



The Owl's Nest

Fall 2020



From Our Lodge Chief

Dear brothers,
It's my hope that you and your families have been well during these challenging times. We understand that COVID-19 has and continues to afflict many in our community, and the Lodge extends its support to anyone experiencing some kind of struggle.

As you are undoubtedly aware, the pandemic has had a profound impact, both in a macro sense with Scouts as an organization and in a micro sense with WG. We are disappointed about the cancellation of some of our most highly anticipated events of the year-- from National events such as NOAC to our Lodge's own Spring Ordeal.

Despite the challenging circumstances imposed by the pandemic, the Lodge remains optimistic that we will be able to restart our programming at the end of August with our Annual Lodge Banquet. Our members have contributed so much to scouting over the last year; we would be remiss not to honor their incredible work and commitment, and we hope that you can join us.

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Wunita Gokhos Battles COVID and We Are Back!

That it's been a challenging spring and summer is an understatement! Every one of us has been impacted by the restrictions imposed by the spread of COVID-19 – schools moving to virtual instructions, loss of jobs, cancelled graduations and the list goes on and on.

Scouting and the OA has not been spared. Spring Fellowship, Spring Orderal, Conclave and even the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) were all cancelled.

At the unit-level, troops could not meet face-to-face so OA elections were put on hold. Summer camp was cancelled so even if we held elections, we could not conduct callouts at Camp Bashore.

We want you to know that although we haven't had the opportunity for fellowship, we are coming back. We are conducting virtual OA elections and if everything goes according to plan, we'll be running our Fall Ordeal Weekend (see page 5 for more information).

For those attending the Fall Ordeal weekend, things will be a little different. The safety and wellbeing of our candidates and members is our primary concern. Therefore, we will be following State guidelines regarding social distancing and the wearing of facemasks. Portions of our Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies will also be modified in order to adhere to those guidelines. For more information regarding the health and safety procedures we'll be implementing during our Fall Ordeal, see page 4 for more information.



Time to Pay Your 2021 Dues!

The dues for 2021 will be \$17 for all members.

Everyone's 2021 dues need to be paid by November 30, 2021.

If you complete your Ordeal at the upcoming Fall Weekend, you need to pay your 2021 dues as well. Your Ordeal Weekend fee covers

your dues only through the end of 2020.

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

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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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Lodge Adviser's Message

I hope everyone reading this message has been safe and well over the last few months. Each year at the Banquet in March, I have the privilege of delivering an annual address to the Lodge that exclaims how our small-but-mighty Lodge continues to thrive. We thank and recognize our fellow members for their hard work, dedication, and leadership. We celebrate the accomplishments of our Vigil Class. Our 2019 Lodge year was no different. On the other hand, 2020 has been a bit different for all of us.

The Lodge has seen creativity, flexibility and safety abound from our members around the Council, both in Scouting and in people's personal lives. We're wearing masks, we haven't seen each other in months, and our events have moved from outside to inside and then back outside again. The Order of the Arrow isn't meant to be a virtual program; we thrive on our ability to serve and lead outdoors, at our two awesome camps, and throughout our communities. We are excited to get back to the OA as we know it in September.

While Fall Ordeal will have a very different, but yet familiar feel to it, I encourage all of our brothers to embrace our current situation and help out where possible. Fall Ordeal will require the assistance of many of our brotherhood and vigil members to make the program work well, so please consider registering for one or both sessions. We also anticipate a number of service project opportunities to come in the fall months where we can help our Council camps and events. Wunita Gokhos will continue serve the Council and as always, we will do so in a manner that keeps our members safe! I hope to see many of you in just a few weeks at Fall Ordeal.

In service,
Eric Shea



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Lodge Event Calendar for 2020/2021

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 2020

Chapter Meeting	See Chapter News on the right	
Fall Ordeal	Sept. 25 – Sept. 27	Camp Mack
LEC Meeting	To Be Determined	

October 2020

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

November 2020

Chapter Meeting	See Chapter News on the right	
LLD	Sat., Nov. 21	Camp Mack Training Ctr.
LEC Meeting	To Be Determined.	

