



The Torchbearer

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Letter From Editor

Arrowmen,

Thank you all for viewing the Torchbearer. The Torchbearer in simple terms is , the lodges newsletter. This is an approved source of information by the lodge and is edited by the lodge secretary. Torchbearers are made to inform you and keep you updated on what is going on in our lodge. If you have questions or concerns regarding the content of this newsletter, please email me at secretary@tamegonit.org, or use the contact us section of the lodge app. Lots of time has been consumed on creating these newsletters and making sure they are fit for you. If you ever have any suggestions about Torchbearers, please contact me or use the app. Enjoy!

Yours In Brotherhood,
Wesley Phoenix
2018 Tamegonit Lodge Secretary



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Letter From the Vice- Chief of Inductions

Hi,

I'm Brian Blood, your 2018 Vice Chief of Inductions. My inductions team is planning a great inductions season for you this year, hoping to get everyone more involved in Order of the Arrow. We are meeting once a month—every second Wednesday—to make this one of the best inductions for all people attending. That being said, here are a few dates to keep in mind:

- Inductions Dry-Run: March 24th
- 1st Spring Induction: April 27th-29th
- 2nd Spring Induction: May 18th-20th
- 1st Summer Induction: June 6th-7th
- 2nd Summer Induction: June 13th-17th
- 1st Fall Induction (Bartle): August 10th-12th
- 2nd Fall Induction: August 24th-26th

We would love help at any induction, especially as runners, elangomats, nimats, or cooks on our brand new cooking team. We use our Dry-Run to train people wanting to assist on our inductions, so please sign up for that event! Also, if you would like to help with inductions, please contact me.

Thank you,

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Letter from the Vice Chief of Programs

Arrowmen,

My name is Bradley Park, the 2018 Vice Chief of Program. My goals for this year are to make sure that we have a solid program for our non-arrowmen to participate in when they come with their troop to our induction weekends. Another goal for this year is to have a spectacular Fall Fellowship, since the one last year didn't happen because of the Scouting 500 I want to come back from the year break and have a Fall Fellowship that will make people want to come back for years to come. My last goal for this year is to overall improve and fine-tune year after year want to come

parts of our program so that isn't the same and we have things that will make people back.

WWW,
Bradley Park



2018 Tamegonit Lodge Officers

Position	Name
Lodge Chief	Blake Steinmetz
Vice-Chief of Administration	Jeremiah Thornton
Vice-Chief of Chapters	John Manuel
Vice-Chief of Inductions	Brian Blood
Vice-Chief of Program	Bradley Park
Secretary	Wesley Phoenix
Treasurer	Coleman Moffit

These are the lodge officers whom were voted upon from a previous event, usually Fall Fellowship, these officers have assumed their positions at the 2018 Winter Banquet and their terms last until the 2019 Winter Banquet

Adults Be Advised

Adult Arrowmen,

Have ever wondered if there is a way to give cheerful service in Order of the Arrow without being an advisor? Well here is your solution, sign up for the adult cooking team, Tamegonit Lodge needs your help, there is no catering and you can help cook at lodge events. There is no coupe to go on your lanyard for this one, but for your hard work and services you may receive an apron. Please spread the word to other adults that may be interested, and the best part is, you don't even have to be a member in Order of the Arrow. If you are interested to serve Tamegonit Lodge as a member of the cooking team please contact the 2018 Lodge Chief, Blake S. at chief@tamegonit.org, or you can use the the "contact us" section of the "Tamegonit Lodge Social App".

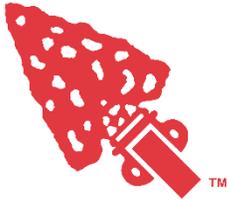
WWW,

Wesley Phoenix

Lodge Secretary



Don't Forget To Pay Your OA Dues



OA members paying their 2017 dues through their unit should contact their unit's OA Troop Representative or Troop Representative Adviser for information. Members paying their 2017 dues individually can pay online at <https://www.hoac-bsa.org/order-of-the-arrow> Don't miss out on another exciting year in the Order of the Arrow! Any questions can be directed at the Lodge Staff Adviser, Pete Maskovich.

