



ORDER OF THE ARROW | BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

National Bulletin

ISSUE 1 | VOLUME LXXI | SPRING 2014

Jacob Schilles
CONTENT LEAD

It's almost here! The Order of the Arrow is just one year away from its 100th anniversary. For the first year in quite some time, neither the Boy Scouts of America nor the Order of the Arrow are putting on a national event in 2014. Instead, the Order of the Arrow is devoting all of its energy to preparing for 2015, which will include the following three events: ArrowTour, the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC), and the Centuries of Service project.

As plans for the centennial celebration continue, look for more information on the newly-redesigned OA website (oa-bsa.org) and sign up for email updates from the OA too!

All eyes on 2015

Arrowmen from around the nation are preparing to celebrate the centennial anniversary of our Order



Infographic created by Bob Brown

Arrowmen Gathered at Michigan State University for the closing show of NOAC 2012

INSIDE SCOOP

Meet your 2014 Nat'l Officers

PAGE 4

NOAC 2015: Important Information

PAGE 5

OA Launches new website

ORDER OF THE ARROW
National Bulletin**PRINT PUBLICATIONS LEAD**

Michael Dioguardi

PRINT PUBLICATIONS ADVISER

Jeff St.Cyr

PRINT PUBLICATIONS EDITOR

Justin St. Louis

PRODUCTION TEAM LEAD

Aaron Shepherd

PRODUCTION TEAM ADVISER

Ed Lynes

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Raymond Cheung

COMMUNICATIONS LEAD ADVISER

Tony Fiori

CONTENT LEAD Jacob Schlies**CONTENT ADVISER** Nick Ochsner**MANAGING EDITORS**

Nick Hessler & Todd Goldfarb

VISUAL MEDIA

Kevin Montano

VISUAL MEDIA ADVISER

Bob Brown

COPY EDITORS

Josh Kline, Alexander McGrath, Jacob Wurth, Daniel Croshaw, Ben Griffin

NATIONAL EVENTS Matt Garrison**LOCAL FEATURES** Eric Zavinski**ORGANIZATION AND POLICY**

Aaron Gluck

PEOPLE & HUMAN INTEREST

Kyle Brendel

GENERAL ASSIGNMENT

Dylan Nikolettopoulos

100TH ANNIVERSARY

Frank Caccavale

NOAC PROMOTION COORDINATOR

Mitchell Heisler

CONTENT TEAM ADVISERS

Andrew Kulhmann, Kelly Rodrigue, Mike Bazonis, Matt Holland, Brent Wessel, Ned Lundquist, Dylan Ellsworth, Matt Singletary, Sean McCabe, Darlene Scheffler, Phil Raine

BRAND & IDENTITY Alex Call**BRAND & IDENTITY ADVISER**

Matt Madderra

NATIONAL CHIEF Nick Dannemiller**NATIONAL VICE CHIEF** Taylor Bobrow**NATIONAL CHAIRMAN** Ray Capp**VICE CHAIRMAN FOR
COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY**

Craig Salazar

OA DIRECTOR Clyde Mayer**OA SPECIALIST** Matt Dukeman

The *National Bulletin* is a publication of the Order of the Arrow. Its content and design are developed by youth Arrowmen under the guidance of adult advisers.

If you have an article and/or photo (with caption) for submission, please email it to content@oa-bsa.org.

oa-bsa.org**Three meaningful events planned to celebrate Order's 100th anniversary****Matt Garrison**

NATIONAL EVENTS TEAM LEAD

There will be three fantastic events in 2015 to celebrate the Order's 100th anniversary! Commemorating a century of service is a milestone for any organization, and the Order certainly does not want to miss out on this opportunity to celebrate its history, accomplishments and vision for the future. The national events being planned: ArrowTour, the National Order of the Arrow Conference and the Centuries of Service project.

If you cannot attend the 2015 NOAC, ArrowTour will be

coming to a local council near you to provide Arrowmen and Scouts with a national centennial experience. In the summer of 2015, prior to the NOAC, each region will caravan a staff of enthusiastic sectional and regional leaders across its respective territory, making stops at a myriad of Scout camps and headquarter cities. At each stop, there will be programs and exhibits to engage Scouts and reflect on the Order's past, present and future. The final stop for each region tour will be Michigan State University, for the commencement of the NOAC.

Conference planners have set a goal of having 10,000 Arrowmen

attend the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference which would be the largest conference held in the Order's history. In order to help your lodge recruit the largest contingent ever, the OA has launched the "Centennial Challenge." Look for challenge updates, called "Blazes," periodically in articles published online in the Lodge Ledger.

