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Upcoming Events

NLS/DYLC
March 23-25

Brotherhood Clinic
April 7, 2018

TKC Lock-In
April 7-8, 2018

Spring Work Trek
May 4-6

TKC Officers:

Zach S.
Lodge Chief

Colton B.
Vice Chief of
Administration

Edward V.
Vice Chief of
Chapters

Matthew Dondlinger
Vice Chief of
Program

TKC LOCK IN

The TKC Lock In will be on April 7, 2018. Spend the night playing video games, board games and much, much more! There will also be a Brotherhood Ceremony for everyone that also attended the Brotherhood Clinic Saturday Morning. Dinner and Breakfast will be served along with snacks throughout the evening.

FRIENDS OF TKC

The Friend of TKC Award recognizes business contributions to the lodge or council. The Lodge may select up to three each year. The lodge's Executive Committee votes on nominees.

Congratulations to:

Tito Excavating
Village of Weston
St. Andrews Church

LEAPING BUCK CLUB

It's back!

Membership in the Leaping Buck Club entitles you to admission to Winter Banquet, Fall Conference, and Fall Work Trek, including patches for all of these events . In addition, membership in the Leaping Buck Club includes your dues for the current year and the Spring Work Trek patch & the 2018 NOAC Sets.

Register on-line at www.samoset.org/tkc.





Chiefly Speaking



Lodge Chief, Zach S.

Brothers,

I hope that your Winter has been exciting and productive. The last chance I got to speak with you was Winter Banquet, and so much has happened since then to make this spring and summer one of the best that our Lodge has ever seen. I would like to start off by thanking everyone that attended Winter Banquet, for making it the most attended Banquet we have had in many years. But, we cannot dwell to long on the past, because we have so much planned for the future. This year we are hosting a brand new event after the Brotherhood Clinic on April 7th. At 4:00 pm on April 7th Check-in will begin for our first ever Lodge Lock-in, at the Hanna Venture Base! The night will include board games, pizza, video games and much, much more; and for those Arrowmen who completed their Brotherhood Interviews earlier in the day, a Brotherhood Ceremony! This event is by no means, just for those who attended the Brotherhood Clinic, I hope to see all of you there.



After the Lock-in our next chance to see each other will be Spring Work Trek, May 4th-6th at Camp Tesomas. This is an opportunity for us to help get Camp ready for the summer and have some fun, too! After that, it is finally the summer camp season and all of the amazing things that TKC does at Tesomas. I hope you are as excited about the upcoming events as I am!

wWw,
Zach S.

BROTHERHOOD CLINIC

For all Ordeal members, the morning will feature sessions aimed at the Principals of the Order of the Arrow and the meanings of the characters and events of the ceremonies that Ordeal members have experienced. Lunch will be provided. After lunch there will be an opportunity to provide service to the camp and complete your Brotherhood interview. Upon successful completion of the Brotherhood Interview, members will be given their signed application to bring to a Brotherhood Ceremony of your choice (Spring Work Trek, Summer Camp, or Fall Conference. Wear your uniform and OA sash, but bring work gloves, shirt, etc.

Vice Chief of Admin

Fellow Arrowmen,

I hope you all had a great winter. This year is going really great so far, a lot of exciting things are going on, including a new Lodge event which is going to take place the same weekend as the brotherhood clinic! We have also been working to get ready for the 2018 NOAC with some really awesome patches. With spring almost upon us, I hope you are getting ready for spring work trek. I hope to see you at an event soon!

wWw,
Colton B.

NLS/DYLC 2018

National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is the hallmark training event in the Order of the Arrow. Its aim is to prepare current and future youth and adult leadership to be successful in their roles within the Order.

March 23rd-25th
Camp St. Croix, Hudson, WI
Open to all Arrowmen
Register on the TKC Webpage

BROTHERHOOD CHAIR

Hello everyone!

My name is Josh, and I'm the brotherhood chairman! I'm extremely excited to see all of you Ordeal members at our Brotherhood Clinic on April 7! Additionally, we're having a lodge lock-in that night that costs only \$10...Come check it out!

wWw,
Josh C.

Vice Chief of Program

Dear Brothers,

I would like to first thank all of you who came out to Winter Banquet this year it was a phenomenal turnout. It was great making connections with everyone, also I would like to thank all of those who brought items for the silent auction and to the prize patrol. I am very excited for our upcoming events such as the Brotherhood Clinic and Spring Work Trek, I hope to see all of you there.

wWw,
Matthew D.

