



The Torchbearer

2016 Volume. Summer Edition.

Letter from the Editor



Hello arrowmen, my name is Dawson G. and I am your 2016 Secretary for Tamegonit Lodge. I am proud to announce that the third volume of Torchbearer for 2016 has been released! Our lodge has come a long way this year, and I'm honored to be the arrowman to share all of this information with my fellow brothers. 2016 has been a huge success for the Tamegonit Lodge, and we are on the right path to finish off the year stronger than ever.

For the final torchbearer of the year, I would like everyone to know that I am open to anyone who would like to contribute to our articles and Social Media postings. There is no deadline for anything, but if you send me your update as soon as it's completed, I will determine the best way to get it shared to the Lodge. Some examples would be fundraisers, service projects and any other council wide events.

Thanks,
Dawson G.

2016 Lodge Leadership

Lodge Chief: Senn B.
Vice Chief of Administration: Phillip V.
Vice Chief of Chapters: Kenny W.
Vice Chief of Inductions: Alexander N.

Vice Chief of Programs: Connor M.
Secretary: Dawson G.
Treasurer: Asa A.
Lodge Adviser: Skip McGurk



Don't Forget to Pay your 2016 OA Dues

For the past four years, Tamegonit Lodge has held the title as the LARGEST lodge in the nation. Help us retain our position as the top lodge by simply renewing your dues!

OA members paying their 2016 dues through their unit should contact their unit's OA Troop Representative or Troop Representative Adviser for information. Members paying their 2016 dues individually can pay online at oadues2016.kintera.org. Don't miss out on another exciting year in the Order of the Arrow! Any questions can be directed at the Lodge Staff Adviser, Scott Weaver.

SCOUTING'S NATIONAL **HONOR** SOCIETY

Letter from the Chief, Senn B.



Fellow Arrowmen,

I'd first like to congratulate all 40 individuals who have been selected for the Vigil Honor, the highest honor that the Order can bestow upon its members for service. These individuals are the best Scouting has to offer, as well as those who offer the most to Scouting.

On the weekend of September 16th-18th, the Lodge hosted its annual Fall Fellowship at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. At the Fellowship, the Lodge held its annual elections, and 7 new officers were elected to lead this Lodge for the year 2017. This coming year, they're looking for your help.

As has been recent tradition at this event, the Lodge held an informal ceremony, this year about Arrowmon Go, a parody of Pokemon Go. However, in addition to a catchy version of the Pokemon theme song, there was also a call to service: a call to join the leadership of the OA. As this year starts wrapping up, the 2016 and 2017 Lodge Leadership begins looking at next year, and what we need to do. If you are interested in getting involved in any way, I've provided the emails of our 2017 Lodge Officers below. Please do not hesitate in contacting any of us; we would love to have you on board for next year!

Lodge Chief Phillip V. – chief@tamegonit.org
Vice Chief (Administration) Joe W. – vcadmin@tamegonit.org
Vice Chief (Chapters) Colton L. – vcchapters@tamegonit.org
Vice Chief (Inductions) Kurt J. – vcinductions@tamegonit.org
Vice Chief (Program) Blake S. – vcprogram@tamegonit.org
Lodge Secretary Wesley P. – secretary@tamegonit.org
Lodge Treasurer Trey M. – treasurer@tamegonit.org

Our new officers will take their positions on January 7th at the Lodge's Winter Banquet. We will also honor our new Vigil Honor members there, as well as have a celebration of the new year of the Lodge. The Lodge would be honored for all of you, both Arrowmen and Non-Arrowmen, to come celebrate with us this coming January. If you would like to attend, go to <http://2017winterbanquet.kintera.org> to register.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Senn B.
2016 Tamegonit Lodge Chief

REMINDER: Chapter Elections Held This Fall

If you are interested in being a Chapter Officer, don't forget Chapter Elections are being held this Fall – some being already held and some being held over the next couple months. Check with your Chapter Leadership to find out when the date will be held. All Chapters need to have their 2017 officers elected by NO LATER THAN their District's November Roundtable.

Winter Banquet Guest Speaker: Robert Birkby



Robert Birkby is our guest speaker for Winter Banquet at the DoubleTree in Overland Park, Saturday January 7, 2017.

Birkby grew up in Sidney, Iowa. As a Boy Scout, Birkby was on staff at summer camp, made a trek at Philmont Scout Ranch and earned Eagle Scout. In 2010 Birkby also received the Boy Scouts of America's highest award for conservation: the William T. Hornaday Gold Award. While attending college, he spent his summer breaks working at Philmont in positions such as a trail crew foreman and director of conservation.

After college, Birkby was an English instructor at Missouri State University. He thru-hiked the Appalachian Trail. Moving to Seattle, he became an author, writing magazine articles for Boys' Life and merit badge pamphlets on subjects such as backpacking. He worked for the Student Conservation Association, directing trail building across the US.

