



The Owl's Nest

August/September/October 2018



From Our Lodge Chief

Fellow Arrowmen,

Over a years worth of work culminated into the great success that was our Conclave. I am so proud of everyone in our Lodge for hosting such a successful event. I thank all those that put their time and effort into creating an experience that was both fun and memorable. I look forward to sharing more Conclaves in the future with you!

Yet another exciting event was this year's NOAC. I had the honor of leading our contingent to Indiana University and we all had a blast. From the wonderful trainings to the various activities, we all grew in our brotherhood and I believe our lodge will benefit greatly from what we learned at NOAC. I hope to see everyone at Fall Ordeal weekend so we can share stories and have a good time!

In Service,
Mitchell Daneker

Conclave! We DID IT!

On Friday, June 1 through Sunday, June 3, our Lodge members hosted the Section NE-6B Conclave. James Diffenderfer, our

Conclave Chairman, expresses his extreme gratitude to every one of our Lodge members who volunteered their talents and time to

make for an incredible Conclave.

Planning for this year's Conclave began well over a year ago.

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NOAC! We DID IT Again!

At the end of July, 33 members of our Lodge joined our

contingent attending the 2018 National Order of the Arrow

Conference (NOAC) at Indiana University in
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Lodge Committee Leadership

New and current members of our Lodge are strongly encouraged to participate in lodge activities. If any member, youth and adult is interested in serving on any committee, contact any of the committee chairmen or advisers listed below.

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2019 Family Banquet

C: OPEN		
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Lodge Adviser's Message

What a great summer we had at Bashore! Thanks to our Summer Camp Chiefs Ben Rita and Ryan Esterby for representing us all so well at camp this summer. Congratulations to all of our elected candidates called out at camp this summer – let's all help to make sure each of them come to Fall Ordeal to complete their Ordeal! Thank you to all of the Arrowmen who attended NOAC and represented the Council with class and dedicated service to our Order! Our youth Arrowmen are impressive young leaders and they continue to make the PA Dutch Council proud! Thank you to the adults who helped to shepherd our youth to Indiana and back, making for a great trip had by all. Thanks to the ten Arrowmen who served on staff at NOAC in a variety of roles – you too make us all proud!

Normally I save this bottom section of my message for something I find to be inspirational. This time around it goes to all 107 inspirational Arrowmen who came to Conclave and helped make it success. Thank you, thank you, thank you! With your efforts, we saw almost 300 Arrowmen join together from five different lodges for an amazing weekend of fun, fellowship, and training! Thank you to James Diffenderfer and Jim Castanzo for assembling a fantastic staff, program, and overall event that only took more than a year to plan and execute. Thank you to those that helped us go the extra mile for our guests. We also were able to donate almost \$1,000 to the Central PA Food Bank, which came from a bunch of different events, including a brief pie-in-the-face auction. As we always do, we set the bar extremely high for the other lodges in the section to try to match. We may be a small lodge, but we certainly are mighty!

In service,
Eric Shea



Lodge Event Calendar for 2018/19

Below are the dates for Lodge events and activities for the coming months. ALL members are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate. As we get closer to the date for these events, we will be including more information in upcoming issues of this newsletter on the Lodge website regarding times, registration and costs (when applicable).

September 2018

Chapter Meeting	See Chapter News on the right	
Fall Ordeal	Sept. 28 – Sept. 30	Camp Mack
LEC Meeting	Sept. 30, 9:00 AM at Lodge Weekend Camp Mack	

October 2018

Chapter Meeting	See Chapter News on the right	
Council of Chiefs (Section)	Oct. 20	Camp Mack Training Ctr.

November 2018

Chapter Meeting	See Chapter News on the right	
LLD	Fri.-Sun., Nov. 16 – Nov. 18	Camp Mack Training Ctr.

December 2018

Chapter Meeting	See Chapter News on the right	
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January 2019

Chapter Meeting	See Chapter News on the right	
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February 2019

Chapter Meeting	See Chapter News on the right	
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March 2019

Chapter Meeting	See Chapter News on the right	
Lodge Family Banquet	Mar. 23	To Be Determined

April 2019

Lodge Fellowship Weekend	April 26 - 28	Camp Bashore
LEC Meeting	April 27, 7:00 PM	Camp Bashore
Chapter Meeting	See Chapter News on the right	

May 2019

Spring Ordeal Weekend	Fri.-Sun.,	Camp Mack
LEC Meeting		Camp Mack

June 2019

Section Conclave	Fri., June 7-9	Camp Horseshoe
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July 2019

Summer Camp Callouts	Friday Evenings after Campfire	Camp Bashore
Fun Event	Date and locaton to come!	