To cap off the celebration, the OA will build upon its long legacy of service by spearheading a major national community service project for the BSA. This endeavor, OA-led & BSA-powered, will be a collaborative effort between the OA, BSA, and

the local lodges and councils that represent them, in collaboration with national partners and community sponsors. The project will most likely take a number of different forms (largely determined by national partners) and will be the start of a year-long community service effort for the BSA.

Next year will truly be an exciting year for Arrowmen, full of service, celebration and brotherhood. With three exceptional national events and other local opportunities for Arrowmen, it will be hard not to be involved in the centennial. Plan now to be a part of this unforgettable year!

Special totem, other recognition planned for lodge memorabilia in 2015

The 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow is less than a year away! Significant preparations are already underway to celebrate the Order's legacy. Significant preparations are already underway in order to adequately celebrate the Order's legacy. By issuing memorabilia in 2015, lodges and chapters will play an important part in recognizing this centennial milestone.

A 100th anniversary totem will be released as a key element for the publicity and branding

of our centennial celebration. As a key part of consistently delivering the Centuries of Service message, the totem will be available during the first half of 2014 for incorporation on all paraphernalia commissioned to celebrate the 100th anniversary. Once released, the totem will be authorized for use at all levels of the organization. Look for more information about the totem on the OA's website, social media accounts and in the News You Can Use, Lodge Ledger and Section Sentinel publications.

In addition to using the totem on NOAC 2015 flaps, lodges are encouraged to issue a distinctly separate one-piece 100th anniversary flap that also incorporates the totem to commemorate the year-long celebration. During NOAC, there will be a designated time for lodge leadership to present to the national Order of the Arrow committee a full set of lodge memorabilia issued during the 100th anniversary, which incorporates the totem. The compilation of these

donations into the archives of the OA museum will create the most comprehensive collection of 100th anniversary memorabilia in the nation. Once cataloged, the collection will be displayed for years to come at future national events.

As your lodge writes its history binder this year, do not forget to plan for your lodge's 100th anniversary flap and other works, as the most recent chapter of your lodge's story.

[fb.com/
oabsa](https://fb.com/oabsa)

@oabsa

[instagram.com/
oabsa](https://instagram.com/oabsa)[youtube.com/
oabsa](https://youtube.com/oabsa)[oabsa.
tumblr.com](https://oabsa.tumblr.com)

oa-bsa

Is your lodge prepared to celebrate "Centuries of Service" through the Legacy Box Project?

As we continue this historic journey leading up to the Order of the Arrow's 100th anniversary in 2015, it is time to review lodge's status on each milestone of the Legacy Project. It is an exciting time to be a member of the Order of the Arrow, and all Arrowmen have a unique opportunity to get engaged with the OA centennial today!



Woapink Lodge Legacy Rock

Lodge Rock

Each lodge was asked to provide a legacy rock during 2012. Why? Simply put, this act will provide a permanent way to commemorate the legacy each lodge has left during the first century of our organization. Currently, 240 rocks have been received, representing a participation rate of 85% nationally. Let's do our part to get the remaining 15% of the rocks sent in! The instructions on how to submit a rock are found at the end of this article.

Lodges can submit a new rock, if a lodge feels the original submission is not reflective of how they want their lodge to be remembered, here's the last chance to make it right. The rocks could be subject to extreme temperatures, rain, ice and snow, so please keep that in mind.

Not all lodges have access to the same resources, and some may not have access to rocks at all. As such, the organization has partnered with a monument company to provide a turnkey solution. No shipping costs are required, and an online form

found here can provide more information by going to ow.ly/ukubE.

Legacy Lid

During 2013, each lodge was asked to further consider their legacy in the Order's first 100 years of service. The legacy lid provides lodges with an opportunity to reveal their vision for a new century of service. Each lodge was given a Centennial Crate at NOAC 2012. Each lodge was charged with taking the lid to this crate and painting one side of it to reflect their lodge's legacy. Why not incorporate the design for the 100th Anniversary NOAC 2015 contingent flap into the design?

Once your lid is complete, please take a high resolution color photo or make a high resolution scan of the lid. Please upload the image to the link found at the end of this article. Images should be in JPG format



Jaccos Town Lodge Legacy Lid

and scanned with a resolution no larger than 1200 dpi. Images will become part of the digital archives and will be used at NOAC 2015.

