



Moose Tracks

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Welcome to the Lodge Newsletter

This is the first issue of Moose Tracks, the newsletter for the Totanhan Nakaha lodge. Our lodge has not had a lodge newsletter for over 6 years. It is about time we restarted this tradition. In this issue, we hope to highlight some past and future events, as well as help you understand the Order of the Arrow and your position in it. If you have any comments for the next newsletter, please forward them to farmer.doug@comcast.net, (Communications Adviser).

We hope you like this issue of Moose Tracks! --- Jared Dalluhn Vice Chief of Communications

LLD 2012

On December 7th and 8th, 2012, Arrowmen from all over the Totanhan Nakaha Lodge came together for our annual Lodge Leadership Development (or LLD). Chapter officers, lodge officers, and their respective advisers all gathered at Shepherd of the Lake Church in Prior Lake, Minnesota to learn about communication, planning, running a meeting, and other topics, with an emphasis on “Celebrating Servant Leadership”. However, the event is not only training. On Friday night Arrowmen got the chance to experience a night of fellowship among each other and there were activities on Saturday as well. This annual event is a must-attend weekend for current officers and advisers, as well as those Arrowmen who seek knowledge on how to become a better and more influential leader in our lodge and in your chapters.

2013 Fort Snelling Cleanup

It's that time of year again! The Fort Snelling cleanup is right around the corner! On February 2nd from 9 am to noon the Kaposia chapter is putting on their annual grave site cleanup at Fort Snelling. This is an event that ANYBODY may attend, so bring family, friends, and of course, other Arrowmen to come help do some cheerful service. Meet at the green trailer at the corner of LaBelle and Nelson Drives. Dress for the weather and join us for cheerful service at its finest.



Winter Banquet 2013

On January 12, 2013 Arrowmen gathered at the Maple Grove community center to celebrate our year in lodge operations. As well as awards, there was a delicious dinner, door prizes, and guest speakers including Dan Kobler, our section chief; Scott Miller, former Many Point Camp Director; and our featured speaker Stephanie Hope Smith, 2012 Nobel Peace Prize Nominee. The event was a great way to look back at our lodge’s accomplishments, and celebrate all the things that everyone has put in to make our lodge great, as well as enjoy dinner and fellowship with Arrowmen from all over our Lodge.

Project 2013

Project 2013 is recruiting 700 Arrowmen to serve on the Order of the Arrow staff at the 2013 National Scout Jamboree. Project 2013 will be comprised of three groups including the Jamboree Trek Guides, Day of Service Guides, and the OA Service Corps. All three groups will support a variety of new and traditional activities at the jamboree site. This will be the largest OA Service Corps contingent in history.

In addition to providing cheerful service, Project 2013 Corps members will be able to participate in evening recreation, visit jamboree program areas, staff the jamboree arena shows, and meet Arrowmen from around the nation.

Go to event.oa-bsa.org/events/jambo2013 for more information.



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Meet Your Lodge Officers!

Your Lodge Officers for the 2012-2013 year are:

Lodge Chief:	Ben Johnston
Executive Vice Chief:	Matthew Freeman
Vice Chief of Program:	Caleb Truax
Vice Chief of Membership:	Jason Miller
Vice Chief of Communications:	Jared Dalluhn
Vice Chief of Finance:	Austin Johnson

Ben Johnston: Senior at Henry Sibley High School.

Ben hopes to go to the U of M or NDSU for a pharmacy degree next year. He is an Eagle Scout and likes running, working, A/V work and relaxing when he has spare time.

Ben says he gets great leadership skills from scouting that help him not only in scouting, but in school and in his job.

Once he became part of the OA, he really liked it, and love to lead. He wanted the opportunity to run the lodge, and make it a great year for the lodge. As chief, he looks forward to earning JTE, and to serving the youth and helping them achieve their goals.

Matthew Freeman - Junior at Mahtomedi High School.

After high school Matt plans to attend college and work at moving forward into a career. Matt is an eagle scout. There are many things Matt gets out of scouting. First, there is the obvious benefit of all the basic skills we learn that help him in his everyday life, but most importantly he learns life skills, makes friends, and learns about things that no other activities in the world could teach you. Matt started out with the OA as a chapter officer by essentially being told he was doing it without volunteering. After that he started to go to many meetings and activities and began to enjoy it more and more. Slowly Matt worked up the ladder to the Lodge level.

This year he hopes to help with the OA and CYCLE. Matt also would like to work with all of our officers to

continue moving forward and making the spring fellowship a possibility for ourselves and future years. He would like to continue to work to get our lodge the Gold Standard in JTE. Outside of scouting, school is very important to him, but he also participates in cross country skiing year round.

Caleb Truax – Junior at Ellsworth Senior High School-Wisconsin.