December 2020

Chapter Meeting	See Chapter News on the right	
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January 2021

Chapter Meeting	See Chapter News on the right	
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February 2021

Chapter Meeting	See Chapter News on the right	
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March 2021

Chapter Meeting	See Chapter News on the right	
Lodge Family Banquet	Sat., Mar. 13, 3:00 PM	Melhorn Manor

April 2021

Adult Pine Car Grand Prix	April 18, 2:00 PM	Columbia Kettle Works
Lodge Fellowship Weekend	April 23 - 25	Camp Bashore
LEC Meeting	April 24, 7:00 PM	Camp Bashore
Chapter Meeting	See Chapter News on the right	

May 2021

Spring Ordeal Weekend	Fri.-Sun., May 14-16	Camp Mack
LEC Meeting	Sun., May 16, 9:00 AM	Camp Mack

June 2021

Section Conclave	Fri.-Sun, June 4-6	Sinoquipe Scout Res.
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July 2021

Summer Camp Callouts	Friday Evenings after Campfire	Camp Bashore
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August 2021

Summer Camp Callouts	Friday Evenings after Campfire	Camp Bashore
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September 2021

Chapter Meeting	See Chapter News on the right	
Fall Ordeal	Sept. 24 – Sept. 26	Camp Bashore
LEC Meeting	Sept. 26, 9:00 AM at Lodge Weekend	

October 2021

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

November 2021

Chapter Meeting	See Chapter News on the right	
LLD	Sat., Nov. 20	Camp Mack Training Ctr.
LEC Meeting	Sat., Nov. 20 – 1:00 PM	Camp Mack Training Ctr.

December 2021

Chapter Meeting	See Chapter News on the right	
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January 2022

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 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, please contact any of the Chapter officers listed on the facing page.

Conestoga River District Chapter

The Conestoga River District Chapter meetings are held at Paradise Park Community Center, 6 London Vale Rd, Gordonville 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, please contact any of the Chapter officers listed on the facing page.

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.

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As a closing note, I would like to express my gratitude for the continued support of our members. Time and time again, our members are ready and willing to step up to the plate to serve a larger cause. It is significant and remarkable that this continues to happen even in times of great

hardship, and we are so grateful for the incredible work of our members. On behalf of the Lodge, I would like to extend a deep thank you for your contributions and commitment to aiding the council and the camps.

With gratitude,
Tony

SCOUTING'S NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Changes to Fall Ordeal Weekend at Camp Mack

The Fall Ordeal Weekend is an event that provides us with an opportunity to welcome our new Ordeal candidates to the Lodge, complete needed service at Camp Mack, and to connect with our Brothers we have not seen since last year. This Ordeal is no different in these respects and in some cases will be even more special for our new members!

Many of you reading this edition of the Owl's Nest have attended the Lodge's Ordeal Weekends in the past. The upcoming Fall Ordeal Weekend will look similar to those past weekends, but will feature many changes due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We will operate the Fall Ordeal Weekend in two distinct sessions.

The Friday Session will run from Friday Night (Sept. 25) through Saturday afternoon (Sept. 26). The Saturday Session will run from Saturday Night (Sept. 26) through Sunday afternoon (Sept. 27).

The schedule will reflect a condensed version of a normal weekend in order to comply with state restrictions, social distancing, and safety protocols.

