



The Obligation of the Order of the Arrow

*I do hereby promise on my honor as a Scout,
that I will always and faithfully
Observe and preserve the traditions
of the Order of the Arrow,
Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui.*

*I will always regard the ties of the
Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow as lasting,
and will seek to preserve a cheerful spirit even in the midst of
irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities, and will endeavor,
so far as in my power lies, to be unselfish in service and
devotion to the welfare of others.*

The Song of the Order of the Arrow

Firm bound in bro-ther-hood, Ga - ther the
clan That cheer-ful serv-ice brings To fel - low man.
Cir - cle our coun-cil fire, Weld tightly ev - 'ry link That
binds us in bro-ther-hood, Wi - mach - ten - dienk.



ORDER OF THE ARROW
Boy Scouts of America



TAMEGONIT LODGE



MEMBER HANDBOOK

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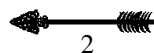
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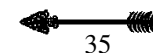
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FOUNDERS' AWARD RECIPIENTS

1981	Ed Hubert
1982	Tony Flamez, Terry Smith
1983	Stu Stanks
1984	Chris Hernandez, Lloyd Walker
1985	Jim Carter, Ken Clark
1986	Robert Schweiger
1987	John Denby, Tom Sullivan
1988	John Grauberger, Richard Minear
1989	Allan Bush, Aaron Frank
1990	Bobby Bottoms, Chuck Munson
1991	Christian Cooley, Floyd Everhart
1992	Chris Bryan, Bryce Williams
1993	Chad Dillon, Mike Schnieders
1994	Allen Boyd, Kris White
1995	Bill Bonnewitz, Jonnie Pretz
1996	Charlie Landers, Joey Serling
1997	Jerry Campbell, David Evans, Howard Johnson, Steve Parks
1998	Glenn Jackson, Richard Ledgerwood, David Miller Jr., Warren Minear
1999	Nicholas Blunt, J. Jack Clark, Tim Spangler, Todd Whiteley
2000	Charles Athey, James Koehler, Addison Raine, Donna Rohner
2001	John Clark, Michael Davis, Dan Henderson, David Miller
2002	Richard Long, Wayne McNabb, William Raine, Paul Whatley
2003	John Dickerson, Andrew Green, JD Jones, , Susan Rodgers
2004	Berkley Jones, Phillip Raine, Curt Rohner, Matt Thoman
2005	Seth Bundy, Steve Campbell, Joan Long, Colin Smalley
2006	Gene Adams, David Chinnery, Tyler Griffin, Nick Light,
2007	Russ Downing, Jr., John Jones, Patrick McGurk, Howard Rollins, II
2008	Justin Deaver, John Schatzel, Larry Sisk, Ian Thomas
2009	Andrew Cameron, Joe Getto, Andrew Knott, Skip McGurk
2010	David Allen, Greg Carpenter, Cameron Kieffer, Colby Soden
2011	Tom Bundy, Pam Clark, Jesse Miller, Victor Tuttle





FOUNDERS' AWARD

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

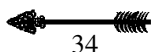
The award is a handsome bronze medallion bearing the likeness of E. Urner Goodman and co-founder Carroll A. Edson, with a wooden base and brass plate suitable for engraving. Also awarded is the Founders' Award ribbon, similar to the universal ribbon, except that it is a gold-colored arrow suspended from a red ribbon.

Each lodge is entitled to award Founders' Awards based on their registered membership each year. The breakdown of the ratios is as follows:

<u>Lodge Membership</u>	<u>Maximum Number Presentable</u>
up to 1,000	2
1,001 to 1,500	3
1,501 and over	4

If the lodge presents **more than one** award in any given year, at least one must be given to a youth under 21 years of age. However, any Arrowman may be nominated.

Nominations are due by July 1, of each year. Award recipients are announced at the lodge's annual Winter Banquet each January. See your chapter chief or adviser, or the lodge Inductions Coordinator at camp for nomination forms.



PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE ORDER

"In a great and honored Order, into which can be admitted only those who unselfishly desire to serve others, there must be lofty purpose. You were selected for membership in the Order because your fellow Scouts saw your sincerity and acceptance of the high ideals of the Scout Oath and Law". - Mateu

The purpose of the Order is:

To recognize those campers – Scouts and Scouters – who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and by such recognition cause other campers to conduct themselves in such manner as to warrant recognition.

To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit.

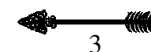
To promote Scout camping, which relates its greatest effectiveness as part of the unit's camping program, and to help strengthen the district and council camping program both year-round and in summer camp, as directed by the Council's Camping Committee.

To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

The essence of our existence is that we must be those campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in our daily lives and by such conduct cause others to emulate our actions. We who bear the obligation of the Order of the Arrow, mindful of our high traditions, ponder that which is our purpose and do pledge ourselves to cheerful service.

The three principles of the Order of the Arrow are:

Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service





THE HISTORY OF THE ORDER OF THE ARROW

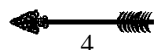
The Order of the Arrow was founded during the summer of 1915 at *Treasure Island*, the Philadelphia Council Scout Camp. **Dr. E. Urner Goodman** and **Carroll A. Edson** were camp director and assistant, respectfully. These two men, working with their staff at *Treasure Island*, originated the ideas that became the basis for the national brotherhood of honor campers of the Boy Scouts of America. *Treasure Island*, located north of Trenton, N. J., in the Delaware River, was an early camping ground of the **Lenni Lanape** or Delaware Indians.

Goodman and Edson wanted some definite form of recognition for those Scouts in their camp who best exemplified the spirit of the Scout Oath and Law. Since the valley of the Delaware was rich in tradition and the site was an island used in bygone days as camping grounds for the Indians, it seemed only natural to base this brotherhood of honor campers on the legends and the traditions of the Delaware. As a result, they prepared a simple, yet effective, ceremony that, in turn, led to the organization of what was later to be known as the Order of the Arrow.

It was from the beginning that the procedures and programs of the organization were to be based on the ideals of democracy. Thus, a unique custom was established in that the members were elected by non-members. There has been no change in this since that time. Horace W. Ralston, a Philadelphia Scouter, suggested the original name, *Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui*. The original ceremony was quite different than the one that has developed later. Yet there were still three lessons taught.

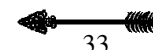
In the first year, 25 members were inducted into the brotherhood. Many members wore a black sash with a white arrow on it. The black sash was used, because it offered an excellent contrast to the white arrow. In the original plans there were two degrees; the first was much like a combination of the Ordeal and Brotherhood memberships, and the second an early version of the Vigil Honor.

