



The Torchbearer

2016 Volume. Winter Edition.

Letter from the Editor



Hello Arrowmen, my name is Dawson Garcia and I am your 2016 Secretary for Tamegonit Lodge. I am an Eagle Scout from Troop 218 in the Soaring Eagle district where I serve as Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. I became a Vigil Honor Member in 2015 and I served as Vice Chief of Programs in 2015. I am also a Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

This year, my intention is to publish 4 Torchbearers including highlights from prior events, letters from chiefs past and present and information for upcoming events. We are also going to be utilizing other forms of communication this year, our biggest being Social Media. Please see the Social Media article to receive more information on how to stay updated.

As for updating the Lodge with information, I am open to anyone who would like to contribute to our Torchbearer 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 Garcia



2016 OA Dues

Do you need to pay your 2016 OA dues? Individuals are welcome to pay their dues online at tamegonit.org. Earlier this year, the Tamegonit Lodge Executive Committee voted to raise annual dues from \$10 to \$15, effective January 1st, 2016. This is the first time in over a decade that the Lodge has chosen to raise the annual dues. When dues renewal packets are released to units through roundtable, all Troops and Teams will be expected to pay the updated fee. The purpose of this change is to further improve our program while maintaining the infrastructure Tamegonit Lodge has worked so hard to build over its 76 year tenure in the council. Any questions can be directed at the Lodge Staff Adviser, Scott Weaver, or the OA Assistant.

2016 Lodge Leadership

Lodge Chief: Senn Boswell
Vice Chief of Administration: Phillip Vaughn
Vice Chief of Chapters: Kenny Ward
Vice Chief of Inductions: Alexander Nguyen

Vice Chief of Programs: Connor Matches
Secretary: Dawson Garcia
Treasurer: Asa Abrahamson

SCOUTING'S NATIONAL **HONOR** SOCIETY

Letter from the Chief, Senn Boswell



Fellow Arrowmen,

I am eager to work with all of you to further our service to our council and the community. One of my biggest goals for this year is better serving the WHOLE council. Many of our Troops and Teams on both sides of the state line do not hold unit elections yearly. At Winter Banquet, I challenged each chapter to pursue unit elections from all troops. It is my belief that our ordeal members are the core of our program, so working hard to complete unit elections is the best way to best serve our council and our youth. For those of you that know of Troops that haven't had an election in several years, reach out to them, for their scouts, and scouts in all Troops, is what makes our council great.

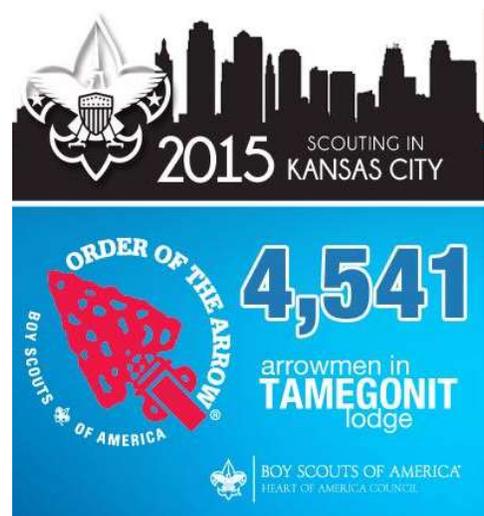
Another important focus I'd like to pursue this year is improving communications. It's my goal to expand our communications base to reach all members and deliver information on time to all Arrowmen and unit leaders. I'm already impressed with our Lodge's Communications team with their proactiveness and diligence in improving our Social Media presence and creating this incredible newsletter. Additionally as your Lodge Chief, I would like to be reachable by all OA members as well. If you all have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at chief@tamegonit.org.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Senn Boswell
2016 Tamegonit Lodge Chief

2015 Year in Review

Tamegonit Lodge grew more than ever before! Here are the stats from 2015:

