



# The Torchbearer

2019 Volume. Fall Edition.

## Letter From Editor/ Lodge Secretary



Welcome to the Second Edition of The Torchbearer! My name is Harry Wald, your 2019 Lodge Secretary for Tamegonit Lodge. As promised in the first Torchbearer, I will continue to post the quarterly Newsletter for you! Each of The Torchbearers will be an update to all Scouts and Arrowmen about what has been happening within the Lodge and information for other activities. This will also provide information about Vigil Honor, Inductions and more! Being in charge of communications for the Lodge, it is important to me to make sure all questions or issues are resolved. If you have any questions, I urge you to contact me at [secretary@tamegonit.org](mailto:secretary@tamegonit.org).

Thank You,  
Harry Wald  
2019 Lodge Secretary

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### 2019 Lodge Leadership

Lodge Chief: Brian B.

Vice Chief of Program: Jake D.

Vice Chief of Administration: Brian P.

Secretary: Harry W.

Vice Chief of Chapters: Garrett C.

Treasurer: Coleman M.

Vice Chief of Inductions: Grady V.

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### \*NEW\* 2020 Lodge Leadership

Lodge Chief: Jake D.

Vice Chief of Program: Kathryn E.

Vice Chief of Administration: William D.

Secretary: Makenna H.

Vice Chief of Chapters: Grant G.

Treasurer: Grady V.

Vice Chief of Inductions: Carter B.

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Fellow Arrowmen,

As 2019, Tamegonit's 80 th year, comes to a close, it is time to reflect on the amazing effect the Order of the Arrow has had across the Heart of America Council. In February, we became one of the first lodges to induct youth female arrowmen into our Order. We hosted Section C-5B's conclave and all three section officers came from our Lodge. Through our Induction season, we brought 600 new Ordeal members into the Order so they can experience our Brotherhood of Cheerful service and 300 of our members chose to seal their membership in Brotherhood this year, some of which were our female Arrowmen from February.

With this being said, we are not done yet. Our membership has decreased consistently over the past few years and only we can change that. On October 19 th , Lodge members will be calling in to Thrive: A National Webinar, A Local Commitment where we will form a 3 plan to reverse our declining membership, but each and every one of you has the opportunity to affect the life of another scout, another arrowman, and bring them an event to show them what our Brotherhood of Cheerful Service is all about. We have a few opportunities to do this already. On November 8th-10th, we will host our Lodge Leadership Development for any Scout in the Heart of America to become trained in how to be a good leader and a good arrowman. Classes will focus on organization, leadership, and honored camping skills to allow them to succeed in their troop, their school, their community, and in the Order. On January 4th , we will hold our Winter Banquet to honor everything we have done throughout the year and welcome in our new year. It is a great fellowship event to meet Arrowmen from around the city, eat a great meal, and converse with our local leaders. If you have never been, it is one of my favorite events throughout the year. I hope to see you all at one of these events! But, as we look forward into the next year, there will be new officers. There will be new events. There will be changes, but the spirit of the Order of the Arrow—Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service—will live on in perpetuity.

It truly has been a pleasure to be your Lodge Chief in 2019 and I am truly honored. Thank you!

WWW,

Brian Blood

Lodge Chief



## Fall Fellowship Wrap Up

Fall Fellowship 2019 was an exciting event for the lodge, there were a lot of different events and activities being held there this year. Operation WildLife came out and had an amazing demonstration with their birds, and Dangerous Magic came with their many impressive acts. An alpaca grazed the grass while people jumped around in the obstacle course. In the evening the Lodge Elections were held and we voted for the new Lodge Team. Later in the night there was a remembrance ceremony for vigil members who have passed away, and a call to honor those have been called to the Vigil. Despite the rain and clouds Fall Fellowship 2019 carried on strong and was a lot of fun for both Arrowmen and Non Arrowmen.

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### Social Media



In between The Torchbearer, 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 videos 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](mailto:secretary@tamegonit.org). The Lodge's current social media can be found on page 16 of the newsletter.



## 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 the 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 OUTR, 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](mailto:vcchapters@tamegonit.org).

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## 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 OUTR or their OUTR Advisor. If an OA member is paying individually they can do so online at [2019dues.tamegonit.org](http://2019dues.tamegonit.org). 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](mailto:vcadmin@tamegonit.org).

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## 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](http://handbook.tamegonit.org) and [inductions.tamegonit.org](http://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.