Birkby met Scott Fischer in 1982, and was convinced to climb Mount Olympus. He then worked for Fischer's adventure travel company Mountain Madness as a writer and guide, co-leading adventure trips to the Cascade Range, Alaska, Mount Kilimanjaro, Mount Elbrus and Nepal. After Fischer's death in the 1996 Everest disaster, Birkby wrote the biography Mountain Madness.

Birkby wrote the 10th, 11th and 12th editions of the Boy Scout Handbook and the 4th edition of the Fieldbook.

Winter Banquet is on January 7, 2017 at the Double Tree Hotel in Overland Park Kansas. Don't forget to sign up and attend. This is for ALL Arrowmen!

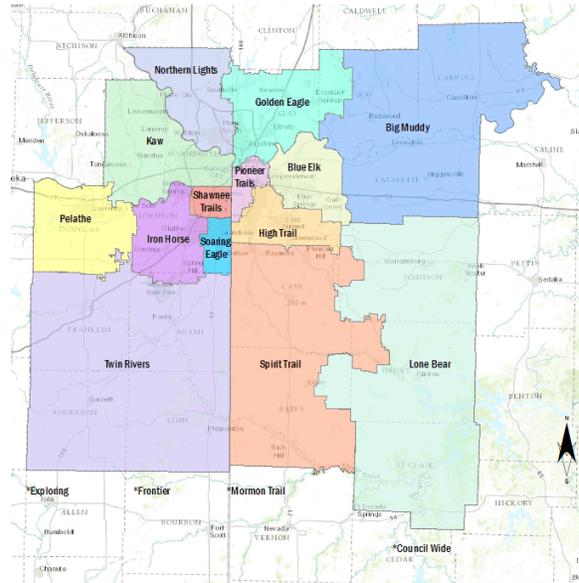
A Message from the Winter Banquet Chairmen Colton L. & Trey M.

Winter Banquet will be held on January 7, 2017 at the Overland Park Double Tree. The guest speaker is Robert Birkby from Seattle, Washington. He is a Vigil Honor member, an Eagle Scout, a Philmont distinguished staff alumni, and he has been entrusted by the Boy Scouts of America to write most of the organization's outdoor literature, including three editions of the Boy Scout Handbook. Our theme for this year is "Building upon the Fire." There will also be a presentation by the ceremony team, recognition of the new vigil and founder award recipients, and chapter and lodge committee booths. Overall, you will not want to miss the biggest, most exciting lodge event of the year.

Of note, registration for Winter Banquet has changed a little for this year. The cost is set at \$40, but if you pre-register at <http://2017winterbanquet.kintera.org> you will receive a free custom glass with the Tamegonit lodge logo on it. After the preregistration deadline, the fee is still \$40 but there is no free glass with it. After the normal registration deadline there will be a short period where it is still possible to register but the fee will increase to \$45. If you have any questions about the changes to registration this year or have any other questions, contact winterbanquetchair@tamegonit.org

2016 Chapter Chiefs

Jacob L.	Big Muddy
Rylan L.	Blue Elk
Dakota B.	Golden Eagle
Harry B.	High Trail
Will O.	Iron Horse
Colton L.	Kaw
Bear B.	Lone Bear
Jeremiah T.	Northern Lights
Romero Daniel M.	Pelathe
Wesley P.	Pioneer Trails
Brad P.	Shawnee Trails
Clay C.	Soaring Eagle
Nolan B.	Spirit Trail
Chris S.	Twin Rivers



OA PRISM Wrap Up

PRISM – Tamegonit Lodge sent 8 Arrowmen to Prism. This was a four-day, three-night experience at the SBR. Both youth and adults had access to all of the adventure in the Scott Summit Center, and gave back to SBR through a small service project. Prism’s defining experience was the inaugural rededication ceremony at the Summit Circle this is the original ceremony site move from Treasure Island.

Connor M. said “Prism was a great experience that showed me how a single person can impact so many others with their actions, just how a single beam of light entering a prism produces a myriad of colors, a single selfless act can create a chain reaction of these actions.”

OA NEXT Wrap up:

NEXT – This past summer, OA youth leaders and key adults from across the nation gathered at Indiana University for the 2016 national event, NEXT: A New Century. As a part of this program, the 2016 region chiefs were on a mission to find the most innovative and radical ideas and then share them with the world.

Phillip V said “My Experience at OA NEXT was an amazing one. I met people from all across the country, and we still regularly talk. I also met the National Chief, Hunter Jones, and the National Vice Chief, Tyler Inberg, and the Region Chiefs for Order of the Arrow, they signed a few patches for me. I also got to learn a lot about leadership, using the LeaderX model we came up with a few different ways to lead as youth. I also got a chance to work with the National Communications Team and be a part of that Committee working with Arrowman alike. I think every arrowman should be a part of a national event sometime in their career. That’s how I saw OA NEXT as an Arrowman, and as a youth leader”.

