



# The Torchbearer

2019 Volume. Spring 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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## Letter From The Vice Chief of Inductions



Thank you to all the volunteers who came to the Spring and Summer Inductions this year. We still need volunteers to come to our Fall Inductions and help out as a nimat, runner, and especially as an elangomat. One new part of the elangomat process that has been added is a new elangomat coupon that is given to those who stay until Sunday morning. More information about the elangomat coupon will be found further in the Torchbearer. Our Spring and Summer Inductions have been very successful. We have Inducted over 400 new Ordeals and 100 new Brotherhood members. I would like to personally congratulate all new members in the Order of the Arrow, as well as challenge them to better serve their Troops, and in addition, come back and help the Order of the Arrow. I would suggest coming to our Fall Inductions and volunteer as runner or elangomat. They are very rewarding experiences, and they can possibly inspire others or give you life skills. I promise that all of our staff and volunteers have fun when they come out. None of us would be here in these positions if we weren't having fun. As always, if you have any questions please visit our website [inductions.tamegonit.org](http://inductions.tamegonit.org) or feel free to contact me at [inductions@tamegonit.org](mailto:inductions@tamegonit.org).

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Grady Vap  
2019 Vice Chief of Inductions

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## Letter From The Lodge Chief



Fellow Arrowmen,

The 80th Year of Tamegonit has been strong and promising as we continue to lead the way across the Nation, but we are only halfway done. So we still have plenty of time to be highly successful and high performing.

We recently concluded our Spring Induction Season, inducting over 350 new Ordeal members into our Order and have upwards of 100 members come back and seal their membership as a Brotherhood. This is how our Order grows, by sharing these experiences with others. I challenge all those who went through the Induction process this year to come back to another Lodge Event in 2019; whether that be another Induction weekend, Fall Fellowship, Lodge Leadership Development, or Winter Banquet 2020.

In the coming months, Tamegonit Lodge has many things planned for all of you. After our Fall Inductions, we will have Fall Fellowship, a great party and celebration of our lodge, especially in its 80th year. In addition to our fellowship, we will be having a meeting of the Lodge to confirm some new bylaw changes and elect our 2020 Lodge Officers. Finally, we will call out those members who have been nominated for the Vigil Honor.

Later in November, we will hold our Lodge Leadership Development course, designed to prepare any and everyone for a leadership position at the Troop, Chapter, and Lodge level. This training will prepare us all to be high performing.

Finally, on January 4th, 2020, we will conclude our 80th year of our Lodge with our Winter Banquet. A big, Banquet event with great food and fellowship. We recognize those who have given back to our lodge throughout the past year. 2019 Vigil Honor members, 2020 Lodge Officers, Founder's Award, Order of the Arrow High Adventure Certificates, and many more. It is a great way to see how to get involved in Tamegonit Lodge.

While we have all of these amazing events coming up, I also want to cover some major changes to our program. First, the Brotherhood waiting requirement has been shortened to 6 months, so anyone who went through the February Induction for Ordeal will be able to go through either the Fall Inductions for brotherhood. We may also be making changes to our event schedule to accommodate this change. Additionally, Lodge JTE has been replaced, but this does not affect our overall goals for the year. Finally, you may be seeing more involvement from the Section as we strive to become a more National Society and high performing.

Overall, I hope to see you all back this year to celebrate our year. Whether that is to buy patches, be inducted, seal your membership, or give service. You all live up to the high ideals of Scouting and the Order.

WWW,  
Brian Blood  
2019 Lodge Chief



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## 2019 Lodge Leadership

Lodge Chief: Brian Blood

Vice Chief of Program: Jake Deane

Vice Chief of Administration: Brian Pendleton

Secretary: Harry Wald

Vice Chief of Chapters: Garrett Curtis

Treasurer: Coleman Moffitt

Vice Chief of Inductions: Grady Vap

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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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### 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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## Fall Fellowship

