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INTO THE AIR

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Activities

Roses are red
Violets are blue
I had a great time at the lockin
And hopefully you did to

I've had great time so far
Winter banquet and Lodge Lock-in have gone well
And now I am setting my sights
On the next thing I need to sell

The Fall Conference is at the end of the summer
And it is an event that I am giving much care
Well have a Hodag, a Dunk Tank, a program for first
years
But it won't be fun unless you're there
The Funnest part of the OA is the events
Yes, I said it, it's true
But the one thing we need to make it happen
Is very simple, it's you

I want everyone to enjoy this great organization
So I've been working to plan and make it the best
It takes effort and commutation
And it puts my commitment to the test

I appreciate all of the experiences I've had
I appreciate all of the lessons I've learned
I appreciate the burden I've been given, and the
opportunity that I've taken
So I won't let you down if you don't let me down

Rib Mountain

Greetings,

This is a report by Jordan Wooldridge, the Rib Mountain Chapter Chief, explaining what my chapter has been trying and planning to do. We've been working real hard on trying to get communication out to everyone in the chapter so that they know when and where the meetings are. This has proven itself to be a difficult task but process is being made. We're planning the chapter service event and the rescheduling of our very own electrofest. These will most likely happen within the next month or two of planning out the projects and the wants of the people in the chapter. If anyone from the Rib Mountain Chapter has any want to make a service project for the chapter to do or to help out with you can contact me at jwooldridge@outlook.com.

wWw,
Jordan W.

Upcoming Events:

Spring Work Trek
May 3-4, 2019

Fall Conference
August 16-18, 2019

Section Conclave
September 13-14,
2019

TKC Officers:

Edward V.
Lodge Chief

Trevor P.
*Vice Chief of
Administration*

Matt D.
*Vice Chief of
Chapters*

Ezra E.
*Vice Chief of
Program*

Spring Work Trek

The Crystal Lake Scout Reservation invites everyone to camp for a weekend of projects to help get camp ready for the upcoming summer. Each year there is a variety of new projects from construction, maintenance, to landscaping. Entire units are welcome to stay in any campsite for free. Anyone who participates in the service will be served three meals on Saturday and one meal on Sunday. This is a great weekend of fellowship and service and also allows you to take part and pride in the great place of the Crystal Lake Scout Reservation.

Please signup online so we can properly prepare. To signup for a specific project, contact Elvis.



Section Conclave 2019

Conclave Activities

Training Sessions

Our training this year will focus on elections, inductions, and activation rate. Join us to learn more and help improve your lodge!

Open Activities

The afternoon of Conclave will feature slackline, ga-ga ball, shooting sports, lodge capture the flag, and more! Register early to secure your spot!

Hodag

Saturday night will cap off with a Hodag! A time of fun and excitement with games, food, music, and fellowship.



Chiefly Speaking



Brothers,

As the lodge year is winding down I want to thank everyone for all that has been accomplished this year so far. We have made so much progress as a Lodge in the way that we plan and run our events so that they can run as smoothly as possible. Our next step is smoothly integrating the girls into our lodge and making them feel welcome, as we have done in the BSA already!

At our last event which was the Brotherhood Clinic/ Lock-in, food, fellowship, and fun were had by all. I was happy to see so many faces join us for this weekend of fun. If you missed this opportunity to join in the fellowship then save the date for Spring work trek which is coming up fast. The date is May 3-5, 2019. Come cheerfully serve and enjoy fellowship while helping get the reservation ready for the summer.

I would also like to take this opportunity to reflect on how we as a lodge are doing with our pillars that we started the year with.

Activation, conversion, service, retention. Service has been a little funky this year with all the weather changes we have had. So to combat the lodge service events missed let's make sure we are reporting service to our chapter officials so that we can count all the great things you as Arrowmen do to give back to the community. Conversion we just worked on a little with our Brotherhood Clinic/lock-in but there is still time during Summer camp. See any officer for more details or questions.

Lastly, start thinking about your ordeal promises, have you served your brothers to the best of your ability? If you feel that there is a void that needs to be filled and you are longing to give back to your lodge. A great way to do this is by taking a position on the Lodge Executive Committee or even taking a position as a chairperson in your chapter. If you have any questions about this talk to any Lodge or Chapter advisor with more details. We greatly appreciate new ideas and your skills.

wWw
Yours in Brotherhood,
Edward V.

Lodge Chief, Edward V.



History

Hello Tom Kita Chara #96! My name is Henry Niedbalski and I am the lodge historian for this year. The History committee does many things throughout the lodge that you might not even know about. For example, at winter banquet the history committee facilitates the silent auction with the proceeds going to the lodge. We are thankful to the contributors and those who contributed to the silent auction.

In Brotherhood,
Henry N.