From 1915 until 1921, the Order grew slowly. In 1921, steps were taken to establish the Order on a national basis. And, in 1922, the Order of the Arrow became an official program experiment of the Boy Scouts of America. On June 2, 1934, at the National Council



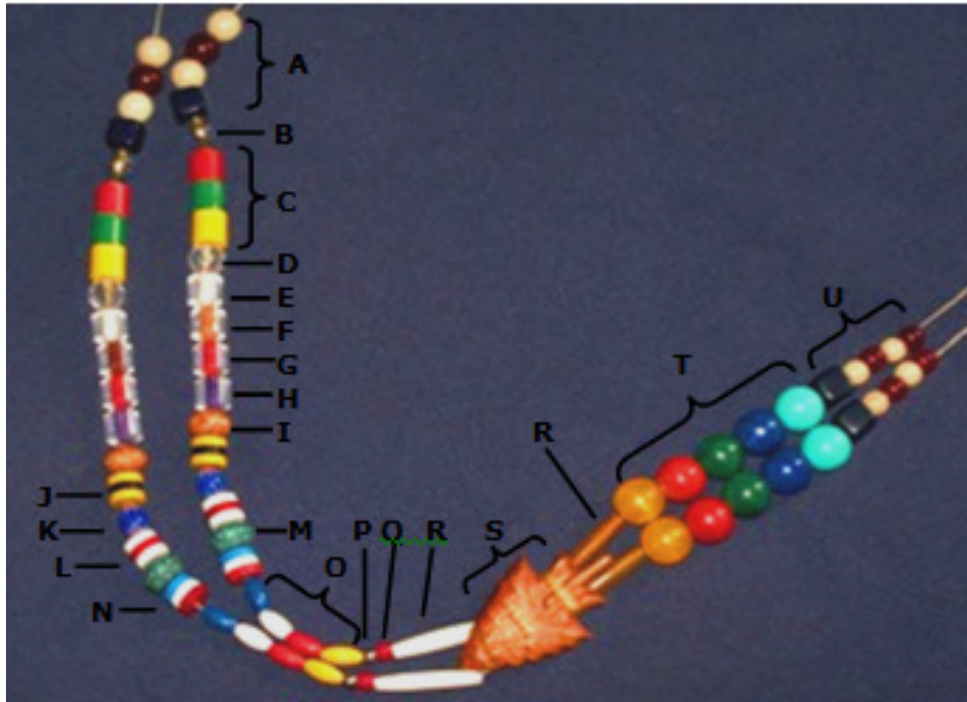
- H. **RELIGIOUS COUP.** CLEAR cylinder with PURPLE center . Awarded to Arrowmen who earn the Boy Scout Religious Award (purple knot). Only one pair is worn.
- I. **NIMAT COUP.** Decorative TAN bead. Awarded to Arrowmen who attended Nimat training and serve as a Nimat four (4) times.
- J. **ELANGOMAT COUP.** Yellow-Black-Yellow. Awarded to Arrowmen who attended Elangomat training and serve as an Elangomat three (3) times.
- K. **DANCE TEAM COUP** – BLUE Oval CHEVRON. Awarded for active dance team participation. Only one pair is worn.
- L. **COUP OF THE FAR TRAVELER.** White-Red-White. Awarded to Arrowmen who complete the requirements. Only one pair is worn.
- M. **ELECTION TEAM COUP.** Decorative TEAL bead. Awarded to Arrowmen who attended Election Team Training and participate in ten (10) unit elections.
- N. **EAGLE COUP.** Red-White-Blue. Awarded to Arrowmen who have received the Eagle Scout Award.
- O. **CEREMONIAL TEAM COUPS** – Small Oval Wooden Beads. YELLOW for CHAPTER, RED for ORDEAL, WHITE for BROTHERHOOD, BLUE for VIGIL. Awarded for active participation as a Ceremonialist.
- P. **OATR COUP.** Small SILVER bead. Awarded to Arrowmen who complete the requirements which include; attending and participating in eight chapter meetings in a one-year period.
- Q. **RUNNER COUP.** RED glass with WHITE center. Awarded to Arrowmen who serve as a runner for five (5) Call-Out and/or Induction ceremonies.
- R. SPACERS used to separate arrowhead from beads.
- S. **WOODEN ARROWHEAD.** Indicates Ordeal, Brotherhood or Vigil member status.
- T. **SUMMER CAMP SERVICE BEADS.** YELLOW or GOLD for Camp Staff; RED for Campmaster Corps; GREEN for Camp Scoutmaster; TURQUOISE or LIGHT BLUE for Camp Commissioner; DARK BLUE SPECKLED for Camp Senior Patrol Leader. Only one pair of each is worn.
- U. **SUMMER CAMP YEAR BEADS.** For years at a HOAC Council Long Term Camp. Any color, 3/8", Square denotes five (5) years. May be worn for years at camp prior to OA membership.

Coup Forms are available at Council Office, in the Great House, and online at www.tamegonit.org.



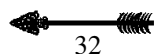


TAMEGONIT LODGE COUPS



TAMEGONIT LODGE COUP DESCRIPTIONS

- A. **YEAR BEADS** for years in OA. Any color, 1/2", Square denotes five years.
- B. **100th ANNIVERSARY OF BSA COUP.** The Fog Bead is a round bead with a crackled matte finish painted gold inside, simulating the glow of an old fashioned street lamp seen through a thick fog. All Arrowmen who are active or inducted in 2010 may wear the coup.
- C. **OFFICER BEADS.** Cylindrical bead. GOLD for National or Regional (*not shown*); RED for Section; VIOLET for Lodge (*not shown*); GREEN for LODGE Committee, YELLOW for Chapter.
- D. **SERVICE COUP.** CLEAR Multifaceted Round bead. Awarded to Arrowmen for 50 hours of service to the lodge or chapter performing duties not recognized in other coups.
- E. **WHITE BUFFALO COUP.** CLEAR cylinder with WHITE center.
- F. **BROWN HAWK SOCIETY COUP.** CLEAR cylinder with BROWN center.
- G. **MILITARY SERVICE COUP.** CLEAR cylinder with RED center.



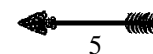
Annual Meeting in Buffalo, New York, the National Council approved the Order of the Arrow program.

In May 1948, the National Executive Board, upon recommendation of its Committee on Camping, officially integrated the Order of the Arrow into the Scouting movement. The Order's National Lodge was dissolved, and supervision shifted to the Boy Scouts of America.

The Executive Committee of the National Lodge became the National Committee on Camping and Engineering, and a staff member was employed as national executive secretary. In the 1974 re-organization of the Boy Scouts of America, the Order of the Arrow Committee became a subcommittee of the National Boy Scout Committee.

The growth of the Order of the Arrow through the years has never been based on an aggressive promotional plan. It came because councils' believed in the ideals expressed by the Order, and voluntarily requested that lodges be formed. The soundness of providing a single workable honor campers' brotherhood, rather than many, is evident. Over one million Boy Scouts, Explorers, and Scouters have been inducted into the Order during the past 95 years. There are now over 183,000 active members.

This coverage of the nation makes possible a unified approach. It provides for transfer of membership, standard books and supplies, national training plans, and a coordinate scheme for building strength in local units through regional and national service. All of these add color, enthusiasm, and quality to the camping program of Scouting.





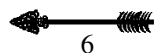
THE HISTORY OF TAMEGONIT LODGE




In 1926, Camp Naish opened as property of the Boy Scouts of America, Kaw Council. As the Order spread it reached Camp Naish in 1939, where Tamegonit Lodge became the 147th Lodge to charter with the National Council.

