Letter From Editor/ Lodge Secretary

Welcome to the first Torchbearer of 2019! My name is Harry Wald and I am your 2019 Lodge Secretary for Tamegonit Lodge. Previously I worked under the 2018 Lodge Secretary as Social Media Chair.

I have some good plans for 2019 that I would like to execute with the help of you! I am planning on posting four Torchbearers for the Lodge. Each Torchbearer will be an update to all arrowmen about what has been happening within the Lodge and information for other activities. The Torchbearer will also provide information about Vigil Honor, Inductions and more. We have five Social Media platforms that could be utilized more efficiently and I would like to change that in 2019. If you would like to know more or you are interested in helping, contact me at secretary@tamegonit.org.

Thank You,
Harry Wald
2019 Lodge Secretary

Letter From The Vice Chief of Administration

Hello, my name is Brian Pendleton and I am the 2019 VC of Admin. I wanted to be an involved with Order of the Arrow since I joined as an Ordeal. Later I decided I wanted to go into administration after being told I would be a good VC Admin. I was told this by someone I looked up to a lot. I turned my dedication towards this position by contacting previous Lodge Admins and took their advice with it. With this advice, I was elected to be the 2019 Vice Chief of Administration. My goals for the year are to have a higher brotherhood conversion rate by using our new events like the Ordeal Rally. I also wish that we can have a smoother check in progress at our events. Finally, I wish to have solid training events that get people the information and skills they need to be successful. If you have any questions for me, email me at vcadmin@tamegonit.org.

Thank You,
Brian Pendleton
2019 Lodge Vice Chief of Administration
Letter From The Lodge Chief

My Fellow Arrowmen,

I am pleased to be starting 2019 out on the right foot. 2018 was a good year for us, but this will be a great year with many major changes to our program. We will be welcoming girls, Venturers, and Sea Scouts into our Order starting on February 1st, we will be hosting Section conclave this year on April 12th -14th, and we will be hosting an Ordeal Rally in late February to transition current Ordeal members into Brotherhood. These are just some of the few of adjustments we have in store for our arrowmen this year.

As I mentioned, our Lodge is hosting the first induction that will allow Venturing Scouts in the Nation, on February 1st-3rd. This is quite ambitious but is only right as we honor this piece of history and give access to our order of service for all of our potential Brothers. We invite any venturers who have received the Discovery Award to register. Any eligible scout is also invited to any of our other six inductions throughout the year.

Another big event for us this year is the Section C-5B Conclave, which we are hosting at Theodore Naish scout reservation. This is a great way for our arrowmen to get involved with the Order of the Arrow and to see how it is an organization with participants around the Kansas, Missouri and Iowa areas. You will be able to participate in fun trainings, see ceremonies from multiple ceremony teams, witness Section elections, and meet people from our surrounding states. It is truly an amazing experience for our arrowmen. I want to see all of you there.

Finally, this year we will also be holding Ordeal Rallies. We wanted to start this as a way to help current Ordeal members prepare to seal their membership with brotherhood. This should persist as a tradition as us as we continue to convert Ordeal members into brotherhood members in our Order. We recently held Winter Banquet and instituted our new corps of Lodge Officers for 2019. As Lodge Chief, I will lead my fellow officers to provide the best experience for all of our brothers and will push to bring more and more of our brothers into the processes of Tamegonit Lodge. This only works with your help; coming to chapter meetings and getting your fellow troop members involved. We promise to provide a great experience for each and every one of you throughout the year.

2019 is a big year for Tamegonit however, it is our 80th year anniversary. We can commemorate this with celebrations, fellowship events, patches, and more, but the idea of an 80th Anniversary is a testament to our area, our arrowmen, and the bonds of brotherhood the unite all of us in service. 80 years brings much history and tradition, that continues to persist throughout all of us. I am proud to be your Lodge Chief in the 80th year. If you have any questions at all, please don’t hesitate to email chief@tamegonit.org and I will be happy to assist you.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Brian Blood
2019 Lodge Chief
Letter From The Vice Chief of Inductions

