

# The Owl's Nest

Winter/Spring 2024



#### From Our Lodge Chief

Dear brothers. I hope everyone is having a good holiday season. Since our last newsletter we have celebrated our 50th anniversary as a lodge at fall ordeal, held a very successful Camp Mack Service day where we chopped wood for the winter months, and have started planning for Conclave 2024 which will be hosted at Camp Mack from May 31- June 2! During Fall Ordeal to celebrate the 50th anniversary we participated in both service and fellowship; working hard in the morning and celebrating in the afternoon. Our section chief Maggie Thorpe dropped in on Saturday night to celebrate our history and this amazing landmark. I want to extend a large thank you to Ross Gerberich and Bob Chablla for all the hard work they put into planning the event. I would also like to thank you all for coming and participating in that amazing event. Looking forward, we have been preparing for what is to be a fun filled conclave this summer

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### Fall Ordeal Weekend and Lodge's 50th Anniversary **Celebration Recap**

Friday, September 22 through Sunday, September 24 at the J. Edward Mack Scout Reservation



Our Fall Weekend was very special. Not only did we induct 63 new Ordeal members and 23 new Brotherhood members, but we also had a great time celebrating our Lodge's 50th Anniversary.

The typical Ordeal work projects were shortened, and ceremonies were completed in the early afternoon so that our new members could join the rest of the Lodge in fellowship, fun games, great food, and reminiscing with older members of the Lodge.

Past members came from as far away as North

Carolina and Florida. Over 90 former members and guests joined our newest members in the celebration with friends, to catch up, and reminisce during the afternoon and evening event. It's been an amazing 50 years!

The lodge would like to thank all those who worked so hard on the planning and arrangements for this special event especially, Ross Gerberich, the 50th **Anniversary Committee** Chairman, and Bob Chaballa, his Adviser. The celebration was a year in the making. We would also like to thank all our members who were at camp several days before the weekend preparing camp for the celebration. Maguire Younes, our past Lodge Chief created an awesome video recap of

the event. You can find the video on the Wunita Gokhos Facebook page.

And just as important, we want to welcome and congratulate ALL our new Ordeal and Brotherhood members! In addition to the service we provided to the camp, our members picked up some great deals at our annual fall auctions and we held our Lodge officer elections. As always, the kitchen crew served up delicious and filling meals.

Thanks to everyone who made this a very successful and productive weekendl



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#### **DON'T FORGET YOUR 2024 LODGE DUES WERE DUE NOV. 30!**

It's that time of year! Everyone's 2024 dues should have been paid by November 30, 2023. If you completed your Ordeal at the past Fall Weekend, you still needed to pay your 2024 dues as well. Your weekend fee covers your dues only through the end of 2023.

It is important that all members pay their annual OA dues each year. If your dues are not paid for 2024, you will be moved to inactive status and will not be able to participate in OA and Lodge events. You also must have an active registration in the BSA in order to be a member of the OA.

Pay your dues on-line at padutchbsa.org/programs/

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#### 2024 Lodge Executive Committee

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#### Lodge Adviser's Message

I hope that everyone had great holiday season and I am equally hopeful that you are prepared for a busy Lodge new year!

Congratulations are in order for those that completed their Ordeal and Brotherhood at Fall Ordeal in the rain, and to the 50th Anniversary Committee for putting on a great event despite the weather conditions! A new year brings the same questions – did I sign up for Banquet? Will we do the scavenger hunt at Fellowship? Am I already on a committee for Conclave at Mack? Sign up today to help the Lodge prepare for all of these events!

2024 will be a busy year for WG39 – with all of our normal events, plus hosting Conclave in June at Camp Mack and sending a contingent of almost 50 people and over 10 staff members to NOAC 2024 in Colorado. We've revamped how our two chapters operate for 2024, so we hope you'll join us for all four of the joint chapter meetings this year. Help our youth officers make 2024 the best year yet for WG39!