VIGIL CHAIR

Fellow Arrowmen,

My name is Ethan Buechel and I have the distinct privilege of being your Vigil Honor Chairman for the 2017-2018 Lodge year. This year the Vigil Honor is trying to get a record number of nominations submitted before Spring Work Trek. If you would like to nominate someone, please go to <http://tkc.samoset.org/resources> and fill out the short form titled "Vigil Honor Recommendation.". If you have any questions regarding Vigil Honor or nominations, feel free to email me at e_buechel@charter.net. I look forward to another excellent Fall Conference where we will induct the Vigil Class of 2018.

Yours in Scouting,
Ethan B.

TROOP REP CHAIR

No Article Submitted



CEREMONIES CHAIR

Greetings Arrowmen!

My name is Joe Daniels and I have the pleasure of being your Ceremonies Chairmen. Guess what? I need YOUR help, yes you the person reading this. I am in charge of the ceremonies during Spring Work Trek and Fall Conference and I need ceremonialists. If you are interested please email me at milotheatcat899@gmail.com and title your email ceremonies. Please include your first and last name, troop, and what position you would like to try. There is no experience necessary, but you will need to do some memorizing. Hope to see your email!

Yours in Scouting,
Joe D.

MERCHANDISE

Hello Arrowmen,

Emanating Winter Banquet several designs are in the works to supplant the merchandise that you bought at Winter Banquet. Along with several new designs for new merchandise. These include t-shirts, hoodies, crewnecks, and sweatpants to name a few. Designs are still in the works but you can expect to see these designs come into full fruition this year.

wWw,
Noah S.

EAGLE FEATHER

This award was designed to recognize those who have contributed significantly to either their unit or the Order of the Arrow, but are not OA members.

Congratulations to Gretchen Niedbalski!

SERVICE

Greeting Brothers,

The service corps has been in full force spreading cheerful service throughout the area. Recently, we assisted the Badger State games at their Nordic Skiing event, working the first aid station January 27, 2018. We handed out water, Gatorade, and protein energy to the participants. We even helped an injured skier. The event went great once again and they asked us to come back again in 2019 to work the same first aid station. Tentative date is January 26, 2019.

Please make sure that you continue to help out with projects in your chapters, and look out for any opportunity to assist at any time!

Yours in Service,
Darin B.

ARROWMEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award was started in 1996 by the Lodge Executive Committee as a way of honoring those arrowman whose service is above and beyond the expectations of the lodge. Members must be nominated to the committee for this award and voted on.

Congratulations to:

**Matt Dondlinger
Henry Niedbalski
Eddie Vaillancourt III
Justin Zirngible
Tricia Nest**



LODGE ADVIDOR

Greetings Arrowmen!

For this issue, I'd like to share with you some perspective on the Obligation of our Order. I had just arrived at camp for our annual Lodge Officer Training Seminar (LOTS) in late September. I parked at Hanna Venture Base and dropped off my gear. Since it was a beautiful fall night, I decided to walk rather than get back in my car, and headed to Staff Hill to join the rest of the LEC.

I rounded the first left corner of Hanna Lane and started walking by the campsites. The smell of pine and wood smoke filled the air. I saw the faint glow of smoldering campfires, and heard the laughter of scouts in their campsites, excited for a weekend at Webelo's Fall Adventure. As I enjoyed this familiar scene on my walk to Tesomas, I glanced up at the sky. That night, the Big Dipper sat perfectly framed between the rows of pines on the side of the road. I've started at that beautiful camp night sky hundreds of times, but never had I seen a constellation framed so perfectly with its surroundings. Same sights, same smells, same sounds. The same Big Dipper, and the same Hanna Lane. But that night, thanks to a whole new frame, I had a whole new perspective.

The Obligation is much like the trees in my story. We have all taken an oath to be uphold the traditions of our Order, and to devote our time and energy to so serving others. We accepted this burden, but anyone will tell you that it is not easy to consistently put the needs of others ahead of your own. Every favor, every task, can start to feel like an inconvenience. But the Obligation provides you with an opportunity to transform your entire perspective on serving others. Every act of service you perform isn't an inconvenience – it's an opportunity for you to uphold your Obligation. Every selfless act is a fulfillment of a promise you made, and a chance for you to experience the joy that only comes from unselfish service.

