



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

NA TSI HI LODGE 71 - ORDER OF THE ARROW

SPRING 2025

## From the Lodge Chief

Hello Na-Tsi-Hi,

It is a pleasure to address you all again. It has been quite an eventful past few months. Our Winter Carnival was a sparkling success, our Fall Fellowship doubled in attendance from last year, and our LLD nearly did the same. I am very pleased with how well we have done in the past few months, and I look forward to all the things we will achieve in the coming future.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Theo D.S.—Lodge Chief

## The Vice Chief Challenge:

Hey there, it's your Vice Chief of Admin Colin here with a bit of a challenge! Winter sure can be cold, but that's no excuse for being cold to each other, after all a scout is friendly. I want each of you to find someone new at every event whether it be in your Troop, Lodge, or Section; either someone you've never seen or rarely talk to, and have a conversation with them. Ask about things inside or outside of Scouting, basic questions about them, etc. I encourage all of you to meet some new people as there are plenty of faces at every LEC and every event that have a lot to share. Connections are what makes our Lodge so incredible, and gives our Lodge flavor and a sense of home. And besides, it's always fun to meet new people!

Colin S.

Vice Chief of Administration

## DUES—DUES—DUES

**Have you paid your yearly dues yet? To date we are missing dues payment for about 40% of the membership. The year that is listed on the mailing label is the year your membership is active. If it lists 2024, then you are behind in payment. There is a link on our website for dues payment.**

## From the Lodge Adviser

### 75 Years Strong!

1950 was quite a busy year. Harry Truman was President of the United States. The Peanuts cartoon (with Charlie Brown and everyone's favorite Beagle Scout Snoopy) was first published. The Korean War began. The very first color tv was invented. And more locally, in our neck of the woods (or Pines one might say) a small group of youth and adults gathered in December 1950 in the Pine Hollow cabin at Camp Housman on the old Allaire property just one mile from where the original Ohowa Lodge 71 had been founded. The Scouts had already been inducted into the Order at other council's camps. They formed a new Lodge called Na-Tasi-Hi, which meant "in the pines"—a reference to Camp Housman's location on the northern fringe of the Pine Barrens. The Lodge's totem would be "three pine trees" to represent the three parts of the Scout Oath and the three principles of the Order.

As we celebrate 75 years of Cheerful Service, keep in mind what makes our Lodge great - each and every one of you! Our Lodge History is on our website under the Heritage tab.

### Lodge Leadership Development

On January 26, Na Tsi Hi held a Lodge Leadership Development session. In every way, I consider it a success. We doubled the attendance of last year. The training sessions were engaging and sparked many discussions from both youth and adults alike. And while it certainly attained its purpose in imparting knowledge and understanding on tomorrow's Lodge Leaders, it was also a time where I really saw the presenters step up and really grow into their roles as Leaders of the Lodge. I could not have been prouder in them and in this great Lodge of ours! If you have not attended a Lodge Leadership Development training session, you owe it to yourself to check out the next one.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Mr. Chris Harris—Lodge Adviser

## Lodge Meeting Dates

**April 10, 2025**

Lodge Meeting

Time: 7:30 pm

**May 8, 2025**

Lodge Meeting

Time: 7:30 pm

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

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

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

## Lodge Calendar

**April 15, 2025**

OA Elections Due  
Results to be submitted online

**Open House**

**May 10, 2025**

**QHSR**

**1pm to 4 pm**

**May 30- June 1, 2025**

Spring Induction Weekend

Forestburg SR

**August 6-10, 2025**

Section E17 Conclave

Camp Guajataka

Puerto Rico

## The Power of Saying Yes:

### A Vice Chief's Journey

In the middle of my seventh-grade year, my Scoutmaster told me that I was eligible to join the Order of the Arrow. Up until this point, everything I had done in Scouting was following my older brother and with the guidance of my dad. I was a Cub Scout, I crossed over, I became a Den Chief, all things my brother has done with my dad's help, which I later followed. However, neither my brother nor father joined the OA, and neither of them were going to run for election that year. I had two options: go through this journey alone or do not run for election. I hardly knew what the Order of the Arrow was, nor knew what joining it entailed.

I said yes. For my call-out, I went on the coldest camping trip of my life. I was at Camp Rodney in Maryland. I was in a lean-to that was positioned directly next to the Chesapeake Bay. It was so cold that the mud froze over, crunching beneath my feet. Yet, I received my call out, meaning I was now able to attend an Induction Weekend. I attended the 2022 Fall Service Weekend, where I joined the OA and the Membership Team.

By the 2023 Fall Service Weekend, I was given the opportunity to become Membership Chairman. I was scared. What are the responsibilities? How much work will there be? However, the membership team needed a new leader, as the current one was aging out. I said yes.