The lid should be kept by your lodge and put in a safe place.

History Book

Tell your lodge's story in 2014. Focus the year on preparing a written history of the local lodge. Some lodges have part of their history written down, or perhaps they are just starting to record the history. Either way, please use 2014 as an

opportunity to preserve the lodge's unique story for future generations for Arrowmen to enjoy!

Each lodge is asked to submit the contact information of their lodge's chairman and adviser for this project through an online survey. These lodge contacts will be sent monthly newsletters and helpful resources as they undertake this important project. Instructions are available on the national website.

Once a project is finished please upload a PDF copy to: ow.ly/ukugE.

Questions about the lodge history book milestone can be submitted to lodge_history@email.aa-bsa.org.

Centennial Fire

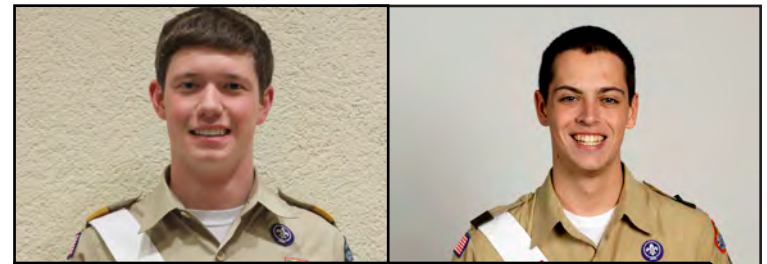
Now, let's turn up the heat. Each lodge is invited to fill their Centennial crate with wood and bring it with them to NOAC 2015. The wood will be burned in a ceremonial fire and each lodge that participates will return home with some ash from that fire to commemorate the event.

However, when transporting wood, certain rules apply. Consistent with the disclaimers that were present on the crate, please follow all applicable state laws when transporting wood.

NOAC 2015 lodge legacy display

Show us what you've got! At NOAC 2015, each lodge will be provided with a table to display the four milestone components of this project. This is going to be big. Lots of people are going to see these displays, so we really want all lodges to participate. We ask that you bring your actual lid, a hard copy of your history book and your firewood when you travel to NOAC 2015. The lodge rocks will be delivered and placed on your table.

CHIEFLY SPEAKING



2014 National Chief & National Vice Chief
Nick Dannemiller & Taylor Bobrow

Brothers,

It is both an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to serve you this year. We recognize a tremendous responsibility that comes with this opportunity, as we work together to close our first century of cheerful service stronger than ever.

The 2013 year was fantastic not only for our Order, but also the Boy Scouts of America. Our brotherhood witnessed the unprecedented success of Project 2013, where Arrowmen from around the country gave over thirty-one thousand hours of service to the National Jamboree. Similarly, the BSA as a whole provided over 17 million hours of service to local communities, and camped in more than 6 million nights. It is our belief that your cheerful service as an Arrowman had a direct impact on the achieving these noteworthy accomplishments.

While we reflect back on the 2013 accomplishments, we are looking forward to 2014 as an opportunity for our organization. First and foremost, we are laying the groundwork for our centennial celebration, including promotion of our 2015 National Order of Arrow Conference. We are also developing this year's program of emphasis ArrowTour; this exciting program will consist of a traveling exhibit and roadshow touring each region, stopping at council camps and service centers near you. This program is an exciting chance to reflect on our past, connect with our membership, and discover the unlimited possibilities of our Order's future.

Although we are all looking forward to centennial programs next year, we want to challenge you to make the most of your involvement in the Order this year. Help out at a lodge event, attend your section conclave, or better yet go to one of the five amazing OA high adventure programs offered at one of our national high adventure bases, including the Summit. Take the time to redouble your service to your unit, chapter and lodge. We have a lot ahead of us this year as we work to leave our mark on 2014. Your help and support will be a crucial piece of our success. Thanks again for everything you do, and we look forward to the many adventures and success we will have together.

Humbly,

Nick Dannemiller

Taylor Bobrow

Meet your 2014 national officers

Aaron Gluck
ORGANIZATION & POLICY LEAD

National Chief

Nick Dannemiller

Nick is a Vigil Honor member of Wauna La-Mon'tay Lodge and the Cascade Pacific Council in Tualatin, Oregon. He has served as lodge chief and the Section W-1S Chief. His goals are to assist in the growth of every level of this Brotherhood. For example, he and his fellow officers are working on distributing materials to promote the 2015 NOAC in order to build strong lodge contingents. Additionally, they are reformatting training in order to build a continuum, rather than standalone programs. Ultimately, Nick hopes to inspire his Brothers by doing his best and striving to do what he's passionate about. He hopes that Arrowmen can realize the substantial impact that a single individual can make on this organization. Nick attends Colorado State University and majors in Wildlife Biology.

