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Lodge #96 Order of the Arrow

Upcoming Events

Winter Banquet
January 5, 2019

Brotherhood Clinic
April 6, 2019

TKC Lock-In
TBD

Spring Work Trek
May 3-4, 2019

TKC Officers:

Edward V.
Lodge Chief

Matt D.
Vice Chief of
Administration

Ezra E.
Vice Chief of
Chapters

Trevor P.
Vice Chief of
Program

Winter Banquet

Winter banquet will be January 5th at St. Andrew Lutheran Church and will have a theme of disco mystery! As a sign of gratitude, we ask that you bring a non-perishable food item to donate to their food pantry. We will also be taking donations again to renovate our Tesomas Grand Council Ring. We are also taking in donations for the annual auction. We will also be having amazing activities for Winter Banquet provided by your chapters! So get your dancing gear on and prepare for a fun day of friendship!

Register Online at tkc.samoset.org

Leaping Buck Club 2018-2019

It's Back!

Leaping Buck Club is a way for people to pay for TKC activities every year & allows you to get all the patches up front. Leaping Buck Club allows admission for Fall Conference, Winter Banquet, Lock in and Spring Work Trek. Also membership in the Leaping Buck Club includes your dues for the current year and gets you many awesome patches for the 2018-2019 lodge year! For a low price of \$65.00.

Fall Conference Recap

In case you didn't go to fall conference this year, Fall Conference was amazing! With about 200 Arrowmen we elected our new lodge officers and all of our new chairmen so that we will have an amazing lodge year. We also removed the log tiers in the Grand Council Ring in preparation for the renovation of the Grand Council Ring.

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Chiefly Speaking



Lodge Chief, Edward V.



Brothers,

It is with the greatest excitement that I am speaking to you as your Lodge chief and get the opportunity to welcome you all to the 2018-2019 Tom Kita Chara lodge year. A little about myself; I am an Eagle Scout from Troop 453 and last year was recognized with the Vigil honor. I was called out in 2013 and started my service to the lodge as Rib Mountain Chapter secretary in 2014. Since then I was Rib Mountain Chapter Chief, Rib Mountain Vice Chief, Section Conclave Chair, and most recently Vice Chief of Chapters this past year. I am pleased to announce that the Lodge Executive Committee is off to a great start with a successful lodge officer training seminar! At this seminar the LEC not only gets to know each other better but, learn what the officer's goals for the Lodge are this year and create their own for their position in the lodge or chapter. This year as officers we are focusing on 4 specific areas of improvement so that we can continue to be the best lodge there is in the Midwest. Each officer is going to represent a pillar in the foundation of the lodge. Ezra, your Vice Chief of Program, will be working on activation; which means getting ordeal members to attend many events. Matt, your Vice Chief of Chapters, will be working with Brotherhood conversion and making sure that ordeal members earn their brotherhood. Trevor, your Vice Chief of Admin, will then be following up by making sure you stay active as a brotherhood member, and I will be focused on service and making sure that we are not only doing lodge wide, big service projects but, everyone is doing their part in helping the community. We have already had a great start in this area by taking the old logs out of the grand council ring and helping at the Council Fall Jamboree.

Speaking of service, we are hoping and asking that each and every one of you Arrowmen log 10 hours of service this year for us, and you can email your hours to Trevor so that he can put them into a document. **Make sure you have someone there sign as well for authorization purposes.** There are also sample service opportunities throughout the lodge, make sure you keep your eyes and ears open for dates and times for these are great opportunities to not only service for the community that support us; it is also a great time to hang out with friends, meet new people, and expose our lodge to the community and show the true name of the order of the arrow. With that make sure you are available to attend the Winter Banquet if you can. Winter banquet will be January 5th at St. Andrew Lutheran Church like last year. As a sign of gratitude, we ask that you bring a non-perishable food item to donate for their food pantry. With that welcome to the 2018-2019 lodge year and remember to help choose the lodge's destiny by exemplifying the true purpose of the Order of the Arrow; get yourself and friends involved, and I can't wait to see you at winter banquet.

Yours in Brotherhood,
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Edward V.
Your Lodge Chief



Vice Chief of Program

Tom Kita Chara's energy and persistence of quality enthrall me! I am excited yet nervous to be one of the driving forces behind such an amazing lodge. Having the opportunity to alter the direction of this lodge, to improve upon the already incredible program, is truly invigorating. I should step back first though. My name is Ezra. I will be acting as your Vice Chief of Programs for the 2018-2019 lodge year. I am attending the University of Wisconsin Madison to study nuclear engineering. I love music and photography. I've worked at Crystal Lake Scout Reservation for the past five summers and loved every year. I was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in 2012, earned my Brotherhood in 2013 and received my Vigil in 2017. But my past is only a statement of what I have done. The upcoming lodge year is considerably more exciting. I hope to push the boundaries of what an OA event can be. I want create experiences that scouts talk about in their elderly years. I want active theme integration with costumes and scenery. I am collecting activities that are bigger and better than any year before this. My biggest focus for this year is fun. I believe that fun events encourage scouts to stay involved, enabling us to complete the brotherhood and service sides of the OA. Speaking of service, I hope to implement fun aspects into service events. If you are interested in participating in future fun service activities please contact me at spl.ezra@gmail.com for more information. I cannot wait to see the memories that we as a lodge will make together!

