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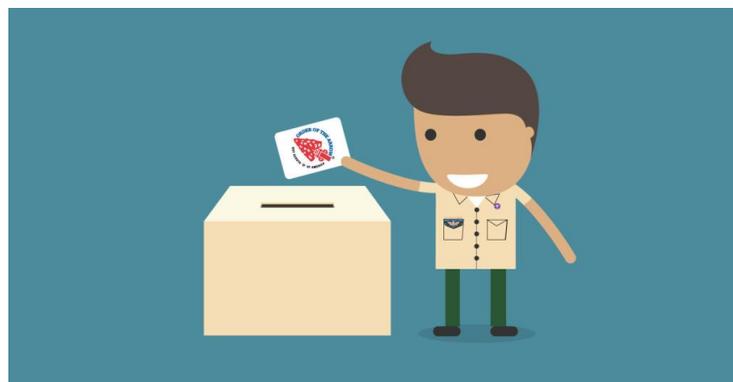
Welcome to the April issue of our lodge newsletter. The lodge is overjoyed to show you what we have been up to, and what we are working on for the future. The lodge has many fun events in the upcoming months. If you have any comments for the next newsletter or questions about any events mentioned in this article, please send it to charlieschumer@yahoo.com. Enjoy! Make sure to visit our [lodge webpage](#) for constant updates on the lodge's activities.

Unit Elections

The Chapters have been very busy running unit elections for new Arrowmen! Has your unit held an election yet? Contact your OA Troop Representative or Chapter Leadership to find out when your troop is having their election, and make sure you get at least half of your troop present! It's extremely important to have elections, as elections are the only way to induct new members to the OA.

NLS

Our Lodge recently sent 7 youth and 2 adults to National Leadership Seminar in Iowa, a weekend where region leadership develop lots of leadership skills within interested scouts. If you were not able to attend this NLS, there are still Seminars being offered in the fall if you are interested. NLS teaches leadership skills that are applicable in lots of life situations.





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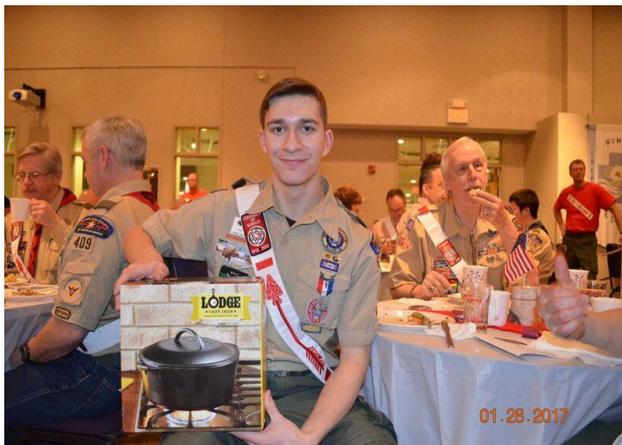


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Winter Banquet

This January we had our annual Winter Banquet at Shepherd of the Lake church. We had over 100 participants to join in celebration of the accomplishments of our lodge this past year. Four Founders awards were awarded at the banquet. Congratulations to Kay Stewart, Peter Olive, Steve Olson, and Sam Gentle for receiving this wonderful honor.



Youth participants were greeted with door prizes, such as the cast iron pot won by Northern Lights Chapter Chief, Jack Bailey, pictured above.

Headlining the event was Anthony Thomas, the two millionth Eagle Scout, as the keynote speaker pictured below.



Vigil Selection

The Lodge Vigil Selection Committee met in February and nominated 64 youth and adults for the Vigil Honor. The Vigil conclave will be in August. Congratulations to all those who have received the honor!





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Camp Openers

NOAC 2018

This spring, our Lodge is helping camps get ready for the summer. There will be cleanups April 28-29 at Kiwanis Scout Camp, and May 5-7 at Phillippo Scout Reservation. On these weekends, anyone can join the OA in a service project, but also in many games such as capture the flag, various board games, and Magic, The Gathering! This is also an opportunity for candidates who have not gone through their Ordeal to complete it.

Camp openers are held at Kiwanis, Phillippo, Fred C Andersen and Rum River.

For more information on each weekend, visit the lodge web site at oa.nsbsa.org.

Mark your calendars for the National Order of the Arrow Convention! It will be at Indiana University, Bloomington. The approximate dates are from July 30th to August 8th. At NOAC, you meet Arrowmen from all around the country to learn leadership skills, play games, and support our lodge in competitions such as the ceremonies tournament (of which we are the reigning national champions!). You will stay in college dormitories and infest the sports stadiums and lecture halls. If you are interested in going, please contact Doug Farmer at

farmer.doug@comcast.net



Arrowmen packed Spartan Stadium at the University of Michigan at NOAC 2015



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Indian Winter

This March, Arrowmen got the chance to participate in Indian Winter. Indian Winter is an exciting weekend where Arrowmen learn about how the Order of the Arrow honors the Native American culture.

Arrowmen practiced ceremonies, built regalia, and even observed a Pow-wow! Lodge Members had an awesome time at the Castle at Parker Scout Reservation in Nisswa, Minnesota on March 10, 11 & 12.

25 Arrowmen and 6 Guests came for the weekend. The Arrowmen learned how to Bead, Do Quill Work, Make Leather Pouches, Buck Skin Leggings, Moccasins, and Chokers.

The weekend included a session on Brain Tanning Hides and making Leather from Raw Hides. An open forum was held with members from the Mille Lacs Community, and Native American groups from the Cities. They talked about the do's and don'ts about Regalia and how the OA portrays the American Indian.