As the Order grew at Camp Naish, Tamegonit Lodge developed a reputation for strong leadership and value. One of the first of such leaders was James Feil, who in 1953-1954 served as National Order of the Arrow Conference Chief, one of the first in the position that would later become National Chief. James's father, L. George Feil began 18 years of services as the National Chairman of Order of the Arrow starting 1956. In 1958 Tamegonit Lodge was again honored by being asked to host the bi-annual National Order of the Arrow Conference, which was held at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, KS.

Tamegonit Lodge continued on, having its 25th anniversary in 1964, just one year before the 50th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow. While Tamegonit Lodge was growing, a major event loomed on its horizon, poised to launch Tamegonit Lodge into a greater and better era. In 1974, the Kaw Council and the Kansas City Area Council merged to form the Heart of America Council. Tamegonit Lodge had now almost doubled in size thanks to this fortunate merger. Just two years later, in 1976, the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation celebrated its 50th Anniversary, another milestone for the camp that our Order had sat on all those years. In, 1979 Mary Lee Feil and Louise Goodman received the Red Arrow Award. Mary was the mother of James and husband of L. George, thus bringing more success and recognition to our Lodge. Furthermore, Founder's Recipient Ed Hubert was honored in 1981 by being the first Founder's Award ever; the award presented was by the 1981 National Chief Brad Starr.

In 1989, the 50th anniversary of Tamegonit Lodge ushered in yet another age of cheerful service and brotherhood in Tamegonit Lodge, just one year before the 75th anniversary of Order of the Arrow. At the 50th anniversary celebration, the Tamegonit Lodge Great House was dedicated, thus reaffirming the presence of Tamegonit Lodge in the Heart of America Council.



-  OA coup may be worn with Field (Class A) or Activity (Class B) uniform. Arrowmen may wear their Mic-O-Say coup or Foxman stick along with their OA coup and are encouraged to do so.
-  Arrowmen should consult their unit leadership or unit member handbook to ensure compliance with their unit's uniform customs and traditions.
-  Only active members of the lodge (those who have paid their lodge dues for the current year) may wear the OA Lodge Flap, OA Sash, OA Coup or OA Pocket Sash.

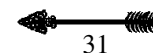
CAMP STAFF OPPORTUNITIES

In reviewing the purposes of the Order of the Arrow, we are reminded that as Arrowmen, one of our foremost responsibilities is to both promote Scout camping and maintain camping traditions and spirit.

One of the fine traditions upon which Tamegonit Lodge prides itself is the considerable representation of its membership on the camp staffs of the Heart of America Council. Whether you camp at Naish or Bartle, the need for camp staff members is always high. The need for staff on the Rotary camp staff is particularly important, as Rotary camp provides a long-term camping experience to the council's Scouts with special needs. Providing a high-quality camping experience is one of the ways the Order of the Arrow delivers its mission.

Remember back to the first years you went to camp. Do you remember that one staff member who made the extra effort to help you out on something, or just to talk with you? Remember now how you looked up to him and admired something about him. Perhaps you can recall one (or more) such staff members. When you sign up for Camp Staff, YOU could be that positive influence in the life of a young Scout. Perhaps your influence could keep him involved in Scouting long enough to earn Eagle Scout and experience all the good things of Scouting, at a time when he may be considering dropping out.

If the chance to be on the camp staff sounds interesting to you, please contact Camping Services at the Council Service Center. They can answer questions and provide you with a staff application.





VIII. VIGIL HONOR

Attainment of the Vigil Honor shall be in accordance with the requirements in the current printing of the National OA Handbook.

IX. CEREMONIES AND COSTUMING






- A) All ceremonies shall be established by the Ceremonies Committee and approved by the Lodge Executive Committee.
- B) All ceremonies shall be conducted in accordance with National OA policies.
- C) Lodge costuming guidelines shall be established by the Ceremonies Committee and approved by the Lodge Executive Committee.

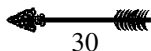
X. AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES

The TAMEGONIT LODGE RULES may be amended by completion of the following:

1. The amendment shall be proposed to the Lodge Executive Committee by any voting member thereof.
2. It shall be approved by a simple majority of the Lodge Executive Committee members present.
3. It shall be published in the Tamegonit Torchbearer prior to being voted on by the Lodge.
4. The Lodge shall approve the amendment by a simple majority at any regular or special meeting of the Lodge.

OA UNIFORM POLICY

-  OA Lodge Flap is worn on the right front shirt pocket. The two part full pocket Lodge Flap may be worn in place of the standard lodge flap.
-  Pocket OA sash hangs from the button on the underside of the right front shirt pocket and may be worn on Field (Class A) uniform at all times.
-  Wear full OA sash (over the right shoulder) when representing OA or attending OA functions (unit elections, chapter meetings, lodge events).
-  When attending troop meetings or troop activities and you are not specifically representing OA or performing duties as an Arrowman, it is not appropriate to wear the full OA sash.
-  OA Sash is never to be worn hanging from the scout belt - neither is the merit badge sash. The OA sash and merit badge sash should never be worn at the same time.



Through the 1990's and the new millennium, Tamegonit Lodge went on establishing success in many areas. Both the Tamegonit Lodge Ceremony Team and Dance Team have been recognized nationally many times, being praised for their excellent Native American attire at almost every National Order of the Arrow Conference since 1992. Furthermore, several members of the lodge were recognized with the Distinguished Service Award, the national award to individual Arrowman based on their service to Scouting and the Order. The most recent recipients of the Distinguished Service Award are Cortland Bolles, who was honored at the National Order of the Arrow Conference in 2004 and his father Forrest Bolles, who was honored at the National Order of the Arrow Conference in 2009. Tamegonit Lodge has also been honored by being given the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award. In these past years, Tamegonit Lodge has also shown positive growth achieving over 4000 members, and receiving the Quality Lodge award 16 of the past 18 years.

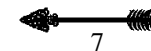
As we look to the future of the Order, Tamegonit Lodge looks to have a bright one, coming into the 100th anniversary of the Order and the 75th anniversary of the lodge.