Here are some changes for the weekend sessions:

- Arrival & registration for each session is from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. If you arrive late, you will be unable to participate.
- Registration for each session will be limited to 50 Ordeal Candidates, 50 Brotherhood Candidates, and 50 members.
- Ordeal candidates and Brotherhood candidates will register for only one session.
- Members can register for both sessions, although will be asked to select a specific role for both sessions. Anyone without a specific assigned role will not be permitted to stay for the sessions.
- Registrations past the deadline or walk-in registrations will not be accepted.
- No uniforms are required. Wear a Lodge or Troop T-shirt, work clothes, and your sash for ceremonies.
- A medical form and COVID checklist form will be required to enter camp.
- Facemasks will be worn at all times during the weekend when social distancing is not achievable.
- Brotherhood or Vigil members will be asked to serve as Elangomats (Guides) for the Ordeal Candidates for the duration of the Session.
- Everyone will be spread out through Camp Mack in small clusters in order to maintain social distancing: Ordeal candidates and Elangomats will be located in the Alley Action Center, the Brotherhood candidates will be located in Brotherhood Village behind the Dining Hall, and our Support Staff (members) will be located in numerous small clusters.
- Ceremonial elements throughout the session will be adjusted per the National Guidelines to avoid contact and maintain social distancing.
- No buildings at Camp Mack will be utilized during the weekend, including shower facilities. Bring your own tent or sleep under the stars.
- Each session will conclude with specific times for each individual person, based on their role during the weekend. Your departure time will be provided at registration on Friday or Saturday evening, but will be no later than 5 PM on Saturday or Sunday afternoon.

If you have already registered for the weekend, the Lodge will contact you regarding your preference for a session time (Friday or Saturday night). Every registered person will receive a specific information package for the session during the week before the Fall Ordeal, which will include a detailed schedule of events.

Register online at padutchbsa.org/programs/order-of-the-arrow. September 11th is the registration deadline.

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

Lodge Officer Elections Being Held at the Fall Ordeal Weekend

Are you interested in stepping-up and taking on a more significant role in our Lodge? There is 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 of the Lodge, no matter if you are an Ordeal, Brotherhood, or Vigil member. Candidates for these positions must be **under 21** years of age for the duration of their term. Over the course of the Fall Ordeal Weekend Sessions, we will be holding elections for the following positions:

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

Office Candidacy Forms are available on our website (www.wg39.org) and are required to be completed prior to the weekend in order to run for Office.

To get a description for each of these positions, and for more information about the Lodge Executive Committee and how 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 than 6 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 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. Make sure to check out the other articles on this page about how this upcoming Fall Ordeal Weekend will look different than past Ordeals!

Deadline for registration is September 11, 2020. Register online at padutchbsa.org/programs/order-of-the-arrow.

We need Elangomats for both Saturday and Sunday Ordeal sessions.
 Brotherhood and Vigil members can be elangomats. If interested, contact Eric Shea.



BSA Medical Forms and Lodge COVID-19 Form Required on ALL Lodge and Section Weekends!

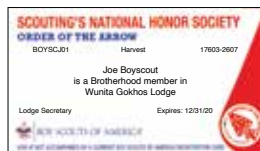
This is a reminder that official BSA Medical Forms and the Lodge COVID-19 form are required for all OA weekends for all participants.

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.

Say GOOD BYE to the OA Membership Card



That old, dependable card we all received in the winter issue of the OWL'S NEST is going away. We will no longer be issuing the membership card.

Many Lodges across the county stopped issuing the cards some time ago and we'll do the same.

Why are we eliminating the cards? We've embraced the digital and this analog card is simply no longer necessary. When was the last time someone asked to see your card? Exactly! The cards were an unnecessary expense and distributing them via the newsletter and mail was complex and problematic.

Special Edition Commemorative Lodge Flap Set

Earlier this year, the Lodge started offering a special fundraiser flap set featuring our normal flap "ghosted" in each of the three border colors. This special set comes in a commemorative folder and each set is individually numbered. Only 200 sets were produced. Proceeds from the sale will help to fund improvements to the OA Ceremonial Circles at Camp Mack and Camp Bashore.

We are still giving Arrowmen the opportunity to request specific numbered sets, such as your Troop Number or favorite number from within the 200 sets that are available. Here's how this works:

If you would like to order a patch set, but don't want to choose a specific number – the cost is \$50.00

If you would like a specific numbered set, the cost is \$75.00. Numbered sets will be assigned on a first ordered, first served basis, based on the timestamp from your receipt in Tentaroo. If your selection is not available, we will contact you about choosing a different numbered set or refunding you the selection premium of \$25.00.

