Hello! My name is Makenna Harris and I’m your 2020 Lodge Secretary. I’m ASPL for Troop 166 on FT Leaventworth and President of Crew 2165. In February of 2019, I became one of the first girls to be inducted into the Order of the Arrow. In August of 2019 I sealed my brotherhood. Shortly after being inducted, I joined the Ceremony Team and became the first female to perform ceremonies. 2020 will be an exciting year full of new challenges. My goal is to get as many arrowmen involved in the lodge as possible. I look forward to working with the other lodge officers to make 2020 the best year yet for Tamegonit Lodge. I can be reached at secretary@tamegonit.org

Hello, My name is Jake Deane and I am your 2020 Lodge Chief for Tamegonit Lodge. I am an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor Member and I am a Junior in High School. In addition, I am an all state Clay Target shooter and play the cornet and trumpet in band. This year I plan to continue the outstanding service we give to the Heart of America Council, even with the Coronavirus. The Lodge Leadership is planning and restructuring our events for the most effectiveness and value to our Arrowmen and Units. We hope we can provide the best service possible for you and your unit. I hope to see you at one of our events this year!

You can reach me at chief@tamegonit.org
Hello, my name is William Delzei, and I am your 2020 Vice Chief of Administration. I started out in the OA as what is commonly called a “sash and dash”, that is, I did nothing in the Order for the first year or so after I was inducted. If it was not for one of my unit leaders, April Clark, I would never have gotten involved. I started out as an OA unit representative for troop 401 in Shawnee Trails. I served in this position for a year before also becoming the chapter 13 VC Admin. Serving at the chapter level was some of the most fun I have ever had in the OA. I also became the Lodge Event Registration Chairman, working alongside then VC Admin Brian Pendleton. Looking forward, I count on the ideals I’ve learned in scouting to guide me in my new position.

As VC Admin, my goals include modernizing our event registration procedures, facilitating the changes put forth in the new THRIVE movement, training our chapter leadership to proficiently use our computer systems, and helping Tamegonit Lodge grow to reach its full potential. I am here to serve each member of Tamegonit Lodge however I can. If you have any questions for me, I can be reached at vcadmin@tamegonit.org.

Hi, I’m Carter Boterf. I am the VC inductions this year. My job on the inductions team is to set up and manage people with my team behind the scenes. What I would like to accomplish this year is I want to continue smoothing the induction process out to the point everyone on my team knows what they need to do and when it needs to happen. You can contact me at vcinductions@tamegonit.org

Hi, my name is Grant Gose and I’m honored to serve as the 2020 Vice Chief of Chapters. Throughout 2020 I plan to accomplish improved attendance at Chapter functions and Lodge meetings. It’s also my goal to have a Chapter Chief in each district of our council. Towards that end, if anyone has Arrowmen friends in the Big Muddy and Lone Bear districts who might have interest in leading an OA Chapter, please let me know. As for a vision for our Lodge, I’d like to see the Lodge have a presence at both summer camps in the council. As for me, I’m a high school senior headed for college and ultimately a career in the IT field. I’m also the assistant den leader for my little brother’s Lion Cub den and will be on staff at Philmont this summer. You can reach me at vcchapters@tamegonit.org.
Hello! My name is Kathryn Eager and I’m your 2020 Vice Chief of Program. I am in troop 7032 and crew 2510. I’ve been apart of scouts for 3 years; serving on NYLT Staff, Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior, and Crew Vice President. After joining Order of The Arrow I joined the ceremony team, Dance Team, EPSS, and volunteered in many other positions. My goals as Vice Chief of Program would include serving other brothers in the order and being cheerful. As for the lodge, my vision is to increase brotherhood conversion rates and female induction rates. You can reach me at vcprogram@tamegonit.org

Hi, my name is Grady Vap and I am your Lodge Treasurer for 2020. I ran for the position of Treasurer because I have enjoyed helping out in the induction process as VC Inductions last year, and hope to take my successes into a new part of the lodge. The opportunities in the BSA are endless, and when you pair that with the leadership possibilities of the Order of the Arrow, you can become a powerful leader while still a youth, which is very hard to do today. In 2020 I would like to expand our sales capacity in the trading post and our lodge fundraising. If you would like to contact me, please email me at treasurer@tamegonit.org.

Coronavirus Updates:

Due to the Coronavirus, also known as COVID19, the Order of the Arrow has decided to cancel all events through May 2. This effectively cancels Section Conclave, NLS, unit elections, chapter callouts, and the first Spring Induction. The National Order of the Arrow Conference will still be held as scheduled for August 3-8, 2020. However, be on the lookout for updates regarding NOAC.

The first spring induction was originally scheduled for May 1-3. Currently there is no set date for it to be rescheduled but lodge leadership is working on it and more information will be released soon. Our Spring 2 Induction, scheduled for May 15-17, will continue as planned and will now be Spring 1. This gives chapters two weeks to finish any elections and have their callout ceremonies. Please contact VC Inductions and VC Chapters for more info.

Section C5-B Conclave, known as the Tornado Ally Rally was to be held at Camp Arrowhead in Mansfield, Missouri from April 15-17. It will now be held virtually with lots of interactive online actives and challenges. All arrowmen will be reimbursed in full, including t-shirts, and patches. There will be opportunities to purchase merchandise. More information to come.

The National Leadership Seminar (NLS), scheduled for March 20-22 in Michigan was cancelled. There will be a NLS at Camp Naish sometime in October. Details to come.
Dues:

As a member of the Tamegonit Lodge and the Order of the Arrow, it is part of your service and obligation to the Order to keep up to date on your Lodge dues. OA dues are used to help build the program we are able to give with the summer-camp, Inductions, Winter Banquet, and Fall Fellowship. You can pay your dues by going to handbook.tamegonit.org

In June 2019, the National Order of the Arrow committee made a change to period of involvement before an Ordeal member would be able to seal their membership in brotherhood, lessening it from ten to six months. With this change, many Arrowmen would have the opportunity to seal their membership earlier than Tamegonit Lodge’s typical induction sequence.