Hi, My name is Grady Vap and I am your Vice Chief of Inductions for 2019. I ran for the position of VC Inductions because I enjoy helping out in the induction process and this position would give me a greater challenge in the next year. In the past, I have been the Elangomat Chair and I have participated in most volunteer positions in the induction process. The opportunities in the BSA are endless, and when your 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 2019 I would like to continue past traditions in the induction process as well as start new ones. One part of the induction process I would like to improve is the elangomat program. Elangomats have one of the hardest jobs at the induction since they go through the ordeal again, and elangomats are essential for the candidates and the induction as a whole. I want to make elangomat more rewarding and successful than it was before. I would also like to recruit heavily for ceremony and dance team and increase attendance at inductions this year. If you would like to contact me, email me at vcinductions@tamegonit.org.

Thank You,
Grady Vap
2019 Vice Chief of Inductions

Letter From The Treasurer

Hello, fellow Arrowmen. I am Coleman Moffitt, the 2019 Lodge Treasurer. The Lodge Treasurer has many duties such as maintaining the Lodge budget, maintaining the Trading Post inventory, leading the fundraising efforts and overseeing a new committee as of this year: patch creation. We have a lot of big things getting started this year budget-wise specifically NOAC and a whole new induction! I love this job and thank you for re-electing me, I’m looking forward to a good year. If you would like to help at the trading post or you would like to contact me, email me at treasurer@tamegonit.org.

Thank You,
Coleman Moffitt
2019 Lodge Treasurer

first patch approved by the Patch Design Committee
Letter From The Vice Chief of Chapters

Hello, I am Garrett Curtis, the 2019 VC Chapters. The reason why I wanted to become the 2019 Vice Chief of Chapters is to help out with the Round Table meetings and to really get to know more people. I got involved by my chapter, but it wasn’t until when my chapter advisor that suggested this path. the person was a woman named Sue at my Round Table. When I started to get more involved in the Lodge I found out that Sue was the current Vice Chief of Chapter advisor and then at that point in time it all made sense to me. Later that year I was elected to be the 2019 Vice Chief of Chapters. When I start my term, I will help start our new Area Chief program to get more connections to all of the chapters. We will also be having a new chair called Venturing Connections chair. They will help the new Venturing Scouts coming into the Lodge this winter. If you are interested in helping or you have any questions, email me at vcchapters@tamegonit.org.

Thank You,
Garrett Curtis
2019 Lodge Vice Chief of Chapters

Letter From The Vice Chief of Program

Fellow Arrowmen, I am Jake Deane and I am your 2019 Vice Chief of Program. This year I plan to engage all arrowmen in fun and beneficial leadership roles. If you are interested in being a chairman in any of the program related chairmanships (Chapel, Fall Fellowship, Patch Design, Parking, Winter Banquet, and Founder’s Day) and would like more information, you can contact me at vcprogram@tamegonit.org.

I hope to be able to establish and communicate the budget for my chairman as soon as they are initiated at the Winter Banquet. Doing this will make yours and your advisor’s job easier. If you are looking to be a leader in the Lodge, but do not want to take on the chairman role, you can join the committee of your choice, these committees include Conclave, Dining Hall, NOAC, High Adventure, and all the previously stated committees. I and all the Lodge Officers warmly invite you to reach out to any one of us to get involved. Information pertaining to all things Tamegonit can be found at handbook.tamegonit.org. In addition to the chairmen, I am also looking for adults to advise them; if you are interested, Email me!

Thanks,
Jake Deane
2019 Lodge Vice Chief of Program
2019 Lodge Leadership

Lodge Chief: Brian Blood
Vice Chief of Program: Jake Deane
Vice Chief of Administration: Brian Pendleton
Lodge Secretary: Harry Wald
Vice Chief of Chapters: Garrett Curtis
Lodge Treasurer: Coleman Moffitt
Vice Chief of Inductions: Grady Vap

2019 OA 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. Your OA dues are $15 per arrowman. OA members paying their dues through their troop should contact their OATR or their OATR Advisor. If an OA member is paying individually they can do so online at [http://www.hoac-bsa.org/order-of-the-arrow](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/order-of-the-arrow). You can also pay in person at Camp Naish but please make sure your receipt is turned into our Vice Chief of Admin, Brian Pendleton. If you have any questions email him at vcadmin@tamegonit.org.