Distinguished Service Award



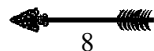
Distinguished Service Award Knot





TAMEGONIT LODGE CHIEFS AND THEIR ADVISERS

YEAR	CHIEF	STAFF ADVISER	LODGE ADVISER
1939	Elmer Horseman	Abe W Sears	Abe W Sears
1940	Elmer Horseman	William R Cumerford	Abe W Sears
1941	Elmer Horseman	R R Miller	Abe W Sears
1942	Gilbert Culter	R R Miller	Abe W Sears
1943	Gilbert Culter	M L Johnson	Abe W Sears
1944	John J Irvin Jr	George R Gragg	Abe W Sears
1945	Robert Tompkins	George R Gragg	Abe W Sears
1946	Robert Tompkins	Don C Baldwin	Abe W Sears
1947	Robert Tompkins	Don C Baldwin	Abe W Sears
1948	Roger Crawford	F L Carlton	Abe W Sears
1949	Robert Bishop	Earl Cristman	Abe W Sears
1950	Robert Bishop	Earl Cristman	Abe W Sears
1951	Lawrence Klemphauer	Earl Cristman	Abe W Sears
1952	Lawrence Klemphauer	Lee Baker	Abe W Sears
1953	Fred Home	Dick Harrington	Abe W Sears
1954	Richard Brownrigg	Dick Harrington	Abe W Sears
1955	Jere Hodshire	Dick Harrington	Abe W Sears
1956	Chipper Rutledge	Dick Harrington	Paul Phelps
1957	Larry Ostertag	Jim Miller	Paul Phelps
1958	Compton Reeves	Luster G Main	George Feil
1959	Compton Reeves	Luster G Main	George Feil
1960	James Anderson	Jim Miller	George Feil
1961	Kenny Meals	Marty Mills	George Feil
1962	William Bemmels	Marty Mills	George Feil
1963	Larry Alley	Hobe May	George Feil
1964	Larry Alley	Ron Brundage	Ron Bonjour
1965	Joe Mathewson	Jim Miller	Ron Bonjour
1966	Greg Earhart	J R Thompson	Ron Bonjour
1967	Douglas Johnson	Jerry Allinger	Ron Bonjour
1968	Joe Miller	Jerry Allinger	Allen Boyd
1969	Warren McNaughton	Loren Swenson	Allen Boyd
1970	Michael Bautista	Marty Mills	Allen Boyd
1971	Al Stulick Jr	William C Landrum	Allen Boyd
1972	John H Works Jr	William S Todd	Allen Boyd
1973	Douglas Byerley	William S Todd	Ken Enebach
1974	Alan Atkison	William S Todd	Robert Brevig
1975	Bob Davis Jr	William Lewis	Robert Brevig



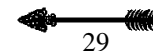
- E) Upon paying dues, each Arrowman shall receive a Lodge membership card by mail (or distributed through district roundtables) to carry throughout the year.
- F) Dues are valid through December 31 of the given year.
- G) Active members rights:
 1. Attend functions of Tamegonit Lodge on the Lodge and Chapter level. Each Arrowman may be requested to show their membership card to prove active membership.
 2. Receive awards and honors established by the Lodge.
 3. Receive Tamegonit Torchbearer and other Lodge and Chapter publications.
 4. Hold a Lodge or Chapter office or serve on a Lodge or Chapter Committee (including Ceremonial and Dance Teams)
 5. Purchase OA merchandise and paraphernalia.
- H) Inactive Members:
 1. Will be notified of their inactive status and will be asked to change their status.
 2. Will be denied all rights of active membership until action has been taken to change inactive status.

VI. FEES

- A) Ordeal candidates will be required to pay an induction fee established by the Staff Adviser.
- B) At the time of induction, each new Ordeal member shall receive:
 1. Membership card by mail (or distribution through roundtables)
 2. Order of the Arrow Ordeal sash
 3. Coup Thong arrowhead and leather thong
 4. Order of the Arrow handbook
 5. Tamegonit Lodge pocket flap
 6. Dues paid through December 31 of the next year
 7. Tamegonit Lodge handbook
 8. Additional items at the discretion of the Lodge Executive Committee
 9. Ordeal members becoming Brotherhood during the year shall pay the cost of the Brotherhood sash.
 10. Brotherhood members who become Vigil Honor members during the year shall not pay an additional fee.

VII. BROTHERHOOD MEMBERSHIP

Completion of Brotherhood membership shall be in accordance with the requirements in the current printing of the National OA Handbook.





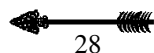
7. If approved, the lodge or chapter officer shall serve his position until the next annual lodge or chapter elections.
- L) In the case of a resignation of any Lodge or Chapter Officer, the LEC shall have the power to elect a successor to the office, within the following guidelines:
1. The successor shall serve until the following lodge or chapter meeting, where the appointment shall be approved or disapproved by the vote of the members of the lodge or chapter.
 2. If disapproved, the Lodge or Chapter shall elect a new officer.
 3. If approved, the lodge or chapter officer shall serve in his position until the next annual lodge or chapter elections.

IV. LODGE MEETINGS

- A) The Lodge shall schedule the following events. Winter Banquet, Induction Weekends, weekly meetings at Camp Naish during the summer camp season for all campers and staff, and Fall Fellowship. Other events may be scheduled by a vote of the Lodge Executive Committee.
- C) The Lodge Executive Committee shall meet at least four times a year, in addition to scheduled lodge meetings. At least 50% of the voting members must be present to conduct business.
- D) Special meetings of the Lodge Executive Committee may be called by the Lodge Chief or Vice-Chiefs with the approval of the Lodge Adviser, by the Scout Executive, or his designee.
- E) Special meetings of the Lodge may be called by the Lodge Chief with the approval of the Lodge Adviser, the Scout Executive, or his designee.
- F) Each meeting of the Lodge shall be opened with the recitation of the Obligation of the Order of the Arrow.
- G) Members of the Lodge twenty-one (21) years of age or over do not have a vote in matters of Lodge business.

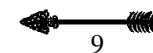
V. LODGE DUES

- A) Dues will be collected annually from each member of Tamegonit Lodge to be considered an active member.
- B) Dues for all Lodge members shall be \$10.00 per year.
- C) Dues will be collected by the Lodge Secretary, Lodge Treasurer, or designated Lodge Official.
- D) Upon paying dues, each Arrowman shall fill out a dues renewal information card to be sent to the council office to update the Lodge roster.



TAMEGONIT LODGE CHIEFS AND THEIR ADVISERS

YEAR	CHIEF	STAFF ADVISER	LODGE ADVISER
1976	Tim Mise	William Lewis	Robert Brevig
1977	Stephen Phillips	William L McLaughlin	Robert Brevig
1978	Joe Spohn	William L McLaughlin	Robert Brevig
1979	Rick Ledgerwood	William L McLaughlin	Robert Brevig
1980	Ed Hubert	Steve Leland	Jim Morey
1981	Ed Hubert	Steve Leland	Jim Morey
1982	Kent Erickson	Steve Leland	Jim Morey
1983	Chris Hernandez	Ray Dawson	Kirk Doan
1984	Chris Hernandez	Ray Dawson	Kirk Doan
1985	Stu Sanks	Ray Dawson	Kirk Doan
1986	Richard Minear	Ray Dawson	Kirk Doan
1987	Jim Carter	Ray Dawson	Kirk Doan
1988	Jim Carter	Ray Dawson	Kirk Doan
1989	J Allan Bush	Joe Farrell	Kirk Doan
1990	Tom Sullivan Jr	Joe Farrell	Kirk Doan
1991	Mike Schnieders	Joe Farrell	Kirk Doan
1991	Aaron J Frank	Joe Farrell	Kirk Doan
1992	Aaron J Frank	Joe Farrell	Steve Campbell
1993	Thomas R Baker	Steve Roberts	Steve Campbell
1994	Thomas R Baker	Steve Roberts	Steve Campbell
1995	David J Evans	Greg Simms	Howard Johnson
1996	Kevin McGill	Greg Simms	Howard Johnson
1997	Johnathan Lange	Britt Davis	Howard Johnson
1998	Noel Gardner	Britt Davis	James McDuff
1999	Robert Gilkerson	Bryan Bolding	James McDuff
2000	Seth Bundy	Bryan Bolding	Jim Hayes
2001	Seth Bundy	Bryan Bolding	Jim Hayes
2002	Victor Tuttle	Bryan Bolding	Jody Tucker
2003	J D Jones	Jonathan Bonness	Jody Tucker
2004	J D Jones	Jonathan Bonness	David Chinnery
2005	J D Jones	Jonathan Bonness	David Chinnery
2006	Philip Raine	Jonathan Bonness	John Jones
2007	Patrick McGurk	Jonathan Bonness	John Jones
2008	Howard Rollins, II	Jonathan Bonness	John Schatzel
2009	Andrew Knott	Warren Wenner	John Schatzel
2010	Joe Getto	Warren Wenner	John Schatzel
2011	Colby Soden	Cortland Bolles	Kelsie Clark





