

# The Torchbearer

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF  
TAMEGONIT LODGE

## Letter from your newly elected Lodge Chief— Michael Thompson

Hello! For those of you who don't already know me, I'm Michael Thompson, and I will be serving as your 2014 Lodge Chief. I am honored to have been elected to this position, and I look forward to serving amongst all of you this year. 2014 is a big year for Tamegonit Lodge, and a lot of things will be happening at Camp Naish. First off, we will be hosting this year's Section Conclave. This is very exciting, because it allows Tamegonit to show the other lodges in our section how we run, and show our lodge off a bit. I encourage everyone who is able, to attend. Normally Section Conclave is held at another camp that is usually pretty far away, so it's nice that

this year it will be so accessible to our lodge. Second, and probably most exciting, is the 75th Anniversary of Tamegonit this year. Way back in 1939 our lodge was founded, and now 75 years later we're the largest lodge in the nation, and it's a time to celebrate! We will be holding a large celebration in the Fall, and it looks like it will be amazing. The LEC has already started planning, and there are some good ideas in the works.

I'm very much looking forward to this year, and I hope everyone else is too! This year is going to be big, and I will be working as hard as I can to make sure this will be a year to remember.



## NOAC 2015

Although we are still just over a year away from the next NOAC, it's never too early to get excited! NOAC 2015 will be held at Michigan State University, just like in 2012. 2015 will be a special year though, because we will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of The Order of the Arrow! In celebration of this, every person who attends NOAC will receive a limited edition red sash with white stitching. These will only be available to attendees, so start making plans to attend now. NOAC 2015 will take place August 3-8, and we will make sure to keep you updated on information released in the coming months, including when you can start registering.

## Upcoming Dates through December 2014

August 15 – Lodge Executive Committee Meeting  
August 16-18 – Fall Induction Weekend  
September 19 – Lodge Executive Committee Meeting  
September 20-22 – Fall Fellowship  
October 5 – Vigil Banquet  
October 12 – Lodge Leadership Development  
October 17 – Lodge Executive Committee Meeting  
November 8-10 – NLS & NLATS  
November 21 – Lodge Executive Committee Meeting  
December 19 – Lodge Executive Committee Meeting  
January 4, 2014 – Winter Banquet  
January 16, 2014 – Lodge Executive Committee Meeting  
February 15-16, 2014 – OA Trading Post Service Project  
February 20, 2014 – Lodge Executive Committee Meeting  
March 20, 2014 – Lodge Executive Committee Meeting  
April 5-6, 2014 – OA Induction Planning & Training  
April 11-13, 2014 – OA Section C5B Conclave  
April 17, 2014 – Lodge Executive Committee Meeting  
April 25-27, 2014 – Spring Induction Weekend #1  
May 9-11, 2014 – Spring Induction Weekend #2  
May 15, 2014 – Lodge Executive Committee Meeting  
May 16-18, 2014 – Scouting 500  
June 4-5, 2014 – Summer Induction #1  
June 11-12, 2014 – Summer Induction #2  
July 2014 – Bartle Brotherhood Conversion Ceremony  
(Bartle Staff Members Only)  
July 2014 – Rotary Camp Inductions  
August 9-10, 2014 – OA Trading Post Service Project  
August 14, 2014 – Lodge Executive Committee Meeting  
August 15-17, 2014 – Fall Induction Weekend  
September 18, 2014 – Lodge Executive Committee  
September 19-21, 2014 – Tamegonit Lodge 75th Anniversary  
Celebration  
October 4, 2014 – Vigil Banquet  
October 16, 2014 – Lodge Executive Committee Meeting  
October 18, 2014 – Lodge Leadership Development  
November 7-9, 2014 – NLS & NLATS  
November 15-16, 2014 – OA Trading Post Service Project  
November 20, 2014 – Lodge Executive Committee  
December 18, 2014 – Lodge Executive Committee

## OA Lodge Service Project: November 16-17, 2013

Are you interested in giving service to Tamegonit Lodge? If so, the upcoming OA Lodge Service Project would suit you perfectly. To register, just head over to the lodge website and sign up online. There is no cost to anyone who attends. We will be working with the Trading Post at Camp Naish to better organize and account for inventory. The project will start at 8:30am on November 16th, and participants should expect to stay until 8:30pm, with lunch and dinner provided. Depending on the progress made on Saturday, there may be extra work required starting at 8:30am on Sunday the 17th. See you there!