In this spirit, I would challenge everyone to view your Obligation not as a burden, but as a way to re-frame the entire way you approach relating to other people. Make the conscious choice every day to serve others – and find yourself becoming a better, happier person because of it.

-Ben W.

VICE CHIEF OF CHAPTERS

Arrowmen,

First I would like to say congratulations to those that got awards and were recognized at our Winter banquet. I would also like to thank St Andrews for hosting us this year. We hope you enjoyed a change in venue. We would like to hear feedback. If you want to give feedback you can email tkc@samoset.org. Our next big event is the brotherhood clinic and Lodge Lock-in at Hanna Venture Base on April 7th. More information to come.

wWw,
Edward V.





Chapter Updates

MUSHKODANY

Hello!

I am Trevor Will Powers and I am your Mushkodany Chapter Chief for this lodge year. It is an absolute pleasure to get to be a part of this great organization and to help lead the youth of tomorrow in the 2017-18 LEC. I hope that I can help continue the history of this great chapter, joining me is Chapter Vice-Chief Shane Martin, Elections Chair Julian Pollock, and Ceremonies Chair Daxton Frost. This year we are focusing on getting as many Arrowmen as possible to join in on our events, and so far we have succeeded with great turnouts at all of our service events. In October the chapter raked lawns within our community as a part of Make A Difference Day, and before Christmas the chapter joined together with local troops and the community to deliver food to the less fortunate through Operation Bootstrap

wWw,
Trevor P.

RIB MOUNTAIN

Hello brothers!

Over here in Rib Mountain chapter, we have had a great year so far. We had our annual electrofest and day of service in November and everyone had a fun time playing games and doing service. We also had great attendance at Winter Banquet with our Minute-To-Win-It booth. Our ceremonies and elections have been going very well and we are getting a lot of participation from the chapter to volunteer and help out! Our chapter meetings are enjoyable and are getting good attendance. We have a great team of people working with me this year, and I can't wait to see what else we'll achieve. If you want to come check us out, we meet on the first Thursday of every month at 6:00 before the Rib mountain Leaders helping Leaders meeting at the scout shop.

I am looking forward to a great year,

wWw
Jesse F.

AHDAWAGAM

Hello TKC,

I am Henry Niedbalski, the Ahdawagam Chapter Chief. I want to start by thanking all the arrowman who have helped with the OA Winter banquet, Crossover Ceremony, and attended OA meetings. We have revamped our ceremonies scripts, trained new arrowman on how to do ceremonies and continue to look at ways to improve our chapter, increase participation and to serve others. Any questions you can or email the chapter at ahdawagamchapter@gmail.com (or our advisor at sdsbshow@gmail.com). I am looking forward to a great rest of the year!

In Brotherhood,
Henry N.

Northwoods Chapter

Greetings Fellow Arrowman,

Here is what we have so far:

Monday April 9th, 6pm Pack 551 Park Falls Crossover, Location TBD

Sunday March 4th, 6:30pm Troop 564 Minocqua Election, Holy Family Catholic Church

Tuesday March 13th, 7pm Troop 503 Merrill Election, Our Saviors Church

Monday March 19th, 7pm Troop 599 Merrill Election, St Johns Lutheran Church

Sunday April 8th, 6pm Troop 536 Medford Election, Scout Cabin

Upcoming Chapter Meeting Dates are as follows:

Thursday March 1st, 7pm Tomahawk Elementary and then headed to Dairy Queen so bring money

Thursday April 5th, 7pm Tomahawk Elementary

Thursday May 3rd, 7pm Tomahawk Elementary

Upcoming Service Projects are as follows:

Saturday February 24th, Loop Around the Lake, Minocqua 1pm-9pm we will be setting up Luminares. Saturday April 7th Only Fools Run At Night, Minocqua 8pm Meet at the Public Library, we will be running a water station. A Sleepover is planned as well.

If you have any questions or concerns please email me.

WWW,
Gavin D.

FOUNDERS AWARD

The Founders Award was created to honor and recognize those Arrowman who have given their outstanding service to the lodge. The award is reserved for an Arrowman who demonstrates to his fellow Arrowmen an everyday spirit of achievement as described by our founders. The lodge's Executive Committee chooses one or two individuals to nominate for this award. They must be approved by the National Committee to receive this award.

Congratulations to Matthew Jaworski and Peggy Straight!