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## Lodge Coup



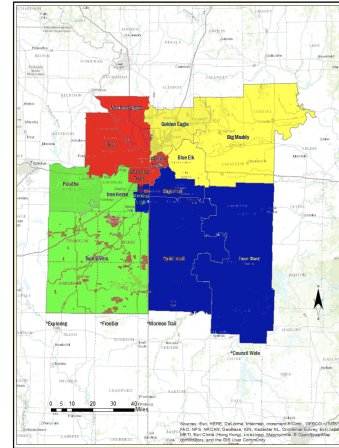
Tamegonit Lodge has a very unique recognition coup system. We have a different bead for something that you have done within the Lodge. This may be a Chapter Officer, Elangomat, Runner, and more! Most of the coups will have a form for you to complete so you can officially receive the coup. When you are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

[Lodge Coup Information](#)



## Area Chief \*NEW\* (Updated 10/16/2019)

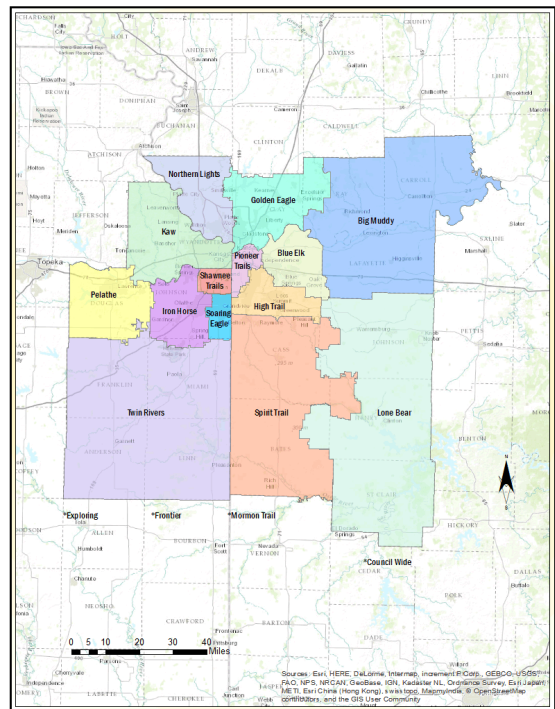
This year our Lodge has opened a new position and level of contact, Area Chiefs. There will be four Area Chiefs looking over 3-4 chapters each.



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

## 2019 Chapter Chiefs (Updated 10/16/2019)

- Big Muddy
- Sam Tooley Blue Elk
- Connor McCarthy Golden Eagle
- High Trail
- Brady McDonald Iron Horse
- Anthony Krebs Kaw
- Frank Todaro Lone Bear
- Grant Gose Northern Lights
- Robbie Messineo Pelathe
- Liam Hyland Pioneer Trails
- Ethan Minter Shawnee Trails
- Micah Roening Soaring Eagle
- Preston Pointer Spirit Trail
- Alex Rosich Twin Rivers





## Upcoming National Events



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 training 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/>

## 2019 NLS



NLS, otherwise known as the National Leadership Seminar, is focused on teaching key youth and adult members of the Lodge. This seminar will focus on how to enhance leadership skills and their services to Scouts BSA and the OA. Six of the seven Lodge Officers went to NLS last October in 2018 and we would love to see all Arrowmen go in 2019! The next

available NLS course is on October 25-27, 2019. More info can be found at [2019 NLS](#).

## 2019 Induction Year Wrapup

In 2019, the Tamegonit Lodge hosted seven Inductions; one in Winter, two in Spring, two in Summer, and two in the Fall. Through these Inductions, 597 Ordeal members joined our Lodge as Ordeal Members and 392 Arrowmen sealed their membership by becoming Brotherhood Members. At our Winter Induction earlier this year, our Lodge had the honor of Inducting twenty youth females into the Order!

*if you are interested in helping at Inductions in 2020, contact the 2019 Vice Chief of Inductions at*

[vcinductins@tamegonit.org](mailto:vcinductins@tamegonit.org)



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## 2020 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. After the dinner, awards are presented to those who have received them. We announce the Vigil Class of that year, Founders Award recipients, and initiate the new year's Lodge Officers. To add to the festivities, we invite a special guest speaker. In 2019, we invited Travis Rubulee, the 2019 Director of Field Services. The 2020 Winter Banquet will be on January 4, 2020. Learn more by emailing our 2019 VC of Program, Jake Deane at [vcprogram@tamegonit.org](mailto:vcprogram@tamegonit.org).



