



The Torchbearer

2020 Winter Edition

Letter From Editor/ Lodge Secretary



Hello, I am Harry Wald, and this will be the last Torchbearer of 2020. It has been an amazing year and our Lodge has accomplished so much. I think I can speak for all of the Lodge Officers on this, but we never could have done it without the help of **YOU!** Everyone in the Lodge is a vital part of making each year successful. In 2020 we successfully inducted 289 Ordeals and 146 Brotherhoods, which was **AMAZING** for having the COVID-19 restrictions. As we close this year, on behalf of all of the 2020 Lodge Officers, we would like to thank everyone who was able to make this year possible. It has been a pleasure to serve everyone this year, and once again, it would not have been possible without everyone working together. It has been an amazing year and we hope to see everyone again at some events in the coming year.

Thank You,
Harry Wald
2020 Lodge Secretary

2021 Arrow Pass!

Every year Tamegonit Lodge offers the Arrow Pass to its participants. The Arrow Pass is a pass that you buy once before the following year begins and it will register you for **ALL** of the events for the coming year! The 2021 Arrow Pass is out and you can get yours now! The 2021 Arrow Pass will include: Spring Induction #1 and #2, Fall Inductions #1, #2, #3, Fall Fellowship, **AND** your annual dues! All of these events combined is \$140 **BUT** if you get the Arrow Pass, you get one of these events for **FREE!** So what are you waiting for? Get your 2021 Arrow Pass for **ONLY \$120** at the link below. **THE CLOSE DATE FOR THE 2021 ARROWPASS HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO FEBRUARY 1ST.**

2021 Arrow Pass <https://app.mobilecause.com/form/sBDWO?vid=e1eu8>

SCOUTING'S NATIONAL **HONOR** SOCIETY

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 OAU, Scoutmaster or your Chapter Vice Chief of Elections to set one up! If you need any help, email our VC of Chapters at vcchapters@tamegonit.org.

Virtual Elections

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Tamegonit Lodge took quick action to keep Lodge operations moving forward. Many units were not meeting in person, but we still needed to reach them, provide an engaging program, and facilitate unit elections and visitations. In April, the National OA leadership approved virtual elections for the first time in history. Almost immediately, our Lodge appointed former Lodge Chief Brian Blood as the 2020 Elections Chairman. We developed a method to hold elections virtually on Zoom and other video conference bridge services while preserving their integrity. Our technology solution first involved a new method for unit leaders to request elections online using a Google Form. Chapter Chiefs were then immediately notified and the election proceeded. Then, using a Google Form for results, ballots were easily and securely tabulated and sent back to the Lodge for verification. Our chapters have conducted almost 50 virtual elections thus far in 2020. We are still able to offer elections based on the conditions of the unit, in person for those having in-person meetings, and virtually for our units still meeting via Zoom or other video conferencing platforms. Finally, anyone elected as an Ordeal candidate this year will have up to two years from their election date to complete their induction. The youth leadership of Tamegonit Lodge reacted swiftly and effectively to make all necessary changes to support our chapters, our units, and our program. For a number of reasons, many units have elected to postpone elections in 2020. If your unit has not held its annual OA election, we would encourage you to do so by going to <http://elections.tamegonit.org/> and requesting an election. If you have questions, please reach out to Grant Gose, 2020 Vice Chief of Chapters vcchapters@tamegonit.org or our 2020 Elections Chairman, Brian Blood, at brian.blood@tamegonit.org.

2021 Lodge Leadership

Lodge Chief: William D.

Vice Chief of Program: Carly W.

Vice Chief of Administration: Stephanie M.

Lodge Secretary: Luke T.

Vice Chief of Chapters: Caleb L.

Lodge Treasurer: Grant G.

Vice Chief of Inductions: Owen M.

Lodge Dues



As a member of the Tamegonit Lodge and the Order of the Arrow, it is part of your duty 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 Order of the Arrow Unit Representative or their OAUR Advisor. If an OA member is paying individually they can do so online at <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.

Digital Resources

In an effort to move into the 21st Century as well as save paper, the Lodge Executive Committee has decided to transfer the Lodge Handbook and Lodge Induction Packet to online resources. These resources can be found at handbook.tamegonit.org and inductions.tamegonit.org respectively. There you will find any and all information relating to Tamegonit Lodge or its Induction Process. Paper copies will still be available upon request, however, these digital resources are the best way to make sure you are receiving the most up-to-date information.

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! If you are interested in staffing at either camp, applications can be found below.

Camp Naish staff application <https://www.hoac-bsa.org/naish-camp-staff>

Camp Bartle staff application <https://www.hoac-bsa.org/bartle-camp-staff>

2020 Covid Inductions

In the midst of COVID-19, Tamegonit lodge has successfully been able to hold multiple inductions in 2020. It was challenging at first to rearrange the induction process to make sure all candidates and staff were safe and to abide by all guidelines set forth by the state and county. We eventually got the inductions to run smoothly, as if we had planned for it all along. Our staff members were able to adapt quickly and learn many leadership lessons, whilst our candidates were learning very important life lessons. It was a challenging year, but we were able to overcome it through brotherhood and cheerful service.