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Ezra E.

Your Vice Chief of Program

VICE CHIEF OF ADMIN

My name is Trevor, and I will be serving as the Vice Chief of Administration for this lodge year. I have a ton of enthusiasm for this year and I hope to bring that enthusiasm into everything that I do. The Vice Chief of Administrations responsibilities will allow me to assist in almost all of the lodges functions, and I have many lofty goals to motivate me to help contribute to what I think will be one of the best lodge years we have seen. My focus this year will be on ensuring that all of my chairmen, ITA, Membership, Merchandise, and Planbook, are able to provide new ideas to the lodge while sticking with our long and important history. I also represent the pillar of Brotherhood conversion, because I wholeheartedly believe that ensuring every new ordeal member of this order should attain the rank of brotherhood, not because of any statistic or to force people to study names, but because the ideals of this order are substantial and the rank of Brotherhood is one of the best ways to teach those ideals.

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Trevor P.

Your Vice Chief of Administration



ITA CHAIRMAN

Greetings everyone this is your 2018-2019 ITA co-chairmen Cole and Taylor from a piece of paper! We are both from the Rib Mountain chapter and are brotherhood members. Some basic goals for our term are making the ITA articles directed back towards both adults and kids by making it more “kid friendly”. Another goal we have is to get a grand total of four ITA newsletters out instead of last year’s one ITA that was sent out. This would mean that there would be one per season including the summer. Our final goal is to get the ITAs done at least 2 weeks before they are going to be sent out so we have plenty of time to grammar check it and make sure it’s ready to be published. I hope we will have an absolutely amazing 2018-2019 year!

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Taylor H. and Cole M.
Your ITA Co-Chairmen

BROTHERHOOD CHAIR

I am Mike and am your Brotherhood Co-Chair along with Josh Carlin, I am part of Troop 435 and been in scouting since I was in the 1st grade. It is my honor to serve the lodge this year. I was Rib Mountains Election Chair last year and helped get every election in and on time. Being on the Brotherhood Committee this year one of my goals is to have a 60% brotherhood rate. I will be sending out postcards inviting all Ordeal members to the Brotherhood Clinic this spring so be expecting that! It is a honor working with everyone in the lodge this year and can't wait to have lots of fun!

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Mike B.
Your Brotherhood Co-Chairmen

ACTIVITIES CHAIR

*Roses are red
Violets are to
I'm going to Winter Banquet
And you should to*

Hi everybody! My name is Drew and I am very excited to serve as the Activities Chairman for this year. Currently I am working on the 2019 Winter Banquet. That's right, the Winter Banquet. It is going to be a fantastic time with this year's theme of Disco Mystery. My goal for Winter Banquet is to increase participation specifically to 200+ people attending this fun filled event. It will be on January 5th so I hope all of you plan on being there! Coming to this year's Fall Conference will be a very interesting theme which you will see you the LEC integrate into the weekend. I am looking forward to a year where memories are made in Tom Kita Chara Lodge and where Arrowmen are excited to get together in brotherhood. I hope to see all of you at our coming events.

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Drew M.
Your Activities Chair

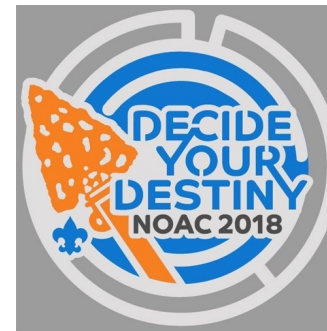
MERCHANDISE CHAIR

This year is going to be a great one for merchandise! With many new members of the LEC the possibilities are endless! It doesn't have to be just the LEC coming up with merchandise though. If you want to share an idea, text or call me at 715-821-5262 and state your name and your idea.

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Gavin D.
Your Merchandise Chair

NOAC 2018 RECAP



If you didn't go to the last NOAC, the lodge learned how the fate of our lodge is changing and how great it will be, because it was decided by you with its theme for the year. We learned this through some of the amazing evening shows that happened there such as, showing things like the old vault of the order of the arrow or the keepers of the flame. Many of our current officers and chairmen were there and went to many amazing trainings such as ceremony training, brotherhood conversion and the LEC to help them in their position in the lodge! Since NOAC 2018 was such a great time, we recommend NOAC 2020!

OA HIGH ADVENTURE

Do you need an escape from that 9-5 job, summer classes, or the monotony of staring out of your bedroom window longing for something new? If your answer is yes, the Order of the Arrow has the answer for you!

