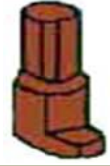




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# The Post



*A publication for TKAen Dod Lodge members and their families*

## Special Interest Articles:

- Fall Fellowship Recap
- New Leadership for 2018
- Families in our prayers...
- OA Troop Elections
- JTE Results
- 2018 Calendar

April  
6-8: Callout Camporee @ Gorton

13-15: Callout Camporee @ Brule

May  
4-6: Spring Induction Weekend – Brule

June  
1-3: Conclave  
8-9: Induction weekend @ Gorton

## Spring Callout/Cleanup Campout Date Set



Come help out at Camp Gorton on April 27-29 for a FREE camping weekend and best of all, FREE FOOD! Support our brothers and fellow scouts by helping out in a variety of tasks to

suit your unit, while you also get to witness the callout ceremony at the closing campfire. Help get our sunny camp in tip top shape for this camping season. A form has

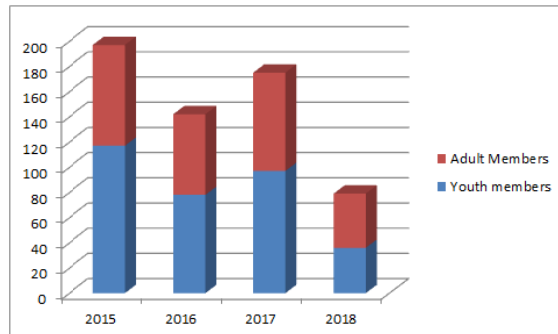
been attached to the final page of the newsletter for registration and any questions. Hope to see you there!

## Troop Election – Update

Our Elections Chair / Vice Chief has been working hard this season to get our elections up and running to recruit the next generation of youth to our order. We

have a total of 9 candidates and are still in the process of contacting and visiting scout troops across our region. We still have about half of the scout troops left to go, so if

you'd like to help and be on an elections team please contact Travis Bahl using the information found on the last page of this newsletter.



## New Patches Available from Fall Fellowship



In the past, we haven't routinely produced patches for lodge events. It was decided to make a patch for last October's Fall Fellowship as the design was easily determined. You can decide for yourself if the patch image represents: the event being held on Halloween weekend;

the skeletal geocache that was hidden in the lake; or the x-ray of our past lodge adviser's dislocated finger from falling in the woods. Hint: there are quotes around "FALL" for a reason. For those in attendance at the event, patches have been mailed/provided to you. For those unable to attend,

patches can be purchased for \$5 and are available at the Scout Shop; by emailing [PREif380@gmail.com](mailto:PREif380@gmail.com) or by attending an upcoming OA event. Only 100 patches were produced and fewer than 25 are left available for purchase.



## 2005-2006 Patch Set

Once again a benefactor has provided us with an interesting patch set, a set from the 2005 Jamboree patches accompanied by the matching 2006 NOAC patch set. As a bonus, it has been framed and signed by the lodge officers of that year! We will be discussing how to auction this item off at our upcoming sagamore meeting, so stay tuned for more info on this amazing set.

## NOAC Update and Patch Info

Tkaen Dod Lodge will be well represented at the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) this summer at Indiana University. We were successful in our bid for more attendee slots and now have a contingent of 17 youth and 4 adults traveling to Bloomington. In addition to the contingent, our lodge has another 4 adults

that have signed up to be staff members for the week-long conference. For those that aren't aware, staff members to NOAC actually have to PAY to travel and work for the week, so we are especially thankful to these adults and their commitment to the program! Tkaen Dod's contingent patch is available for purchase for just \$10/set.



## Conclave

2018 Conclave is coming in June! The theme this year is “Weld tightly every link” and will be hosted by Ashokwahta Lodge at Camp Sam Wood in Portageville. We will be attempting to break a World Record for the longest paper chain made in an hour. Come be a part of history! And as always, a dunk tank for the officers of our section and more! For those patch enthusiasts, there will also be both a silent

and live auction for all kinds of patches that section has laid out. Don’t miss out! Tkaen DoD is in charge of Special Section Events this year, and the CVC’s from our lodge are Jacob Harpster and Logan Larrabee, with Chris Larrabee and Mary Plumber as the co-advisers. Section is trying to keep the cost the same it has been in the past years. So mark your calendars, and get ready for Conclave on June 1-3!

## Words to Ponder...

Once upon a time, a very strong woodcutter asked for a job in a timber merchant and he got it. The pay was really good and so was the work condition. For those reasons, the woodcutter was determined to do his best.

His boss gave him an axe and showed him the area where he supposed to work. The first day, the woodcutter brought 18 trees.

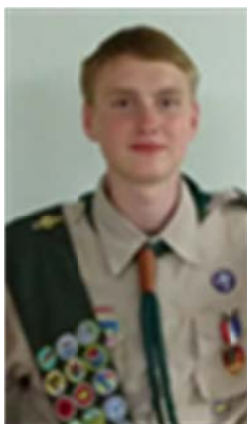
“Congratulations,” the boss said. “Go on that way!”

Very motivated by the boss words, the woodcutter tried harder the next day, but he

could only bring 15 trees. The third day he tried even harder, but he could only bring 10 trees. Day after day he was bringing less and less trees. “I must be losing my strength”, the woodcutter thought. He went to the boss and apologized, saying that he could not understand what was going on. “When was the last time you sharpened your axe?” the boss asked.