Unit Elections



Has your unit scheduled a unit election yet? If no, there is no need to worry, the spring inductions are over, but there are still two summer inductions and a fall induction to be completed this 2018 year. If you have not scheduled an election and have scouts that are eligible to be elected, please email your local Chapter advisor to set a date. If you are not familiar with your chapter advisor, you may visit <https://www.hoac-bsa.org/oa-chapters>. Just visit the website, check to see which district you are in, scroll down to find the chapter advisor by the name of the district, and email the chapter advisor and he/she will assist you with your election needs.

Join The Ceremony Team



Have you ever wanted to be one of the Arrowmen who conduct ceremonies at inductions or Eagle Scout Court of Honors? Well you're in luck, the Tamegonit Lodge Ceremony Team is accepting anyone who wants to participate. Practices are every other Wednesday at Camp Naish. Much help is needed and there is

no previous service required. Join a team that enhances your lodge, joining the Tamegonit Lodge Ceremony Team!

2018 Winter Banquet Recap

Winter Banquet is an annual event held at a different location every year. We as arrowmen come together to socialize, eat commerce, and fellowship. Chapters have booths to show what they have done in the past year. This is also the day the the newly elected officers officially start their term. In addition to all stated, the founders award and Vigil honor recipients are congratulated by the lodge. Concluding the event, there is a guest speaker, which is always someone who has been invited to share their story of leadership.

This 2018 year, Winter Banquet was at the DoubleTree Hotel. When doors opened at 4:30pm , Arrowmen from all parts of our lodge were ready to come into what can be considered as one of the most anticipated events our lodge hosts. The guest speaker this year was Robert Birkby, he has written many versions of the scout handbook and is the author of the Scout Fieldbook. He signed copies of the book and spoke to Arrowmen about the evolution COPE, scout handbooks and what his roles have been.

The Winter banquet this year was a success. We hope that everyone enjoyed this event and learned something. The Vigil Honors of 2018 are listed below, as well as the Founders Award Recipients. If you

have any pictures from this event that you would like to see on the app, please submit them on the app at the “OA Meme Submitter” section.

Wesley Phoenix

2017 Founders Award Recipients

Will Oprisu

This Arrowman is a humbled Guide for others. He started as a Chapter Ceremonialist in 2011, then began performing as a Lodge Ceremonialist since 2013 and continues tirelessly through this 2017 season. He provided leadership as Chapter 3 Chapter Chief. One of his many accolades included winning several ceremonial competitions at the last National Order of the Arrow Conference.

Irma Sue Shirk

This Arrowman’s service has not wavered during her tenure in scouting. She has served a large number of very different youth and has helped each one be an effective leader. She is passionate about the program, and that brings dedication and enthusiasm. She is an advocate for all youth and does everything possible for the youth to be successful, especially in her position as the adviser to the vice chief of chapters.

Ben Grimsley

This Arrowman is a role model to present and future Arrowmen for setting an example of unselfish service. He has served in a variety of different roles in Scouting, the OA, and Camp Staff. Currently, He loyally serves our lodge and reservation as Emergency Preparedness Support Staff (EPSS) Adviser where his duties entail serving as our trained onsite health officer during induction events.

Judy Molt

This arrowman has served many years in the OA (long past her children's involvement) at the district as OA Chapter Adviser and at the Lodge Level in a multitude of adviser positions. She has a "never give up" attitude and a willingness to serve in whatever capacity she is asked. She is optimistic and cheerful in the face of challenges. Currently, she serves the Lodge as the Membership Committee Adviser.

