LODGE CHIEF’S MINUTE
I’m looking forward to leading Nentego Lodge in another wonderful year of cheerful service throughout 2014. The Lodge has a strong leadership team that I know will do a great job and I can’t wait to see what we will accomplish this year. I challenge all of our members to Take the Lead and become active with a committee or your chapter!

BANQUET RECAP
February 8 was a wonderful night of fellowship and recognition in Wyoming, DE and a great way to kick off 2014!

Congratulations to Kellen Tangora on receiving the Founder’s Award, to Shawn Butler on receiving the Pappy Award, to Drew Algard on receiving the Hickman Award, and to all of our other members recognized for their participation and achievements!

Special thanks to our Section NE-6A guests and to Blair Helmick for his inspiring keynote speech!

STAY CONNECTED!
At Banquet we also kicked off our streamlined approach to social media. Be sure to follow us at:

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SPRING INDuctions WEEKEND
Join us this April 11-13 at Henson Scout Reservation for a weekend of fellowship, ceremonies, and meaningful service projects! This weekend is open to those newly elected to complete their Ordeal and also to current Ordeal members who wish to seal their membership by taking the Brotherhood.

Register online and find more information at www.dmvc.org/oa.

SECTION NE-61 CONCLAVE
Nentico Lodge hosts this year’s Conclave at Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation during the weekend of May 16-18. Conclave is always great fun and a chance for Scouts and Scouters to gather with other Arrowmen from our Section for fun and fellowship. Cost is only $37.00 if you register before April 16! Register online at http://start.sectionmaster.org/102.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

| March 14-16 | NLS & NLATS |
| April 11-13 | Spring Weekend |
| April 11-13 | NLS |
| May 16-18 | Section Conclave |
| June 6-8 | Summer Weekend |
| October 3-5 | Fall Weekend |
| November 14-16 | NLS & NLATS |

2014 LODGE DUES
All Nentego Lodge members are encouraged to pay their 2014 dues and keep their membership in the lodge active.

Pay online at www.dmvc.org/oa/dues. Remember, if you completed your Ordeal this past October then your 2014 dues are already paid! If you didn’t pay your 2013 dues please reinstate your membership by paying both 2013 and 2014!

OA HIGH ADVENTURE
Canadian Odyssey! Ocean Adventure! Summit Experience! Trail Crew! Wilderness Voyage!

Five programs are available at our four national high adventure bases for as little as $200.00 for a two-week adventure! Participants must be 16 years old (14 for OA Summit Experience) but no older than 20. The only other cost is your transportation. This is a great way to take advantage of Scouting’s high adventure programs and experience Scouting outside of the confines of your own troop. The subsidized cost and the extended length of the programs really makes this one of the best deals available in Scouting! Scouts can apply for available camperships to help further minimize their program costs. Apply for an adventure at www.adventure.oa-bsa.org.

Please note that the current Facebook group will close at the end of February.

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GET INVOLVED!

One of our goals is to get every Arrowman involved in the Lodge. One of the best ways to do that is to join one of our many operating committees. If you’re interested in working on a committee, or possibly serving as a committee Chairman or Adviser, please see a member of the Lodge Leadership Team.

Brotherhood oversees new member orientation, the extended Elangomat program, and all phases of Inductions following the Ordeal.

Ceremonial recruits and trains ceremonialists and carries out the various ceremonies for Ordeal and Brotherhood.

Vigil Honor identifies youth members to conduct Vigil Honor selection as well as preparations leading up to and including conducting the Vigil Honor ceremonies.

Ordeal plans and administers the Ordeal, recruits and trains Elangomats, and conducts new member orientation.

Chaplain leads grace at meals and plans and implements the interfaith worship service during Lodge weekends.

Cook Crew provides all food service required for Lodge weekends.

Health & Safety is responsible for the well-being of all Arrowmen and candidates on Lodge weekends.

Physical Arrangements helps ceremonies set-up and take down ceremonies sites and coordinates equipment and supplies for Ordeal and Membership service projects.

Camping Promotion develops plans for camping promotion in consultation with the council camping committee.

Historic Trails promotes and plans for the maintenance of Del-Mar-Va Council’s historic trails programs and historic awards.

Special Operations oversees the planning for Section, Region, and National events including Conclave, NOAC, NLS & NLATS, and OA High Adventure.

Communications prepares Lodge newsletters, develops and maintains lodge Web sites, organizes and operates the network of OA troop/team representatives to keep units informed, and promotes participation in OA events and activities.

Membership checks on inactive members and maintains membership records, sends out letters each year to identify active members and checks address changes, and sends letters to Ordeal members eligible for Brotherhood membership.

Finance draws up an annual budget based on administrative and program needs, obtains information from the council service center and issues regular finance reports and is responsible for the financial status of the lodge.

Trading Post sells Lodge and Order of the Arrow items during Lodge weekends.

Lodge Banquet plans and organizes the annual banquet.

2014 UNIT ELECTIONS

All Chapters should be well under way scheduling and conducting unit elections to be held prior to the April weekend. Make sure you’re using the current Unit Elections Report and Adult Candidate Nomination Form found on the Lodge website and that all Arrowman are aware of the new requirements for the nomination of adult unit Scouters to become candidates for induction into the Order (effective January 1, 2013). Also be sure your Election Teams are giving new Ordeal candidates the Invitation from the Lodge Chief letter and that your Chapter Adviser is adding election results to Lodgemaster. Election teams should contact Unit Leaders in advance to confirm time and location, availability of needed equipment (TV, DVD player, etc.), that a unit roster will be available, and that at least 50% of active youth will be present.

2015 NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW CONFERENCE

During NOAC, Arrowmen will participate in a six-day conference which includes top notch training sessions, cool recreational opportunities, evening shows full of theatrics and special effects, and exciting programs. The 2015 NOAC will be held at Michigan State University and will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow. Arrowmen attending NOAC 2015 will get a once in a lifetime souvenir, a special edition red sash.

On August 1, Arrowmen from Nentego Lodge will travel overnight via charter bus and spend Saturday at Cedar Point amusement park. We’ll spend the night in a nearby hotel before driving to MSU the following morning. Total cost is expected to be under $1,000.00.

Don’t miss out on NOAC in 2015! To reserve your spot in the Nentego Lodge contingent pay your $100.00 deposit by visiting the Order of the Arrow page at www.dmvc.org/oa. Space is limited!

VIGIL HONOR NOMIATIONS

Visit www.dmvc.org/oa and click on the Documents tab to download the Vigil Honor Nomination Form and view the list of Vigil Eligible Members for 2014.

NEW FISH PIN REQUIREMENTS

Effective January 1 the requirements to earn our Black, Green, and Orange fish pins changed. Visit www.dmvc.org/oa and click on the Forms tab to download the forms for each of these participation awards so that you can track your progress during the remainder of this year.

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