“Sharpen? I had no time to sharpen my axe. I have been very busy trying to cut trees...”

## A Message from our Chief



Brothers,  
We are off to a decent start to the year, under way with elections and committee positions filling up. If you are interested in joining a committee please contact to me, It's a great way to stay active in the lodge. As we look further into the year you will see some new events on the calendar. These events are to provide

more service to the camps and give scouts and troops the opportunity for a free camping night. I hope you and your troop can find time to make at least one of these events. Did you know that Tuesdays during summer camp are OA days? The lodge offers special activities such as tomahawk throwing and other special activities. You will

also have the opportunity to complete your Brotherhood at camp, so make sure you write that Brotherhood letter. Thank you for your continued support and service, remember to keep looking forward and you will succeed.

Yours in service,  
Silas Cochran  
2018 Chief

## From the Adviser



Jon Miller – Lodge Adviser

Last weekend I was at a seminar that had me reflecting on the drive home. It made me think of one quote from history and another from a favorite movie of mine. Our order is one of cheerful service which reminded me of this quote from history. "Don't ask what your country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your country." When President Kennedy said this his

intentions were to inspire many of the nations young adults to make a difference in the world. The Order of the Arrow embraces this sentiment. We provide service not to just our camps, we give our service to our lodge, council, troop, community, and most important we give service to our family. All this cheerful service does make a difference. We have a

great lodge and a great council, it takes a lot to maintain a great program. There are lots of different ways that you can give service and make a difference in the world. As the great Jedi Master Yoda once said, "Do or Do Not, there is no try" I challenge all of you look for those opportunities for you give service and make a difference in the world and in scouting.

## Aftereffect



Tkaen Dod was well represented at the section training event The Aftereffect, and we enjoyed a variety of training sessions, lectures, and games alike. There were new courses, such as the new LINK trainings, as well as old favorites

such as Lodge Ball. Overall, this was a very successful event and Tkaen Dod Lodge members enjoyed Root Beer floats, courtesy of Mr. Coloccia. Hope to see you all there next year!

## University of Scouting

Held at the Corning Painted Post Middle School, the University of Scouting training session was a success. Our Vice Chief and past Chief taught courses such as "Reaching Out: How to Effectively Use an OA Troop Rep" and "Developing an Annual Plan". We

hope that these trainings will further our lodges development and strengthen our ties of brotherhood. Additionally, organization is a key part to accomplish anything, and we hope you all use these skills to the best of your ability.

## Silver Beaver Recipients

Two of Tkaen Dod's adult members were recently recognized for their many years of service to the council with the Silver Beaver award.

Our congratulations and thanks go out to Jon Miller and Anthony Root. They certainly have embraced Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui and we are proud to call them our brothers!



Jon Miller



Anthony Root

## Banquet Recap

At our 2018 Annual Lodge Banquet at sunny Camp Gorton, our brothers enjoyed amazing food and even better company! We had many awards distributed to celebrate the end of another year, and a huge patch auction which followed. And in a

turn of events, George Bacalles was not the big spender this year. That distinction goes to our own Dusty Bahl for the Winingus Framed Patch set. The proceeds went to benefit the lodge and the NOAC Contingent heading to Indiana this Summer.

## Mall Show Recap

We had a fantastic Mall Show making arrowhead necklaces for one and all. Many enthusiastic scouters stopped by to hear about the tales of the OA and watch a slideshow about all the fun events we have held. Additionally, members who had not yet paid their dues could stop by and reaffirm their commitment to our lodge.



## OA Staff Adviser Corner



Chris Theurich – Staff Adviser

We all know that the Order of the Arrow was originally created by Dr. E Uerner Goodman and Caroll A Edson at Treasure Island in 1915. It was created to be a form of recognition for Scouts and Scouters who best exemplified the Scout Oath and Scout Law in their daily lives. It is one of the few organizations that exist where members are solely elected by non-members. This interesting tradition has brought about an unusual brotherhood that has

functioned in many roles in scouting since that day. As this publication goes to press the Order of the Arrow election season for 2018 is looming ever nearer. As we go and visit every unit in the Fiver Rivers Council we should be mindful that we are there to call these new members into our brotherhood. Let us remember that the new members that will be joining our ranks, learning our history, and taking part in our traditions are selected by

their peers as those who they think best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. It is not our place to judge their selection; it is our duty to lead them from the group decision of election through the personal journey that eventually leads to Brotherhood. Through this process they will learn to cheerfully serve all who elected them and it is our role to continue to lead by the same example that once persuaded our peers to select us.

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## Section Vision

We are Section NE-3A and our vision is to increase inter-lodge relations and communication, to increase training and leadership development opportunities, to promote regional and national events by expanding availability of resources for our lodges, to work and cooperate as a team of officers and to provide a fun and educational section conclave that will help to promote the Order of the Arrow to our fellow scouts.

## New Event Ideas

Attention Arrowmen! In the month of February we had planned on doing a lodge ski trip to Swain Ski Resort. However, due to a lack of interest, we had to cancel the event. If there are events that you would like to do and see happen, please contact us your ideas. We are always happy to hear from you and incorporate your ideas into our program.

## Amusements for Spring...