In service, Eric Shea Wunita Gokhos Lodge Adviser



#### 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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#### **Lodge Event Calendar for 2024/2025**

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).

| January 2024             |                  |                      |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| LEC Meeting              | To be announced  | Virtual              |
| Chapter Meeting          | Jan. 21, 6:00 PM | Mack Training Center |
| April 2024               |                  |                      |
| Lodge Banquet            | Sunday, April 7  | Melhorn Manor        |
| Lodge Fellowship Weekend | April 26 – 28    | Camp Mack            |
| Chapter Gathering        | To be announced  |                      |
| May 2024                 |                  |                      |
| Spring Ordeal            | May 17 – 19      | Camp Mack            |
| June 2024                |                  |                      |
| Section E11 Conclave     | May 31 – June 2  | Camp Mack            |
| July 2024                |                  |                      |
| NOAC                     | July 29 – Aug. 3 | U. Colorado Boulder  |
| September 2024           |                  |                      |
| Fall Ordeal              | Sept. 27 – 29    | Camp Bashore         |
| October 2024             |                  |                      |
| Chapter Gathering        | To be announced  |                      |
| November 2024            |                  |                      |
| Fall Service Day         | Nov. 2           | Camp Mack            |
| January 2025             |                  |                      |
| LEC Meeting              | To be announced  | Virtual              |
| Chapter Holiday Party    | To be announced  |                      |
| & Gathering              |                  |                      |
| April 2025               |                  |                      |
| Lodge Fellowship Weekend | April 25 – 27    | Camp Mack            |
| Chapter Gathering        | To be announced  |                      |
| May 2025                 |                  |                      |
| Spring Ordeal            | May 16 – 18      | Camp Bashore         |
| Lodge Banquet            | Date TBD         | Camp Mack            |
| June 2024                |                  |                      |
| Section E11 Conclave     | TBD              | TBD                  |
| September 2025           |                  |                      |
| Fall Ordeal              | Sept. 26 – 28    | Camp Mack            |
| October 2024             |                  |                      |
| Chapter Gathering        | To be announced  |                      |
| November 2024            |                  |                      |
| Fall Service Day         | Nov. 1           | Camp Mack            |
|                          |                  |                      |



#### **Updated Chapter News**







#### Joint Chapter Meeting

Our first joint chapter gathering will be on Sunday January 21st at 6 PM at the Camp Mack Training Center. We'll be holding a holiday party, some team building games, and conducting unit elections training. Stay tuned for more information about the April Chapter Gathering!

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The Pirate filled weekend will be one to remember, consisting of Pirate boat races, amazing shows and more swashbuckling adventures. We have also begun the planning for NOAC 2024 at Colorado State University. This week-long trip will be filled with lifelong memories and lots of fun. If you have not yet signed up and are interested in going, more information can be found on the council website. It is not a trip you'll want to miss!

Also, OA reps please start thinking ahead to spring elections as they are fast approaching. Work with the youth in your troop that are close to being eligible for rank and camping nights to help guarantee that they will be eligible by elections.

The other officers and I are continuing to plan an amazing year ahead. I hope to see you all at our lodge Banquet which will be held at Melhorn Manor in April. Have a safe and happy holiday!

Yours in Scouting,

#### Simon Bowen

Wunita Gokhos Lodge Chief







#### Join Our Council's 2024 Summer Camp Staff

Serving as a member of the Summer Camp Staff at either Bashore Scout Reservation or Camp Mack is one of the most rewarding experiences a Scout or Scouter can have. Camp Staff members impact hundreds of lives each summer and serve as living examples of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

We are looking for people to be on our 2024 camp staffs. Anyone 14 or older can become part of our Bashore Scout Reservation or Camp Mack Staff. For more information or to apply http:// padutchbsa. org/camping/ summer-camp-staff/



#### Lodge Family Banquet Location Booked and Plans Are Being Finalized

Date: Sunday, April 7, 2024 Location: Melhorn Manor, 977 W. Main Street, Mount Joy, PA

Our Annual Lodge Family Banquet is booked. Be sure to get this date on your calendar! The banquet is returning to Melhorn Manor in Mount Joy this year.

The Banquet will cost \$30 per person. The Banquet will begin with registration and member social from 3:00 to 3:45 PM, with program and dinner to follow. As in previous years, we will hold our silent 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, lodge awards will be presented, including the Founders' Award, Adult and Youth Arrowmen of the Year, and the introduction of the 2024 Vigil Class.