*2019 Winter Banquet*



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## JOIN Dance Team TODAY!



Dance Team has been going well, and our dancers have been improving. As you may have heard many of our dancers placed at Section Conclave a couple of months ago, with one even getting first place in Grass Dance. We have practices once a month. If you are interested contact Coleman Moffitt,

the Dance Team Chair at [dancechair@tamegonit.org](mailto:dancechair@tamegonit.org).

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## 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. If you are interested in coming to a meeting, we meet every Wednesday from 6:30PM-8PM at Camp Naish Great House!

*learn more by emailing our C-Team Chair at [ceremonieschair@tamegonit.org](mailto:ceremonieschair@tamegonit.org)*

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## 2019 LLD

Lodge Leadership Development, or LLD, is a training our Lodge holds annually. This training cultivates leadership in Arrowmen at the Unit level, Chapter level, and the Lodge level. LLD is an event available for ALL arrowmen! Registration is \$20 and available at [lld.tamegonit.org](http://lld.tamegonit.org) This year LLD will be from November 8-10 at Camp Naish and will include a multitude of trainings to prepare lodge, chapter, and unit leadership for success in years to come.

*learn more by emailing our VC of Admin at [vcadmin@tamegonit.org](mailto:vcadmin@tamegonit.org)*

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## 2019 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. In September, at our annual Fall Fellowship, the 2019 Vigil Honor Call was publicly proclaimed. Twenty-nine youth Arrowmen and thirty-three adult Arrowmen heard their name at the Vigil Honor call. These sixty-two Arrowmen have given outstanding service to their fellow Scouts and have been recognized with this honor.

### The 2019 Vigil Honor Class:

#### Youth

Anthony K  
Bradley S  
Braeden F  
Brian P  
Carter B  
Coleman M  
Ethan M  
Garrett C  
Jacob S  
John M  
Johnathan J  
Matthew R  
Micah R  
Rylan K  
Sam S  
Teller C  
Tim G  
Caleb C  
Benjamin T  
Jacob H  
Jake D  
Owen M  
Luke G  
Pierce G  
Nathan R  
Caleb D  
Jordan K  
Tanner M  
Matthew H  
Dakota H  
Jake H

#### Adult

Aaron Guest  
Bandit Boterf  
Dan Koontz  
Darren Coffman  
David Dock  
David McLean  
David Riker  
Douglas Darling  
Ed Gooseman  
Hal Smith  
Heath Freiley  
Jay Morris  
John Peter  
John Schwartz  
Mark Fix  
Matthew Kramm  
Randall Hazen  
Richard THomann  
Robert Kline  
Scott A. Smith  
Tyler Lagermann  
Bill Moffitt  
Bill Schluben  
Joe Davis  
Denise Nance  
Harry Moyer  
Keith Neuman  
Brenan Riffell  
Gerry Godson  
Timothy Gorsline





### **The Elangomat Coupon**

Elangomat, a friend and a brother to all. The Elangomat is the person who volunteered their time to lead you through your Ordeal. These people dedicate their time to help you and make sure you are on track to be in the Order. Being an Elangomat is one of the hardest jobs during an Induction. Not only are they volunteering their time to help, but they are volunteering to be on silence, eat scant food, sleep outside, and work with you. They go through the Ordeal again to make the process more memorable to new Ordeal Members. Previously, Elangomats have paid the full \$25 to come and serve on an induction weekend. The LEC decided that Elangomats should not have to pay the full camping prices for less food and lots of work. The LEC, through the guidance of Lodge Vice Chief of Inductions Grady Vap, elected to develop the Elangomat Coupon. **This coupon will be given to all of the Elangomats at an Induction on Sunday Morning. It will be a coupon of \$10 to the Naish Trading Post.**

*if you have any questions, please email our VC of Inductions at [vcinductions@tamegonit.org](mailto:vcinductions@tamegonit.org)*

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### **Ordeal Pass**

One of our goals as a Lodge is to activate new Ordeal Members and get them involved in the Lodge. To help with this task, Tamegonit Lodge has created an Ordeal Pass. This Ordeal Pass is for any **new Ordeal member who has completed their Induction in 2019**. This Pass is similar to an Arrow Pass but it is exclusive to new Ordeals. **With this Ordeal Pass, you will be paying ONLY \$30 for Fall Fellowship and Winter Banquet!** These two events are great ways to meet new people in the Lodge and find ways to become more involved. If you have any questions or you would like to know more about the Ordeal Pass, email our Lodge Chief at [chief@tamegonit.org](mailto:chief@tamegonit.org).