Each summer, the Order of the Arrow offers a myriad of different High Adventure opportunities to meet your summer needs. Maybe it's wetting your appetite by going for a plunge in the Atlantic Ocean with the Ocean Adventure at the Florida Sea Base. Or maybe hiking is your passion; if so, what better place to go than the Philmont Scout Ranch, where you can hike the same trails as your Scoutmaster or Scouting ancestors as a part of your Trail Crew experience? Have you ever thought about what the Native Americans and early explorers did to be avid traders? Maybe the OA Voyage is your calling. Whatever your summer aspirations may be, these National High Adventure bases have put together a multitude of options for you.

Along with your one week trek completely designed by you, each Arrowmen will be afforded the opportunity to leave their mark in history by helping to sure up portage trails, backpacking trails, or coral reefs. Aside from providing a good deed to each of these high adventure bases, every participant will have the opportunity to work closely with other Arrowmen from across the country, who have a similar interest in the future of both the program and the adventure base.

You may be thinking that this is a daunting task, but it is an experience unlike any other afforded to you in Scouting, in that it takes you out of your world and places you with people who want to do something different. It's not every day that you can tell your friends that you climbed into Cypher's Mine, watched the Northern Lights from a canoe, or went scuba diving in the Florida Keys.

These programs help to insure that the future of Scouting has a place to live, work and interact. This summer, try something new or do something you thoroughly enjoy! Your destiny awaits you...





Chapter Updates

MUSHKODANY CHAPTER CHIEF

Mushkodany chapter is excited for a brand new year of service, fellowship, and fun. We helped out at the Samoset Council Jamboree, and we will be helping to staff the merit badge clinic at Tesomas Scout Camp in early November. We're also participating in Make-a-difference day in late October, wherein we'll be raking the yards of members of the community who are unable to rake themselves.

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Julian P.
Your Mushkodany Chapter Chief

RIB MOUNTAIN CHAPTER CHIEF

My name is Jordan I am the 2018-19 Rib Mountain District Chapter Chief. I like to participate in cross country and wrestling, while continuing through my scouting career working towards my eagle. The OA has always been something that I wanted to forward my scouting career so working here as the chapter chief is exciting and a new experience. My goals for the chapter are two things participation and participation in service, that we have in the chapter. I want people from my chapter that when they think of the meeting they think of another efficient, fun and enjoyable time. With this I want to get the ordeals excited into the order while keeping the brotherhoods interested in it too!

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Jordan W.
Your Rib Mountain Chapter Chief

OJIBWA CHAPTER CHIEF

My name is Trever, and I'm proudly serving as your Chapter Chief this year. We've got a busy year ahead of us, and I want everyone's participation. Make sure you talk to your OA Troop Representative to find out what we all have going on. Our Chapter meetings are at roundtable in Marshfield, the second Thursday of every month. If you are interested in being part in one of our crossover ceremonies teams, please let your troop Representative or me know. If you have anything you want to see added chapter do this year, please let your troop Representative or me know. I hope to work with you all this upcoming year! Contact me at chapterojibwa@gmail.com or 715-383-8085.

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Trever K.
Your Ojibwa Chapter Chief

National Leadership Seminar

The National Leadership Seminar is a weekend conference focused on the skills and attributes of leadership. It is intended primarily to enhance the leadership skills of the Order of the Arrow's key youth and adult members as they seek to improve their services to the Boy Scouts of America and the greater community. The weekend format is designed to complement the longer, more detailed Wood Badge and National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) programs. Near the end of the seminar, participants make a contract with themselves to apply the skills studied in the seminar on projects in their lodge, council, and community.

National Leadership Seminars weekends begin promptly at 7:00 PM Friday and will conclude on Sunday around 12:30 PM (times may vary depending on enrollment, program, etc.). They are held at different locations across the Central Region on a rotating basis.

Developing Youth Leadership Conference

The Developing Youth Leadership Conference will deepen an adviser's capacity to develop youth leadership within the lodge and chapter. Conference topics will include fostering a growth mindset, promoting resilience, providing constructive feedback that leads to changes in youth behavior and creating a life-long coaching/mentoring relationship. Conference participants will gain insights necessary to successfully coach youth applying the leadership skills they gained during the National Leadership Seminar.

The Developing Youth Leadership Conference will move us beyond lodge mechanics and operations to establishing a lodge and chapter culture that grows youth who are capable of establishing goals, building teams, and guiding the lodge's work to achieve Journey to Excellence. Prior participation in the National Leadership Seminar is encouraged, but not required.

VICE CHIEF OF CHAPTERS

I am so excited to be able to serve you all this upcoming year as your Vice Chief of Chapters. I hope to be able to make many new friendships with you all this year. One of my biggest focuses this next year is to work closely with chapters on new ceremonies and elections. I want to make the movement to the new policies as smooth as possible. I also want to work with some of the chapters to help them all be able to work together by doing some interchapter service projects or fun activities. I hope to be able to see all of you at our next big event on January 5th, 2019 which is our Winter Banquet. It should be a wonderful evening full of food, fellowship, and fun.

wWw,
Matthew D.
Your Vice Chief of Chapters