Fall Fellowship is an annual event put on by Tamegonit Lodge to meet in fellowship with Arrowmen throughout Heart of America Council. On September 20-22, all Scouts, members of Troops, Venturer Crews, Cub Scout Packs, and Sea Scout Ships, will be able to enjoy a weekend of fellowship with many different fun and exciting activities. The Naish Trading Post will be open for any of your buying needs. Scotts Iconium Store will bring a trailer of merchandise, beads, and ice cream out to Naish for the event! iFly Indoor Skydiving will be bringing an outdoor tunnel to practice STEM activities and Skill Trade Unions such as carpenters and metal workers will bring interactive exhibits as well. During the weekend event, all Arrowmen are welcomed into the Campfire Arena as we conduct the elections for the 2020 Lodge Officers. Many Chapters will hold Chapter Officer elections after the Lodge Officers elections. On Saturday night after the elections are held, the 2019 Vigil Candidates will be called out in Whipporwill Council Ring. This is a special event for all Arrowmen to witness. During the call, the Ceremonial Team will have a presentation about the Vigil Honor and then will call the names of those considered worthy of the high distinct honor according to Vigil Selection Committee. **Be sure to attend this annual event to experience all of the FUN activities added above.** Fall Fellowship will be held from September 20 - 22, 2019

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

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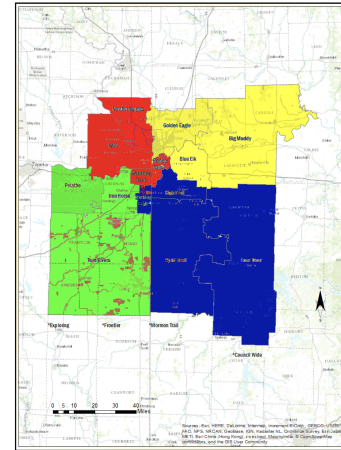
## Digital Resources

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.



## Area Chief \*NEW\* (Updated 6/18/2019)

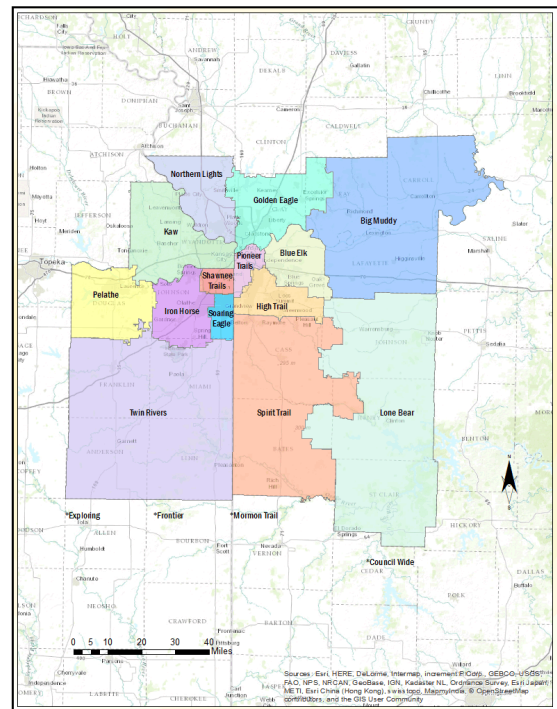
This year our Lodge has opened a new position and level of contact, Area Chiefs. There will be four Area Chiefs looking over 3-4 chapters each.



- 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 6/18/2019)

- 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
- Twin Rivers





## Upcoming National Events



24<sup>th</sup>  
**WORLD SCOUT  
JAMBOREE**  
SCOUT MONDIAL  
UNLOCK a NEW WORLD  
— USA —

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](mailto:vcprogram@tamegonit.org).

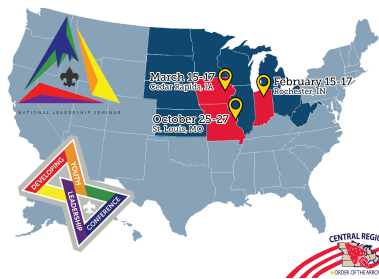
learn more at <https://wsj2019.us/>



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 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](#).



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## 2019 Vigil Banquet

Vigil Banquet is coming up sooner than you think! All Vigil members are welcome to join the Lodge in inducting its new Vigil members and celebrating in a glorious feast. The Vigil Banquet will be held on October 6-7, 2019 at Camp Naish. Tamegonit Lodge is welcoming a special guest to the Banquet this year. Eric Harrison, the National Vice-Chief of the Order of the Arrow, will be a guest speaker and honorary Turkey for the Banquet. Please invite any and all Vigil members to this event, it will be a Banquet to remember!