This fundraiser set will provide much needed funds to help the Lodge repair and update the OA Ceremonial Circles at both Mack and Bashore, including the addition of much needed seating and infrastructure improvements.

We hope you will support the Lodge's Camp Improvement Fund through this awesome looking patch set! Patch sets will be available for pickup at the Fall Ordeal 2020 or at the Council Office in October, or will be mailed to you at an additional cost of \$10.00 via Priority Mail. Patches will only be available for order through the registration system at padutchbsa.org/programs/order-of-the-arrow.



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2020 Virtual Conclave Recap

Our in-person Conclave was cancelled but we were still able to gather as a Section for our first (and hopefully last) NE-6B Virtual Conclave.

The Section youth worked hard to pull together a fantastic, day-long virtual program.

NE Region Chief Conor Power, NE Region Chairman Bob Chaballa and Matt Dukeman, OA National Director participated in great roundtable discussions.

Training was mixed in between youth and adult forums and some really fun virtual games and a scavenger hunt.

The Virtual Conclave ended with our Section officer elections. For the 2020-21 term or Section NE-6B officers are: Chief – Ean Dudley, Lodge 11, Vice Chief – Griffin Price, Lodge 5 and Secretary – Lyndsey Nedrow, Lodge 11.

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Coming in the Spring – Our Second Adult Pine Car Grand Prix!

Come and relive your childhood and race your own pine wood race car on an official track at Columbia Kettle Works in Columbia, PA on Sunday, April 18, 2021 starting at 2:00 PM! Participants should register via the registration page at padutchbsa.org/pinecargrandprix to receive your pine car kit and information about the event. You can register as an individual or as a team and sponsorship opportunities are still available. To race, you do not need to be a member of the BSA; this event is open to everyone over the age of 21. Registration will include a car kit, commemorative glass, and food.

2nd ANNUAL Brotherhood 500
Racing at its Best!
Adult PINE CAR GRAND PRIX
 SUNDAY, April 18, 2021 - 2 - 6 P.M.
 A REAL PINE CAR DERBY RACE - COME AND RACE YOUR CAR, HAVE FUN, NETWORK AND WIN PRIZES!
 COLUMBIA KETTLE WORKS BREWPUB
 40 N 3RD STREET, COLUMBIA, PA
 Trophies awarded for Fastest, Slowest, Best Design, Best Advertising, and additional categories.
 Proceeds benefit the Boy Scouts of America, Wunitta Gokhos Lodge Camp Improvements Fund

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.



2020 Founders Award Recipients

Annually, the Lodge presents up to two members of our Lodge with the Founder's Award.

Introduced at the 1981 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the Founder's Award recognizes Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to their lodge. The award is reserved for an Arrowman who demonstrates that he or she personifies the spirit of selfless service, as advocated by founder E. Urner Goodman and cofounder Carroll A. Edson.

The award is a handsome bronze medallion bearing the likenesses of E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson, with a wooden base and a brass plate suitable for engraving. Available for uniform wear is a gold-colored arrow suspended from a red ribbon.

Lodges may petition the national Order of the Arrow committee to present between two and four awards annually, depending on the number of members in the lodge. If the lodge presents

more than one award, at least one must be awarded to a youth under the age of 21.

The Lodge's tradition is to present Founder's Awards at our Annual Lodge Banquet. Like everything else in 2020, this year is different.

Zarius Valentin, our 2020 youth recipient was presented with his Founder's Award at the January Harvest Chapter Meeting. Zarius was home on leave from the Marine Corps and was scheduled to be away at Marine Combat Training when our Lodge Banquet was originally scheduled, so we surprised Zarius at the Chapter Meeting.

Zarius became active in the Lodge shortly after his Ordeal in 2014 and would go on to serve as Chapter Chief, Lodge First Chief, and a member of the Ceremonies Team. "The Z-Man" volunteers wherever help is needed, whether it was as an elangomat, cleaning gutters, or helping with a homesick Ordeal candidate. Zarius' upbeat, positive attitude helps get Lodge members excited about the OA, and our other youth members energized about helping the Lodge. We're proud of our newest member of the US armed forces and appreciate his commitment to our great country.