August 2019

Summer Camp Callouts	Friday Evenings after Campfire	
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September 2019

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Fall Ordeal	Sept. 27 – Sept. 29	Camp Bashore
LEC Meeting	Sept. 30, 9:00 AM at Lodge Weekend	

October 2019

Chapter Meeting	See Chapter News on the right	
Council of Chiefs (Section)	To Be Determined	Camp Mack Training Ctr.

November 2019

Chapter Meeting	See Chapter News on the right	
LEC	Fri.-Sun., Nov. 15 – Nov. 17	Camp Mack Training Ctr.

December 2019

Chapter Meeting	See Chapter News on the right	
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January 2020

Chapter Meeting	See Chapter News on the right	
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Chapter News

Attention Scoutmasters, OA Troop Representatives and all Arrowmen

Our three Chapter had some great meeting the past eight months. Chapters do not meet the months of May, June, July and August. Beginning in September, Chapter Meetings are held on the same night and in the same building as your District Roundtable Meetings. All Arrowmen are encouraged to attend – it's especially important for your Troop's OA Representative to make it to all Chapter Meetings. Chapter programs vary and meetings are fun and provide valuable tools and info that you can take back to your unit.

Horseshoe Trail District Chapter

The Horseshoe Trail District Chapter meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:15 PM at the Cedar Crest Middle School in Lebanon. This is the same evening as the District Roundtable. So if you want to get more involved with the OA, come on out to our chapter meetings an take part in some good fellowship and food. Please bring along a donation of \$3 to offset the cost of refreshments for the chapter meeting. If you would like to receive additional Chapter information contact Chapter Chief Ryan Esterby at resterby@windstream.net

Conestoga River District Chapter

The Conestoga River District Chapter meetings are held at the Pequea Elementary School, 802 Millwood Road, Willow Street at 7:00 PM on the first Thursday of the month in conjunction with the Conestoga River District Roundtable meeting. The chapter meetings are open to all youth and adult members of the OA. We have an OA/ camping promotion theme to every meeting. Scouter attending the Roundtable are encouraged to bring youth Arrowmen to the chapter meetings. Pizza and drinks are provided. A \$2-3 donation is encouraged to offset the price of the pizza. For more information regarding chapter meetings contact Chapter Chief Joel Knepper.

Harvest District Chapter

The Harvest District Chapter Meetings correspond with the Harvest District Roundtable meetings, and are held the second Tuesday of each month at Lancaster Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Stake Center located at 1136 Sunwood Lane, Lancaster, at 7:15 PM. Scout Leaders attending the Roundtable are encouraged to bring Scouts in your Troop for the Chapter Meetings. Pizza and drinks will be offered at the Chapter Meetings, if possible please bring \$2-3 to help defray the cost.

For information or to be included on our Chapter mailing list, please contact any of the Chapter officers listed on the facing page.



Conclave 2018 – RECAP

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Hundreds, maybe thousands of hours were put into this single weekend. Meal prep, activities and games, logistics, training, customer service, newsletter, first aid and shows were staffed by capable, willing Lodge members who gave unselfishly to the service of our Lodge and our Section.

At any time during the weekend, our guest Arrowmen from our four guest Lodges were really having a great time. Several mentioned how fast the weekend went by. We kept everyone incredibly busy and entertained.

Great food, valuable learning, fun times and fellowship were had by all. Even members from our Lodge were able to break from their assigned jobs and participate in training and games.

We are so proud of our Lodge members for their dedication and hard work.



New Section NE-6B Chief Elected

On Sunday morning of Conclave, during the Section business meeting, our own Collin Heckman was elected Section NE-6B Chief.

Collin has previously served Wunita Gokhos as our Chief. He has also held positions at the Section-level: Section Secretary and Section Vice Chief.

Congratulations Collin! We wish you well in your new role!



Lodge Executive Committee Elections Being Held at the Fall Ordeal & Service Weekend

Are you interested in stepping-up and taking on a more significant role in our Lodge? There's no better way to help shape and guide the future of the Lodge than as a Lodge Officer. All Lodge Executive Committee positions are open to any member, no matter if you are an Ordeal, Brotherhood or Vigil member.

On Saturday, September 29, at our Fall Ordeal Weekend, just before dinner, we will be holding elections for the following positions:

- Lodge Chief
- Lodge Vice Chief
- Lodge Second Vice Chief
- Treasurer
- Secretary

To get a description for each of these positions and for more information about the Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) and how the elections work, contact our Lodge Adviser, Eric Shea. Eric's contact information is on page 2 of this newsletter.

Have you been an Ordeal Member for longer that 10 months?

Then you can seal your membership by becoming a Brotherhood Member at the Fall Ordeal Weekend!

Sealing your membership in the Order by becoming a Brotherhood member is more than getting a new sash. Brotherhood members have a better understanding of the Order, our Purpose and Mission. We are true servant leaders and we understand how membership in the Order compliments our membership in our Troop. You set an example of what an OA member is and does.