- New Ordeals = 906
- New Brotherhoods = 545
- New Vigil Honor Members = 47
- New Founders Award Recipients = 4
- 2015 NOAC attendance = 160
- Number of service hours = 25,108 hours
- Brotherhood conversion rate = 27%
- Attendance at the 100th Anniversary Celebration = 633





Social Media in the Lodge

This year I would like to greatly increase and expand the social media for the Lodge. Previously the Lodge has put a large emphasis on Facebook, but I want to really expand our presence on Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube. The Lodge is made up of youth who do not typically use Facebook but use other forms of social media, so it only makes sense to expand. My goal is to use all platforms the Lodge is present on in unison to present the same information in multiple ways to try and reach the most people. Also please remember, if you do not have access to social media or do not have a desire to be on social media, more traditional forms of communication these are available. One of the main goals of social media expansion is to try and effectively reach more OA youth, not shutting out any adults or people who prefer traditional forms of social media. As part of this year, I want to increase unique content and new forms of old content. On Thursdays, we will post old scouting photos, OA related or not, and we definitely need submissions via email. Please send any old scout photos to socialmediachair@tamegonit.org. This year will be a great year with many new idea and great things being introduced in an effective and professional manner. Please feel free to send me any questions at the email above.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Jack Oxley

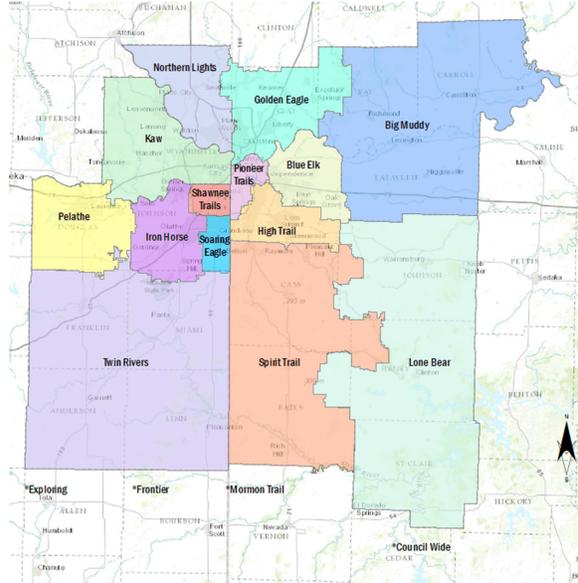
Tamegonit Lodge Social Media Chairman and Historian

Lodge Executive Committee Minutes Available Online

Have you ever wondered what exactly the Lodge Executive Committee discusses every month? Tamegonit Lodge Executive Committee minutes are now available online at minutes.tamegonit.org!

2016 Chapter Chiefs

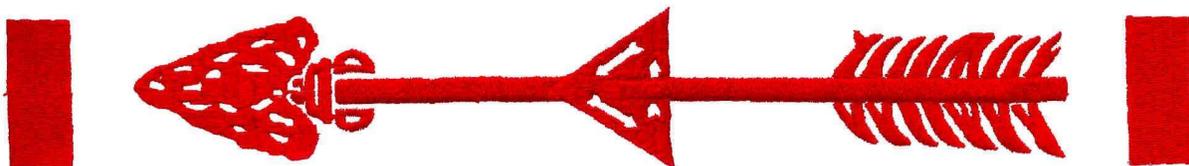
Jacob L.	Big Muddy
Rylan L.	Blue Elk
Dakota B.	Golden Eagle
-	High Trail
Will O.	Iron Horse
Colton L.	Kaw
Bear B.	Lone Bear
Jeremiah T.	Northern Lights
Daniel M.	Pelathe
Wesley P.	Pioneer Trails
Brad P.	Shawnee Trails
Clay C.	Soaring Eagle
Nolan B.	Spirit Trail
Chris S.	Twin Rivers



2016 Vigil Nominations

Each year, Tamegonit Lodge recognizes those members who stand out as models of the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. Those members recognized as most outstanding for their service to their unit, their council, scouting, the lodge, and/or camps, are selected Vigil Honor Members of the Order of the Arrow. A person can do nothing to earn this recognition, as it is an honor bestowed upon members, not something to be earned. It has been said often that "An arrowman does not seek the Vigil; The Vigil seeks the arrowman." An individual must be nominated for this recognition, and only those with the highest level of service will be selected.