Over the past few years, the Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) has looked for options to keep Arrowmen involved at the Lodge level throughout the year and to keep them activated.

In 2019, you may have seen our Ordeal Rallies, which was a way to prepare current Ordeal members to seal their membership during the upcoming induction season. However, with the new timing conditions from National, this was no longer necessary; members could simply seal their membership at these events after the six-month interval.

And with this, the Brotherhood Celebration Day was formed. The goal: create a one-day event that Ordeal Arrowmen can participate in, live up to our principles of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service, and then come back later that year to other induction events engaged and wanting to continue to serve. The day would start with a Day of Service, the afternoon would be an enhanced training session on their role in the Order of the Arrow, and the day would finish with ceremonies. We completed our first Brotherhood Celebration Day on March 7, 2020.

This day exceeded all of our expectations. We had over 65 Arrowmen seal their membership in Brotherhood and they were engaged. If you didn’t get a chance to be out a Naish that day, the Arrowmen worked on a multitude of projects around camp. In the afternoon, they heard from Lodge and Section Officers about the upcoming opportunities including Spring Inductions, Tornado Alley Rally, and NOAC. Finally, they finished in Whippoorwill with our Brotherhood Ceremony.
Our next Brotherhood Celebration Day will be on December 5, 2020 and we plan on continuing these events on the first Saturday of December and March for the foreseeable future (this is on the six-month interval from our Ordeal inductions). These events are perfect for people who are ready to become more involved, haven't had a chance to make it to a full induction, or don't want to spend a whole weekend getting their Brotherhood. This event is Arrowmen only, but any Arrowman can register, whether their unit comes or not. You will still be able to seal your membership in Brotherhood at our typical induction weekends. We hope to see many more of you out at Camp Naish in December for our Brotherhood Celebration Day!

Elections and Inductions:

All unit elections that have not been completed are cancelled until May 2. After May 2, chapters may resume holding elections.

The first spring induction scheduled for May 1-3, has been postponed. At this point in time it has not been rescheduled.

For more information regarding elections and inductions, please contact Carter Boterf at vcinductions@tamegonit.org and Grant Gose at vcchapters@tamegonit.org

- Spring Induction: May 15-17, at Camp Naish
- Summer Induction 1: June 10-11, at Camp Naish
- Summer Induction 2: June 17-18, at Camp Naish
- Fall Induction: August 28-30, at Camp Naish
- Brotherhood Celebration: December 5, at Camp Naish
Section C5-B Conclave: Tornado Ally Rally

Coming April 17th-19th, Section C-5B will be hosting the Tornado Alley Rally. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the Section has decided to host the Rally virtually. This is a first-time event, and you get the chance to participate. More details are to come, so keep checking out Section C-5B’s and Tamegonit Lodge’s Facebook Pages for more information, but here is what we will offer so far:

- Online Trainings and Fellowship
- Fun Virtual Activities and Social Media Challenges
- Q&A’s with Section Officers
- Section Elections

Additionally, any Arrowman will be able to participate in the virtual rally for no cost. The Section will be selling some merchandise to offset the costs. Those who already registered will be refunded in full.

First Ever Virtual Conclave!

In this trying and unique time, we must come together and persevere. In Section C-5B, we have the opportunity to do something trendsetting and revolutionary in response to this crisis and everyone has a chance to join in. Stay tuned to online announcements with any questions or reach out to the Section Leadership team.

2020 National Order of the Arrow Conference
August 3 – 8, 2020
Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

Yes! NOAC is still on! This year it will again be held at Michigan State University. The National Order of the Arrow Conference, or NOAC, is a weeklong gathering of members of the Order of the Arrow. Over 8,000 Arrowmen are expected to attend making this the second largest scouting event in the nation. You will have the opportunity to travel through the country and you will be able to meet the National Leaders in the organization. We plan to bring a strong contingent as one of the largest Lodges in the Nation. In addition to the fun activities, there will be many practical pieces of training and competitions that arrowmen can compete in. Some of these activities include Ceremonies competitions, Dance competitions, Lodge Officer training, Chapter Officer training, and even craft classes!

The total cost to attend is $750. For more information on how to register, contact Kathryn Eager at vcprogram@tamegonit.org
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.

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 given 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 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 ensure 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. Your destiny awaits you. learn more at https://oa-bsa.org/high-adventure
Calendar:

- April LEC Meeting: April 16, Via Zoom
- Section Conclave: April 17-19, Virtual
- Spring Induction: May 15-17, Camp Naish
- May LEC Meeting: May 21, HOAC
- Summer 1: June 10-11, Camp Naish
- Summer 2: June 17-18, Camp Naish
- NOAC 2020: August 3-8, Michigan State University
- August LEC Meeting: August 20, HOAC
- Fall Induction: August 28-30, Camp Naish
- September LEC Meeting: September 17, HOAC
- Fall Fellowship: September 18-20, Camp Naish
- Vigil Banquet: October 3-4, Camp Naish
- October LEC Meeting: October 15, HOAC
- LLD/LLDC: October 23-25, Camp Naish
- November LEC Meeting: November 19, HOAC
- Brotherhood Celebration Day: December 5, Camp Naish
- December LEC Meeting: December 19, HOAC
- Winter Banquet: January 9, Location TBD

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Thank you to everyone who made this Torchbearer possible!

Yours Truly,

Makenna Harris, 2020 Lodge Secretary