Earning your Brotherhood membership is not difficult. During the Fall Weekend, you'll be asked to put aside a few hours on Saturday for some instructions and group lessons when you'll learn more about the Order. Later, on Saturday afternoon you will review what you have learned -- this is NOT a test but a simple review. That evening, you'll participate in the Brotherhood Ceremony when you will seal your membership in our Order.

Information about registering for Brotherhood is included on the registration form included in this newsletter.

Fall Ordeal & Service Weekend at Camp Mack Friday, Sept. 28 through Sunday Morning, Sept. 30

The Fall Ordeal Weekend is the first of our major service weekends. The Lodge typically has a very good turn-out which means we have the opportunity to connect with fellow Brothers we might only get a chance to see at OA events. Equally important, it's also a time for us to provide critical service to Camp Mack. Remember, ALL Ordeal, Brotherhood and Vigil members are invited to attend this weekend. Registration due date is Septemeber 14, 2018.

During the weekend, we will be inducting new Ordeal members into the lodge; and for those of you that have been an Ordeal member for at least 10 months, we will be conducting Brotherhood training and ceremonies. A registration form can be found on the enclosed form. A schedule of events is included below. We hope to see you there!

And don't forget to bring your HEALTH FORM to the weekend!

Friday	Event	What to do	Where
7:30 - 8:30 PM		Registration Set-up Tent	Pavilion Activities Field
8:30	Candidate Roll-Call	Ordeal Candidates Attend Brotherhood Candidates Attend	Hyman Pavilion Hyman Pavilion
9:00	Pre-Ordeal Ceremony	Attend	TBD
10:15	Cracker Barrel	Attend	Pavilion
Saturday			
7:30 AM	Candidates Rise and Shine, Candidate Breakfast at 8:00 AM		
7:45	Flag Raising Ceremony	Attend	Flag Plaza
8:00	Members Breakfast	Attend	Pavilion
8:45	Service Projects Begin	EVERYONE Attends	Meet at Pavilion
10:45	Brotherhood Session #1	B-hood Candidates Attend	Pavilion
12:00 PM	Lunch	Attend	Pavilion
1:00	Service Projects Resume	EVERYONE Attends	Various
2:15	Brotherhood Session #2	B-hood Candidates Attend	Pavilion
3:30	Service Projects End	Shower, Clean-up and Change into Uniform	
3:30 - 4:45	Brotherhood Review	B-hood Candidates Attend	Pavilion
4:45	Colors & Flag Retreat	Attend	Flag Plaza
5:00	Lodge Officer Elections	Mandatory – ALL Youth	Pavilion
5:30	Dinner/Feast	Attend	Pavilion
6:30	New Member Orientation	Mandatory Ordeal Candidates	Pavilion
7:00	Brotherhood Ceremony	Attend	Campfire Circle
7:00	Ordeal Ceremonies	Attend	Lodge Circle
9:15	Cracker Barrel & Trading Post	Attend	Pavilion
Sunday			
8:00 AM	Breakfast	Attend	Pavilion
8:45	Chapel Service	Attend	Pavilion
9:00	Lodge Officer Election & LEC Meeting	Attend	Pavilion
9:00	Clean-up Camp Sites & Depart – Thank YOU and Safe Travels!		

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Time to Pay Your 2019 Dues!

**The dues for 2019
will be \$17 for all
members.**

Everyone's 2019 dues need to be paid by November 30, 2018. If you complete your Ordeal at the upcoming Fall Weekend, you need to pay your 2019 dues as well. Your Ordeal Weekend fee covers your dues only through the end of 2018.

If you have any questions you can contact Doug Eadline, our Lodge Membership Adviser. Doug's phone number is 717-354-7514 and his email address is douglas.eadline@frontiernet.net

A Dues Payment Form is included with this newsletter.

Lodge Refund Policy

As a reminder, the Lodge has an official refund policy that applies to all events the Lodge hosts. If you register for an event, but cannot attend and cancel before the registration deadline, you will receive a full refund. If you notify us after the deadline, but before the day of the event that you cannot attend, you will receive a refund of your registration fee less the identified food cost for the weekend. If you notify us the day of the event that you cannot attend or just do not show up to the event, no refund will be issued.



BSA Medical Forms Required on ALL Lodge and Section Weekends!

This is a reminder that official BSA Medical Forms are required for all OA weekends for all participants.

Although activities on OA weekends are not comparable to high adventure trips, sometimes people get sick or injured -- a nasty cut finger, a fall causing a swollen foot. We want to take the necessary precautions and be ready for that quick trip to the hospital for an x-ray or a few stitches. Should something happen, the Lodge health officer will need your medical form so your parents or guardian can be contacted and the health care providers have your current medical information.