Vigil nominations must be RECEIVED at the Heart of America Council Service Center by July 1. [Nominations must be made on the vigil nomination form available at tamegonit.org.](http://tamegonit.org) The nominee must be a registered member of the Heart of America Council, BSA and must also be a current dues-paying member of Tamegonit Lodge. The nominee must have been a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow for a minimum of two years before being considered for selection as a Vigil Honor member. Nominations submitted between now and July 1, 2016 will be considered in the 2016 Vigil Honor selection cycle.



2015 Vigil Honor Recipients

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 and/or Scout Camp.

2015's OA Tamegonit Lodge Vigil Honor Class:

Augustus Boos	Graham Boswell	Simon Davis
Ben Dyhouse	Isaac Eastman	Samuel Eichorst
Benjamin Foster	Dawson Garcia	Eric Isaacson
Conner Jenkins	John Kelly-Collins	Benjamin Kelm
Alex Kolar	Jacob Martin	Connor Matches
Timothy Mitchell	Jacob Moyer	Ben Murdock
Will Oprisu	Jack Oxley	David Pullen
Michael Skelton	Gabe Stilwell	Kenny Ward
Lisa Grimsley	Mark Brewer	Mark Garcia
Paul Meyers	Stephanie Ogan	Scott Weaver
Michael Adamek	Robert Baker	Carol Bloomer
Karl Bodenheimer	Paul Cast	April Clark
Mark Enke	Bob Hale	Ronald Hayes
Barry Slotnick	David Timpe	Alvin Weber
Kyle Weber	Chuck Welsh	Keith Wood
Frank Zizzo		



Photo by Tom Bundy

2015 Founders Award Recipients



Photo by Jack Oxley

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.

Each year, the Tamegonit lodge can award 4 Arrowmen the Founders Award. This year's recipients were:

David Smiros – Kevin Drescher — Jim Bush – Nathan Strentz

2016 Founders Awards Nominations

Nominations are due by July 1, 2016. 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.

Section C5-B Conclave



Every year the 5 lodges of Section C-5B hold an event known as a conclave. Each year a different lodge hosts the event to allow the other lodges to view new camps. The past few years have seen Dzie-Hauk-Tonga, Nampa-Tsi, Tamegonit, and Wah-Sha-She hosting this event, and this year Mitigwa Lodge of the Mid Iowa council will be hosting it at Camp Mitigwa in Iowa. Conclaves are a great place to meet arrowmen from different lodges and Tamegonit lodge encourages any arrowmen interested to sign-up. The price of conclave is \$35 and allows arrowmen to participate in fun activities such as competitions in sports or

American Indian Activities such as dance where lodges can earn points by being the best. The lodge that has earned the most points by the end of the conclave will take home the travelling trophy. The first year Tamegonit won the trophy, but last year Wah-Sha-She claimed it. This year why not show your pride for Tamegonit and bring the trophy back to its rightful home. If you have any questions, please contact the Vice-Chief of Program at cmatches37@gmail.com.

Stay updated about conclave at tamegonit.org.

When: April 15-17

Where: Camp Mitigwa, Woodward Iowa

Theme: Starting the Next Century

What: A gathering of five lodges for one amazing campout

Why: Fun games, fellowship, and opportunity to meet new Arrowmen and vote for the 2016 Section Leaders

Upcoming National Events



Prism is an exciting chance to get a special opportunity to attend Summit Bechtel Reserve in the summer of 2016! You must be an Arrowman.