Register on-line at: wg39.org or padutchbsa.org/programs/order-of-the-arrow

The registration deadline is March 29, 2024.

## Silent Auction at the Lodge Banquet – Donations Needed

As is now our tradition, 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 the Lodge Scholarship Fund.



#### You Are Invited to Our Annual Leadership Development Course

Saturday, April 27, 2024

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? Then you need to plan to attend our next LLD. The Lodge will be hosting our next Lodge Leadership Development Course (LLD) on Saturday afternoon, April 27 at Camp Mack. Our LLD will begin after lunch during our Lodge Fellowship Weekend.

Whether you were just inducted or have been in the lodge for years, you can learn something new from this excellent training program. If you have any questions, please contact Lodge Chief, Simon Bowen (contact info on Pg 2). Please plan on attending! You can register on-line at padutchbsa. org/programs/order-of-the-arrow. Deadline for registration is April 12, 2024.

#### Lodge Fellowship Weekend

#### Friday, April 26 through Sunday, April 28

At the end of April, the Lodge will hold it's annual Lodge Fellowship Weekend at Camp Mack. On Saturday morning we will provide service to the camp. Then on Saturday afternoon, we will hold our Lodge Leadership Development Course (LLD). Those who stay Saturday night are treated to more fun, movies and popcorn and of course, fellowship with other Arrowmen.

This is a great time to get outdoors after being cooped-up all winter. By mid-April the weather is warming and we'll all be ready to start some early spring camp cleanup and prepare Camp Mack for our Lodge's hosting the 2024 Section Conclave.

This is also the weekend when our Vigil candidates keep their Vigil (on Friday night). The Vigil ceremony is held early Saturday morning. Note that the Friday night Vigil activities and Saturday morning Vigil ceremony are open to current Vigil Honor members only.

We hope to get a good showing for this fun weekend. You can register on-line at padutchbsa. org/programs/order-of-the-arrow. Deadline for registration is April 12, 2024.

#### Vigil Members – call to service!

In 2020, we started a new tradition of handing out door prizes at our Family Banquet. Over the last four years, we have handed out almost \$3,200 worth of donated door prizes at our annual banquets. All of this money came from our very generous group of Vigil Members. We would like to again feature door prizes at our next banquet, scheduled for Sunday, April 7 at Melhorn Manor. Many of these door prizes will be available to everyone in attendance, but we will also have a few door prizes that can only go to the Youth Arrowmen at the Banquet.

To support this endeavor, we are asking our Vigil Members (if you can and are able) for a cash donation of \$25.00 (or more if you want) to help us purchase some really cool door prizes. We are asking for a donation in order to ensure we do not use any Lodge budget funds to continue this fun element of the Banquet! If you would like to participate - please contact Lodge Adviser Eric Shea. Eric's contact information is on page 2 of this newsletter. If you have already donated to the cause - thank you!!!



# Spring Ordeal & Service Weekend at Camp Mack on Friday, May 17 through Sunday Morning, May 19

The Spring 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. And equally important, it's also a time for us to provide service to Camp Mack. Remember, ALL Ordeal, Brotherhood and Vigil members are invited to attend this weekend. We hope to see you there!

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 6 months, we will be conducting a Brotherhood workshop and ceremony.

This will be our major service weekend to prepare for Conclave hosting duties and could use as much help as possible. Please plan to attend. Registration deadline is May 3, 2024. Register on-line at padutchbsa.org/programs/order-of-the-arrow.

### Have you been an Ordeal Member for longer than **6 months**?

# Then you can seal your membership by becoming a Brotherhood Member at the Spring 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 Spring Ordeal, you will participate in a workshop with your fellow Brotherhood candidates to go through some training and group lessons about the OA and our Lodge. Later on in the session, you will review what you learned with the trainers. In the early afternoon, you'll participate in the Brotherhood Ceremony when you will seal your membership in our Order

Registration deadline is May 3, 2024. Register on-line at padutchbsa.org/programs/order-of-the-arrow.



#### **Conclave 2024 - UPDATE**

By now, you know that in 2024, our Lodge will host our Section Conclave at Camp Mack. The date for Conclave is May 31 through June 2.