## 2013 Fall Fellowship

Tamegonit's 2013 Fall Fellowship was held September 20-22, and it was undoubtedly one of the best so far. Many exciting things happened within the Ceremonial Team, including the premiere of a new Brotherhood Ceremony, and a ceremony performed by adult Arrowmen. On top of that, those present elected the Lodge's 2014 Lodge Officers. Congratulations to all our newly elected officers!

**Lodge Chief**– Michael Thompson  
**Vice-Chief of Administration**– Austin Weber  
**Vice Chief of Chapters**– Ian Matches  
**Vice Chief of Inductions**– Andrew Rome  
**Vice Chief of Program**– Clayton Kistner  
**Lodge Secretary**– Evan Johnson  
**Lodge Treasurer**– Bryce MacDonald

## Tamegonit Lodge 2014 OA Winter Banquet & 75th Anniversary Celebration

**Saturday, January 4, 2014**

**Gathering opens at 4:30 p.m.; Dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m.  
Uptown Theater, 3700 Broadway, Kansas City, MO**

**WHO?** All Arrowmen and their families are invited to join us for the Annual Lodge Banquet.

**WHAT?** Come for a telling of the history of the lodge from 1939 to today as well as a kick-off to the 75th Anniversary year in 2014. We will recognize significant accomplishments of the past year. Highlights will also feature the 40 newest Vigil Honor members, presentation of the Founder's Awards, installation of 2014 officers and Chapter and Committee awards from 2013!

To begin our celebration memorably this year, our main course will be Kansas City Strip Steak (vegetarian options will be available upon request)! There will be opportunities for you to bid in our silent auction, visit the OA Trading post, and learn more about the lodge at Chapter Booths and Committee Booths.

**COST?** The Early Bird Fee is \$35 if you register on or before December 23, 2013.

The Banquet Fee is \$40 if you register between December 24-30, 2013.

The Late Fee is \$50 if you register between December 31, 2013 and January 2, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

No reservations, including walk-ins, will be accepted after January 2, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

All Winter Banquet Registrations are non-refundable.

ArrowPass holders are automatically registered for the Winter Banquet; no separate registration is required!

# Congratulations to Tamegonit's newest recipients of the Vigil Honor!

Alertness to the needs of others is the mark of the Vigil Honor. It calls for an individual with an unusual awareness of the possibilities within each situation. The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to lodge, council, and Scouting. Membership cannot be won by a person's conscious endeavors.

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 of office to one or more of the following: Lodge, Order of the Arrow, Scouting community, Scout Camp. Under NO circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow be considered as reason enough for a Vigil Honor recommendation.

A lodge may nominate a maximum of two percent of their registered Arrowmen once a year via petition to the national Order of the Arrow committee. At least 50 percent of all nominated must be under 21 at the time of nomination. In 2013, Tamegonit Lodge was permitted to nominate no more than 91 Vigil Honor candidates.



Earlier this year, 40 individuals were chosen for recognition in 2013 as Vigil Honor members of the Order of the Arrow. They were chosen from a lodge of more than 4,500 people, and represent less than 1% of the lodge. These individuals have earned this recognition through their exemplifying of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service in Tamegonit Lodge and beyond. On October 5, 2013, 37 of these nominees were able to keep their Vigil, and the others will keep their Vigils at later dates. Please join us in congratulating these outstanding individuals!