Social Media

In between Torchbearers, a great resource to connect with the Lodge is through our Social Media accounts. It is our goal to be able to effectively reach out to as many OA Members as possible by using our Facebook and Twitter more effectively, which can only be done with your support. Some things that should change regarding Social Media in 2019 is our Twitter and YouTube Accounts. Our Twitter has been very inactive for a very long time. If we could start up our Twitter again, we can send out more information to the Troops and Chapters and hopefully boost attendance with our Lodge events. Our Lodge also has a YouTube account. We are trying to find someone who can take photos and videos during the Lodge events. With that information, we can put those together and make a cool video for the channel. These videos will show others how exciting and fun our activities are and can boost attendance for our Lodge events. If you are interested in learning how to help or give us information, please contact our Lodge Secretary at secretary@tamegonit.org. The lodge's current social media can be found on page 17 of this Torchbearer.
Unit Elections

Before a troop can go to an Induction, they must have a unit election. At each election, there will be an election team that will come and will conduct an election for your troop. If you are interested in being on the election team for your Chapter, talk to your Chapter Vice Chief of Elections. If you need to set up an election you can talk to your OATR, Scoutmaster or your Chapter Vice Chief of Elections to set one up! If you need any help, email our VC of Chapters at vcchapters@tamengonit.org.

2019 Section Conclave

In 2019 Tamegonit Lodge will be hosting the Section Conclave! The Section Conclave is an event that is hosted by one of the five Lodges in our Section, Section C-5B. Let’s bring the most people to it! At this event, all five Lodges come together and have numerous activities and competitions. All Arrowmen are welcome to attend. We will have Dance Team competitions, Ceremonial Team competitions, sports activities and more. Trophies will be awarded to the winners. Throughout the weekend, each Lodge can acquire points for different achievements and the Lodge with the most points will receive the “Travelers Trophy.” Our Conclave will cost $40 and will be held on April 12-14, 2019.

Stay updated about conclave at https://central.oa-bsa.org/c5b/conclave/
When: April 12-14, 2019
Where: Camp Naish, Bonner Springs Kansas
Theme: Tornado Alley Rally
What: five Lodges gather for activities, fun, and competition
Why: fun games, fellowship, opportunities to meet new Arrowmen and to vote for the 2019 Section Officers

Spring Inductions
Spring Induction #1: April 26-28
Spring Induction #2: May 17-19

Stay updated about inductions at https://www.hoac-bsa.org/oa-activities

LEC Meeting Dates

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Area Chief *NEW* (Updated 1/7/2019)
Starting this year, our Lodge is opening a new position and level of contact, Area Chiefs. There will be four Area Chiefs looking over 3-4 chapters each.

- Area #1 (NW : RED)
  Caleb Daniels
- Area #2 (NE : YELLOW)
  Bradley Simmons
- Area #3 (SW : GREEN)
  Caleb Daniels
- Area #4 (SE : BLUE)
  Bradley Simmons

2019 Chapter Chiefs (Updated 1/7/2019)

- Big Muddy
  Nicholas Dunsdon
- Blue Elk
  Connor McCarthy
- Golden Eagle
  Brady McDonald
- High Trail
  Anthony Krebs
- Iron Horse
  Grant Gose
- Kaw
  Robbie Messineo
- Lone Bear
  Lian Hyland
- Northern Lights
  Ethan Minter
- Pelathe
  Micah Roening
- Pioneer Trails
  Preston Pointer
- Shawnee Trails
- Soaring Eagle
- Spirit Trail
- Twin Rivers
Upcoming National Events

The **World Scout Jamboree** is a once in a lifetime Scouting experience at The Summit in West Virginia. This is the first time in over 40 years that the U.S. has hosted this Scouting event. The hosts of this event are a combination of the US, Canada, and Mexico! The jamboree has over 50 countries coming and over 60,000 scouts attending it. Legend has it that you could be eating lunch with a British Scout one day and a Japanese Scout the next. If you have any questions, email us at vcprogram@tamegonit.org.