Arrowman at the 2017 Jamboree



The National Scout Jamboree, located at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve, is one of the premier events a scout can attend in his lifetime. The next opportunity to attend will be in 2017. The Order of the Arrow has agreed to lend cheerful service to the national BSA event again this year in an effort being dubbed Operation Arrow. The Operation Arrow task force has a goal of recruiting 800 Arrowmen to be members of largest Jamboree staff ever assembled by the OA. The three major programs of Operation Arrow are Service Corps, Trek Guides and Indian Village staff. There will be other support areas in addition to these key programs. Arrowmen staffing these areas will play critical roles essential to the success of the Jamboree. The Order of the Arrow will continue to release information about Operation Arrow staff opportunities and how to become involved in the coming months.

OA High Adventure opportunities 2017

There are 5 OA High Adventure opportunities for 2017



First - OA TRAIL CREW This two-week expedition at Philmont is literally a mountaintop experience. Blaze new trails during a week of service. Then experience Philmont and the OA like never before. Just \$250

virtues of the OA. Just \$200

Second - WILDERNESS VOYAGE Experience the wilds of Wilderness Adventure. Explore the waterways of the north woods. Rebuild centuries old trails and live the



Third - CANADIAN ODYSSEY OA service goes international in the Ontario wilds. Embark on the odyssey of a lifetime, transcending borders and the spirit of the Order. Just \$200



Fourth - OCEAN ADVENTURE Explore tropical waters while performing conservation projects in the Florida Keys. Just \$500

Fifth - OA SUMMIT EXPERIENCE Explore the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve and provide service to the New River Gorge National River. Experience rafting and kayaking while building bonds of brotherhood. Just \$250

APPLY FOR AN ADVENTURE AT [HTTP://ADVENTURE.OA-BSA.ORG](http://adventure.oa-bsa.org)

*** Cost of treks do not include transportation to and from the High Adventure Location

OA Inductions Wrap Up

2016 Inductions are in the book, here are the successes by numbers.

New Ordeal Members - 545

New Brotherhood Members – 287

That means our Ceremony Teams conducted over 60 ceremonies for the year! Wow! What a HUGE Success!



Fellow Arrowmen,

This year the lodge inducted 545 new Ordeal members. Another 287 members of the lodge came back to seal their membership in the lodge by obtaining their Brotherhood. There were seven induction weekends for the 2016 year. All Inductions ran smoothly with many notes taken to pass down to the next Vice Chief of Inductions to make the Induction Weekends better. Please if you have any comments on Induction Weekends let the lodge know so we can improve. Thank you to all of my chairman and all those who volunteered on induction weekends, without volunteers the induction weekends would not be able to run.

Thank you,

Alexander N., Ceremonies Team Chair

OA NLS & NLATS Training:



NLS: The National Leadership Seminar and NLATS: The National Lodge Advisor Training Seminar is a weekend conference intended primarily to enhance the leadership skills of the Order of the Arrow's key youth and adult members as they seek to improve their services to the Boy Scouts of America and the greater community. It is recommended that youth participants be at least 15 years of age or a lodge officer. The seminar is an intensive experience in learning about the nature of leadership and practicing some of the skills that a leader uses. National Leadership Seminars run from Friday – 7:00 p.m. to Sunday – 12:30 p.m. Go to

<http://central.oe-bsa.org/region-programs/sign-up/> to register. The next Seminar is in our backyard on **October 14-16, 2016** at the Heartland Center (16965 Missouri 45, Parkville, MO 64152).

Don't miss the chance to go!

A message from the Training Chairman Griffin K.

The Lodge LLDC is on October 29th and is located at Community Covenant Church. The address is 15700 West 87th St., Lenexa, Ks 66219. Then the Chapter LLDC is on November 19th and the location is TBD.

2016's OA Tamegonit Lodge Vigil Honor Class:

Youth

Asa A.
Noah A.
John B. IV
Benjamin B.
Justin B.
Philip D.
Thomas D.
Michael G.
Colton L.
Austin L.
Treyton M.
Thaddeus N.
Joshua R.
Hunter R.
Austin S.
Kyle S.
Philip V.
Mathew V.
Benjamin W.
Joseph W.
Jacob W.