Membership

My name is Brock Erdman, and I am the Membership Chair. I am a member of Troop 187 from Wisconsin Rapids, and I am an Eagle Scout. I am a part of Brotherhood for the Order of the Arrow. I work at Tesomas Scout Camp, and this upcoming summer will be my fourth year on staff.

As Membership Chair, I collaborate with others to send out newsletters about activities in the lodge, and reminders of when dues should be paid. In the next month, my goal is to both remind people about their dues and advertise Spring Work Trek to have as big of a turn out as possible.

wWw,
Brock E.

Vice Chief of Administration

This year has been an absolute blast, and it has been an honor to serve as your 2018-2019 Vice Chief of Administration. I would like to thank all of my chairmen as well as all of Tom Kita Chara Lodge for this fun opportunity. I look forward to Fall Conference and Spring Work trek, and I hope to see you all there!

Yours in Brotherhood,

wWw
Trevor P.

Brotherhood

This is your Brotherhood Chair Mike, we just had a great Brotherhood Clinic where over 20 ordeal members just became the recentest brotherhood members in our lodge! Still remember that you can earn your brotherhood at camp this summer! Earning your brotherhood means reaffirming your devotion to the Order of the Arrow and showing that you are active! There is no reason why you shouldn't be getting your Brotherhood! Can't wait to see you with that new stiff double barred sash on!

Your in Brotherhood,
Mike B.

VICE CHIEF OF CHAPTERS

Dear Brothers,

I hope you all are having a great year so far, but as we are wrapping up this year season before the start of summer we have a lot still going on in the lodge. We just finished up the Brotherhood Clinic and Lock-in, this was a blast and it was wonderful being able to see you all there. The next few events that will be coming up is the spring work trek, I do hope to see all of you there because it will be a great time to hang out with one another and work on projects. Lately, I have been working hard with my fellow vice chiefs and our chief, Eddie, on planning all the fun activities we will be doing. Also, I have been working closely with the section planning the upcoming section conclave for later this fall. I hope that as summer rolls around I will be able to see many of you attend the various ceremonies each week at Tesomas. These ceremonies are a bunch of fun and I truly do enjoy attending them. I hope to see you all soon.

wWw,
Matthew D.



CEREMONIES

What a year it has been, and we aren't even done yet! We have transferred over to our new ceremonies, collected all chapter regalia, and had a fantastic brotherhood clinic. I have gotten the chance to see a few ceremonies and I think they look amazing they are a great introduction into Scouts BSA. You will all be happy to note that every chapter's regalia is logged and that the summer ceremonialists are excited to use the newly acquired pieces, so don't forget to head up to summer camp so you can hopefully see your lodge pieces in use during call out. Last but surely not least we welcomed quite a few new people into the circle of brotherhood membership in the beginning of April. In fact, we had such a good turnout that it does not look like we will need to do a ceremony during spring work trek. If you have not earned the rank of brotherhood yet but would like to we will still have the option available, but please let me know as soon as you can so we have enough ceremonialists ready to deliver a grade-A ceremony. We look forward to seeing you all at work trek.

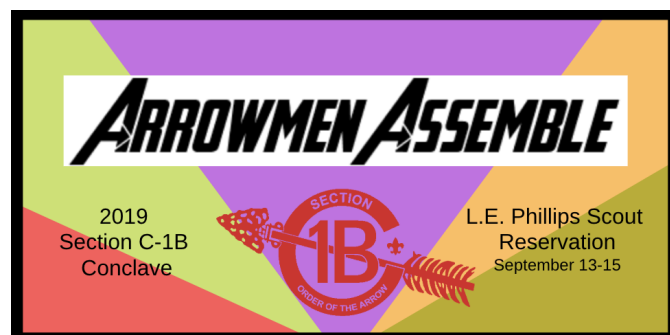
Yours in Brotherhood,

wWw,
The Ceremonies Team

INTO THE AIR

Your ITA co-editors, Cole M. and Taylor H. are back again! For those of you that didn't get the first ITA, We are both from the Rib Mountain Chapter as well as brotherhood members, but less about us! We hope you had a great time at the Lodge Lock-in. With many of the games and food, we don't know if we could believe that you didn't have a good time! Lately, we have been working on the ITAs studiously, and we would still like to meet our goal of getting all four ITAs out by the end of the year. We are still working on ways to make the ITA a bit more "kid-friendly", although we do believe we have a few ideas to accomplish this. We hope you had a great start to the 2019 year!

wWw,
Cole M. & Taylor H.



Vice Chief of Program

Hello Arrowmen,
Following up the huge success of Winter Banquet has proven difficult, but we have stayed strong to our promise of great program. The spring Lock-In had a great group of scouts who attended for the brotherhood clinic and stayed for the fun and games. Unfortunately our other spring event, the service project, has been canceled because of weather conditions, but we plan to make up the service hours with smaller projects throughout the year. Looking forward, there are a few events that I want to shine light on. The Spring Work Trek is coming up this May. We will need as much help as we can get to make up for lost service hours. The more that we can do for camp now, the better it will be this summer. Even further away is Fall Conference. We are still in the planning stage, but the event is looking great with more theme integration and better activities. There's even talk about a spooky hike. I hope that I will see you all there!

wWw,
Ezra E.



