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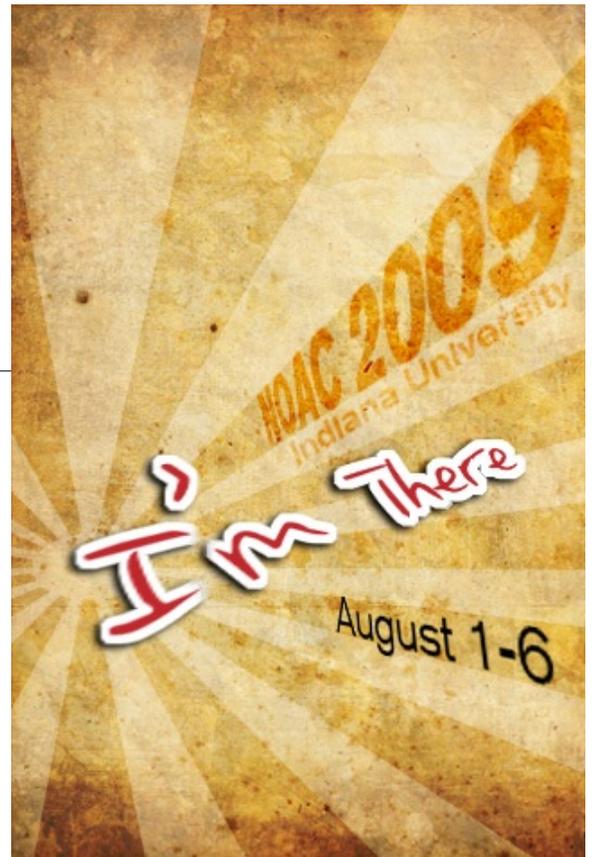
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In the summer of 2009, Arrowmen from around the country have the unique opportunity to gather together for the **National Order of the Arrow Conference**, commonly referred to as NOAC. NOACs generally have over 7,000 Arrowmen in attendance that are seeking many of the aspects you are looking for: fun, fun and more fun. Each time a conference is held, Arrowmen coming from around the world gather at a major university to share their ideas on lodge leadership, activities, and ceremonies as well as participate in a large variety of competitions. This six-day adventure (**August 1-6**) is unlike any other event in Scouting and is unique to just members of the Order of the Arrow. Join us this summer at Indiana University.

Does this sound like fun to you? Then join the T'Kope Kwiskwis NOAC contingent!

The cost is \$1,000, payable in installments between now and April 30. **Register now by contacting Jason Stewart** (253-653-2406 or scouter_stewie@yahoo.com) and join the other 26 members already attending from our lodge!



Fill 'er Up Award

Hey adults! It's not too late to still be eligible for the 2009 Fill 'er Up Award. If you haven't started working on it, **you still have five chances left this year!** Forms are available on the lodge website (www.tkokekwiskwis.org) and are due on or before June 19, 2009 to the Lodge Chief. Simply bring at least two youth in your vehicle to four of the events on the lodge calendar to earn this award.

The Marmot's Whistle is an official quarterly publication of the T'Kope Kwiskwis Lodge, Order of the Arrow, Chief Seattle Council #609, Boy Scouts of America. Want to publish an article? Submit to secretary@tkokekwiskwis.org.

New Brotherhood Members!

Congratulations to the eight new Brotherhood members who attended their ceremony during **Inductions Weekend 2008** at Camp Brinkley!

- Malcolm A. - Troop 455
- Patrick B. - Troop 1480
- Colton B. - Troop 1862
- John J. - Troop 282
- Travis N. - Troop 331
- Eric O. - Troop 1541
- Ryan T. - Troop 1480
- Terry T. - Troop 1480

Interested in becoming a Brotherhood member?
Just come to an Ordeal weekend! To learn more about the easy process and requirements, check out the Jumpstart website at:
Jumpstart website at:
<http://jumpstart.ou-bsa.org>



Inductions News

We finished Inductions Weekend, and it was great. We had more than 80 people there, so it was the biggest attendance we've ever had. We had two Native American guests, Bill Russell and Fred Fulmer. Bill Russell is the Native American chaplain for the Washington State Department of Corrections. Fred Fulmer is a carver and is one of the people who worked on the Pigott totem pole. They shared stories, songs and dances with us over the weekend and also participated in our potlatch. We had some great classes covering everything from pre-ordeal basics to making bentwood boxes and button blankets.

Eight members participated in our brotherhood ceremony. We're planning to have a brotherhood ceremony as many times as possible during the year so make sure you let your Ordeal members know that when they're eligible, there's probably a brotherhood ceremony soon.

