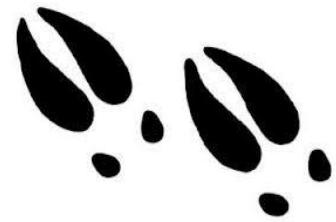




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Chiefly Thoughts

Hello All Arrowmen,

Our lodge is off to a great start for the year! We have made great strides in our goals for the year. We have Fall Fellowship, LLD (Lodge Leadership Development), and Winter Banquet all coming up! These are events where we as a lodge would love to see as many scouts there as possible. Fall fellowship is a blast with non-stop food and fun. LLD will be a fun event with learning incorporated. That will be a great event to attend if you are a Chapter or Lodge Officer and want to get a chance to learn some great leadership skills. We have so much happening right now it can be hard to keep track of, but there is a way: Social Media! I encourage all youth and adults to "Like" the Lodge Facebook page and "Follow" on twitter. It will be a quick and great way to get all the information you may need. In conclusion, sign-up for all of our great events coming up and join our social media to get the latest news.

WWW,

Matt Freeman, Lodge Chief

Welcome to the 2013-2014 Lodge Year

The 2013-2014 lodge year is in full swing, and with that brings in yet another year of brotherhood, service, and fun! We hope to make this is the best year that Totanhan Nakaha lodge has had yet, and that starts with each individual arrowman. Get involved and have fun with the OA if you haven't and make this year the year to dig into the OA.

Fall Fellowship 2013

In the past, Fall Fellowship has been an all-night celebration of brotherhood and fun for all OA members, from the newest Ordeal members to those who got their Vigil Honor many years ago. This year is no different. The event, being held at Richfield Middle School and being hosted by Minnehaha Falls chapter will feature open gyms, swimming pools, movies, games of all sorts, food and of course fellowship. Also, there will be a BROTHERHOOD CEREMONY and class at this event. If you are eligible for brotherhood, please come and complete this honor. It is an event you will never forget. Bring all the OA members in your troops or chapters to this exciting annual event! Registration is online at www.oe.nsbsa.org/FallFellowship

When: November 9th
Where: Richfield Middle School
What: Mission IMPOSSIBLE

Important Upcoming Events:

November 9th: Fall Fellowship
November 21st: LEC Meeting (Golden Valley Office)
December 6th: LLD (Lodge Leadership Development) – Shepherd of the Lake Church
December 19th: LEC Meeting
January 11th: Annual Banquet
January 23rd: LEC Meeting



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I Just Did my Ordeal, Now what?

First, congratulations! Second, this is just the start, not the end. Becoming a member of the OA opens up many opportunities now and for the rest of your life. Did you know that once an OA member, always an OA member? Even if you have been inactive for many years, by paying dues you are automatically active again.

After achieving your Ordeal membership status you now can attend such events like Spring Work projects, Fall Fellowship, Winter Banquet, Section C-1A Conclave, National Order of the Arrow Conference, National High Adventure Camping and much more!

In addition to attending events, you can also run for an elected position or join a committee on the Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) which helps make the decisions within the lodge. Positions consist of anything from ceremonies, camp promotions, communication, service, special events, and training. If you are interested in something, odds are there's a position here for you. Contact Matt Freeman, Lodge Chief (mfreem2@gmail.com) for more information.

The Order of the Arrow needs youth members in the troop to tell other Arrowmen about upcoming news and lodge events (OA Troop Representatives). This group of representatives is one method the lodge uses to communicate information with other units and one way you can stay involved. Talk to your Scoutmaster to learn more about becoming an OA Troop Representative.

WHAT ABOUT BROTHERHOOD?

As an Ordeal member, you are entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership in the Order. Yet, Brotherhood membership helps to provide you with further knowledge within our Order. It is an opportunity for members to evaluate yourself, and unselfish service since your Ordeal.

Brotherhood membership is sought by Arrowmen seeking to reaffirm their belief in the high purposes of the Order. Before becoming a Brotherhood member, each Arrowman has helped to better serve their Troop and Lodge. This may have been done through holding an OA Troop Representative position, or maybe being a part of a committee on the LEC.

Your sole obligation as an Ordeal member is to serve your troop or team. Only after you are satisfied that you are doing supporting your unit, are you ready for more. As an Ordeal member, you are welcome to participate in lodge activities, but you have no obligation to do so. As you approach Brotherhood membership, you should create a plan to see how you can help the lodge and surrounding community. If you are interested in becoming a Brotherhood Member, attend the next conclave for your chapter to receive your brotherhood honor. Make it a goal for the coming year!





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Why do we work so hard at Conclave?

Is the conclave just another name for a labor camp? No, we do this camp service **CHEERFULLY!** We are the organization of Cheerful Service. By giving back to the camps, we invest in their future and ours as well. Who wants to camp in a rundown facility, with overgrown campsites, falling apart latrines, unsafe buildings? No one! By helping the camps out, we correct these and many more issues. Be proud of what you did. Because of you, many more youth can experience the fun of camping in a clean safe environment.

Why do we have WWW in OA patches, logos, etc?

No, it is not for World Wide Web! The WWW stands for Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui, which in the Unami language of the Lenni Lenape or Delaware Indians means brotherhood, cheerfulness, service. These words are at the core of our organization. Live them daily and you will be a model scout.

Founders Award



Nominations

Founders Award nominations are due 12/7/2013.

What is the Founders Award?

Introduced at the 1981 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the Founder's Award was created to honor and recognize those Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to their lodge. The award is reserved for an Arrowmen who demonstrates to fellow Arrowmen that he or she memorializes in his or her everyday life the spirit of achievement as described by founder E. Urner Goodman and cofounder Carroll A. Edson.