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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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## 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](mailto:vcprogram@tamegonit.org)



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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).

## 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)

## Fall Inductions

Fall Induction #1 (Bartle): August 9-11

Fall Induction #2: August 23-25

Stay updated about inductions at [inductions.tamegonit.org](http://inductions.tamegonit.org) or

<https://www.hoac-bsa.org/oa-activities>



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## REMINDER: 2019 Founders Award Nominations \*DUE\*



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.** The 2019

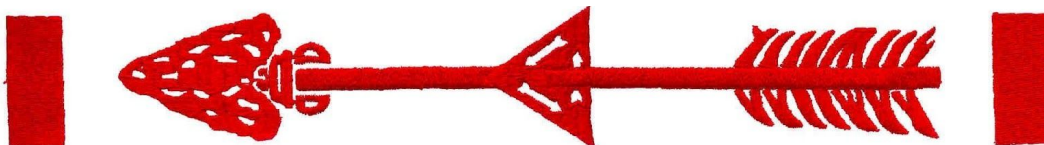
recipients are:

Blake Steinmetz -- Paul Terry -- Joe Ward -- Evan Johnson

## REMINDER: 2019 Vigil Honor Nominations \*DUE\*

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](mailto: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!



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## Spring Inductions 1 and 2

On April 26<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>, the Lodge our held two annual Spring Inductions. A total of 386 Ordeals joined our membership and 99 Scouts sealed their membership as a Brotherhood. For the Scouts who were at the Spring Inductions as non-Arrowmen, they had the opportunity to go to Trail to First Class. In the Trail to First Class program, Scouts were able to work on requirements in order to advance to the First Class rank, which is also an eligibility requirement to join the Order.

## Summer Inductions 1 and 2

During the two Scouts BSA Camp Naish Sessions, the Tamegonit Lodge Induction Team held it's Summer Inductions. This year 48 Scouts joined the Order as Ordeal Members. 29 Scouts sealed their membership as Brotherhood Members.

## Photos from the Spring and Inductions





### **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.**

*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 6/18/2019)

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>
Treasurer	Fundraising	<a href="mailto:treasurer@tamegonit.org">treasurer@tamegonit.org</a>

These are the current open adviser positions for 2019! (Updated 6/18/2019)

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)	<a href="mailto:vcprogram@tamegonit.org">vcprogram@tamegonit.org</a>
Secretary	Alumni Relations	<a href="mailto:secretary@tamegonit.org">secretary@tamegonit.org</a>
Treasurer	Fundraising	<a href="mailto:treasurer@tamegonit.org">treasurer@tamegonit.org</a>

**National's New Policies**

On June 7, 2019, the National Order of the Arrow Committee made new changes. The Order must grow, alongside the Scouting movement, to achieve its purpose. The best way to do this is through supporting a “High Performing Lodge” in each council. To help achieve this aim, the national OA committee approved several, significant policy changes at the meeting:

- **Brotherhood Requirements:** Effective immediately, the waiting period between induction and eligibility for Brotherhood membership has been reduced to six (6) months. All other requirements are unchanged.
- **Journey to Excellence (JTE):** The lodge program is being discontinued and immediately replaced with the new Performance Measurement Program. There are a small number of requirements and clear benchmarks for lodge achievement. The requirements are consistent with the former JTE to align with your lodge planning.
- **Purpose of the Section:** Effectively immediately, the role of the Section has been expanded beyond hosting an annual Conclave. Sections share in the responsibility of empowering, supporting, and helping lodges become high performing.

The Lodge Ledger will have more detailed information on these changes and other new programs and policies approved at the meeting. They will also be covered extensively during Thrive, the national OA webinar, on October 19.

With these new policies in place, Arrowmen who have completed their Ordeal at the Winter Induction will be able to complete their Brotherhood at **both** Fall Inductions 1&2. The Lodge will work with Performance Measurement Program at future LEC meetings.



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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

Fall Induction #1 (Bartle)	August 9 - 11, 2019
Fall Induction #2	August 23 - 25, 2019
Fall Fellowship	September 20 - 22, 2019
Vigil Banquet	October 6, 2019
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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@Tamegonit Lodge - Order of the Arrow  
<https://bit.ly/2zbiPZl>



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



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



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



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



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



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



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