Caleb is looking forward to attending college with a major in music, minor in percussion. He is currently a Life Scout. Scouting gives Caleb Leadership skills, teaching skills, and similar abilities to use later in life. The friendships and experiences have been a big part of scouting for him. This year has been a challenge for Caleb to balance both leadership positions that he holds in the OA. He is in his second year as Chapter Chief. In his first year his previous leadership opportunities and his comfort speaking in front of people helped him to win the election. This fall he was honored that the chapter Arrowmen were happy with his service and elected him to a second term.

As Chapter Chief he saw firsthand how the LEC was youth led, with good adult support. He was interested in joining that group who was serving so many people and he wanted to work at the Lodge level, so he ran and was elected Vice Chief of Program. This year, he hopes to contribute a positive outlook on how the OA should be run and bring fellow OA members together for fun activities. He is also working hard to grow the activity of his chapter. When not in scouting, Caleb is a drummer and is active in musicals and plays in his high school. He also enjoyed his job at Tomahawk Scout Reservation and looks forward to another summer in 2013.





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Jason Miller – Senior at Bloomington Jefferson High School.

Jason plans on attending Central Lakes Community/Tech. in Staples Minnesota (Middle of No Where) studying and getting an Associate's degree in Diesel Technology with a possible chance of going through the Heavy Machinery Program depending on his success. He is an Eagle Scout. Jason enjoys scouting and gets the sensation of helping his troop, chapter, lodge, and community with different events. He likes to help, and Scouting has allowed him to do so wherever he goes. At the lodge level, Jason wanted to step up. No one was on the Ballot, so he figured why not. He stepped in and now is trying to be very successful with everything he does with the Order of the Arrow.

As part of his duties, he plans to upgrade all of the Membership Section of Journey to Excellence up to the next level. This has to do with Brotherhood Conversion numbers and Membership retention. His contribution will be to make this a very memorable experience for all of the Arrowmen in the Lodge that he interacts with. Outside of Scouting, Jason works a lot as a Tire Tech at Discount Tire Company. Since the garage is always open, it is like being outside. He enjoys working on cars, fishing, Frisbee Golf, and golf. He is also a well seasoned veteran at Pool (Billiards), Ping Pong, and Cribbage (his Favorite!) and enjoys sitting down to play a lovely game of Scrabble or Catan as well.

Austin Johnson – Junior at Washburn High.

Austin plans on attending Business School. He is currently a life scout. In scouting, he feels he gets experience, skills, and a sense of community and outreach. He is in his current position because he wanted to be more involved at the lodge level. In the lodge, if we achieve our gold JTE he will be happy, but he also thinks he can help to increase attendance at lodge and chapter events. When not in scouting, he plays football, basketball, guitar and sings in choir.

Jared Dalluhn - Junior at Forest Lake High School. After graduating, Jared wants to go to the U of M, UW Madison, or NDSU for an engineering degree. Jared is an Eagle Scout. Scouting gave Jared the opportunity to serve others. As he moved through scouting he realized that serving others and the scouting community is what keeps him interested. Also scouting has allowed him to meet new people, something he enjoys. Scouting has also taught him some basic life skills that everyone should have.

Jared thought communication is an integral part in the OA, if there is no communication, nobody is informed. He felt like he could make a difference in the position of Lodge Vice Chief of communication. He hopes that in the 2012-2013 scouting year, Arrowmen across the lodge will be more informed about the OA than ever before. He also wants to help the lodge to again reach the gold level of JTE.

When not in Scouting, Jared enjoys being with friends, as well as playing lacrosse for Forest Lake High School and being involved in the band.

CYCLE 2013

Although CYCLE isn't for a few months, it isn't too early to get promoting! Get your troops excited for a weekend of training, fun, and fellowship with scouts from all over the Northern Star Council. OA members will be leading the training for this event, so come out, have some fun, and hopefully learn things that will help you in your scouting career.

**Have you visited our Web Site?
Liked us on Facebook?**

Check out the lodge web site at oa.nbsa.org for updated news on events, forms and information.

Also, like us on Facebook, go to <http://www.facebook.com/tnl.ia>. We will try to keep this up to date with information.





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Elections

As the New Year kicks off and we look forward to elections for OA, there are a few things to know and consider as your units prepare for elections

All elections must be completed by April 15th 2013. You can help our election effort in multiple ways.

- As a troop member, youth or adult, make sure an OA Election is on your yearly calendar.
- Communicate this date to your chapter membership vice chief and election adviser.
- Join an election team to help hold elections at different units in your chapter.
- When elections are done in your unit, help the election team with answering questions.
- Be enthusiastic about the Order of the Arrow whenever possible.