THE GREAT HOUSE OF TAMEGONIT LODGE

It had been the dream of Arrowmen in Tamegonit Lodge for a great many years to construct a building on the Camp Naish property that would serve as the central point of OA activities, both at Lodge events and throughout the summer camp season.

In 1989, at the Winter Banquet, plans were presented to the membership of Tamegonit Lodge for just such a building. Preparations had been made over several years, and the architectural plans were in place at that time. The excitement at the possibility of having a building was tremendous during the 50th Anniversary year. Ground-breaking festivities were held at Fall Fellowship in 1989. However, much procurement of necessary materials and skilled manpower was still needed. Through the efforts of the lodge, and our very committed Arrowmen, that need was met.

The name "Great House" was chosen, because the Delaware Indians referred to their meeting houses with this term. The construction of the Tamegonit Lodge Great House replicates actual Delaware Great Houses in its size and roof pitch. The Great House is truly something to see. The interior features many beautiful paintings, Indian relics, and a complete lodge patch and pin collection. The Great House also houses an office that serves as an area for the Lodge Ceremonial and Dance Teams to prepare for their performances as well as a convenient location for storage of their materials. Many meetings of the lodge are held in the Great House.

During both summer camp and Lodge events, the Great House is the center of OA activities as many Arrowmen can be found there carrying out the work of the Lodge or just enjoying the fellowship, which the OA provides on the cedar deck of the Great House.



- representative, Chapter Chiefs, Chapter Advisers, Committee Advisers, and the Scout Executive, or his designee.
- E) The Lodge and Chapter Advisers shall be appointed by the Scout Executive, or his designee, in consultation with the Council Camping Committee.
 - F) The Lodge Chief shall appoint such operating Committee Chairmen as may be required with the approval of the Lodge Adviser. All chairmen shall be under twenty-one (21) years of age.
 - G) The Chapter Chiefs shall appoint such operating Committee Chairmen as may be required with the approval of the Chapter Adviser.
 - H) All Chairmen shall be under twenty-one (21) years of age.
 - I) Chapter officers shall be elected each fall, after the Lodge elections. The standard open-floor nominating procedures shall be used. The term of all Chapter Officers shall be from January 1 of the year following their election until December 31 of the same year.
 - J) The Lodge Officers shall be elected using procedures established by the Lodge Executive Committee within the following guidelines:
 1. Written ballots shall be used for the election.
 2. Votes shall be counted by the current Lodge Chief, Lodge Secretary, and the Lodge Adviser or their designates.
 3. Lodge officer candidates are allowed to hang any signs, posters, banners, etc... with discretion of size and content given to the current Lodge Chief.
 - K) Elected Lodge and Chapter officers of Tamegonit Lodge may be impeached by the Lodge Executive Committee, within the following guidelines:
 1. A 3/4 vote of the LEC members present, and consent of the Lodge Advisers, shall be required for impeachment.
 2. The Officer being impeached will be notified by the LEC in writing.
 3. The Lodge Executive Committee may appoint a successor.
 4. The successor must be an active, dues paying member of Tamegonit Lodge.
 5. The successor shall serve until the following Lodge or Chapter meeting, where the appointment shall be approved or disapproved with a vote by the lodge or chapter.
 6. If disapproved, the lodge or chapter shall elect a new officer.



LODGE BY-LAWS

I. NAME AND AFFILIATION

- A) The name of the Lodge of the Order of the Arrow shall be Tamegonit Lodge, WWW.
- B) The Lodge shall be affiliated with the Heart of America Council, B.S.A., and shall be under the supervision of the Council Camping Committee and the administrative authority of the Council Scout Executive.
- C) The totem and call of the Lodge shall be that of the wild turkey.
- D) The Lodge shall be divided into chapters. Each chapter shall come under the supervision of that District's Camping Committee and its District Director or Executive.
- D) All members of the Lodge shall wear the Coup Thong to be made in accordance with the instructions established by the Lodge Executive Committee.

II. ELECTION OF MEMBERSHIP

- A) The requirements for membership in the Tamegonit Lodge are as required in the current printing of the National Order of the Arrow handbook.
- B) The procedure for election shall be as stated in the National OA Handbook.
- C) All election results must be cleared through the Lodge Membership Committee.
- D) Procedures for the Ordeal shall be as stated in the National OA Handbook.

III. OFFICERS

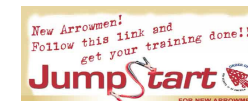
- A) The officers of the Lodge shall be as follows: Lodge Chief, four Lodge Vice-Chiefs, Lodge Secretary, and Lodge Treasurer. These elected officers must be under twenty-one (21) years of age during the entire term of office.
- B) The officers of the Chapters shall be as follows: Chapter Chief, Chapter Vice-Chief(s), and Chapter Secretary (Treasurer). These elected officers must be under the age of twenty-one (21) during the entire term of office.
- C) Lodge officers will be elected at the Fall Fellowship. The term of all officers shall begin at Winter Banquet and end immediately following the next year's Winter Banquet.
- D) The Lodge Executive Committee shall be composed of the elected Lodge Officers, immediate Past Lodge Chief, Lodge Adviser, Council Camping Committee Chairman or



TAMEGONIT LODGE CUSTOMS & TRADITIONS

These customs of Tamegonit Lodge serve two purposes. First they illustrate to all Scouts that Arrowmen are set apart from their fellow Scouts for something higher. Second, they remind Arrowmen of the commitments they have made, and of the high ideals of the Order. These customs should be observed by all Tamegonit members at **all** Heart of America Council Camps, and at all Order of the Arrow and Scouting functions.