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. 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. 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 10 of this Torchbearer.

2021 Winter Banquet

Every year, Tamegonit Lodge holds its annual Winter Banquet. Each banquet is a gathering of Arrowmen from our Lodge. Each Chapter has its own booth and games for the Scouts to play. Ceremonial Team, Dance Team, NOAC, and other activities will also have booths for Arrowmen to learn about. Due to COVID-19, the 2021 Winter Banquet was live streamed through Youtube and Facebook Live on January 9th, 2021.



2021 Chapter Chiefs (Updated 11/22/2020)

Blue Elk - Un-Elected as of 11/22

Frontier - Un-Elected as of 11/22

North Star - Jacob B.

Three Trails - Un-Elected as of 11/22

Iron Horse - Ian F.

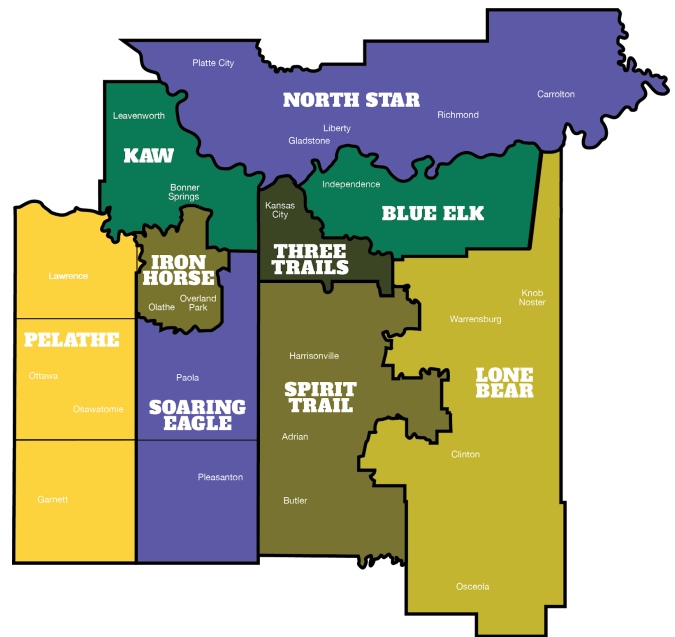
Kaw - Korbin D.

Lone Bear - Un-Elected as of 11/22

Pelathe - Un-Elected as of 11/22

Soaring Eagle - Un-Elected as of 11/22

Spirit Trail - Un-Elected as of 11/22



2022 NOAC

The National Order of the Arrow Conference in 2022, or NOAC 2022, 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 lasts 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 of 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 competitions for Ceremonies and Dance, Lodge Officer Training, Chapter Officer Training, and even Native American Craft classes. If you would like to find more information about NOAC, please contact our NOAC chair at noacchair@tamegonit.org

sign up for NOAC 2022 at <https://app.mobilecause.com/form/gKByuw?vid=e1gen>

2020 Vigil Honor Class

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.

Youth:

Daniel B
Rohan C
Gabe C
William D
Luke D
Bryse E
Andrew E
Justice G
Grant G
John G
Michael G
Denver H
Liam H
Caleb L
Powell M
Nathan N
Brian P
Edward Patrick R
Baden S
Harry W
Sam W

Adults:

James Larry Beauchamp
Joe Blount
Cameron Brenton
Zachary Cull
Marlene Curtis
Travis Dale
Scott Fears
Michael Gardner
Brandee Garr
James Handley
Patrick Liang
Mike McCauley
Sharon Mitchell
Henry David Pendleton
Terrel Schempf
Don Shapley
Leslie Staack
Larry Strickland
James Todd Sr
Misty Welter
Judy Yeager



OA High Adventure Opportunities for 2021

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

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

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 ceremonialists' 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 ceremonialists 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

Lodge Coup



Our Lodge has a very unique recognition coup system. We have a different bead for something that you have done within the Lodge. This may be a Chapter Officer, Elangomat, Runner, and more! Most of the coups will have a form for you to complete so you can officially receive the coup. When you are wearing your coup, you are showing everyone in the Lodge what you have done and what you will continue to do.

[Lodge Coup Information](#)

Follow Along with Tamegonit Between Torchbearers at:



@Tamegonit Lodge - Order of the Arrow
<https://bit.ly/2zbiPZl>



@Tamegonit147
<https://bit.ly/2RNvZmp>



@Tamegonit147
<https://bit.ly/2zGP42k>



@Tamegonit
<https://bit.ly/2z50Ao> (or scan)



HOAC - Order of the Arrow
<https://bit.ly/2QOuubE>



@Tamegonit Lodge 147
<https://bit.ly/2BDkOX7>



Tamegonit Lodge Handbook
<https://bit.ly/2TalisP>



Online Digital Portal
<https://bit.ly/2EMRod9>



2020 Activities
<https://bit.ly/2EGwWtu>

I would like to personally thank everybody who helped make this Torchbearer **AMAZING!** I would like to give a **HUGE** thank you to Zach S. 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.