Begin</p> <p>January 5 Winter Carnival Where: VFW, Milltown, NJ</p> <p>January 9, 7:30pm - 9:00pm OA Monthly Lodge Meeting Where: Council Service Center</p> <p>February 13, 7:30pm - 9:00pm OA Monthly Lodge Meeting Where: Council Service Center</p> <p>February 28 Lodge Dues Deadline for late renewal</p> <p>March 13, 7:30pm - 9:00pm OA Monthly Lodge Meeting Where: Council Service Center</p>	<p>April 10, 7:30pm - 9:00pm OA Monthly Lodge Meeting Where: Council Service Center</p> <p>April 15 OA Elections Due Results to be submitted online</p> <p>May 30-June 1 Spring Service Weekend Forestburg SR</p> <p>August 6-10 Conclave Camp Guajataka Puerto Rico</p>
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