OA Membership Requirements

To become a member of this special order, a nominee must be active in his Boy Scout Troop or Varsity Scout Team by meeting the following requirements:

- Be registered with the Boy Scouts of America.
- Hold the BSA rank of First Class or higher.
- Have attended 15 days and nights of Scout-sponsored camping during the two years before his election.
- Have attended one long-term camp that consists of six consecutive days and five nights as part of the camping requirement listed above.
- Be approved by the Scoutmaster or Varsity Team Coach to confirm that he is an example of living the Scout Oath and Promise in his daily life.
- Be elected by his fellow Scout Troop or Varsity Team members.

Arrowmen Qualities

Along with the OA membership requirements listed above, the boys should also take into consideration the following questions as they think about whom they should nominate to join scouting's national honor society:

Who among this Troop/Team is a friend to all?

Who is helpful when others need a hand?

Who is cheerful when he has tiresome jobs to do?

Who would you wish to go camping with?

Who regularly attends meetings of the Troop/Team, including campouts and other service projects?

Who among them sets the example by [living the Scout Oath and Law](#) in his everyday life?

Who can you depend on?

Who do you feel is worthy to be included as a member of this special order?

Becoming a member of the Order of the Arrow is one of the highest honors a scout can receive!



NOAC 2015

Only 30 months till NOAC 2015--excited yet? You should be. Last August 96 lodge members attended NOAC 2012 and had a blast. NOAC 2015, also at Michigan State University and celebrates the 100th anniversary of the OA. They hope to have over 10,000 Arrowmen. What an event! Watch for more information in the Spring of 2014, but put it on your calendar NOW!



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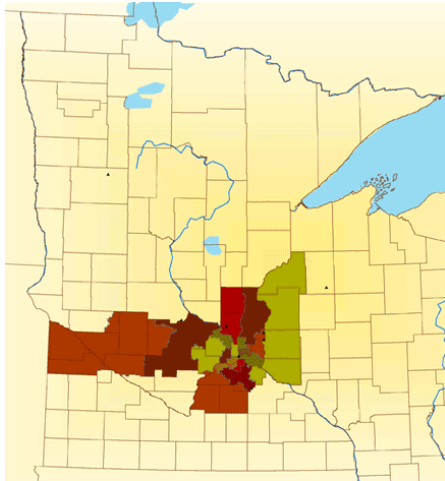
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What is all this talk about a Chapter and Lodge?

As an Arrowman, you are part of a National Boy Scout Organization, referred to as Scouting's Honor Society.

Remember when you went through your Ordeal? This weekend was put on by your local OA Chapter. A chapter is the same as a District in the Northern Star council. Most districts contain 150 to 25 troops that are geographically close. We have 17 chapters in our lodge. Lodge??? Yep, lodge. A group of chapters is a lodge. The lodge is the same in area and location as the Northern Star Council. Our lodge goes from western Wisconsin to the borders of South Dakota.



Some interesting facts about our lodge.

- Our lodge name, Totanhan Nakaha, means "From the old, new", relating to the merger of the Tonkawampus and Agaming lodges 6 years ago
- In 2012, we had 3,612 Arrowmen members
- The largest chapter, in 2012, was Great Rivers
- We are the 5th largest lodge in the country
- We donate thousands of service hours to camp each year in conclaves and camp openings

Are you a "Paper Arrowman"

Do you remember the watchwords of our order? They are in the Obligation you took when you became an Order of the Arrow member. They are: Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui (Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, Service)

As an active OA member, we hope you live these words on a daily basis. This also includes participation in chapter and lodge events. We hope you take advantage of these events to show your dedication to the watchwords of our order. One way to help out is to volunteer to lead or run an event. These events do not happen by themselves, it takes the effort of many Arrowmen. You can be one of them. Don't just pay your dues and wear the flap-- jump in, volunteer and become a leader!

Does your troop have an OA Troop Representative?



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 to fulfill 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 your troop does not have an OA troop rep, ask your leaders to appoint one. This counts as a leadership position for rank advancement and greatly helps the lodge promote their events to the troop level.



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Why do I see all this talk about a Moose?

Every lodge in the country has a totem representing their lodge. These totems may be trees, birds or animals. They may represent something in the lodges history, or geographical location. For example, the Fairbanks Alaska totem is the Caribou. Two years ago, the youth leadership chose the Moose as out totem. We are the only lodge in the country with a Moose as a totem.

As this is one way to identify our lodge, we use the Moose on logo merchandise, lodge flaps and of course, as the title to our newsletter.

For 96 NOAC (National Order of the Arrow Conference) attendees, we all wore Moose Antlers to the nightly shows. It was not hard to spot Totanhan Nakaha lodge members.

Congratulations



Speaking of NOAC, congratulations to members of the lodge Ceremonial Team Competition Members. Out of over 100 lodges participating in the competition, our members came in 2nd! To get to this point, the members spent hours memorizing parts, practicing the ceremonies, making regalia etc.

Great Job!

22 Quality Chapter Meeting Ideas

Need an idea for a chapter meeting program?