Adult

Edward Chapman III
Leona Dekat
Marty Fahnke
Barbara Garcia
Eric Hallmark
Lester Ham
James Hanus
Timothy Helton
Allan High
Thomas Lanio
Todd Martin
Edward Molt
Angela Nguyen
Michael Nolan
Nathan Nowatske
Philip Riley
Jeanie Salmon
Jeffrey Wandtke
Larry Zeilmann

A Message from the Vice Chief of Chapters

The re-alignment of the Districts for 2016 has brought many challenges for the various OA Chapters. Many new Chapters did not have Leadership that stepped up to the new challenge. Many established Chapters chipped right in to do everything that they could to help to get the new Chapters established.

Blue Elk District, Chapter 6, had the opportunity to perform the OA Eagle Court of Honor for a Troop in Lee's Summit. These boys had never seen the Ceremony before and had never participated on a Ceremony team before. With other Chapters pitching in to provide scripts and the Lodge loaning the regalia, this team was able to pull off a ceremony that was very special to one Eagle Scout, Brandon Leary. Brandon's family was a military family. He spent all of his Cub Scout years at a troop in Germany. Then after returning to the States, he had been involved in 3 different troops.

So with much practicing under our belts, the day of the ceremony arrived. The team came together and did better than they had ever done in practice. It was really great after the Ceremony hearing the C-team talking about the fun they had doing this and how good they felt about helping in the Eagle Scout Ceremony for special young man.

On the team was Logan. He had just been through the Ordeal process at the 2nd Spring Induction. He was a part of the ceremony by playing the drum. Logan stated, "I figured that the best way to show that I was serious about a lifetime of cheerful service, was to perform cheerful service as soon as possible. I ended up really enjoying myself."

I hear that there may be another opportunity for this team to perform at another Eagle Court of Honor in the near future. Great Job Guys! This was a job well done!

Kenny W.
Vice Chief of Chapters, 2016

Don't forget to plan your Unit Elections for 2017 !!

A successful unit election is the first step to attaining membership in the Order of the Arrow. *Learn how to schedule an election at <http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Data/Sites/1/media/order-of-the-arrow/oa-documents/oa-unit-elections.pdf> You may also contact your chapter OATR for more information.*



JOIN the OA Lodge Ceremony or Dance Team

The Tamegonit Lodge ceremony and dance team are looking for new ceremonialists and dancers. No prior experience required!

For the ceremonies team, contact Ellen: ellendmcurk@gmail.com
For the dance team, contact Tim: tmitchell@kc.rr.com



Available ONLY from September 16, 2016 through December 22, 2016.

The 2017 Arrow Pass prepays admission to and pre-registers an arrowman for the six following events:
Winter Banquet - Spring 1 & 2 Induction Weekends - Fall 1 & 2 Induction Weekends - OA Fall Fellowship
Cost if registering individually: \$165.00. Cost of Arrow Pass \$145.00.

Purchase Arrow Pass here <http://2017Arrowpass.kintera.org>

Don't forget, to purchase an ArrowPass you must be a dues paying member – an additional \$15.

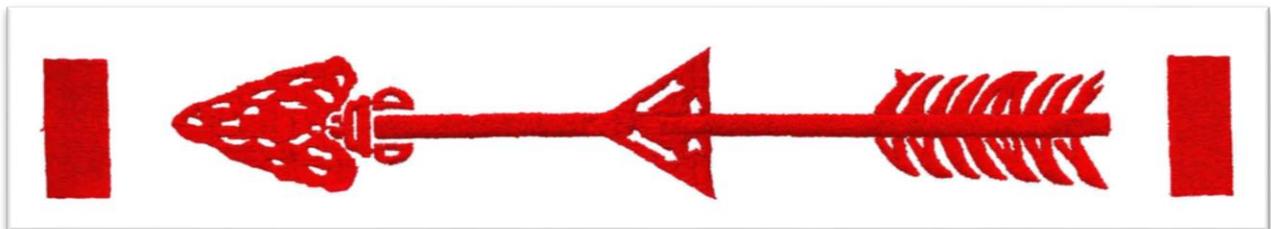
Trading Post

Come to the Camp Theodore Naish Trading post during any induction weekend to purchase OA coupes and other scouting merchandise. *Learn more about the Trading Post at <https://www.hoac-bsa.org/naish-trading-post-open-2016-03-12>*

Save the Date 2016-2017

Tamegonit Lodge Event Dates

NLS/NLATS - National OA Training	October 14-16
OA LLD Training – Lodge OA Training	October 28-30
OA Trading Post Service Project	November 12
OA Winter Banquet	January 7, 2017
Section Conclave	April 2017
Spring Induction #1	May 5-7, 2017
Spring Induction #2	May 19-21, 2017
Fall Induction (Bartle)	August 11-13, 2017
Scouting 500	August 25-27, 2017
Fall Induction (Naish)	September 8-10, 2017
Fall Fellowship	September 2017
Vigil Banquet	October 7, 2017
Winter Banquet	January 6, 2018



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