*learn more at* [https://wsj2019.us/](https://wsj2019.us/)

The **National Order of the Arrow Conference** in 2020, or NOAC 2020 for short, is the Order of the Arrow’s premier event, occurring every two years at a select University. Get excited for: Fun, Fellowship, a University experience, leadership opportunities, patches, merchandise and a once in a lifetime experience. This conference last 8-9 days including travel. Special campership scholarships from our council are available for select youth. 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! You will be able to selectively choose your classes and trainings through the NOAERS system after you register. We will post updates on registration and merch designs throughout the coming months, so stay tuned!

*learn more at* [https://noac2018.org/noac-2020/](https://noac2018.org/noac-2020/)

The **OA Hackathon** is a special event hosted by the National Order of the Arrow team. At this event, they like to focus on problem-solving. Everyone will be in a team of 4-5 people and will be given problems to solve using brainstorming and technical knowledge. Using technology, you will learn how to apply leadership and knowledge to different Lodge scenarios around the Nation. You will be collaborating with others during this whole experience. This will help you engage with others more effectively to find a solution to a problem. This event will be held from June 26-30, 2019 in Folsom, CA.

*learn more at* [https://oa-bsa.org/article/hackathon-2019](https://oa-bsa.org/article/hackathon-2019)
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 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 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

or

email our VC Program at vcprogram@tamegonit.org
JTE

The OA Journey to Excellence award is a National Award allowing recognition for continuous improvement for Chapters, Lodges, and Sections. The award consists of three tiers, respectfully, the Bronze level, Silver level, and Gold level. In 2018 the Tamegonit Lodge earned the Bronze level of the award. As a Lodge it is important we push ourselves to a higher level by placing emphasis to improve our membership retention, the number of Ordeals inducted, Brotherhood conversion rate and support to the council.

learn more by emailing our Lodge Chief at chief@tamegonit.org

2018 In Review

We had lots of new Scouts join our Order in 2018! Here are the stats from 2018!

- New Ordeals = 625
- New Brotherhoods = 360
- New Vigil Honor Members = 32
- New Founders Award Recipients = 4
- 2018 NOAC Attendance = 38
- Number of Service Hours = 20,917 Hours
- Brotherhood Conversion Rate = 23%
- Total Membership Peak = 3,554

JOIN Dance Team TODAY!

Hello fellow Arrowmen, the Dance team is back! For the past few years with our Lodge, we have been without a Dance team. This year we got back on track and have begun to train new recruits and we have a solid team! Our goals this year are to be able to do as many Blue & Gold Banquets as we can and to have a strong presence at Lodge events. We have practices once or twice a month with pizza.

learn more by emailing our Dance Team chair at dancechair@tamegonit.org

Summer Camp Staff

Every summer Theodore Naish and H. Roe Bartle have summer camps for the scouts in HOAC. To be able to run the camp and have merit badges, each camp needs summer camp staff. Being on staff is a great learning experience where you are leading and teaching scouts!

Camp Naish staff application https://www.hoac-bsa.org/naish-camp-staff
Camp Bartle staff application https://www.hoac-bsa.org/bartle-camp-staff
Founders Award Nominations
The Founder’s Award recognizes arrowmen who have given outstanding service to their Lodge. Award recipients are announced at the Lodge’s annual Winter Banquet each January. See your Chapter Chief, Chapter Adviser or the Lodge leadership at any Lodge event for nomination forms. Nominations are due by July 1, 2019. This year’s recipients are: Blake Steinmetz -- Paul Terry -- Joe Ward -- Evan Johnson

Vigil Honor Nominations
The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition that the Order of the Arrow can award. By reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, Arrowmen who have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position of office to Lodge, Order of the Arrow, Scout Camp and/or Scouting Community are ideal Vigil Candidates. Every year Tamegonit Lodge is able to honor 2% of our active Arrowmen with the Vigil Honor. Those who receive Vigil Honor have shown cheerful service to the lodge, chapter, troop or summer camp in a significant way. “An Arrowman does not seek the Vigil; the Vigil seeks the Arrowman.” Any Arrowmen or non-Arrowmen are allowed to nominate an Arrowman for Vigil Honor. Each year the Lodge publishes a list of individuals that are eligible to be nominated for the Vigil Honor to aid you in identifying exemplary Lodge members. If you nominate an Arrowman, the nominee must have been a Brotherhood member for at least two years, be a current dues-paying member and be a registered scout or scouter with the BSA Heart of America Council (HOAC). All handwritten or typed forums MUST be turned into the Camp Naish office or HOAC office. The nomination form must be the OA-BSA Vigil Honor Nomination form which can be found at the link at the bottom. If you would like to send in a digital nomination forum, email the completed form to vigil@tamegonit.org. Please make sure every part of the Vigil nomination form is filled in before you turn it in. Nominations are due by July 1, 2019.