Lodges may petition the national Order of the Arrow Committee to present up to four awards annually, based on lodge membership. If the lodge presents more than one award, one must be to a youth under the age of 21.

The founder's award is a very high honor, and we can't give it to anybody unless YOU nominate them. If you feel like an Arrowman you know fits the description of the honor please visit

<http://oa.nsbbsa.org/OurLodge/FoundersAward> and nominate them. You won't regret it.



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Lodge Social Media



Our lodge uses Facebook and Twitter to get information out to our members quickly and easily. Our Facebook page has almost 750 'Likes' and growing! Find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/tnl.oa](https://www.facebook.com/tnl.oa) and follow us on Twitter @TNL_OA for the latest information on what is happening in the lodge.

Vigil Conclave



Vigil Conclave was held on August 24-25 at Phillipso Scout Reservation. Over 45 members were awarded the Vigil Honor, the highest honor that a lodge can bestow upon its members. The vigil Honor is given for selfless service to the OA, Scouting, and Scout Camps. Only 2% of the lodge can be given this honor each year. Congratulations to the Totanhan Nakaha Vigil class of 2013!

Northern Lights Chapter Leadership Retreat

On a sunny afternoon in September, the newly elected and volunteer chapter leadership of the Northern Lights Chapter met for fun and training at Rum River Scout Camp.



The weather was a bit windy, but otherwise perfect for a 2 hour float from camp to the Anoka Fairgrounds. After the canoe trip, lots of pizza was consumed while Sam Gentle, Chapter Chief, gave a presentation about the OA, our Lodge and the Northern Lights Chapter. In 2 hours, these new leaders got a glimpse of all the OA has to offer (high adventure, fellowship, service opportunities) and some tips and techniques for doing well in their chapter positions. If other chapters are interested in the presentation, contact Sam Gentle, Northern Lights Chapter Chief for a copy.



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Tenure Program

With a new lodge year comes a review of our lodge's Tenure Program. Started four years ago, this program rewards those who display selfless service in a chapter or lodge position. This is a YOUTH ONLY award and can be presented to Lodge Officers, Chapter Chiefs and officers, Elangomats, Ceremony Teams, and Troop reps. Lodge and Chapter officers are eligible to earn the silver bordered lodge flap for being elected. Elangomats, ceremony teams, and troop reps have other requirements. For each consecutive year of service in one of those positions you can earn a tenure pin (Moose shaped of course) for your service. Contact your Chapter Chief for more information.



Northern Lights Chapter officers for 2013-2014

Who Leads the Lodge?

Totanhan Nakaha Lodge is led by youth members (21 and below) with guidance from adult advisers, however the youth plan and put on all the events and make decisions at the lodge level. All of these youth are elected by all of the youth members in the lodge who vote. Here are the youth who run your lodge!

Lodge Chief: Matthew Freeman

Vice Chief: Matthew Moen

Vice Chief of Communications: Jared Dalluhn

Vice Chief of Membership: Sam Gentle

Vice Chief of Program: Bradley Kimball

Vice Chief of Finance: David Tschida

Vice Chief of Events: Austin Johnson

Congratulations to all new Chapter officers

The leadership of Totanhan Nakaha lodge wishes to convey their congratulations to all Arrowmen who have been elected as leaders of your local chapters. Leadership has both challenges and opportunities. As elected Arrowmen, your fellow OA members saw in you the potential for great leadership. We are here to help you make that happen. All chapter leaders are welcome to attend the monthly Lodge Executive Committee meetings. These are held the 3rd Thursday of every month at the Golden Valley Scout office, 5300 Glenwood Ave. Golden Valley MN. We start at 7pm and end by 8:30 pm. Use meeting this as a resource to running your own chapter. We hope to see you there!



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Warped Wheel

I am sure that at one time or another, every Arrowman has ridden a bicycle. As you know, the smoothness of the ride is dependent on the shape of the wheels and how the shape of the wheel is perfectly round. If for any reason the wheel is off balance, the ride will not be as smooth. If you loosen five or six adjoining spokes on a bicycle wheel, it will warp out-of-shape so that it no longer makes a true circle. Soon after this occurs, you're going to experience a bumpy ride.

An Arrowman's character is something like a bike wheel. The spokes are a series of guidelines that we follow in the Lodge as well as Scouting. These guidelines are meant to help us through the year to stay straight and true. Some of the guidelines are based on the Scout Oath and Law. As Arrowman, we are recognized as those who exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in our daily lives. If you get loose and sloppy on any point of the Scout Law, the result will be the same as loosening the spokes on a bike wheel. This not only affects you personally but also has an impact on our lodge. Your personality, as well as the lodge's, will be warped and out of shape.

One way to stay true to yourself and the lodge is to see that your observance of the Scout Oath and Law are always foremost in your mind. When doubts creep in and you're tempted to violate the Scout Oath or one of the points of the Scout Law, think about the warped, out-of-shape bike wheel and remember that you can help to make a difference. Resolve to live up to the ideals of scouting which you have been recognized

for.

As a member of the lodge, we are all spokes in the wheel that makes the lodge move. It is up to each one of us to determine if the ride will be smooth or bumpy. I look forward to working together to experience a fun and successful year.

Randy Reverman

Lodge Adviser

Totanhan Nakaha Lodge

Promote your Chapter

Does your chapter do something unique that you are proud of and want to share?

See it published here in the next newsletter. Send articles (and pictures!) to jaredd8878@gmail.com.

Every chapter has something to brag about. Just let us know.



For more information, go to

<http://oa.nsbsa.org/Events/ArrowPower2014>