One of the big things we did at Inductions Weekend was to train members in running **unit elections**. Anybody who's been trained can start holding unit elections in their chapters. If your chapter doesn't have anyone trained, contact Logan C. for training materials and this year's forms. **Unit elections need to be finished by March 2009**. We will have Ordeals on April 3, May 15, and June 5 of 2009. We will also have Brotherhood at these weekends, and we'll also have Brotherhood at our Spring Fellowship in June. Look for more details of all these events on the web site.

Logan C.
Inductions Vice Chief
inductions@tkopekwis.org



Nominations for the 2009 Vigil Class

It is with great pleasure to announce to you the beginning of the search for the 2009 T'Kope Kwiskwis Vigil Honor Class. This process over the next few months will allow you, the members of the lodge, to nominate eligible candidates for consideration by our committee.

From the Guide for Officers & Advisers:

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position or office to **one or more of the following: the T'Kope Kwiskwis Lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or our Council's Camps.** Under no circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow be considered as reason enough for a Vigil Honor recommendation.

Recommendation letters to the committee must be typed, explain how the member has contributed to one or more of the four areas listed above, and why you think that person deserves the highest recognition that our Order can bestow. All recommendation letters must be turned into the Council's Scout Office

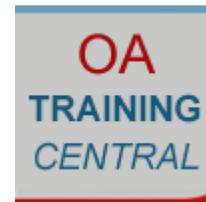
by April 1, 2009. Although it is not required, please include your name and contact information on the recommendation letter so we might contact you if we have any questions or seek further input. If you can please include English suggestions of an appropriate and honorable Vigil name for the nominee so the committee might make better and more enlightened decisions when bestowing names upon the new Vigil class. If you are a Vigil Honor member please note if you would be willing to sponsor the candidate at the time of their Vigil.

To be eligible, an Arrowman must have been a Brotherhood member for at least two years. The names of those brothers who are eligible are available on the password-protected member-only area of our website (www.tkopekwiskwis.org). Please nominate anyone and everyone you feel deserves this distinction. The Vigil honor committee will not consider the number of nomination letters any candidate receives in its decisions. Please take the time to write the committee so that those who have served might be recognized. Thank you.

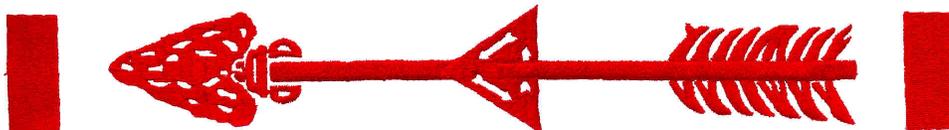


Because of my involvement with ceremonies at ordeals, this places me in an interesting situation where I need to be at two places at once. My presence is required at both the ceremony site, and the admin desk in the lodge. Since ceremonies take a higher priority, I am looking for youth volunteers who able to staff one or more ordeals this spring. So if you're interested in being trained as my admin desk backup, and are a youth, please contact me at secretary@tkopekwiskwis.org. Thank you!

Keith P., Lodge Secretary



Check out **OATrainingCENTRAL**: Your one-stop-shop for training syllabuses, handouts, videos, and more to help you present quality training sessions to your fellow OA members! Bookmark and visit <http://training.oa-bsa.org> today!



Del Loder to Receive Lifetime Achievement Award

Del Loder, long-time Scouter and supporter of Chief Seattle Council and T'Kope Kwiskwis Lodge, has been selected as only the **fourth recipient of the Legacy of Servant Leadership Lifetime Achievement Award**, and will be specially recognized at NOAC 2009.

The Legacy of Servant Leadership Lifetime Achievement Award was created by the National Order of the Arrow Committee in 2002 to recognize the Order's second and third generation "Founders" - Scouters who have built an enduring legacy to Scouting and the Order of the Arrow through a lifetime of cheerful service to others.

The award is intended to recognize only those extraordinary Arrowmen who have deeply influenced and significantly contributed to the vision, direction, and growth of the Order of the Arrow, faithfully demonstrated a lifetime of servant leadership, and, through their daily example, illuminated and reinforced the significance of the values found in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. **Congratulations Del!**



Lodge Service Report

OA is all about Service, Camping, and having fun with the best scouts in the council!

Winter Camp Staffing

After Week #1 being canceled due to the crazy wild weather and resulting road closures, Wau Wau Talapus and Talapus Tillicum chapters joined together to do an excellent job of staffing! Both the Camp Director and Camp Program Director were very pleased. Way to go TT & WWT!