National Vice Chief

Taylor Bobrow

Taylor is a Vigil Honor member of Blue Heron Lodge and the Tidewater Council in Chesapeake, Virginia. He has served as lodge chief and the Section SR-7A Chief. He hopes to inspire the youth of the Order by being both a resource and providing support to any Scout who needs it. In his role as the national vice chief, he hopes to create a Brotherhood where each member can become a better leader, by providing the essential tools that they will need to be successful. Following his Ordeal, he was immediately hooked

on the Order's program. Soon he volunteered to join his chapter's ceremonies team and quickly became its chairman, realizing that the Order of the Arrow has no limits. As National Vice Chief, he is serving as one of the key youth leaders planning major components of the Order's centennial celebration. Outside of Scouting, he enjoys camping and is a member of a marching band drumline; and he has a twin sister. Taylor attends Old Dominion University and majors in Electrical Engineering.

Central Region Chief

Ricky Angeletti

Ricky is a Vigil Honor member of Marnoc Lodge and the Great Trail Council in Akron, Ohio. He has served as lodge chief and the Section C-4A Chief. He is excited to have the opportunity of leading the fine Arrowmen of the Central Region. He is proud to be an Arrowman because of the Order's call to service, and its dedication to impacting local communities. Ricky enjoys skydiving. His favorite memory in Scouting is hiking to the summit of Garden Ground Mountain. He is majoring in Business Administration.

Southern Region Chief

Wesley Seaman

Wesley is a Vigil Honor member of Ma-Nu Lodge and the Last Frontier Council in Edmond, Oklahoma. He has served as lodge chief and the Section SR-8 Chief. He is excited about the prospect of leading three National Leadership Seminars and attending lodge events this year. Wesley is proud to be an Arrowman because of the Order's commitment to



service and helping others in their time of need. "What makes the Order great is that Arrowmen at the core are cheerful servants," he said. Scouting has provided Wesley with some of his fondest memories such as sailing the Florida Keys, hiking the Sangre de Cristo Mountains and canoeing in the Boundary Waters Wilderness Canoe Area. He attends Harding University, where he is a Public Relations major.

Western Region Chief

Michael Kintscher

Michael is a Vigil Honor member of Ut-In Selica Lodge and the Mount Diablo Silverado Council in Brentwood, California. He has served as lodge chief and the Section W-3N Chief.

He is honored to lead the Western Region and is ready to inspire new members of our Order to become leaders. He looks forward to speaking to many Arrowmen, hearing their opinions, and formulating ways that he can better serve them. Outside of Scouting, Michael enjoys computer programming, sketching, graphic design and backpacking. He attends Los Medanos College, where he is majoring in Software Engineering. Michael aspires to be an entrepreneur and eventually enter politics.

Northeast Region Chief

Kyle Piper

Kyle is a Vigil Honor member of Tschipey Achtu Lodge and the Seneca Waterways Council in Rochester, New York. He has

served as lodge chief and the Section NE-3A Chief. He is always ready to help lead the charge in training Arrowmen, by working with the section chiefs across the Northeast Region. His favorite memories in the Order have occurred while attending OA high adventure programs and through meeting outstanding people from around the country. His first position in the order was as his lodge's banquet chair. In this position, he learned the importance of planning and executing good programs. Outside of Scouting, Kyle loves to play the guitar, hike and canoe. Kyle currently attends the State University of New York in Geneseo, where he is a Business Administration major.



Arrowmen gathered for the opening show of NOAC 2012

Fees, registration, and staffing information announced for the 2015 NOAC

Jacob Schilles
CONTENT LEAD

At the 2013 National Planning Meeting in Dallas, TX, new details about the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference were announced. The conference will take place August 3-8, 2015 at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan.

The national Order of the Arrow committee announced the conference fee has been set at \$475, which will include housing, food and program activities for the entire six day conference. Lodges will be required to put down a \$100 non-refundable deposit to a spot. Registration for the NOAC will open on August 1, 2014 for both lodge contingents and staff.