Prism is a four-day, three-night experience at the SBR. Both youth and adults are invited to attend, and will have access to all of the adventure in the Scott Summit Center, and give back to SBR through a small service project. Prism's defining experience will be the inaugural rededication ceremony at the Summit Circle. The Summit Circle is the original ceremony circle from Treasure Island.

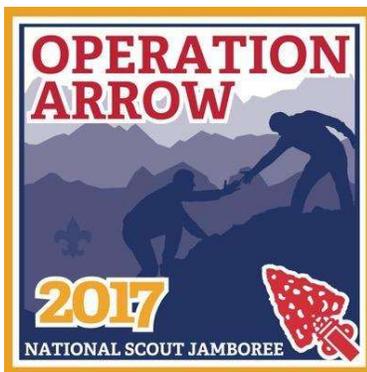
Tamegonit is providing tickets for 4 adults and 4 youths, who were already chosen and announced on social media, to enjoy activities in the Scott Summit Center and participate in a small service project. The fee to attend is \$180 per person. The tickets cover your expenses for seven meals, tents, cots, program materials, and a commemorative patch. You and your fellow Arrowmen will have to pay your own travel expenses to attend.

The arrowmen selected will be attending from June 26-29.



Kandersteg is an international Boy Scout high adventure base located in the Swiss Alps. Kandersteg in winter is a magical experience. From mid-December until late March, the snow descends and the Alps become a winter wonderland. Kandersteg is located right in the middle of the action, in the perfect position to enjoy a wide variety of winter activities.

If you are interested in participating, contact [Scott Weaver](#)



Operation Arrow (the OA's presence at the Jamboree) After a record-setting attendance at the national conference in 2015, the Order of the Arrow will again seek to make history with Operation Arrow at the **2017 National Scout Jamboree**.

Learn more about Operation Arrow at <http://event.oa-bsa.org/events/jambo2017/>

Unit Elections scheduling

Has your unit scheduled an Order of the Arrow election?

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.



OA High Adventure opportunities

Each summer, the Order of the Arrow offers a myriad of different High Adventure opportunities to meet your summer needs whether its wetting your appetite by going for a plunge in the Atlantic Ocean with the Ocean Adventure at the Florida Sea Base; maybe hiking is your passion, what better place to go than the Philmont Scout Ranch where you can hike the same trails as your Scoutmaster or Scouting ancestors as a part of your Trail Crew experience.

FLORIDA SEA BASE	NORTHERN TIER	PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH	THE SUMMIT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sailing Fishing Snorkeling Kayaking Scuba diving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wilderness Canoeing Fishing International Winter Expeditions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Backpacking Rock Climbing Shooting Sports Horseback Riding Living History 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High Adventure Summer Camp Rock Climbing Shooting Sports Zip Lining

Have you ever given thought about what the Native Americans and early explorers did to be avid traders, maybe the OA Voyage is your calling. Want to have the Experience of a lifetime while also supporting the newest National High Adventure base? Then why not attend the OA Summit Experience. Whatever your summer aspirations may be, these National High Adventure bases have put together a multitude of options for you.

Along with your one week trek (4 days for Summit Experience) completely designed by you, each Arrowmen will be afforded the opportunity to leave their mark in history by helping to sure up portage trails, backpacking trails or coral reefs. Aside from providing a good deed to each of these high adventure bases, every participant will have the opportunity to work closely with Arrowmen from across the country, who have a similar interest in the future of both the program and the adventure base.

You may be thinking that this is a daunting task but it is an experience unlike any other afforded to you in scouting in that it takes you out of your world and places with people, who want to do something different. It's not every day that you can tell your friends that you climbed into Cypher's Mine, watched the Northern Lights from a canoe or went scuba diving in the Florida Keys.