1. Within 24 hours of returning to Camp Naish visit Whippoorwill Council Ring. While there, rededicate yourself to the obligations you have as an Arrowman and as a Scout.
2. Whenever entering or leaving Whippoorwill Council Ring, or any council campfire circle, an Arrowman faces the fire and gives the hailing sign.
3. The position of prayer is a position assumed by Arrowmen at time of formal prayer. The Arrowmen stand at attention, with their arms raised and crossed at the level of the forehead. The position of prayer is assumed at three times:
 - A. Upon the first note of Taps at Scout camp, an Arrowman faces North and assumes the position of prayer until the last note.
 - B. When saying grace over a meal at Scout camp, or at an Order of the Arrow or Scouting function, an Arrowman assumes the position of prayer.
 - C. At OA ceremonies, while Meteu is giving a prayer, an Arrowman assumes the position of prayer.
4. Arrowmen line the trail leaving the council ring at the end of visitor's night campfire at Camp Naish.
5. The Order of the Arrow sash is worn to all campfires, to all OA ceremonies, and OA activities, and when serving as an Arrowman. It may also be worn at troop courts of honor and troop campfires, according to troop custom. It should **not** be worn over the belt at any time.
6. The Lodge Coup Thong is worn at all times while at camp, and at all Scout meetings and functions, whether the Arrowman is in uniform or not.
7. New Ordeal members are permitted to eat first at the cracker barrel following their ceremony of induction.





ORDEAL MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations, you have made it! You have attained membership in the national honor camping society, the Order of the Arrow. The local branch of the organization is named Tamegonit Lodge. Tamegonit Lodge is based at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation in the Heart of America Council.

To become a member of the Order of the Arrow, you must meet several requirements. They were: be approved by the your Scoutmaster; camp 15 days and nights, at least 6 of those days of long term or summer camp; be elected by the youth members of your unit; and finally, pass the Ordeal.

The Ordeal is a series of tests, that you passed in order to prove your dedication to the principles of the Order ... If you would like specific information on the tests, turn to the following page, entitled "The Induction Sequence".

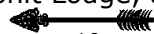
In the Order of the Arrow there are three degrees of membership. We do not have ranks or elevations. All Arrowmen are equal, as we are brothers. The first stage in the Order of the Arrow is Ordeal membership. This is the "joining stage", and should be only temporary. The second degree of membership is Brotherhood, "where an Arrowmen completes his induction, and seals his membership in the Order". Brotherhood is as far as most Arrowmen will advance. The third and final stage is the Vigil Honor. The Vigil Honor is only for those Arrowmen whose dedication to the Order goes far beyond his brothers. Only about 5% of our Lodge membership is Vigil Honor members. If you're interested in learning more about the Brotherhood and Vigil Honor, read on within the following pages of this handbook.

As an Ordeal member, you should be most interested in becoming a Brotherhood member, and completing your membership. The requirements are listed on the next few pages.

In addition to earning your Brotherhood, you should also get involved in the Lodge, possibly by joining an operating committee or helping your chapter. You can do this by contacting any lodge or chapter officer whose name and phone number appear frequently in the *Tamegonit Torchbearer*, our lodge newsletter.

Yes! It's that easy! If you like, you may also turn to the center of this handbook for many other "Opportunities to Get Involved".

The Lodge has many things for you as an Arrowman to participate in; the only trick is for you to discover where you want to get involved. And if you become active, someday you may even become an officer of Tamegonit Lodge, a privilege few obtain.



THE LODGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Lodge Executive Committee is the leadership body for the lodge. This committee meets regularly to discuss and vote on concerns and actions of Tamegonit Lodge. It consists of the following members:

VOTING MEMBERS

Lodge Chief
(votes only in case of a tie)

Lodge Vice-Chiefs

Lodge Secretary

Lodge Treasurer

Chapter Chiefs

Lodge Committee Chairmen

Immediate Past Lodge Chief
(if under 21 years of age)

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Lodge Adviser

Lodge Staff Adviser

Lodge Committee Advisers

Council Scout Executive
(if he desires to attend; the Staff Adviser is his representative to the committee)

Chapter Advisers

One (1) Other Member of the Council Camping Committee or Scout Department

Any lodge member is welcome to attend executive committee meetings as an observer. However, he or she may not vote nor bring business before the meeting. Only members of the lodge executive committee may bring business before the group except when the lodge chief asks for a special report or presentation from someone other than those listed above.

Only those Arrowmen under the age of twenty-one (21) years of age are entitled to vote. The lodge adviser, staff adviser, and Council Scout Executive are the only members of the lodge executive committee with veto power. Additionally a quorum or fifty (50) percent of the lodge executive committee must be present to conduct lodge business.





LODGE INDUCTION SCHEDULES

At Induction Weekends

- Friday evening: Call-Out and Pre-Ordeal Ceremonies
- Saturday: Work Day, Brotherhood hike and ceremony, Ordeal ceremonies, cracker barrel, coup presentations, and other activities
- Sunday: Religious services, Arrowman 101, Arrowman 202

At Summer Camp (Naish)

- Monday: Call-Out and Pre-Ordeal ceremony
- Tuesday: Work Day, Brotherhood hike and ceremony, Ordeal ceremony, coup presentations

At Fall Fellowship

Fellowship, Lodge and Chapter Elections, Competitions, Games, Classes, Fun



THE INDUCTION SEQUENCE

The Induction Sequence is designed to inspire the candidate to a life of cheerful service. It is a connected series of events, which flow into one another. An Arrowman does not fully complete their induction into the Order until they complete the final step of the sequence, obtaining Brotherhood membership.

Election: The Scout's first official contact with the Order of the Arrow lodge is when he is selected by his fellow Scouts as a candidate for induction in the Order of the Arrow.

Call-Out: A call-out is a public recognition designed to honor the Scout's election to the Order or the Arrow. It includes a brief history of the OA and the lodge, and information on where and when the candidate may take the Ordeal.

Pre-Ordeal Ceremony: This ceremony introduces the candidate to the principles of the Order of the Arrow and prepares the candidates for what is to come.

The Ordeal: The candidate receives a personal experience in living out the principles of the Order as they see examples of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.

Ordeal Ceremony: The candidate receives an explanation of the Ordeal as a whole, and he accepts an Obligation to cheerfully serve others.

New-Member Orientation: A time of fellowship following the Ordeal ceremony, but before the candidates return home. The orientation explains local and national traditions and the Obligation, and emphasizes the importance of Brotherhood membership. It is designed to give the new members a clear, but brief, understanding of the Ordeal and their commitment. Its purpose is to encourage the new members to participate in their lodge, chapter, and unit's program. JumpStart for New Arrowmen is introduced.

Journey to Brotherhood: During this 10-months of service to their troop, the new Arrowmen spend time learning the customs and traditions of the Order and experiencing the challenges of the Ordeal in new ways as they expand their leadership, and serve as an example of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.

Brotherhood Ceremony: The Ordeal member reaffirms his Obligation and makes a new commitment to himself, his troop, his chapter, and his lodge.

Most of you reading this handbook have passed through all of these steps, or are in the last two. We strongly encourage you, as Allowat Sakima did, to fulfill your obligation, and to return to Camp Naish to become full brothers in the Order of the Arrow.



BROTHERHOOD MEMBERSHIP

Ever since the inception of the Order of the Arrow in 1915, it was intended that all members should be equal in rank. Brotherhood membership does not provide a special degree of rank, status, or special honor like that of the Vigil Honor.

Instead, the Brotherhood is an opportunity for members to evaluate their past service to Scouting and to their lodge, and to reaffirm their belief in the high purposes of the Order. The ceremony is intended as a source of inspiration that motivates brothers to give even greater service to Scouting.

An Ordeal member may become a Brotherhood member when he has completed the five Challenges of Brotherhood Membership listed in this handbook.