The section chiefs in

attendance were given the challenge to bring together 10,000 Arrowmen for the centennial conference, which will set a new attendance record for a NOAC. To help reach this goal, the Order of the Arrow has created the "Centennial Challenge," which is designed to provide direction, guidance and ideas to help each lodge bring its largest-ever contingent to the 2015 NOAC.

Also unveiled at the meeting was the conference's planning organizational structure. Veteran Arrowmen will work with the section chiefs and newly elected national officers at the 2014 National OA Planning Meeting to develop the conference program.

Mike Hoffman will serve as the conference chairman

and will be assisted by seven deputy conference chairmen. There will be 19 program and administrative committees that will be responsible for planning each area of the conference. Look for more information about the process for staff registration in the coming months.

- Glenn Ault, *Deputy Conference Chairman for Finance*
- Scott Beckett, *Deputy Conference Chairman for Adventure Central & Partnerships*
- Jack Butler, *Deputy Conference Chairman for Centennial Challenge*
- Andy Chapman, *Deputy Conference Chairman for Scheduling & Facilities*
- Randy Cline, *Deputy*

Conference Chairman for Thematics

- Carey Mignerey, *Deputy Conference Chairman for Logistics*
- Clint Takeshita, *Deputy Conference Chairman for Program*

The following adult Arrowmen will serve as lead advisers to program and administrative areas of the conference:

- *Activities and Recreation:* Mike Bliss
- *Admin Services:* Chris Grove
- *American Indian Activities:* Ron Bell
- *Centennial Celebrations:* Donald Cunningham
- *Communications:* Tony Fiori
- *Concierge:* Frank Harper
- *Endowment:* Jason Hood

- *Financial Services:* Craig Davis
 - *Foreman Corps:* Alyx Parker
 - *Founder's Legacy:* Del Loder, Dabney Kennedy, and Ed Pease
 - *Induction Ceremonial Events:* John Rotruck
 - *NESA @ NOAC:* Steve Silbiger
 - *Outdoor Adventure:* Howard Kern
 - *Region Chief Responsibilities:* James Flatt, Dan Segersin, Toby Capps, and Mark Chilutti
 - *Shows:* Max Sasseen
 - *Special Events:* Tony Steinhardt
 - *Technology:* Craig Salazar
 - *Trading Post:* Kay Trick
 - *Training:* David Garrett
- Look for more information about the process for staff registration in the coming months.

#NOAC2015
Get ready.

SPECIAL FEATURE

Jack Butler receives 2013 Silver Buffalo Award

Tony Sheaffer
STAFF WRITER

The Silver Buffalo Award was created in 1925 to recognize those who have given noteworthy and extraordinary service to youth. The award is Scouting's highest commendation of the great contributions that Americans have given to youth at a national level - either independent of, or directly through, the Boy Scouts of America.

Since the first awards were presented in 1926, only 732 Silver Buffalos have been presented. One of the most recent to receive this award is National OA Committeeman Jack Butler. Some recent recipients of the award include National Chairman Ray Capp, Distinguished Eagle Scout William Keeler, and Summit Pioneer Steve McGowan.

Butler was born on April 17, 1945. He became involved in Scouting as a member of a Cub Scout pack in the early 1950s in Illinois where his mother was



Jack alongside his wife Karen at the award presentation ceremony

a den leader. In the late 1950s and early 1960s, Butler was a member of Troop 134 out of Pompano Beach, Fla. Butler earned the rank of Eagle along with three others in his troop on October 9, 1960, something he remembers fondly.

"I remember Kennedy, because that's who was president at

the time; he was in West Palm Beach," Butler said. "Getting Eagle was still considered very prestigious at the time. In fact I still have it...I have a telegram that Kennedy sent down to us since we were only an hour or so south in Pompano Beach."

Butler remained in the program even after attaining

the rank of Eagle. When he became an adult, his Scoutmaster, Mr. Tucker, made him an Assistant Scoutmaster, upon his return from Vietnam, he continued with Scouting.

Butler's Scouting career has involved an assortment of responsibilities from the unit to the national level. He has been a Cubmaster twice, a Scoutmaster three times, an Order of the Arrow lodge adviser for eight years, and a section adviser for 12 years. Butler began his work on the national OA committee in late 1991 in communications. Butler has never forgotten his youth experience in the Order of the Arrow, despite his decades of adult leadership.

"If I were to say anyone helped me get to where I am today, I would say that it was my lodge adviser, Mr. Harold Hollis," Butler said. "When I was a youth in the OA, he always empowered me to do more. He always empowered the youth, which was kind of unusual at the time. I

modeled what I learned from Hollis. I remember getting off the phone one day with some youth, and my wife was telling me that I expected too much from those boys. I said, 'I only expected what Mr. Hollis expected.' And that really makes a difference in my opinion."