At the November 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 youth and adult committee leads are in the process of recruiting to fill all of the committees with lodge members. We need your help! We're looking for 110 members to help with Conclave, so sign up today (link below)!"

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 vie 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:

Headquarters
Shows
Physical Arrangements
Program
Competitions
Kitchen
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 2024 interest form at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdBtDjM-t\_vkHSv49xUjdkKyHlqsg7abeGTA-DHb-fQB7wyzA/viewform

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#### 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 quardian 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.



#### Troop OA Rep Position

The Order of the Arrow Troop Representative is a youth serving his troop as the primary liaison to the troop's lodge or chapter. He meets the unit's needs by providing a communication and programmatic link to and from all Arrowmen, Scouts who are not presently members of the Order, and adult leaders. These efforts are meant to assist the unit and its members in achieving the mission of the Boy Scouts of America, and at the same time fulfilling the lodge's role in the Strategic Plan of the Order of the Arrow of being an integral part of the council. By setting a good example, he will enhance the image of the Order as a service arm to his unit.

If you are interested in becoming your Troop's OA Rep, you can find the OA Troop Rep registration form by going to this link on the Lodge website: http://www.wg39.org/images/stories/oa\_troop\_representative.pdf

You can find even more information about the Troop OA Rep position by going to this link on the National OA website: http://www.oabsa.org/pages/content/ troop-representative

#### **New Lodge Officers Elected**

At our Fall Ordeal Weekend, our Lodge youth elected our 2023/24 officers. We are looking forward to working with our new officers as they begin plan our Lodges goals and objectives for the coming year.

Our new officers pictured below from right to left:

Lodge Chief – Simon Bowen
1st Vice Chief – Landon Ford
2nd Vice Chief – Emily Fasig
Treasurer – Maguire Younes
Secretary – Ross Gerberich
Congratulations to our new Lodge Officers!



#### **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 6 months, you are eligible to seal your membership in our Order by becoming a Brotherhood member.

### It's Now Time to Plan Your OA Unit Election

Beginning in February, Lodge Election Teams will be available to schedule Order of the Arrow Unit Elections throughout our Council. Units will be able to schedule their unit elections through May 15.

As in past years, our Lodge Election Teams will have been trained so that they are familiar with unit election requirements and procedures. Our Lodge Election Teams consist of one or more trained youth members and at least one trained adult member. The youth members actually conduct the election. The adult is there to supervise and ensure procedures are followed according to National Order of the Arrow guidelines.

Members, both youth and adult, will be trained at either their January or February Chapter Meetings. Contact your Chapter Chief or Adviser to confirm. Only those Arrowmen who have been trained will be authorized to conduct unit elections.

The Lodge requires all units to have our trained Election Teams conduct their elections. Having our Teams participate in unit elections will ensure an efficient election process and accurate results.

We will be conducting traditional in-person elections this year.

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#### **2024 NOAC Update**

At press time, the Lodge Contingent has remained at 48 Arrowmen who will represent the Lodge and Council at NOAC 2024. The group held their first Contingent Meeting

December 10th virtually via Zoom. The contingent, lead by Lodge Chief Simon Bowen, has started to plan events and conference details for the group and unveiled the NOAC 2024 Flap Set, Fundraiser Set, and T-Shirts. The Lodge is selling these items to help support the trip to NOAC and hopefully reduce the costs of traveling with a large group across the country. These items are available for pre-order now, and will be available for pick-up at Fellowship. We anticipate our flap sets to be very popular amongst traders, especially at NOAC or Conclave, so stock up early in support of



**WUNITA GOKHOS:39** 

Fundraiser Flap Set - \$16.00

**NOAC Flap** 

Set - \$12.00



With over 45 people, including Lodge members, volunteers from the Hammer Creek Hunt Club, and the Friends of Camp Mack, the Lodge completed a ton of work at Camp Mack on a beautiful autumn day in November! We worked at getting camp prepared for winter by splitting and stacking firewood. We filled the cabin boxes along with several cords of split wood in the storage building. Several members cleaned up the storage area and moved equipment into the camp's new maintenance storage shelter. Additionally, a few members completed the final inside demolition on the old camp's health lodge building. Thanks to everyone who came out to help for the day!



#### 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 that you cannot attend after the deadline, but before the day of the event, 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



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