1. Memorize the signs of OA membership

A. Obligation:

I do hereby promise on my honor as a Scout, that I will always and faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow, Wimachatendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui. I will always regard the ties of the Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow as lasting, and will seek to preserve a cheerful spirit even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities, and will endeavor, so far as in my power lies, to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.

B. OA Song:

Firm bound in brotherhood, gather the clan that cheerful service brings to fellow man. Circle our council fire, weld tightly every link that binds us in brotherhood, Wimachtendienk.

C. Admonition: *Never said above a whisper. If you need your memory refreshed, check with the Ceremonial Team (C-Team).*

D. Sign of Drawing of an arrow from a quiver.

E. OA Handclasp: *Ordeal membership handclasp: Done with left hand, lower two fingers interlocked.*

2. Advance in your understanding of the Ordeal.

A. The four principles of the Ordeal ceremony are:

Kitchkinet, the guide, representing helpfulness and friendliness; Nutiket, the guard, representing cheerfulness; Meteu, the medicine man, representing



CHAPTER INFORMATION

Within Tamegonit Lodge, thirteen chapters exist, each representing a specific district in the Heart of America Council. Each chapter is lead by a group of officers and an adviser, who are responsible for that chapter's programs, elections, and activities.

Chapters regularly host or staff district camporees, Webelos Woods, Day Camps and lodge events. Each chapter offers exciting programs intended to increase service to Scouting, have fun and fellowship, or generally share the Scouting spirit.

You should consider helping out your chapter by serving on a committee or even running for a chapter office. Elections are held at Fall Fellowship.

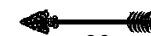
You can obtain your chapter chief's phone number from the Heart of America Council Office at (816) 942-9333 or (800) 776-1110.

OA TROOP REPRESENTATIVE (OATR)

In 1991, the National Order of the Arrow Committee felt a great need to improve communication and participation between the lodge and individual Boy Scout Troops. The result was to create the Order of the Arrow Troop Representative (OATR) program.

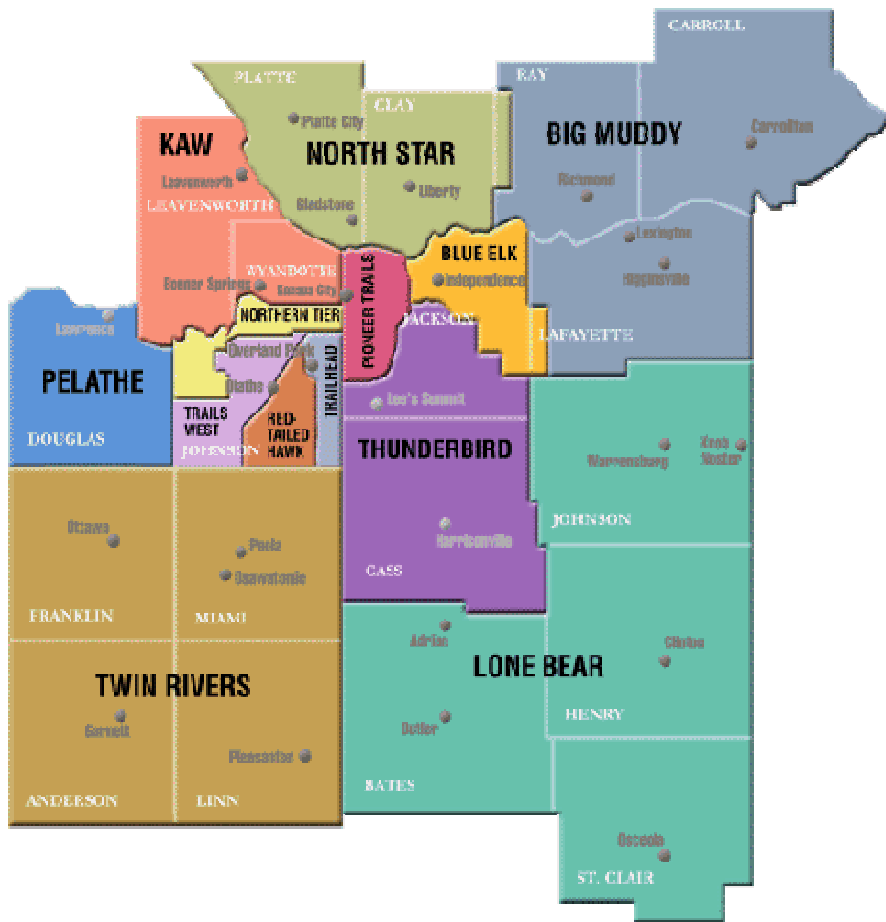
OA Troop Representatives serve a very important function within the lodge. They are the Arrowmen, preferably youth but also adults, who update their fellow troop members each month. They are responsible for rounding up money when it comes time to pay dues or attend a lodge function. Remember, you should pay all your activity fees as a troop.

So if your troop doesn't have an OA Troop Representative, get one quick. For more information you can contact any lodge officer or the Heart of America Council Office at (816) 942-9333 or (800) 776-1110.



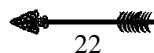


TAMEGONIT LODGE CHAPTERS



Chapters are aligned along District Boundaries

Name	District	Name	District
None Chosen	Big Muddy	Kishkakon	Pioneer Trails
Schiwapew Mos	Blue Elk	Gishig Wuski Punk	Red-Tailed Hawk
Newo Pemsit	Kaw	None Chosen	Thunderbird
Nechoha Machque	Lone Bear	Nutschi-Amie	Trailhead
Bo Qui	North Star	Missochwen Sisiljicougi	Trails West
Manunxin Tskennak	Northern Tier	Wulelensin	Twin Rivers
Linchen	Pelathe		



brotherhood and our need to love one another; and *Allawat Sakima, the mighty chief*, representing service, and the one from whom you accepted the obligation.

B. The four tests of the Ordeal and their meanings are:

- The night alone** - to teach you self-reliance and to show that you are set apart from your fellow Scouts for something higher.
- Twenty-four hours of silence** - to turn your thoughts inward to the things of the spirit.
- Scant food** - to teach you the virtues of self-denial.
- A day of arduous toil** - to indicate your willingness to serve others all through your life.

C. The arrow, as used in the Ordeal ceremony, is a symbol of leadership. Arrowmen wear an arrow pointed high over their right shoulder as an outward symbol that they possess the qualities of leadership that the arrow represents.

D. The true name of the Order of the Arrow is "Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui", which means "The Brotherhood of Cheerful Service".

3. Serve your unit.

Retain your registration in Scouting. During a period of at least ten months, strive to fulfill your obligation by continuing and expanding your service to your own troop or crew.

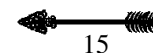
4. Plan for service in your lodge.

Retain your registration in Tamegonit Lodge and keep your dues paid. Be aware that acceptance of Brotherhood membership involves a pledge of service to the lodge. Develop a concrete idea of how you plan to fulfill this pledge.

5. Review your progress.

When you feel that you have met the four challenges above, write a letter to the lodge secretary:

- Explaining what you think the obligation means.
- Describing how you have been fulfilling this obligation in your unit and in your daily life.
- Describing your specific plans for continuing this service in the future.