Soon, Lodge Officer elections started coming up. I was nominated for both Vice Chief positions and the Lodge Secretary. Should I accept? I didn't know if I would be able to do it. Could I really be one of the Officers of the Lodge? As I had done before, I said yes. At the 2024 Spring Service Weekend, my fellow Arrowmen voted for me to become your Vice Chief of Inductions. This entailed leading the 2024 Fall Service Weekend, which was an extremely formative experience in my leadership and Order of the Arrow journey.

Looking back, if I had not accepted the challenge to undergo the Ordeal three years ago, I would not be where I am today. Don't be afraid to step outside of your comfort zone and embrace new opportunities. I encourage you all to say yes more.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Philip R.- Vice Chief of Inductions

## Communications Update

Hello Na Tsi Hi! We've had a pretty successful year so far. Our Lodges socials are becoming better than ever and there's still so much we can do. I have a few ideas myself but I'd really like some new thoughts for anything regarding communications.

If anyone has any ideas please email [Communications@natsihi.org](mailto:Communications@natsihi.org) or message me personally (within YPT).

We still have a lot planned for the year so stay tuned and follow our Socials.

Instagram: Natsihi71

Facebook: Order of the Arrow- Na Tsi Hi Lodge 71

Yours in Brotherhood,

Beth S—Communication Chair

## Quartermaster Committee

We're excited to welcome two new members to the committee! Their fresh perspectives and enthusiasm are already making a real difference. We hosted two successful trading posts, which were a fantastic opportunity for our members to connect and acquire valuable Lodge swag! The positive feedback we received was incredibly encouraging, and it demonstrates the committee's ability to effectively plan and execute these events.

Looking ahead, we have several key goals for this year. First, we will conduct a comprehensive report of all Lodge inventory. This will help us optimize resource management, identify any potential shortages, and pinpoint areas for improvement.

Secondly, we're committed to reorganizing our bins and patch blankets. This will make it much easier for our members to find what they need and streamline our sales process.

Finally, we plan on running successful trading posts during our upcoming Lodge events. These events provide a valuable platform to connect with our members, offer essential resources, and foster a stronger sense of community within the Lodge.

The Lodge Quartermaster Committee is dedicated to supporting the Lodge's operations and ensuring our members have the resources they need. We appreciate the continued support and dedication of our committee members.

Yours In Brotherhood,

Alexander A. - Quartermaster Chair

## Historic Trails

The historic trails committee has been busy gathering data about various potential projects and consolidating it to determine what we can best manage with our current resources. With more members we would be able to give a more accurate report, but as of right now we can only say that we are gathering possible opportunities for future projects.

Mya W—Historic Trails Chair

## The Secretary's Guiding Arrows

My journey in the Order of the Arrow and our Lodge has been an adventure unlike anything I've ever experienced before. I must admit, I would not have had the opportunity to experience such a quest without the help of Guiding Arrow's in our Lodge. Like most, my journey in the OA did not begin at my induction, but my journey in fact began before I knew what the OA was.

I had met Mr. Mitchell Mellin at summer camp. After we got to talking, he learned of my interest in technology and websites. He quickly realized he would want me to be on the webmaster team for Na Tsi Hi Lodge. At this time, I didn't know what the OA was at all.

The next Scouting year I was elected. I don't even remember if I realized these two things were connected. It wasn't until I got to my induction weekend, I was so excited to see Mr. Mellin there.

Skipping ahead to Sunday, I was set up with an account on the website immediately. I was already making posts on the website with pictures, and registration for events, and all sorts of neat contributions. Soon after, I rebuilt the website with the help of the rest of the webmaster team. It is mind blowing to me how quickly I was able to get involved on a committee because of one person's actions. But that isn't the only Guiding Arrow that had an impact on me in the Lodge.

During my induction my Elangomat just so happened to be Declan S. Declan was an extraordinary Elangomat. He has guided me in the different parts of the OA and inspired me to become as active as possible. I'll never forget all the silent Rock, Paper, Scissors and ninja games and telling jokes by writing in the dirt with Declan, and the impact he had on me.

I encourage you all to make a connection with someone, and give them purpose, the same way someone else gave you purpose. To be a part of the OA you must be elected, as if an arrow drawn from a quiver. It doesn't matter how sharp the arrow is, if the arrow doesn't have a guide. Everyone in the OA has the same potential to do what everyone else has done. But no matter how sharp an arrow is, it won't hit its target if it isn't pointed in the right direction. Mr. Mellin and Declan, thank you for being my guiding arrow, and leading the path to embark on a journey I'll never forget, and for blazing a trail for the Good of the Order.

Thomas O. - Lodge Secretary



## Crew 71 Update

Crew 71 was assembled at Battleground District Winterberg 2025 for a great weekend of fun and fellowship.