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 Arrowman 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 ensure 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...



MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

- Do you like the Into the Air Newsletter?
- Are your dues paid for 2019?
- Are you a member of the Leaping Buck Club?
- Were you just called out this past summer?

If you want to keep receiving the Into the Air Newsletter to stay informed about TKC, pay your dues online or join the Leaping Buck Club online tkc.samaset.org. If you were called out this past summer your dues have already been paid for the 2019 year.

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Chapter Updates

OJIBWA

Here in Chapter Ojibwa, we have been having a great year so far, and we have been seeing a lot more Arrowmen joining us in our remaining crossovers and our elections. We do have one final crossover to do in May, so if you are interested in helping, please let me or Vice Chief Alex Weis know. We also plan on having one two service projects this upcoming summer, and if you know of any great service projects our chapter should do, please let us know. I'm also super excited about seeing the membership in our chapter rising and fellow Arrowmen getting excited about participating and/or leading in our chapter.

wWw,
Trever K.

ADWAWAGAM

In the past few months the Adwawagam chapter as a hole has been working with our local packs on cross over ceremonies. We have had more people showing up to meetings as well witch is great. In the next few months my goals for the chapter and my self is to get all the elections done as well helping out the community as well having a great time.

wWw,
Zachary K.

NORTHWOODS

The Northwoods chapter has completed all of our crossover ceremonies for this year. We are currently working on finishing up elections and hope to get those done before the spring season. Thank you to everyone who has helped on crossovers and who will help on our elections in the future!

wWw,
Jackson D.

MUSHKADONY

I'm Julian , your Mushkodany chapter chief. As our chapter eases into the spring, we look forward to the events and service opportunities afforded by the turning of the seasons, Spring Work Trek being chief among these. Spring also means taking care of our elections, which have gone (mostly!) smoothly, thanks in large part to my fantastic vice chief Liam . As we finish up our election process for the year we start to look toward Camp and soon enough Conclave already. We've had quite a year so far, and I'm excited to see what's to come!

wWw,
Julian P.



NOAC 2020

The 2020 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) will be one of your most memorable Scouting experiences. NOAC 2020 will be held at Michigan State University from August 3-8, 2020.

NOAC will feature a number of unique events, including national competitions for ceremonies, drum, and dance; evening shows; the National OA history museum; and awesome recreation competitions such as soccer, basketball, volleyball and ultimate Frisbee. Highlights such as the Founder's Day festivities including the Founder's Day Parade, the Grand Hodag, and the inter-Region dodgeball battle are some of the exciting events at NOAC.

Arrowmen can participate in service projects, high adventure opportunities, leadership training, American Indian Activities training, and much more. While enjoying the various activities, Scouts will have one of the greatest times of their life while meeting new brothers and sharing their experiences with people from around the nation.

Our lodge will send a contingent to NOAC 2020 and you won't want to miss out. While exact costs have not yet been determined, we estimate that the cost of the trip will be \$675 per person. To sign up, register online at tkc.samoset.org and submit a \$100 deposit.

LODGE ADVISOR

Greetings Brothers in the Order,

Spring is traditionally a time of renewal for the Order. While our commitment to cheerful service is a year-round commitment, we always look forward to the annual return of some of our most beloved traditions at camp. As the snow retreats from our home at Camp Tesomas, we all begin to feel the excitement brought to life by the chance to share our legends and traditions with both veteran Arrowmen and newcomers alike.

Traditions like this are a wonderful thing—they give us a shared experience and set of values that any TKC Arrowman, regardless of age, chapter, or position, can relate to. It is part of what binds us together. Times may change, and the outward appearance of our Order may change with it. But the spirit of the Order, embodied by the legends, traditions, and commitment to service we all hold dear, remains resolute and unchanging. Always keep these ideals near and dear to your heart, as they represent what it truly means to be an Arrowman.

We are in the midst of exciting changes in the Order. With the full integration of both young men and young women into Scouts BSA, as well as the addition of Venturing Crews into OA elections, we now have the opportunity to welcome more Scouts than even to join our esteemed brotherhood, especially over the new few years. These new members will add their talents, energy, and passion to our Lodge, no doubt making us stronger in the process. I am very much looking forward to sharing our traditions with all these new members and giving them the opportunity to experience the joy that only unselfish service can bring. I encourage you to embrace the spirit of renewal that comes with spring, and be ready, as you always have, to welcome these soon-to-be brothers into our circle.

wWw,
Ben W.