2017 Tamegonit Lodge Vigil Honors

Youth

Blake Steinmetz
Douglas Blake Thomas
Bradley Park
Brian Blood
Clay Christensen
Griffin Klimek
Jeremiah Thornton, Jr
John Manuel
Kurt Johnson
Kyle Lauber
Matthias Roening

Adult

Dave Patterson
Brian Van Schmus
David Stanway
Jeff Brown
Jeff Flannery
Joe Palausky
Kristi Ogle
Mark Blanken
Mark Kolar
Michael Morris
Nathan Roney

Paul T. Davis

Thomas Stockman

Jeff Borgmeyer

Ricky Allen Roesch

Randy Meador

Scott Barnhart

Tim McCarthy

Section C-5B Conclave

What is conclave? Conclave is a section hosted event that occurs every year at one of the lodges that our section consist of. There are training and activities that are very fun. The food is great, and there is lots of patch trading. The cost to attend this year is \$40. The Conclave this year will be at Camp Haun. For more details and how to sign up please go to the council website, or the Tamegonit Lodge Social App.

OA High Adventure Opportunities 2018

There are five(5) OA High Adventure Opportunities, please read the descriptions below to get an overview. For more information please visit, oa-bsa.org

First- OA Canadian Odyssey, The Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage: Canadian Odyssey program is an experience like no other. For two weeks, you will join together with Arrowmen from around the country and experience the wild beauty of the Quetico Provincial Park of Ontario, Canada. Like its U.S. counterpart the first week of the program is spent giving back to the Quetico through portage trail restoration work. The second part of the program is a trek through the Quetico Provincial Park in Ontario, Canada designed to challenge and inspire.

Second- OA Ocean Adventure, The Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure program is a 7-day program conducted in the Florida Keys. The service portion of the adventure will be primarily based out of the Dry Tortugas National Park located 70 miles from Key West. Participants will have the opportunity to snorkel, kayak, paddle board and swim. In addition to this, there is a major focus on reflection on this adventure and nightly discussions will be held with the crew discussion topics from stewardship to character traits to leadership.

Third- Summit Experience, The Order of the Arrow Summit Experience program is an experience like no other. For 8 days, you will join together with Arrowmen from around the country and experience all that the Summit in West Virginia has to offer. Four days of the program will be focused on building or maintaining trail around the Summit, and the New River Gorge National River Area. The program is designed to entice younger Arrowmen to participate in High Adventure. Lodges and Chapters are encouraged to participate as a crew.

Fourth- OA Trail Crew, The Order of the Arrow Trail Crew program is one of the best ways to experience Scouting's premier high adventure base, Philmont Scout Ranch. For the first week, participants have the chance to make a significant difference to Philmont by participating in trail building in the backcountry. The second week of the program is spent experiencing Philmont in its finest. Unlike regular treks, Trail Crews make their own itinerary, instead of selecting from pre planned routes.

Fifth- OA Wilderness Voyage, The Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage program is an experience like no other. For two weeks, you will join together with Arrowmen from around the country and experience all that the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in northern Minnesota has to offer. The first week of the program is spent giving back to the Boundary Waters through portage trail restoration work. The second part of the program is a trek planned by the crew.



Save the Date

Official Tamegonit Lodge Event Dates

Event Name	Date
2018 Winter Banquet	January 6, 2018
LLD (Powerplay)	February 10, 2018
Section Conclave	April 13-15, 2018 - Hosted by Nampa-Tsi Lodge
Induction Dry-Run	March 24, 2018
Spring Induction #1	April 27-29, 2018
Spring Induction #2	May 18-20, 2018
Summer Induction #1	June 6-7, 2018
Summer Induction #2	June 13-17, 2018
Fall Induction #1 (Bartle)	August 10-12, 2018
Fall Induction #2	August 24-26, 2018
Fall Fellowship	September 21-23, 2018
Vigil Banquet	October 6-7, 2018
NLS	October 26-28, 2018 Heartland Center
LLD Training	November 17, 2018
2019 Winter Banquet	January 5, 2019
2018 NOAC	July 30 - August 4, 2018 Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

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