Please keep in mind that we have been working for the past four years to try to clean up our records. We have made great strides in providing more accurate information, but we also acknowledge that we have a lot of work left to do! Please help us ensure the accuracy of this list as well as our membership database by submitting dues in a timely manner, providing Ordeal, Brotherhood and Vigil dates where applicable when updating membership data each year and politely notifying us if there are inaccuracies in this list or any of our membership information. Remember, the youth of our Lodge are doing this work while supported by capable adult volunteer advisers and this will be a great learning experience for our youth leaders; help it be a positive learning experience for them!

2018 Vigil Honor Recipients

Samuel Bastin  
Kevin Coriden
Luke Berends  
Jeff Deane
Cagney Bustamante  
Gordon Harton
Ethan Freiley  
Allen Huff
David Gates  
Joseph Krebs
Dylan Harding  
Amy Lagermann
Ryan Johnson  
Doug Lenhart
Roman Leapheart  
Bill O’Connor
Connor McCarthy  
Cliff Ogle
Alexander Mayerhoff  
Jeff Oprisu
Jacob Mayerhoff  
Phillip Park
Harrison Quick  
Richard Park
Joe Roney  
Gregg Riess
Brad Schluben  
Todd Steinmetz
Montgomery Seastrom  
Myrl Wear
Grady Vap  
Elizabeth Whelan
2019 Winter Banquet Recap
Every year the Tamegonit Lodge holds our own Winter Banquet to initiate the new Lodge Chief and Vice-Chiefs. Chapters at the Winter Banquet held booths to tell about their Chapter and they have different games to play. The Service Corp held a booth advertising their new Lodge patch and how to earn it. NOAC 2020 also had a booth advertising with a video of the 2018 NOAC promotion video. Finally, Camp Naish’s Trading Post held a silent auction.

This year at Winter Banquet our guest speaker was Travis Rubelee, the Assistant National OA Director and now Director of Field Operations for HOAC. In the late 1990’s he was Vice Chief of Inductions and was on the Ceremony Team, making many friends in the Lodge. Rubelee also participated in the OA Trail Crew where he enjoyed both the experience and super-discounted prices at several high adventure camps for his service! His family’s financial situation often prohibited him from attending many events that he wanted to attend so this was a great way to experience these camps while giving back. He shared with us a quote from Mahatma Gandhi that the “best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others”.

the NEW Dance Team’s first public performance!
view from the roof of the venue!

the 2019 VC Inductions having some fun!
JOIN Ceremonial Team TODAY!

Other than continuing a tradition of high-quality ceremonies, I would like to see our team grow in both size and cohesion. I’m looking forward to continuing our weekly meetings and furthering each of our ceremonials’ understanding and connection to the scripts, especially in regards to the fundamental values they lend to our organization. Another thing I am excited for in the coming year is the opportunity to encourage our ceremonials to grow closer as a unit. Recruitment will be a focal point of this coming year as some of our team members are getting older and can’t perform forever. It would be ideal to have prospects in the wings that are interested and invested in learning more about the Order of the Arrow and the symbolism of our ceremonies. Hopefully, this year will be a big building block in the progression and continuation of our consistently strong group this year, and in the years to come.

learn more by emailing our C-Team Chair at ceremonieschair@tamegonit.org

Open Chair Positions
These are the current open chair positions for 2019! (Updated 1/7/2019)

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or

Email our VC Program at [vcprogram@tamegonit.org](mailto:vcprogram@tamegonit.org)
I would like to personally thank everybody who helped make this Torchbearer AMAZING! I would like to give a HUGE thank you to Zach Setzkorn for writing the content in this Torchbearer. If you have any suggestions, comments or information you would like to tell me, email me at secretary@tamegonit.org.