These programs help to insure that the future of scouting has a place to live, work and interact. This summer, try something new or do something you thoroughly enjoy, but do something with the Order of the Arrow High adventure opportunities. For more information about these High Adventure programs, please visit [Adventure.aa-bsa.org](http://adventure.aa-bsa.org) or talk to your Vice-Chief of Program (cmatches37@gmail.com). Your destiny awaits you...

<http://adventure.aa-bsa.org/>

Spring Inductions

Spring Induction #1: April 29-May 1

Spring Induction #2: May 13-15

Stay updated about inductions at tamegonit.org

Winter Banquet Recap



Tamegonit lodge held one of its largest Winter Banquets ever with nearly 450 Arrowmen in attendance to celebrate the past 100 years of brotherhood!

Guest Speaker Brigadier General Paul W. Tibbets IV is the Commander, 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri. He is responsible for the combat readiness of the Air Force's only B-2 wing, including development and employment of the B-2's combat capability as part of the Air Force's Global Strike Task Force. His command provides logistics support for the Air Force Reserve 442nd Fighter Wing; Missouri Air National Guard 131st Bomb Wing; Air Combat Command 20th Reconnaissance Squadron; and the Missouri Army National Guard 1st Battalion, 135th Aviation Unit. He manages flying assets in excess of \$46 billion and an annual operations and maintenance budget of \$147 million.



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Check out the video recap at: <https://youtu.be/wNoaJXZWQws>

Open Chair Positions

The following chair positions are still open to all arrowmen for the 2016 year. If you are interested in any of the following positions, please contact the corresponding Vice Chief listed.

Position	Vice Chief	Email
LLD/LLDC Training	Phillip Vaughn	phillipgarrettvaughn@gmail.com
NLS/NLATS Training	Phillip Vaughn	phillipgarrettvaughn@gmail.com
Logistics	Connor Matches	Cmatches37@gmail.com
Newsletter/Communication	Dawson Garcia	dawson@garciakc.com
Fall Fellowship	Connor Matches	cmatches37@gmail.com
Parking	Connor Matches	cmatches37@gmail.com
Fundraising	Asa Abrahamson	asa.s.abrahamson@gmail.com

JTE Silver



Journey to Excellence is the national performance measurement for all levels of Scouting. This year, Tamegonit Lodge earned Silver status in the OA Journey to Excellence program. Achieving this entails performance in different categories such as growth in membership, increase in Brotherhood Conversion rates, support of the council, and other criteria.

Fundraiser NASCAR



Two hour shifts required

Dates: May 6-7 and October 15-17

Needed: 20 (minimum) arrowmen (or guests)

Chapter with the most arrowman at these two events receives a PIZZA PARTY at their November Chapter meeting

Contact Paul Meyers for more information: dbloness@yahoo.com

JOIN the OA Lodge Ceremony Team

The Tamegonit Lodge ceremony team is looking for new ceremonialists to perform in Brotherhood and Ordeal ceremonies. Practices are on Wednesdays from 6:30pm-8:00pm at Camp Naish. No prior ceremony experience required!

Prior to attendance, contact Simon Davis: si.phi.dragon@gmail.com





Trading Post

Now Offering 20% off on all Lodge 75th and OA Centennial Anniversary Apparel!

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 Tamegonit Lodge Event Dates

All dates subject to change.

OA Section 5B Conclave	April 15-17
OA Spring Induction #1 - Naish	April 29- May 1
Council Spring Good Turn Community Service Project	May 7
OA Spring Induction #2 - Naish	May 13-15
OA Summer Induction #1 - Naish	June 8-9
OA Summer Induction #2 - Naish	June 15-16
OA Inductions at Rotary Camp	July 19 - 20
OA Fall Induction #1 - Bartle	August 12-14
OA Fall Induction #2 - Naish	August 26-28
OA Fall Fellowship	September 16-18
OA Vigil Banquet	October 1-2
OA LLD Training - Lodge OA Training	October 14-15
NLS/NLATS - National OA Training	October 14-16
OA Trading Post Service Project	November 12

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