



The Torchbearer

2016 Volume. Spring Edition.

Letter from the Editor



Hello arrowmen, my name is Dawson Garcia and I am your 2016 Secretary for Tamegonit Lodge. As Secretary, I have been working on improving the process of Advertising and Marketing for Tamegonit Lodge events, programs, reminders and special announcements. I am happy to announce that our 2nd Torchbearer of 2016 has been published. I would like to let everyone know that I am open to anyone who would like to contribute to the Torchbearer articles and Social Media postings. There are no deadlines, so if you send me your update, I will determine the best way to get it shared to the Lodge. Some examples would include fundraisers, service projects and any other council wide events. Send your comments, suggestions and requests to socialmediachair@tamegonit.org,

Thanks,
Dawson Garcia



What's your #ThrowbackThursday?

Every Thursday, our social media team posts pictures from time past, and you love seeing it! The weekly Throwback Thursday, or #TBT, post is one of the favorite features on our social media pages. However, it is only possible to keep this feature running with submissions from you. So go ahead and dig out that photo from 1985 inductions, the photo from camp staff 1948, or even the photo from NOAC 2015 and send it to socialmediachair@tamegonit.org.

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
Lodge Adviser: Skip McGurk

Letter from the Chief, Senn Boswell



Fellow Arrowmen,

What a year it has been so far! As we go into summer we have accomplished much: 484 Scouts have joined our ranks in the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service in our first two inductions this year, we've had a successful NASCAR fundraiser, and we had a successful Section C5B Conclave, where Tamegonit won many awards. Our new Ordeal and Brotherhood members have worked tirelessly to ensure camp was ready to receive campers this June, and we as a Lodge owe much thanks for their service to this Council.

Also, in the spirit of both our Cheerful Brotherhood, and in Friendship and Warmth, myself and several other members of the Lodge Executive Committee attended the Mic-O-Say Tribal Celebration where we watched one of our former Lodge Advisers, Jim Hayes, get elevated to the weighty responsibility of Presiding Chieftain. It delights me to see the fellowship between our Council's two GREAT honor societies.

With the Spring coming to a close and as we move into Summer, I'd once again like to ask for your service: we have two fall inductions on the horizon where we would appreciate your cheerful service to induct new Scouts, whether your service be as an Elangomat, Nimat, Runner, or some other role, we need you! Many a lodge officer can count their service as an Elangomat, Nimat, or Runner as one of their first responsibilities in OA.

As always, if you have any questions about the Order of the Arrow, please do not hesitate to email me at chief@tamegonit.org

Yours in Brotherhood,
Senn Boswell
2016 Tamegonit Lodge Chief

Pictured at right: Tribesman of the Lodge Executive Committee attended the 2016 Mic-O-Say Tribal Celebration Chieftain ceremony. Pictured are Jackson, Asa, Senn, Chief Strong Spirit Kenn Miller, Dawson and Jack.



Social Media in the Lodge

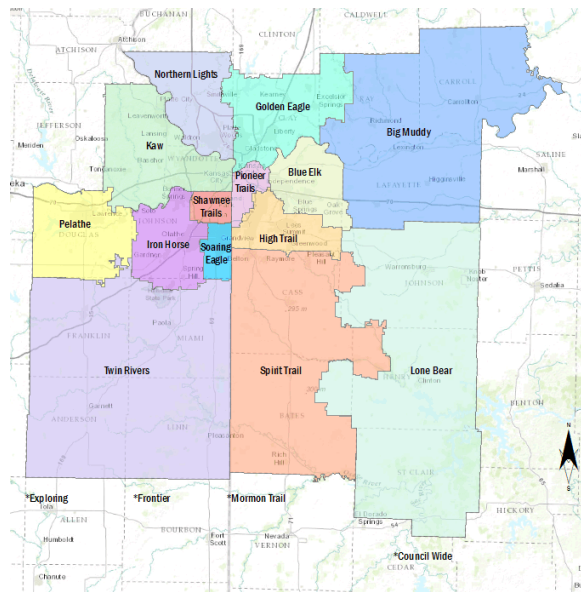


The social media platforms of the Lodge have seen a great increase since the beginning of the year as they gain traction, thank you for that! I sincerely hope social media will continue to become an integral part of the communication structure of the Lodge. I would like to just reiterate what I said at the beginning of the year about social media: the expansion of social media this year is only in an effort to better get in contact with the youth of the Lodge and to try and reach more people. Social media does not replace any emails sent out and the outlets of the Lodge; it is only an extension of that. If you are a regular arrowman or an adviser in some capacity and have something you would like shared online please feel free to send them to me and it can be posted, such as a unique OA activity or photos from a Lodge/Chapter event. I am also always looking for Throwback Thursday photos to post of either old OA events, history of Camp Naish, Bartle, or even KC Scouting history in general. The goal of Throwback posts are to have a reminder of the past to see where we have been and where we can go in the future. Any photos or posts, throwbacks or events, please send them to socialmediachair@tamegonit.org, credit will be given to any photo submitted and posted. If you have the capability please check out Tamegonit Lodge on either Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to stay up to date on Lodge news and see unique content.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Jack Oxley
Tamegonit Lodge Social Media Chairman and Historian