Ideas include Leave No Trace to new member orientation to Dutch Oven cooking

These 22 meeting ideas will help your chapter to retain Arrowmen and provide a quality program.

Online at:
www.aa-bsa.org/resources/chapter



Jumpstart your OA Knowledge

Looking for more information on the Order of the Arrow? The national OA organization has a web site just for you. Go to jumpstart.os-bsa and get started. You will need your OA Handbook for the password.



Central Region Newsletter

Did you know our Central Region has a quarterly newsletter? It is called the Mighty Reader and is full of OA happenings here in the Midwest. Go to central.aa-bsa.org/resources/newsletter to read all about it.

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Lodge Trading Post Now Open for Business!

Get your Totanhan Nakaha apparel today! The lodge trading post is taking orders for items like the belt buckle pictured on page 2, as well as sweatshirts, T-shirts, and jackets as well as other assorted items, so go check it out on our lodge website at aa.bsbsa.org



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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 whether its whetting your appetite by going for a plunge in the Atlantic Ocean with the Ocean Adventure at the Florida Sea Base; maybe hiking is your passion, 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 given thought about what the Native Americans and early explorers did to be avid traders? If so, 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 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

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scouting has a place to live, work and interact. This summer, try something new or do something you thoroughly enjoy, but do something with the Order of the Arrow High adventure opportunities. For more information about these High Adventure programs, please visit Adventure.oa-bsa.org or talk to your lodge chief. Your destiny awaits you...

2013 Dues are due

For the 2013 season Totanhan Nakaha will be accepting lodge dues payments. If you did not attend conclave, you probably owe dues for the year. Lodge dues for the year are \$15.00. The biggest reason to pay dues is to remain an active member of the organization. As an active member, you will have the opportunity to become a Brotherhood or Vigil Honor member, attend events, help with official service projects, run for official positions and seek leadership opportunities within the Lodge. You should know that your lodge also supports many other activities that are part of our mission to provide service to others. For instance, your dues are used to build and maintain ceremonial outfits, pay for camp improvements, and support other programs. Thank you in advance for supporting your lodge and council!

You can find a Dues Payment form at OA.NSBSA.ORG. Click on Resources, then Forms, then Dues Form.

Thank you for your continued support for the Order of the Arrow and for Scouting.





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Thoughts on An Arrowman's Primary Duty

**By Riley Berg, 2002 National OA Vice
Chief**

Regardless of who we are, where we're from, and when we became members, each of us inducted as youth have something in common: we are members of the Order of the Arrow because our peers in our units selected us for the honor.



But why is it that we were chosen? The question actually goes much deeper, all the way back to the origins of the Order. When Dr. Goodman set out to create this organization, his thinking didn't just revolve around the boy. It was focused on the individual unit as well.

He is quoted as saying: "Let it be remembered that the Order of the Arrow was created to help the unit - to help it present its membership a better ideal of the inner qualities of the good Scout camper. Qualities of character, like cheerfulness and service, are hard for a boy or a man to understand in the abstract. They come easier when seen in human life. Let us realize the significance of the Order in the unit - for the unit is our best hope in Scouting."

The home of an Arrowman has always been his unit, and so it should continue to be. The Scouts in our troops chose us for membership because they saw in us the qualities of a servant leader. Their hope was to recognize us for what we'd done, but most importantly for what we have yet to do.



As a Scout becomes more involved in the Order of the Arrow, finding the balance between troop and OA events can grow more difficult. Not too long ago, I remember having to decide between a

troop camp out and a retreat my lodge was putting on. I chose the campout, and had a great time hiking in Sequoia National Park with the new Scouts in my troop, most who had never seen the area before.

The truth is, I don't always choose my troop outing. Sometimes I will make a commitment to provide service at an OA function that falls on a weekend the troop is going on a trip. Likewise, in the summer of 2000, I went to NOAC instead of on my troop's 50-mile hike. The key is to find a balance.



So often it seems that a good Arrowman is defined by his activity in the OA. Yet, when you think about our primary duty - the unit - this isn't always true. I know Scouts in my own troop that make few OA meetings, and even fewer events. I see these same Arrowmen teaching eleven year-old Scouts how to fold a flag, or to tie a taut-line hitch. These same young men serving as Senior Patrol Leader, or at the front of the group when hiking through Yosemite. They may not be an active member of the Lodge Executive Committee, or the best Nutiket the ceremonies team has ever seen, but they're serving the youth back in the troop.

Besides our reason for being inducted, we all have another thing in common. Each of us has been endowed with the lessons of the Ordeal. We were told that "he who serves his fellows, is of all his fellows greatest". I'd ask that we all ponder those words, and ask ourselves what context Goodman might have put them, and how that might apply to our lives.

Riley Berg is a member of Troop 35 in Fresno, CA. The troop meets every Tuesday night, and that's usually where you will find Riley.

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