“ When I was a youth in the OA, he always empowered me to do more. He always empowered the youth, which was kind of unusual at the time. ”

Butler is now retired. He resides in the Georgia mountains with his wife, Karen, but he is still very involved in Scouting. When asked about his future plans, Butler responded, "I don't know what I'll be doing in the future. I'm helping with the 2014 program at the Summit for high adventure. Oh, and I'll be doing some things with NOAC 2015. Our goal is to have 10,000 participants at NOAC, so that is my next big thing."

Oldest known lodge charter was donated to the Order of the Arrow

Joe Donahue
STAFF WRITER

On November 11, 2013, the national office received a notable piece of OA history, the oldest known lodge charter.

The charter is for Sanhican Lodge, which at the time was chartered to the Trenton Council. The charter was initially issued at the 1923 Grand Lodge Meeting held on October 12, 1923, at Camp Linstead, formerly located in Severna Park, Maryland. At that meeting, charters, which expired on July 1, 1924, were issued to the lodges in attendance. All of the charters had the date October 12, 1923, and had

the signatures of the 1922-1923 Grand Lodge Officers, including future Chief Scout Executive Arthur A. Schuck.

"The charter would have been one of either seven, eleven or twelve given out at the Grand Lodge meeting," said Dr. Terry Grove, author of *The Kekeenowin* of the *Wimachtendienk* 1915-1948 and other Scouting-related history books.

Written charters had never been issued prior to this Grand Lodge meeting. The charters that were issued, printed on what was referred to as a "shares certificate," became the first ever written charters for the OA.

This charter for Sanhican

Lodge is the only charter from this meeting known to exist and the exact number of charters that were issued at the meeting is unknown. Dr. Grove stated that, at the time, twelve lodges were recognized by the Order, including Unami and Unalachtgo Lodges of Philadelphia Council, Minsi Lodge of Reading Council and Nentico Lodge of Baltimore Council. However, this did not mean that all twelve received a charter.

"Only seven lodges were present at the 1923 meeting," Dr. Grove stated, "and Cowaw Lodge, which belonged to the Kanohwahke Scout Camps, was behind on its dues

and not in good financial standing."

Grove said there are three different scenarios that could have come as a result of the meeting. The first scenario is that only the seven lodges present at the meeting received a charter. The second scenario is that all lodges in good financial standing received a charter, which would have excluded eleven lodge charters. The third scenario is that every lodge received a charter, including Cowaw Lodge when it paid its dues.

This charter made its way to the national office from the collection of Norman

Sapolnick, formerly a member of Mohican Lodge 178, which was chartered to the former Robert Treat Council.

Trenton Council would later go through a series of mergers to become George Washington Council, which was Sanhican Lodge's new home for over sixty years. In 1999, another series of mergers created Central New Jersey Council, and Sanhican Lodge merged into Sakuwit Lodge.

Regardless of how many charters were initially issued, this discovery provides us with yet another window into the early days of the Order of the Arrow.

Lenape Lodge joins together at merger convention

Taylor Bobrow
NATIONAL VICE CHIEF

On the weekend of October 4-6, over 200 members of both Te'Kening and Hunnikick Lodges gathered at Roosevelt Scout Reservation for a Lodge Merger Convention, where they laid out the foundation for their future lodge. This event, organized by the lodge's merger committee, gave Arrowmen the opportunity to select their lodge name, Lenape Lodge, and lodge totem, the majestic red-tailed hawk.

This lodge merger, in response to the recent merger of Burlington County Council and Southern New Jersey Council, was organized over a period of ten months by the lodge merger committee. The committee was made up of five members from each lodge. It decided to hold a merger convention as a way to build the new lodge's identity and nurture new relationships between members. Saturday

evening was spent solely in fellowship, with all business put aside. The night was filled with fun as Arrowmen enjoyed a buffet, DJ and various activities, including ATVs.

The 2013 Te'Kening Lodge Chief John Mazurie chaired the merger committee. "Every lodge member was invited to participate and everyone was involved," said Mazurie. Saturday morning of the convention was spent deciding the lodge's new identity. Mazurie shared, "We were secluded in a room until we made our decision. Nearly four hours later, I emerged from the building to deliver the breaking news to the awaiting crowd of adult lodge members." An electronic voting system was set up at the meeting to streamline the identity selection process. In the weeks leading up to the convention, members had been invited to submit their ideas for the new lodge's identity,

via a lodge merger website created by the committee. Once the lodge's future had been decided, members reconvened to determine the future of their three chapters. The names selected were Lachxu, Te'Kening and Hunnikick Lekau Chapters, which translates to fishing rod, in the woods and river otter by the water, respectively.