Our adult recipient for 2020 is Greg Embly. With the cancellation of our rescheduled Lodge Banquet due to COVID-19 restrictions, we surprised Greg at our abbreviated Vigil night at Camp Mack in Early August.

Very active in the Lodge since 2011, Greg has served as the Ordeal Inductions Adviser since 2016. Never one to shy away from a service project, Greg has helped the Lodge wherever needed, including trips to NOAC, smoking BBQ for LLD, or getting dirty building fires. Greg recently accepted a job offer working with the US Air Force in Florida, and will be relocating later this fall with his family. The Lodge greatly appreciates his service and dedication, and he will certainly be greatly missed!

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.aa-bsa.org/pages/content/troop-representative>



Zarius Valentin



Greg Embly

Lodge OA Election Update

This year has certainly been an interesting one for unit elections! Beginning in February, trained Lodge Election Teams were available to conduct OA Unit Elections. Only trained Lodge Election Teams are permitted to conduct unit elections, and the Lodge held training at the Chapter meetings in January and February. In late March, the Lodge suspended all unit elections due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As of July 1st, the Lodge unveiled the ability to hold a virtual election, using a Lodge hosted Zoom meeting. In mid-July, units began meeting in socially distanced settings throughout the council as

state restrictions on outside gatherings were relaxed ever-so-slightly.

As of this newsletter, the unit elections process should be wrapping up. All Unit Elections are required to be completed by August 31st. If you are reading this, and you haven't yet had an OA Election at your unit, reach out to Ed Van Arsdale, Unit Elections Adviser (contact information on page 2). All elected youth candidates and approved adult nominations will receive an email notification of their candidacy with instructions on registering for a Fall Ordeal Session on September 1st.

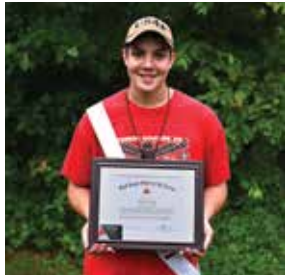
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Welcome Our 2020 Vigil Class!

On the night of Saturday, August 1, our Lodge held a small Vigil Induction night when we welcomed seven of our new members into the 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.



Thomas Cook



John Cook



Michael D'Auria



Adam Mertz



Jonathan Weiss



Keith Weiss



Garret Yoder

Tiernan and David Barber, and John Oechslin Jr. were unable to attend this weekend, but will complete their Vigil Induction during the Fall Ordeal weekend!

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You Are Invited to Our Annual Leadership Development Course

Annual LLD scheduled for Saturday, November 21, 2020

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

The Lodge will be hosting our next Lodge Leadership Development Course at Camp Mack on Saturday November 21st. 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 8 AM on Saturday morning and will conclude at 4 PM in the afternoon.

The Lodge believes that this training is so important it is offering it to ALL members for the small fee of \$7.00 (this fee helps offset food and program costs).

Participants will arrive wearing the full Scout Uniform with Sash, be treated to a hearty lunch, and will enjoy a fun day of training! Due to the limited space in the Training Center, the event will be limited to 50 participants. This number is subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions, so registration will be handled on a first-come-first-served basis.

Register online at padutchbsa.org/programs/order-of-the-arrow. November 1st is the registration deadline.



WG39 is happy to announce our 2019 Award Recipients!

Thanks to these Arrowmen for their service to the Lodge last year and for the years to come. The following Arrowmen will be presented with Lodge awards at our Family Banquet in 2021, we hope you'll join us to celebrate!

Lodge Officer Award:

Aaron Wood and Daniel Hanson

Youth Arrowman of the Year:

Tiernan Barber, Thomas Cook and Alex Wood

Adult Arrowman of the Year:

Josh Peloquin and Keith Weiss

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