



# The Owl's Nest

November/December 2017  
& January 2018

## Wunita Gokhos Welcomes 99 New Ordeal and 49 New Brotherhood Members



### From Our Lodge Chief

Brothers,

First off, congratulations to the new ordeal and brotherhood members. The amount of work done at the induction weekend is a testament to the quality and effort of our Arrowmen are capable of. Also, it is a great honor to have been elected as your Lodge Chief and I look forward to a very exciting year. I would like to thank all of those who continue to be active in our lodge, as it is the wonderful members that make us who we are. We have a lot coming up in the next few months and I cannot wait to see you all there. For those of you that have just joined the OA, I welcome you to think about some events like LLD, Fellowship Weekend, and Conclave. They are great opportunities to meet new people and have fun. If you have any questions about the OA, feel free to contact me as I would love to hear from you.

In Service,  
Mitchell Daneker



### Fall Ordeal and Service Weekend at Camp Mack

The Fall Ordeal Weekend is one of our major service weekends. At this year's Fall Weekend we welcomed 99 new Ordeal members and 49 members sealed their Brotherhood membership.

On Sunday morning, our youth members elected our new Lodge Officers. Congratulations to all!

We had a great turnout, over

250 members including Ordeal and Brotherhood candidates attended the weekend. Because of our large turnout, we were able to complete a significant amount of work at Camp Mack. In addition to getting the camp ready for the winter, we completed trail maintenance, cleaned campsites and lodges and cut and split dozens of cords of firewood. Best of all, we shared fun and fellowship

with our fellow Lodge members.

After Saturday night ceremonies, we held our annual Fall Weekend Patch auction where members bid on great OA and Boy Scout patches, collectibles and memorabilia.

The Lodge raised over \$2000 from the patch and silent auction held earlier in the evening. The money raised over the weekend will be going toward the Lodge Scholarship Fund.

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## 2017 Lodge Executive Committee

### Lodge Officers

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Vice Chief	Mac Clarke		
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#### Conestoga River District Chapter

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Adviser	John Oechslin	341-8983	johnoechslin@gmail.com

#### Horseshoe Trail District Chapter

Chapter Chief	Ryan Esterby	627-2533	resterby@windstream.net
Vice Chief	Riley Miller	228-1387	rileym626@gmail.com
Adviser	Mike Stanilla	274-3784	mstanilla@verizon.net

## 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.

### Lodge Leadership Development (LLD)

C: Collin Heckman 940-6334 collinheckman@gmail.com

A: OPEN

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A: Dan Lenox dlaplenox@aol.com

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A: Jim Castanzo 940-7913 jcastanzo@comcast.net

## SCOUTING'S NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

### Lodge Adviser's Message

As always, congratulations are in order for our newest Ordeal and Brotherhood members who came to Fall Ordeal! We hope to see you at our events in the future! Congrats are also needed for our newly elected and re-elected officers. These five guys have a lot of work ahead of them this coming year and are relying on our support to help them run a great program in 2018. Stay tuned for exciting news coming from our officers in the coming months – it's going to be a great 2018 lodge year!

As we roll into a new Lodge year, I encourage you to take a look at what can be OA-new to you! Sure, those of you actually reading this little box in the corner are probably saying, what is OA-new? Everyone is busy, everyone is committed. However, I challenge you to think about what you do for WG39 and the Order of the Arrow. Not everyone can be Lodge Chief, but the Chief can't run the Lodge on his own. He counts on help on our various committees and relies on the support from our fellow brothers coming to events, meetings, and representing the Lodge well throughout the Council. Considering helping out with a new committee, assisting with a service project, performing callout ceremonies at Bashore over the summer, or coming to your first Conclave in June as a member of our Conclave staff. There has never been a better time to get involved with WG39! See you soon...

In service,  
*Eric Shea*



## Lodge Event Calendar for 2017/18

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).

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### November 2017

Chapter Meeting	See Chapter News on the right	
Brotherhood Conversion Day	Nov. 24. 8:00 AM	Camp Mack Training Ctr.

### December 2017

Chapter Meeting	See Chapter News on the right	
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### January 2018

LEC Meeting	Jan. 5, 1st Session of LLD	Camp Mack Training Ctr.
LLD	Fri., Jan. 5 - 7	Camp Mack Training Ctr.
Chapter Meeting	See Chapter News on the right	

### February 2018

Lodge Family Banquet	Feb. 17	To Be Determined
Chapter Meeting	See Chapter News on the right	

### March 2018

Chapter Meeting	See Chapter News on the right	
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### April 2018

Lodge Fellowship Weekend	April 27 - 29	Camp Mack
LEC Meeting	April 28, 7:00 PM	Camp Mack
Chapter Meeting	See Chapter News on the right	

### May 2018

Spring Ordeal Weekend	Fri-Sunday, May 18-20	Camp Bashore
LEC Meeting	Sun., May 20, 9:00 AM	Camp Bashore

### June 2018

Section Conclave	Fri., June 1-3	Camp Bashore
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### July 2018

Summer Camp Callouts	Friday Evenings after Campfire	Camp Bashore
NOAC	July 30 through August 3	Indiana University

### August 2018

Summer Camp Callouts	Friday Evenings after Campfire	
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### 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)	To Be Determined	Camp Mack Training Ctr.