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### **Lodge Leadership Development**

Lodge Leadership Development is a training held annually by the Lodge. At this training, you will learn how to become a better leader in general, as well as in your Troop, Chapter, and Lodge. **All Lodge and Chapter Officers and Chairman are required to attend this event. Additionally, any Unit Leaders, youth and adults, are invited to become properly trained in leadership.** Lodge Leadership Development will be held at Camp Naish on **November 8-10, 2019** and will include a multitude of trainings to prepare lodge, chapter, and unit leadership for success in the years to come. **Be on the lookout for an announcement about some special guests that will be in attendance.** The price for the 2019 LLD will be \$20 and will cover food and lodging.

*if you have any questions about LLD, please email our VC Admin at [vcadmin@tamegonit.org](mailto:vcadmin@tamegonit.org)*

**Service Corp**

The Tamegonit Lodge Service Corps wants you! The Service is into its second year, and we have already accomplished a lot for the Heart of America Council. Stay up to date with Service Project days on the HOAC calendar and on the Tamegonit Lodge Facebook. We will be resuming projects in August, and we hope to see you at our projects this Fall! You can also earn a Tamegonit Lodge Service Flap. If you attend five projects! For more information about the Service Corp, please email Kurt, our Service Corp Chair at [servicecorps@tamegonit.org](mailto:servicecorps@tamegonit.org)

**Open Chair/Adviser Positions**

These are the current open chair positions for 2019! (Updated 10/16/2019)

Vice Chief of Administration	Membership Registration	<a href="mailto:vcadmin@tamegonit.org">vcadmin@tamegonit.org</a>
Vice Chief of Chapters	Cub Scout Connections OAUR (OA Unit Rep.) Area Chief #1	<a href="mailto:vcchapters@tamegonit.org">vcchapters@tamegonit.org</a>
Vice Chief of Program	Disability Awareness	<a href="mailto:vcprogram@tamegonit.org">vcprogram@tamegonit.org</a>
Treasurer	Fundraising	<a href="mailto:treasurer@tamegonit.org">treasurer@tamegonit.org</a>

These are the current open adviser positions for 2019! (Updated 10/16/2019)

Vice Chief of Administration	Trainings Arrowmen 101/202 LLD/LLDC	<a href="mailto:vcadmin@tamegonit.org">vcadmin@tamegonit.org</a>
Vice Chief of Chapters	Cub Scout Connections OAUR (OA Unit Rep.) Venturing Connections Area Chief #3 & #4	<a href="mailto:vcchapters@tamegonit.org">vcchapters@tamegonit.org</a>
Vice Chief of Inductions	AIA	<a href="mailto:vcinductions@tamegonit.org">vcinductions@tamegonit.org</a>
Vice Chief of Program	Choir Director Fall Fellowship OA High Adventure Winter Banquet (2020) Disability Awareness	<a href="mailto:vcprogram@tamegonit.org">vcprogram@tamegonit.org</a>
Treasurer	Fundraising	<a href="mailto:treasurer@tamegonit.org">treasurer@tamegonit.org</a>



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## 2020 NOAC Patches

To prepare for the 2020 NOAC, our Lodge Executive Committee voted to make 4 patch designs. Each set is made for a specific reason. We have patches for fundraising, the contingent, and trading. The Moon Patch is \$20 and will start being sold by the beginning of August. The delegate patch is a Rocket Launch (below) and will be given to those who pay their \$100 deposit. **You can pay your \$100 deposit for NOAC at [2020 NOAC](#).**



2020 NOAC Delegate Patch

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### Save the Date

Service Corp Workday	October 19, 2019
Service Corp Workday	November 9, 2019
Lodge Leadership Development	November 8-10, 2019
Winter Banquet	January 4, 2020

learn more at <https://www.hoac-bsa.org/oa-activities>  
or email our VC Program at [vcprogram@tamegonit.org](mailto:vcprogram@tamegonit.org)

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<https://bit.ly/2zbiPZl>



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



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



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



@Tamegonit  
<https://bit.ly/2RGYxOE>



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



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



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



2019 Activities  
<https://bit.ly/2EGwWtu>



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

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