Chiefly Speaking....

Hello Nentego Lodge Arrowman!

Welcome to our annual Fall Weekend at Akridge Scout Reservation. In the last few months, our lodge and chapters have had many service projects, chapter meetings, and fellowship gatherings. Our leadership team has been hard at work planning the best possible weekend for our members and candidates, and it is sure to be a memorable weekend. We have new service projects, ceremonies and fellowship ideas, and a pig roast for dinner to top it all off! The leadership team has been working incredibly hard for the entirety of the year to guarantee that they deliver the best program to the members of Nentego Lodge 20, and they have certainly delivered. This will be my last weekend as Lodge Chief, and I’d like to thank everyone that helped our Lodge continue to move forward and remain the best lodge in the world. This lodge accomplished a lot this year, and, moving forward, I am confident that the future looks even brighter.

Chris Reynolds
Lodge Chief  Nentego Lodge 20
Get active and earn the First Year Arrowman Award

After earning ordeal, arrowmen are eligible to earn the First Year Arrowman Award. This involves attending one weekend (not including your brotherhood weekend), attending four chapter meetings, actively serving on a lodge committee for at least six months, staying active in your home unit, and attaining brotherhood within one year of doing ordeal. This is an award that very few arrowmen achieve, and it is a great honor.

Join us at our annual Lodge Banquet

The Nentego Lodge Banquet is just around the corner! Join us at Wyoming UMC In Dover Delaware, February 8th for our annual feast. We will commemorate a great year of cheerful service, and honor members for their exceptional service and leadership. Attending two lodge weekends as well as participating in the banquet will mark eligibility for a special blue fish pin to wear on your sash. Be sure to sign up online for a great night of fun and fellowship.

Special awards, including the Pappy, Hickman, and Founder’s award will be presented at our annual gathering. Committee awarded fish pins and the first year Arrowman award will be conferred as well.

Registration is available online at delmarvacouncil.org

100th Anniversary Legacy Rock Update

By FRANK CACCAVALE

In 1948, E. Urner Goodman began constructing the Brotherhood Barn fireplace, full of stones sent from lodges across the country. As a tribute to the founder, the Order’s centennial celebration will include construction of a new Brotherhood fireplace. Lodges everywhere have spent the past few months scouring their local camps for the perfect rock to represent their lodge and their brothers for years to come. The Brotherhood Fireplace will be a tribute to the Order’s rich history, and something that will be cherished for the next 100 years!
National OA High Adventure Bases
The Order of the Arrow operates four great high-adventure programs at each of the BSA’s High Adventure bases: Northern Tier’s OA Wilderness Voyage and OA Canadian Odyssey, Florida Sea Base’s OA Ocean Adventure, and Philmont Scout Ranch’s OA Trail Crew. Through the OAHA program, Arrowmen can provide meaningful service at adventures of a lifetime. Each adventure consists of a service week (on site conservation and maintenance) and a trek week, custom designed by the crew participants. These programs are open to youth Arrowmen at a discounted rate. (Participants must be at least 16 years of age by the day your program starts, but not yet 21 by its conclusion.)

A full description of the program is available on the National OA Web Site. Please click HERE to go to their site for details.

Nentego Lodge sponsors a campership for those attending the OA high adventure program…. see the link below

High Adventure Campership Application

Commemorative sashes for 2015 NOAC attendees

By KYLE BRENDEL
Staff Writer

Arrowmen attending the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference will get a once in a lifetime souvenir, after a vote by the national committee at the annual planning meeting this past December.

At the meeting, committee members approved a proposal to give each NOAC participant a special edition red sash.

The idea was first proposed by the 100th Anniversary Youth Advisory committee, which is being led by past National Vice Chief Preston Marquis, to give a special Order of the Arrow sash to every participant and staff attendees of the 2015 NOAC.

These sashes will differ from those currently worn in that the colors will be reversed, with a white arrow emblazoned on a red sash. Unlike the black signature sashes sold at previous NOAC’s, these will have snaps and will be wearable by all.

*Read the OA National Bulletin for further information:

The Historic Trails Committee

By Liam O’Conner

is back up and running again. We now have a few more volunteers and have some plans for the fall. I have been researching information on historic locations in Dover, DE and have visited several of them. I have also traveled along several alternate routes for the Caesar Rodney Historic Trail.

Currently, I have submitted a Historic Trails lodge flap design for those volunteers that show up to the projects. The LEC will be voting on it today. We are planning to have a project on the Caesar Rodney Historic Trail in Dover, DE. The project will be on Saturday, September 21st. Those participating in this project will be eligible to earn the BSA Historic Trails award, the Caesar Rodney Historic Trail medal and patch, and a special Nentego Lodge flap for this event. This trail goes through the many historic sites and museums in Old Dover. The project consists of two parts. First, two groups will explore two alternate routes for the trail into Dover from Akridge. Next, the two groups will visit various historical sites to update and write new questions in the trail brochure. I am working on getting historical re-enactors for this project. If you need more information on the plans, routes, or project, please talk to Mr. Poppiti or me.
Got Brotherhood?
Moving on to Brotherhood membership offers an opportunity "to reaffirm [one's] belief in the high purposes of the Order. Before becoming a Brotherhood member, each Arrowman makes a special effort to serve his troop or team. Each Brotherhood member commits to even more service to Scouting through the Order." Arrowmen may "seal" their membership after **ten months** by demonstrating their knowledge of the traditions and obligations of the Order of the Arrow. They then participate in an induction ceremony and become Brotherhood members.

While the Ordeal is primarily a physical test, "the Brotherhood ceremony is one of deeper and quieter mental impressions."

New Ordeal members can learn more about their Ordeal and prepare for Brotherhood by visiting [jumpstart.oa-bsa.org](http://jumpstart.oa-bsa.org)

Make the Commitment this weekend.

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**Take part in one of Scouting’s best trainings.**

**NLS** is just around the corner! This is a great opportunity to increase your leadership skills and learn from the best, for free!

The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is a weekend training program focusing on leadership development. Run by the Region Chief and his Advisers, it provides an in-depth look at leadership skills and techniques. An NLS discusses how these skills can be applied in your role in the OA and in other aspects of your life. 2014 dates....

**November 14 – 16, Alpine, NJ**

NLS/NLATS

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**Lodge Advisors Minute**

“The definition of a youth run organization is that the youth, whom are under a specific age, determine the course of that organization through their actions and goals. The Order of the Arrow is the model that the Boy Scouts has set to be a youth run organization with the guidance of adult advisers. The youth lead Troop or Venturing crew tests and gives our youth leaders an opportunity to gain experience and skills in being leaders; however, leading a Council wide youth organization, inducting new members, ceremonies, advancements, activities, and service projects provides so much more that will help our “veteran” youth before than cross over in the adult world of the BSA. It is not easy for some youth to step into such leadership roles without the determination and adult guidance as it is others. However, we want every youth to have an opportunity within both our lodge and the Order of the Arrow as a whole. I encourage everyone to give some thought to how they want to give service and gain experience through the Order of the Arrow.”

WWW,

Victor Gregory