### November 2018

Chapter Meeting	See Chapter News on the right	
Brotherhood Conversion Day	Nov. 23. 8:00 AM	Camp Mack Training Ctr.

**DON'T FORGET  
YOUR LODGE DUES  
ARE DUE  
NOV. 30!**

## Chapter News

### Attention Scoutmasters, OA Troop Representatives and all Arrowmen

Our three Chapter had some great meeting the past eight months. Chapter 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.

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### 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 and 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 Joel Knepper at joel.knepper2000@gmail.com.

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### 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.

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### 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.



## You Are Invited to Our Annual Leadership Development Course

Hold the Date for Our Lodge Leadership Development Course (LLD) scheduled for Friday, January 5 through Sunday, January 7, 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, January 5 and ending Sunday, January 7, 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 \$5.00.* (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. December 15th is the registration deadline.

## Again, Our Lodge Lends a Helping Hand with the 2017 Crop Walk

Tiernan Barber, Ryan Esterby, Lance Rich, Bob Chaballa, Jim Esterby, David Barber, and Beth Katz represented our Lodge at this year's Crop Walk. Our members helped direct participants as they made their way through the Crop Walk Course. They truly demonstrated the OA's commitment of service to our community.

The CROP Hunger Walk is a community-wide event sponsored by Church World Service and organized by religious groups, businesses, schools and others to raise funds to end hunger in the U.S. and around the world.

Thanks to all our Arrowmen who volunteered.



## Have you been an Ordeal Member for longer that 10 months? Then come seal your membership at our Brotherhood Conversion Day

Friday, November 24  
Camp Mack Training Center

All eligible members of our Lodge should have gotten an email inviting them to this year's Brotherhood Conversion Day.

Each year the Lodge holds a **Brotherhood Conversion Day** the Friday after Thanksgiving. This is a great chance for our Ordeal members who have not been able to attend either the Spring or Fall Ordeal to seal their membership in the Order of the Arrow.

The day begins with Registration at 8:30 AM. Lunch will be served. Sessions will be followed by a Brotherhood ceremony. Everything wraps up at approximately 2:00 PM.

If it has been more than 10 months since you completed your Ordeal, you are eligible to seal your membership by becoming a Brotherhood member. If you plan on attending, please complete the registration form sent to you via mail or use the registration for included in this newsletter.



## Lodge Elects New Lodge Officers

At our Fall Ordeal Weekend, our Lodge youth elected our new officers for the 2017/18 calendar year. We are looking forward to working with our new officers as they begin plan our Lodges goals and objectives for the coming year.

Shown above: Lodge Chief-Mitchell Danaker; 1st Vice Chief - Tony Astarita; 2nd Vice Chief - Karl Beard; Secretary - Jack Pauli and Treasurer - John Oechsln.



## Conclave 2018 – UPDATE

**By now, you know that in 2018, our Lodge will host our Section Conclave at Camp Bashore. The date for Conclave is June 1st through the 3rd.**

At the October Council of Chiefs meeting, the Section officers approved our Lodge's Conclave patch designs, budget and schedule. This means we have the GO to proceed with our plans.

Our adult Conclave Committee Advisors have been recruited. Next we will be completing the recruitment of our youth Committee Chairmen. We have also received many Conclave Recruitment Forms from Lodge members wishing to volunteer to serve in some capacity of our Conclave Staff.

Within the next few weeks, everyone who has submitted a Conclave Recruitment will get additional information including their committee assignment and advisor and chairman contact information.

We will also be scheduling Conclave planning meetings for our volunteers. Our intention is to schedule those meetings around existing Lodge events when possible. Those meeting notices will be announced via email and our Lodge Facebook Page.

Thanks to everyone who has already stepped up and volunteered.

We are still recruiting staff to serve on the following committees:

- Customer Service**
- First Aid**
- Kitchen**
- Newsletter**
- Physical Arrangements**
- Program**
- Shows**
- Trading Post**

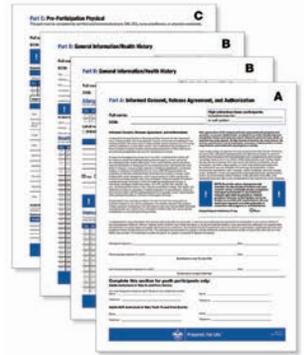
If you have not yet volunteered and you are interested in being part of our Conclave staff, you can still volunteer – simply complete the Conclave 2018 Recruitment form included in this newsletter and send to:

Jim Castanzo  
519 State Street, Lancaster, PA 17603- 2607  
Or scan and email to Jim at:  
jcastanzo@comcast.net