The current schedule for staffing is as follows:

Dates	Attendees	Chapter(s)
Jan 23-25	Webelos	Tenas Chakchak
Jan 30-Feb 1	Boy Scouts	Hyiu Chuck
Feb 6-8	Boy Scouts	Hyas Eena Wau Wau Talapus
Feb 13-15	Webelos	Hyiu Chuck Talapus Tillicum
Feb 20-22	Boy Scouts	Tenas Chakchak Sahaptin Mox Khan'-nice
Feb 27-Mar 1	Webelos	Siam Chetwoot
Mar 6-8	Webelos	Mox Kar-Po
Mar 13-15	Boy Scouts	Talapus Tillicum
Mar 20-22	Webelos	Sahaptin Mox Khan'-nice
Mar 27-29	Boy Scouts	Need Volunteers!!

Camp Sheppard will be serving Dinner Friday evening at 6:00pm for OA Winter Camp staffers, provided they know you are coming. **Please make sure you are on the roster by Tuesday so they can be expecting you on Friday!** Also, OA staff will receive a special Staff patch. Staff twice and you'll receive a staffing pin for the patch! Such a deal!!

If you would like to volunteer for any of the above dates please contact Associate Lodge Service Adviser Steven Johnson @ 425-836-1426 or via e-mail at service@tkopekwiskwis.org to get your name on the staffing roster.

Camp Pigott Work Weekend

The Lodge will be holding a camp service weekend at Camp Pigott **April 10-11** in order to make some improvements, most notably building a new Adirondack shelter at Lookout Point. This will be very beneficial to house our brothers at Conclave! More specific details to come, but rest assured we will work hard & play hard afterwards!

Big thanks to everyone in service to others across chief Seattle Council!

Yours in Cheerful Service,

Adam O., Service Vice Chief
Steven Johnson, Associate Lodge Service Adviser
service@tkopekwiskwis.org



Upcoming Dates

- ✓ **Ordeal** - April 3-5, 2009, Camp Pigott
- ✓ **Work Weekend** - April 10-11, 2009, Camp Pigott
- ✓ **Section Conclave** - April 24-26, 2009, Camp Pigott
- ✓ **Ordeal** - May 15-17, 2009, Camp Pigott
- ✓ **Ordeal** - June 5-7, 2009, Camp Parsons
- ✓ **Spring Fellowship** - June 19-20, 2009, Camp Pigott

Registration information and other details are available on the lodge website at www.tkopekwiskwis.org.



Get Involved!

There are lots of opportunities to give service back to Scouting and the Chief Seattle Council. To get involved in a leadership or volunteer role with the lodge, we encourage you to attend your local chapter meeting, or a Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) meeting. **LEC meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at the Chief Seattle Council Service Center from 7-9pm.**



Then: W-1B—Now: W-1N

Due to a Western Region realignment, we are now part of Section W-1N. The new section designation is broken down to show that W is for the Western Region which our section resides in, 1 stands for Area 1 which our section is in, and N stands for the geographical placement that our section is placed in the area which is North. Section W-1N member lodges include T'Kope Kwiskwis, Sikhs Mox Lamonti (Mount Baker Council), and Nisqually (Pacific Harbors Council), covering all of Western Washington.

For more information about W-1N and Conclave, visit <http://www.sectionw1n.org>

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Allen

Conversation Options Send To

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Allen: April 24-26, what are you doing?

You: (Insert typical boring answer here)

Allen: I'm going to be honest with you, that sounds kind of lame. Me, I'm going to the 2009 Conclave. It is at our own Camp Pigott, and **this year is our turn to run it.** We have six of the lodge's most awesome youth taking on staff members to help them. You should totally register to go to. I mean, come on! Doesn't rock climbing, hawk throwing, hi and low C.O.P.E. courses, and rifle shooting sound better than (insert boring weekend activity here)? Plus Teriy Narimatsu and I are throwing the **biggest Marmot Party that Conclave has ever seen!** Let's just say it's something you're not going to want to miss. Why haven't you registered yet?

You: Uhhhhhhhhhh....

Allen: Dude! Register online at www.sectionw1n.org before April 13th and the entire weekend only costs \$35. Wait, are you a new Ordeal member?

You: (Insert answer here)

Allen: Oh, all the new Ordeal members receive a \$5 discount. Well, I hope you've reconsidered your weekend and are thinking about staffing at Conclave instead. I'll see you there. Fun?
I guarantee it!

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ALRIGHT ALREADY! You've convinced me... **see you there!** I guess I'll bring a bunch of my OA bros, too!_