2016 Chapter Chiefs

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| 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 |



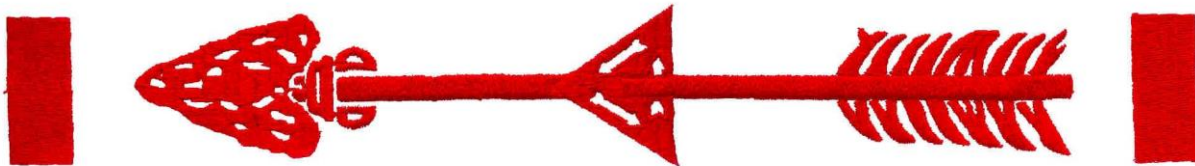
REMINDER: 2016 Founders and Vigil Awards Nominations are DUE!



Nominations are due by July 1, 2016. Nominees for both awards must be a registered arrowmen of Tamegonit Lodge and a registered member of the Heart of America Council. Nominations must be made on the forms available online at Tamegonit.org.

Any arrowmen is eligible for the Founder's Award, but Tamegonit is limited to only four awards annually, and at least one recipient must be a youth. Recipients embody the spirit of our founders through lives of cheerful service, and have included Lodge Chiefs, Lodge Advisers, youth with significant leadership experience in the lodge, and adults who have gone above and beyond the role of an Adviser. Founder's 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.

Vigil nominees 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. Vigil nominees should embody the ideal of servant leadership.



There is still time to pay 2016 OA Dues!

Paid 2016

Needed!

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 renewing your dues for 2016! The bar above represents the number of members we had last year. The blue portion is the number of members who have already paid 2016 dues – the red portion is the members needed.

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.



Spring & Summer Inductions

Pictures by Jack Oxley, John Clark, and Mark Garcia. Interested in more? Check out Tamegonit on social media!

Upcoming National Events



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

#AdventureAwaits | If you're looking for an adventure this summer, there are still a few spots left for a trip with #OAHA! Sign up before all the spots are gone: adventure.oa-bsa.org

Spots still open for OAHA

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| <p>OA Trail Crew Session 1 June 15 - 29, 2016 1 Spot Session 8 August 3 - 17, 2016 7 Spots</p> <p>OA Canadian Odyssey Session 2 June 22 - July 6, 2016 4 Spots Session 3 June 29 - July 13, 2016 1 Spots Session 6 July 20 - August 10, 2016 4 Spots</p> | <p>OA Summit Experience Session 8 July 31 - August 7, 2016 3 Spots</p> <p>OA Wilderness Voyage Session 4 July 6 - 20, 2016 1 Spots Session 5 July 13 - 27, 2016 1 Spots Session 6 July 20 - August 3, 2016 4 Spots Session 7 July 27 - August 10, 2016 3 Spots Session 8 August 3 - 17, 2016 3 Spots</p> |
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Sign Up Today!

#AdventureAwaits

Open Chair Positions

Though we are steadily approaching induction season, we still have some gaps in our Lodge Executive Committee roster. We are looking for both adult and youth leaders to help maintain our exceptional program. The following are the current positions still open:

Adult Adviser:

Brotherhood Conversion
LLD/LLDC
Chapter Adviser (Spirit Trail)
Lodge Services Projects
OA High Adventure
Scouting 500 *NEW

Youth Chair:

LLD/LLDC
NLS/NLATS
Unit Elections
Lodge Services Projects
Scouting 500 *NEW

If you, or an Arrowman you know, have even the slightest interest in being active at the Lodge level, please let us know. Just send us an email at chief@tamegonit.org to receive more information about any of the positions!

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



Be. Know. Do. At the National Leadership Seminar



Since the 1970s, the National Order of the Arrow Committee has crafted one of the best weekend leadership trainings available in the nation – inside or outside of Scouting. This training is available only to Arrowmen, and one seminar out of the many offered nationally is held in our council at Parkville, MO. This year's National Leadership Seminar is scheduled for October 14-16, 2016. Make plans now to attend, as spots fill up fast. More information is available at Tamegonit.org.

Save the Date 2016 Tamegonit Lodge Event Dates

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| OA Inductions at Rotary Camp | July 19 - 20 |
| 2017 ArrowPass Available | July 2016 |
| 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 |
| 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 |

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Tamegonit Lodge - Order of the Arrow

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