On Sunday morning, members of the new lodge elected their first lodge officers, where nearly a dozen and a half youth ran for the opportunity to be a part of Lenape Lodge's first leadership team. The team then gathered on the weekend of November 22-24 for their first lodge officers' retreat. In December, both lodges' executive committees gathered for an LEC workshop, where they created Lenape's 2014 plan book. Lenape Lodge officially began operations on January 1, 2014 and will move forward into a new era.

Fond memories from fall lodge fellowships

Tyler Korber
LOCAL FEATURES TEAM

Fall fellowship is a time when Arrowmen can gather together to enjoy brotherhood with their fellow lodge members. Activities can range from video games and card tournaments, to ultimate frisbee and dodgeball. It is also a time when all the chapters in the lodge come together for camaraderie and brotherhood. Each lodge across the country has the opportunity to make this

activities such as pumpkin carving, tower lashing, costume contests and a pumpkin drop. The 2013 Tecumseh Lodge Chief Dan Mitchell said about 60 pumpkins were dropped off the 40-foot climbing tower that weekend. Each Arrowman dropped his pumpkin hoping to hit a target on the ground below.

Pumpkins carved by lodge members were quite a spectacle too, as they were carved with creatures such as ghosts, spiders and gruesome

Arrowmen respond to destructive typhoon in Philippines

Thomas Van Horn
STAFF WRITER

One of the most powerful typhoons ever recorded, Typhoon Haiyan, struck the Philippines on November 9, 2013. It resulted in the loss of many lives and devastated many cities, towns and villages across the central Philippines. It was one of the worst natural disasters in the history of the islands. Tens of thousands have died and millions have been displaced from their homes. In the face of such tragedy, many have little left but despair. The Boy Scouts of the Philippines—one of the largest members of the World Scouting Family, with over 1.5 million Scouts—reacted instantly to provide a much needed relief effort,

which has been focused on distributing food and supplies to affected families.

Arrowmen living abroad are also jumping in to help. In the wake of this crisis, the Order of the Arrow has reached out and offered its cheerful service to help aid the affected area. Leading this charge is the Shanghai Chapter of Gamenowinink Lodge. This dedicated chapter, which was only founded last year, has organized a drive to raise at least \$10,000 to be given to the BSA's chosen charity in this crisis, ShelterBox. "Every dollar we raise will go directly towards providing the basic human needs of clean water, food and shelter to those now in need," Chapter adviser Slater Rhea said. "We are asking every lodge and

section across the country to please consider making an outright donation of \$100 or more. Individuals can donate, too. We have special patches to thank those who help."

Donations from lodges and individuals are still coming in. Additionally, these unique patches are flying out the door every day. The response from the OA and Scouting has been great, but the need in the Philippines is even greater. Though the relief will take many years, countless man hours and billions of dollars, it will be shortened by the thousands of Scouts and Arrowmen doing their good turn through their donations and cheerful service to help rebuild devastated communities.



Arrowmen enjoying their meal at the Noquet Lodge Fall Fellowship

weekend special by adding unique activities in which to participate.

Two lodges that make fall fellowship extra special are Noquet Lodge and Seminole Lodge. Noquet Lodge holds its annual Vigil breakfast on Saturday morning honoring the Vigil members of their lodge. Seminole Lodge holds Arrowfest, which is based off of Germany's Oktoberfest, with a variety of German-based activities.

Tecumseh Lodge of Simon Kenton Council in southern Ohio puts its own special twist on a fall fellowship. The weekend includes cool

looking faces. Costumes ranged from a banana, to a soldier and an Arrowman with a squid hat on his head. Pioneer tower building encouraged Scouts to use their lashing skills to build tall towers. Tecumseh Lodge had a variety of activities at this year's fall fellowship and experienced a lot more than just Scout-related activities.

Does your lodge capitalize on the chance to host a fellowship? If so, look for ways to expand from the traditional and innovate an event that will inspire future generations of your lodge's leaders!