If you have a current medical form, there is no need to get another physical, simply make a copy of your form and bring the COPY to the weekend. You can get the copy of your medical form back at the end of the weekend. Medical forms not picked up at the end of the weekend will be shredded. Since medical information can change, the Lodge does NOT keep medical forms from event to event. We want to ensure we have current information.



NOAC 2018 – RECAP

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Bloomington, Indiana.

Reaction from our contingent members, both youth and adults, was that they had an incredible time.

Our contingent attended some of the best training our Order has to offer, participated in games, competitions and individual and team activities. Some highlights were the

three evening shows, VIA (Very Important Arrowman) breakfast, the obligatory patch trading and of course a stop at Kings Island Amusement Park.

Our contingent had the opportunity to meet Arrowman from across the country and share ideas and best practices.

Our contingent traveled in three vans and shared dorm

rooms at Indiana University. Although the space was tight, our members had the opportunity to forge new friendships with fellow lodge members with whom that might not have known.

Ask any of our contingent members about their experience. I'm sure they will be more than willing to share.

The next NOAC is scheduled for July/August, 2020 at Michigan State University – not too early to mark your calendars!

A special Thanks to Mike Stanilla for serving as our contingent leader.

In addition to our 33 contingent members, 10 from our Lodge served on NOAC staff.



You Are Invited to Our Annual Leadership Development Course

Annual LLD scheduled for Friday, November 16 through Sunday, November 18, 2018

What is LLD? Do you want to learn more about our Order of the Arrow, improve your leadership skills, or serve or lead on a Lodge committee? Are you a lodge officer or would you like to be one someday? Or, even better yet, do you want to have FUN for a weekend? Then you need to plan to attend our next LLD.

The Lodge will be hosting our next Lodge Leadership Development Course (LLD) starting Friday, November 16 and ending Sunday, November 18, 2018 at the Camp Mack Training Center.

Whether you were just inducted or have been in the lodge for years, you can learn something new from this excellent training program. The course will begin at 7:00 PM on Friday with registration, and should end by 10:00 AM on Sunday. *The lodge believes that this training is so important it is offering it to ALL members for the small fee of \$10.00.* (This fee helps offset some of the food costs.)

Participants must arrive wearing the full Scout uniform with sash, but they will be allowed to wear the activity uniform for parts of the weekend. You should also bring a sleeping bag, toiletries, extra clothing, paper and pencil. If you have any questions, please contact Collin Heckman at collinheckman@gmail.com. Please plan on attending!

Due to limited space in the Training Center, we will need to limit the number of participants to 50. Attendance will be granted on a first come, first served basis. November 2nd is the registration deadline.

2018 Unit Election and Summer Camp Call-Out Recap

This past winter and spring our Lodge Election teams conducted 47 unit elections. At summer camp, our ceremonies team participated in seven call-out ceremonies.

Between February and May, trained unit elections teams visited 47 Troops throughout our Council to conduct unit elections.

In all, 109 youth were elected and 8 adults were nominated into the Order. We look forward to welcoming our newest members at the Fall or Spring Ordeal Weekends.

In January, our unit election teams were trained at their Chapter Meetings and unit election went into full swing in March through May. Thank you to ALL our unit election teams for coordinating and conducting elections!

We would like to offer a big THANK YOU to our 2018 Summer Camp "Camp Chiefs" Ben Rita and Ryan Esterby. They did a great job coordinating the call-outs this year. They ensured the ceremony principals knew their lines, contacted unit leaders as they arrived in camp to confirm that those elected would be present at call-outs, built the camp fires, cared for the regalia, and collected call-out forms after each ceremony. These responsibilities were in ADDITION to their normal duties as camp staff members. And they were not alone. Each ceremony included the ceremony principals who memorized their lines and added the drama that makes our call-out ceremony so special. Finally, we recruited over 70 pitters (helpers) who were critical to the call-outs. Thanks to everyone involved. Because of these individuals, we continue to have the reputation of conducting one of the best call-out ceremonies in our Region.

We look forward to seeing you all next summer!



Welcome Our 2018 Vigil Class!

During our Spring Lodge Fellowship and Service weekend, ten of our members received their Vigil Honor.

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to lodge, council, and Scouting. Membership cannot be won by a person's conscious endeavors.

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition is reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position of office to one or more of the following: their Lodge, the Order of the Arrow, the Scouting community and our Scout Camps.



Above is the 2018 Vigil Class front row left to right: Ryan Kemmerly, Greg Embly, Beth Katz, Riley Miller and Ryan Esterby. Back row left to right: William Yaeger, Orion Jones, Jack Pauli, Mitchell Daneker and Joel Knepper.

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