This was the first trip as a Crew and will be memorable. The trip was frigid; it was the coldest week of Winterberg, most likely the snow and ice played a big part. The lake was frozen, so we could walk and play on the ice, making this Winterberg the first in a long time to enjoy the ice.

We were fortunate to have many activities planned for the weekend. The Crew enjoyed Tug-of-War on the lake and took second place, shooting at the range, and a hike to Darlington Falls. There were a few special opportunities in which we participated. We were able to host lunch for two cadets from West Point. It was an interesting opportunity to meet and talk with them.

The Crew consisted of Avery N., Thomas O., Alec R., Reyna M., Beth S., Jordan H., and I. Our fearless advisers, Mr. Stawicki (an excellent cook), Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Nudleman, Mr. Kain, and Ms. Hewlett, supported us. All of the Crew members present earned the Venturing Award. This was the first step to the Summit Award for the Crew. We all had a fantastic time with the events and activities, but most importantly, with each other. As one of the new members, I had the most fun and excitement I have had in many years of camping.

I am sure we are all looking forward to the next adventure.

Yours in Venturing,

Charlie R

## Vigil Nominations - Last Call

Hi Everyone,

Vigil nominations are open. The link is on our website.

Even if you don't know all the information requested, please consider nominating someone who is worthy.

Nominations will close at the end of the month on March 31, 2025

YIS,

Heidi K - Vigil Chair

## Moving up in APO

For my Spring Semester here at Purdue, my petition was accepted to be the Scouting Co-Chair for my Alpha Phi Omega chapter. In this position, I have been coordinating with Sagamore Council and Cary Camp in Lafayette, Indiana to help get volunteers for the events and projects in the next coming months. Through this opportunity I have not only been able to continue to give back to Scouting in a manageable way but also help introduce its opportunities and teachings to a group of people that are just as passionate about service, but may not be familiar with Scouting. On our organization's anniversary, Cary Camp hosted a "Mom & Me" Cub Scout Retreat, where I and other APO members volunteered to run the behind the scenes and ensure that the event ran smoothly. It felt very rewarding to talk to Cub Scouts and their moms to represent years of involvement in the organization many of them are experiencing for the first time. I am excited to see what doors Scouting Co-Chair opens for me!

## Cole vs Big Weekend

One of my roles at FSR this past summer was to be the Residential Assistant for the Eagle's Nest Cabin. Not only did this give me a number of hilarious and memorable stories (one including a baseball bat and a bottle of Dior Sauvage...) but it inspired me to consider and eventually apply to be an RA for next year here at Purdue. The weekend that all the RA applicants that are interviewed is ominously nicknamed "Big Weekend" and it was just that for me. On Friday was my individual interview and it was just my luck that the staff member who was randomly chosen to interview me was the director of all RAs on campus! Despite this pressure, I remained confident and proudly spoke about my involvement in Scouting, APO and my extensive experience in coordinating programs for groups. On Sunday was my group interview, where myself and seven other applicants ranked the importance and explained our approach to various situations that come up on the job. I know for sure that my involvement in Scouting helped me through these interviews. It was for FSR that I had my first job interview and Scouting is an amazing teacher in balancing

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commitments, passions and responsibilities. I believe that I gave the application process my best shot and I will always be grateful for the chance to apply!

### NLS Staffing

The National Leadership Seminar is an amazing weekend long training that each OA Region facilitates multiple times throughout the year all over the country. I am fortunate to say that I have been selected to staff the session happening from March 21st to March 23rd in Indianapolis, Indiana! While I am nervous, this session will allow me to demonstrate the skills that I have picked up throughout my Scouting career in leadership development and team building. When I decided to go out of state for school and subsequently not consider running for a Section E17 officer position, I thought my direct involvement with the OA would significantly scale back. However, being able to serve as staff and hopefully be selected again for future courses is proof that the OA and Scouting has the ability to give back even in the transition to post high school. Make sure to mark your calendars for the next NLS closer to home in Rockville, Rhode Island from October 3rd-5th!

All the best,

Cole P.

Past Lodge Chief & Forestburg SR Senior Staff

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Order of the Arrow Open House

The Open House is a great opportunity for newly elected candidates, adults/parents, and Arrowman who want to become more active in the Lodge. The Open House consists of an orientation which will give you an idea of what our organization is all about, and why you should be a part of it. We also will have a segment towards the end filled with fellowship and games.

When is the Open House?

Event Date : SATURDAY — 05/10/2025

Event Time: 1pm – 4pm

If you're an elected candidate of the Order of the Arrow we HIGHLY recommend you attend this Open House, and participate in the orientation and fellowship.

Event Pricing - FREE

Registration - Coming soon! Watch the website, Facebook and Instagram.

Location: Quail Hill Scout Reservation



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### Like to write or photograph, design and develop websites?

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](mailto:communications@natsihi.org)*

## 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](mailto:membership@natsihi.org)





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