OAHA Directors have five fun ideas on how to spend your summer

Matt Garrison
NATIONAL EVENTS LEAD

The Order of the Arrow provides a vast array of opportunities for Arrowmen to practice the ideals of brotherhood, cheerfulness and service. No program better exemplifies these principles than the OA High Adventure programs at each of the four BSA high adventure bases. Read on to learn more about these programs from the directors themselves!

Tim Reidl

Tim is the Associate Director of Conservation for the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew at Philmont Scout Ranch. Hailing from Timmeu Lodge in Dubuque, IA, Tim has spent several years working at Philmont. "OA Trail Crew is a challenging two-week experience in the mountains of New Mexico," says Tim. For the summer of 2014, the Trail Crew program will be starting their ninth trail project. This new route will be blazed to Mt. Phillips from Clear Creek Camp. The



Tim Reidl

cost for OA Trail Crew is only \$250. "Join us in God's country this summer for OA Trail Crew!", Tim added.

Ryan Bajan

Ryan is the OA Wilderness Voyage Director at Northern Tier, where he is responsible for directing both the Wilderness Voyage and Canadian Odyssey programs. While Ryan currently lives in Ely, MN, he is from Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge in Greenville, SC. The Wilderness Voyage consists of one week of service work and one week of open voyage. One proud parent once said, "My son has come away with a greater sense of purpose, being a part of a team, experienced true Boy Scout camping and an



Ryan Bajan

increase in self-esteem and confidence." The program incorporates flint-steel fires for all cooking fires as well as many other basic camping practices. For 2014, the program has been rewritten for each part of the ceremony. The cost of the OA programs at Northern Tier for the two week experience is \$200.

Tyler Stepanek

Tyler is the Ocean Adventure Director at Florida Sea Base. From Echeconnee Lodge in Warner Robins, GA, Tyler is looking forward to another summer of activities not found at any other adventure base. OAOA consists of camping on an undeveloped island, casting for exotic



Tyler Stepanek

fish, snorkeling around reefs and shipwrecks and a visiting the southernmost point in the United States. "Ocean Adventure is a unique experience that no other participant at Sea Base will ever see," Tyler said. "Participants always call it a life changing experience, and there are plenty of slots open for any Arrowman between the ages of 16-20 who are interested."

Tyler Allen

Tyler Allen is OA Summit Experience Director. Tyler is from Pennsylvania and was the 2013 Northeast Region Chief. Tyler is very excited to get the OA Summit Experience kicked off this summer for its inaugural



Tyler Allen

year. Before he was elected region chief at the 2012 National Planning Meeting, Tyler served on staff at OA Ocean Adventure at Sea Base with Matt Brown, the 2013 National Chief, and Tyler Stepanek, the current OAOA director. The 2014 summer is the first year of the OA Summit Experience, which is designed to entice younger Arrowmen to participate in high adventure programs. Lodges and chapters are encouraged to participate as a crew. Arrowmen ages 14 but not yet 18 will have eight days to explore all that the Summit Bechtel Reserve has to offer in terms of adventure, brotherhood and cheerful service.

Order of the Arrow launches brand-new website

Aaron Gluck
ORGANIZATION & POLICY LEAD

After months of work, the national web team launched a completely redesigned website in late December. At the 2012 national OA planning meeting, the web team was challenged to redesign and rebuild the national OA web site. The web team, led by Derrick Bransby and his adviser Doug Kupec, is comprised of more than twenty youth and adult Arrowmen from around the nation. Derrick and his team

spent thousands of hours in service to the Order creating the site. If not for their hard work and dedication, completion of this project would not have been possible. This redesign marks the first time in many years that the national OA web site has been rebuilt from the ground up.

Some new features include:

- *Responsive Design* - The new site is 100% responsive and will automatically resize to fit any screen size

providing a consistent user experience across any device.

- *New Look* - The new site showcases visual media wherever possible and aligns with newly updated OA brand guidance.
- *Improved Navigation* - The new navigation structure brings up the content that visitors access most in just a few clicks.
- *Social Media Integration* - The OA Facebook, Instagram and Twitter feeds are showcased throughout the site, to

allow visitors to easily read and share content.

- *E-News* - Sign-up for the News You Can Use can be found at the bottom of the page, so you can receive the latest OA news right in your inbox.

In 2014, the web team will continue to refine the site as well as design and develop brand new features such as an interactive calendar, photo gallery, branding resources and more. During the redesign project, their goal was to provide the best user experience possible to

visitors. In that spirit, should you have any questions, comments or feedback, please contact the web team at webmaster@oa-bsa.org.