D. Telling what the Order of the Arrow means to you, and why you are seeking Brotherhood membership.

When the five challenges have been completed, the Ordeal member should present himself at the appropriate time as a candidate for Brotherhood membership. This may be done at the three Tamegonit Lodge Induction weekends or at any summer camp session at Camp Naish.

All Brotherhood candidates are asked to help with the Ordeal's workday as Elangomats, crew leaders, or on-work crews.

The Brotherhood candidate should arrive at the Brotherhood hike in Class "A" Scout uniform or appropriate Indian regalia. At this time, he should bring his letter to the lodge secretary, described in Challenge 5. The hike is a review of the Arrowman's progress, and a time to ask questions about the Brotherhood ceremony.

Following the hike, the Brotherhood ceremony will take place. All Ordeal members who have successfully fulfilled the five challenges will be inducted as Brotherhood members of the Order of the Arrow.



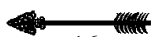
Ordeal



Brotherhood



Vigil Honor



SPECIAL DISTINCTIONS

Vigil Honor members who are members of the White Buffalo Society shall be eligible to wear a white horned bonnet with small blank horns and white fluffs, white horsehair and white quill base felt with red ties (see Special Headgear section for full description). Brotherhood members who are members of the Brown Hawk Society shall be eligible to wear two (2) brown feathers on their headband.

The officers of the lodge shall wear headgear similar to their counterparts in the ceremonies.

Present Lodge Chief: *War Bonnet with single trail.*

Past Lodge Chief: *War Bonnet*

Present Section Officers: *War Bonnet*

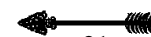
Present Lodge Vice-Chiefs: *War Bonnet*

Present Lodge Secretary: *Hair roach with two feathers*

Present Lodge Treasurer: *Hair Roach with one feather*

Present Chapter Chiefs and Committee Chairs: *Hair Roach*

Note: Advisers may not wear bonnets, unless otherwise allowed by additional position status! These guidelines have been updated to correct mistakes in recent Lodge Handbooks which were not part of the current guidelines. These guidelines are subject to change by the Lodge Executive Committee.





LODGE INDIAN REGALIA GUIDELINES

Every Arrowman is entitled to wear an Indian outfit to ceremonies. Wearing an Indian outfit (always with your OA sash and coup thong) adds to the Native American effect.

ORDEAL MEMBERS:

Headband with one (1) feather
Apron or breechcloth
Belt
Armbands

Choker
Moccasins
Ribbon shirt (adults only)
Leggings (adults only)

BROTHERHOOD MEMBERS:

Headband with two (2) feathers
Apron or Breechcloth
Belt
Armbands

Moccasins
Vest or Ribbon Shirt
Leggings
Breastplate
Choker
Pouch

VIGIL HONOR MEMBERS:

Headband with three (3) feathers
or otter hat with three (3) feathers
or special headgear*
Ribbon Shirt/or vest
Leggings
Breastplate
Bandoleer
Arm Bands
Moccasins

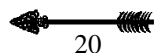
Belt
Choker
Apron
Fan
Cuffs



FEMALE MEMBERS:

Dresses/Shawls are appropriate for women

****All special headgear must be approved by the Lodge Executive Committee.***



VIGIL HONOR MEMBERSHIP

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of *exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest*, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position or office to one or more of the following: their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their Scout camp.

The Vigil Honor is the *highest* honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to a lodge, council, or Scouting.

Many in Tamegonit Lodge have received the Vigil Honor, and someday you may hear your name called as well. You must be a Brotherhood member for at least 2 years before you are eligible to receive the Vigil. The *Vigil call* can be heard annually during ceremonies at Fall Fellowship. The Lodge cannot submit more than 1 petition for the Vigil Honor for every 50 registered Arrowmen, and at all times, the petitions for youth (not yet 21) must equal or exceed the number of petitions for adults.

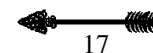
Did you know.....

That since 1955, Tamegonit Lodge has bestowed over 800 Vigil Honors?

Naturally, many Arrowmen desire the Vigil, but few are granted. At no time is *tenure* a stand alone consideration for Vigil Honor. Here are a few thoughts for you to keep in mind while you conduct yourself in the Lodge (*new Arrowmen as well as seasoned Brotherhood members should take note*). It is not despicable to desire the Vigil, however, the Vigil Honor cannot be achieved by conscious endeavor. It is awarded as a recognition of unselfish leadership in service.

Seek to serve the Order of the Arrow and the Lodge and in so doing, serve the Boy Scouts of America. A thoughtful compilation of various "*Opportunities to Get Involved*" can be found looming within the pages of this book. Certainly, this list is not complete. If it were, we would be a very static organization rather than the dynamic one we are. Whenever you see a need, step forth and accept the challenge.

The true meaning of the Vigil can be reduced to "*Unselfish*" and "*Service*". The Vigil Honor recognizes those Arrowmen who exemplify to the truest degree those two words. It does not recognize those who perform a great deal of service, but are always concerned with *who's seen them doing the work, is there a patch for it, and is there a bead for it?* It requires, "Unselfish service".












OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

He alone is worthy to wear the Arrow who will continue faithfully to serve his fellow man.








The Order of the Arrow is only as strong as each individual Arrowmen chooses to make it in their lives. Becoming a member of this great and honored Order is synonymous with the development of many new and exciting opportunities for you. Youth and adults alike are always in need. **GET INVOLVED!** Identify the need... feel that need. Meet the Challenge of the Order, remembering always that the ones who chose you, need you, and that you were so chosen not on the merits of what you have accomplished, but rather for what is expected of you in the future as an Arrowmen.

UNIT

-  Go camping with your Troop every month.
-  Share camping and outdoor skills with Troop members.
-  Attend Summer Camp with your unit or be on Camp Staff.
-  Suggest new outdoor programs.
-  Act as OA Troop Representative.
-  Take on leadership roles in the unit.
-  Be a living example of the Scout Oath and Law.

CHAPTER

Get involved with:






-  Unit Elections
-  Camp Promotions
-  Service Projects
-  Volunteer and take on leadership roles such as a Chapter Officer or Committee Member.
-  Attend and participate in Chapter meetings, events and programs.
-  Suggest new ways your Chapter can help units or assist the District.
-  Help staff and plan Chapter/District events, such as Day Camp and Camporees.



LODGE

-  Attend all Lodge events and help where needed.
-  Serve as an Elangomat, Runner, Nimat, or Drummer.
-  Join the Dance Team and/or Ceremonial Team.
-  Attend monthly LEC Meetings.
-  Earn as many Coup Thong awards as possible.
-  Take part in Lodge Leadership Training Seminar.
-  Eventually take on lodge leadership roles, such as Lodge Officers or Committee Positions.

SECTION, REGION & NATIONAL

-  Attend the annual C5B Section Conclave.
-  Volunteer to work with Section Planning Committee.
-  Attend a Section meeting.
-  Take part in the National Leadership Training Seminar.
-  Participate in the National Order of the Arrow Conference or other National event as scheduled.