A second open forum was with the 2015 National Champion Ceremonialists. They talked about what it took to be Champions, how to memorize and put in hand motions.

There were also Indian Games, Movies on both Friday and Saturday evenings. Lots of Fellowship!!! Saturday ended with a Pow Wow where approximately half of the 70+ attendees were dressed and dancing. The rest watched and participated as well. Our own Wally Ripplinger was called out for the Vigil honor. He was actually Speechless for 3 Dances and was very touched.

Next year's event probably will be at Camp Wilderness, near Park Rapids. In 2019 our lodge will host Indian Winter it at Camp Stearns. Everyone is looking forward to some more outstanding Weekends.



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Lodge Officer Elections

Are you an Arrowmen interested in helping the Totanhan Nakaha Lodge? If you answered yes to this question, please attend the next Lodge Executive Committee on April 20th from 7-8:30 at the Golden Valley Scout Office with a letter of intent to run for a lodge office. At the meeting, candidates will record an election video to be sent out to the voters. The six lodge officers have had a wonderful time in our roles, and recommend running for everyone interested! Letters will be mailed out May 1st to all youth members of the lodge containing a code to vote for the 2017-18 Lodge Officers. The election results will be announced at the May LEC, and the officers will begin their terms on August 1st. You can find descriptions on the six lodge officer's duties. The lodge offices are Lodge Chief, Lodge Executive Vice Chief, Lodge Vice Chief of Membership, Communications, Finance, and Program.



OAHA

Are you aware of the various opportunities available to Arrowmen at the BSA's various high adventure bases? Every high adventure base has adventures for a family-friendly cost where you devote a bit of service for a life-changing adventure, available exclusively to Arrowmen. To lower the cost even further, the lodge has additional scholarships available.





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Social Media

Our Lodge's social media accounts have been busy keeping Arrowmen informed on our lodge's activities. Please follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @tnl_oa.



Fort Snelling Cleanup

In February we held our annual Fort Snelling Cemetery Cleanup. The Kaposia chapter led the efforts, and overall we had about 150 Arrowmen helping to clean Fort Snelling. Thank you all for your service!



Are Your
Dues
Current?

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Membership Dues

Have you made sure to pay your dues this year? Every year, Arrowmen must pay their yearly dues of \$15. This goes towards many things, such as scholarships, ceremonies, and awards for distinguished Arrowmen. You can pay your dues in-person by printing out & filling out a form, or online.

Lodge flaps may only be worn by members of the lodge. You are not a member of the lodge without being current on dues.



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North Star Museum

Have you been to the North Star Scouting Museum? Located in North Saint Paul, the museum was founded in 1976 to preserve scouting for future generations. Their mission is to collect, preserve, share, and interpret scouting history and its effect on the boys and girls of the area. Every year, the lodge donates \$3,500 to keep the museum great. The museum is open to all visitors, so if you are in the area, please check it out. Visit the [museum website](#) for more information.

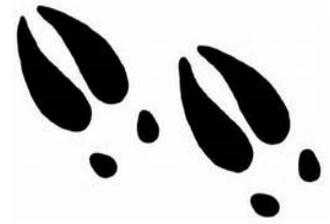


Conclave Season

Plan now to attend your chapter's 2017 Conclave. Ordeal members, seal your membership by becoming a brotherhood member. Brotherhood and Vigil members, help welcome new Ordeal candidates. Check now with your chapter for your conclave date and location.



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Thanks for the Camperships!

Along with the council, the OA wants every youth to have the opportunity to experience the excitement of camping. The goal of the Northern Star Council Campership program is to ensure that any youth with financial difficulties is not denied the opportunity to attend our camping program. Each campership award pays for 50% of the cost of attending camp. With this year's camp fees around \$280, each campership award pays for up to \$140 of the cost.

Each year, the youth leaders of our lodge reserve a portion of the operating expenses for a donation to the campership program. For 2017, this amount is \$6,000. For 2016, the amount was \$3,000. This donation comes directly from the dues that you, as a lodge member, pay each year.

In addition, last year the lodge authorized special Tomahawk and Many Point patches with the proceeds going toward camperships. These patches raised \$3,000 for the council program.



This month, your Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) authorized donating the \$12,000 to the Northern Star Council Campership program. Thanks to you, approximately 85 more youth can attend summer camp this year.



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Where do your dues go?

Everyone pays dues to belong to organizations. Boy Scouts and the Order of the Arrow are no exceptions. Our lodge dues are \$15 per year. This has not changed in many years. Where does this money go? Who does it help? Rest assured, your dues are doing good deeds. A portion of your dues helps scouting in general as follows:

- \$2 National Order of the Arrow association dues. This money helps the national organization conduct training seminars, NOAC and expenses for national officers
- \$2 Northern Star Council Friends of Scouting donation to help the council run programs for all youth in scouting.
- \$1.75 Council Campership donation to help disadvantaged youth attend summer camp
- \$.60 North Star Scouting Museum to preserve the history of scouting in the upper Midwest (Check out <http://www.nssm.org/>)
- \$.60 Northern Star Council endowment fund donation through 2 James E West fellowships. James E West fellowships contribute to the council endowment fund, guaranteeing scouting continues in our area.
- \$.60 Order of the Arrow High Adventure program scholarships. These scholarships pay the complete cost of a trek, less transportation to and from the base. Four scholarships a year are available to any youth member, 14 and older.

**MEMBERSHIP
DUES**