## Lodge Banquet Location Booked and Plans Are Being Finalized

**Saturday, February 17, 2018**  
**Location: A**

Save the date for this year's Lodge Banquet! Details are still being ironed out for the 2018 Banquet at press time, however, the Banquet will be held on Saturday February 17, 2018 and will be held in the Harvest District. The Banquet will cost \$25 per person. The Banquet will begin with registration and member social from 4:30 to 5:30pm, with dinner and program to follow. Like last year, we will hold both a silent auction and short live auction during the banquet, and play our now traditional competitive game of Banquet Bingo! In addition to these activities and an evening of fun and fellowship with other lodge members and your family, several lodge awards will be presented, including the Founders' Award, Adult and Youth Arrowmen of the Year, and the announcement of the 2018 Vigil Class. Please use the attached form enclosed in this newsletter; registration deadline is February 2, 2018. Details regarding the location of the Banquet will be announced via the Lodge Facebook page and through an email from the Lodge Adviser.



## 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.

## Silent Auction at the Lodge Banquet – Donations Needed

As we did last year, the Lodge will hold a silent auction prior to the start of the banquet. The Lodge is currently looking for items to be included in the auction. Items in addition to Order of the Arrow and Boy Scouts will certainly be considered. If you have anything you would like to donate, please contact Eric Shea. Proceeds from this silent auction will go towards our Lodge Scholarship Fund.



# SCOUTING'S NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

## Opportunities for New Members

Welcome new members! Congratulations on your induction into the Order of the Arrow or "OA," the national honor society of the Boy Scouts of America. The Order's first purpose is to recognize those, like you, who have been chosen by your peers as one who exemplifies the Scout Oath and Law in your daily life.

Exciting opportunities for service and leadership are available to you in whatever manner you choose. You now have the opportunity to take part in ALL Order of the Arrow activities including Order of the Arrow High Adventure, local leadership roles, and opportunities for Lodge and community service.

The easiest way a new member can become active in the Lodge is by coming to events. If you come to events you will be asked to help in some way; as an elangomat or to help on service projects. Coming to events is typically the best way to help you find what you want to do in the Lodge. If you would like to take a more proactive approach, contact a chairman of one of the committees that interest you – their contact information is on page 2 of this newsletter. Each of the committee chairmen will be reaching out to those of you who signed up at Fall Ordeal to get you involved!

Remember, once you have been an Ordeal member for 10 months, you are eligible to seal your membership in our Order by becoming a Brotherhood member.

## 2018 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) UPDATE

As many of you are aware, the demand to participate in the 2018 National Order of the Arrow Conference is at an all-time high! This is great news! Unfortunately, Indiana University can only accommodate 8,000 Arrowmen for the conference, which is the bad news. The Lodge received 24 slots for our contingent, and the selection committee met in September to finalize the Arrowmen who will represent the Council and Lodge at NOAC in 2018. The Lodge will hold it's first Contingent meeting on Sunday of LLD (January 7, 2018) at the Camp Mack Training Center at 10:30 AM. Additional details regarding the contingent trip will be announced via email to the Contingent in the coming weeks. The Lodge extremely pleased to announce that Mike Stanilla has been selected to serve as the Contingent Leader for this awesome trip to Indiana in summer of 2018 – thanks to Mike for stepping up to make this trip great for everyone in attendance! Stay tuned for more details regarding patches and pre-orders for NOAC 2018!



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- Support the service projects we perform at both Camp Mack and Camp Bashore
- Cover costs associated with conducting Lodge leadership training events
- Reduce the costs associated with sending Lodge members to Regional and National training opportunities

- Camperships to help send youth to our summer camps
- Provide financial support to our Council

If you are interested in an ad sponsorship, contact Eric Shea at ericbshea@gmail.com



# DON'T FORGET YOUR LODGE DUES ARE DUE NOV. 30!

It's that time of year! Everyone's 2018 dues need to be paid by November 30, 2017. If you completed your Ordeal at the past Fall Weekend, you need to pay your 2018 dues as well. Your weekend fee covers your dues only through the end of 2017.

It is important that your dues are paid on time and postmarked by November 30th. If your dues are not paid on time, your name will be moved to inactive status and you will not be allowed to attend and participate in OA and Lodge events and you will not receive the Lodge newsletter. To pay your dues, use the Dues Form below.

**Detach bottom portion of this form and send along with payment to the address listed below**

Enclosed is my payment of \$17.00 to cover the cost of my 2018 Lodge dues.

Full Name:		Degree (circle one): Ordeal Brotherhood Vigil		
Address:		DOB:		Gender: M/F
		District:		Troop:
Phone Nos.	Home:			
	Work:	Candidate Year:		
	Mobile:	Ordeal Date:		
Occupation:		Brotherhood Date:		
Email:		Vigil Date:		

**Please mail this form along with your payment to:**  
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