CHIEFLY SPEAKING
The beginning of the summer is always marked by a special holiday: the Fourth of July. It is on this day that we celebrate the Declaration of Independence, and thus the founding of America, as we know it. I hope that you take some time on this day to reflect upon all of the work it has taken to get this country to where it is today. Some of the people that you should think about are our veterans. Regardless of whether or not you agree with the politics of the war that they served in, they all deserve your respect. Each of them has risked life and limb to ensure that the ideals this country was founded on may continue. If you or your Troop is looking for a service project to do, consider something at a veterans shelter or local VFW/American Legion post. America needs leaders to progress it forward, both in the military and in civilian life alike. Take the leadership skills that you have learned in Boys Scouts and apply them to your life outside of Scouts. It is only if we foster the next generation of leaders that we can keep the country moving forward.

FALL WEEKEND REGISTRATION
Nentego Lodge will be hosting its fall inductions weekend on September 25-27 at Akridge Scout Reservation. A number of important events will take place. First, unlike many inductions weekends, there will be a greater amount of fellowship and fun to celebrate the Order of the Arrow’s centennial anniversary as a Lodge. Second, the Lodge will be conducting elections for its leadership. If you are interested in running for a position, please complete a candidacy petition form. Encourage members of your troop to convert to Brotherhood if they have not done so already.

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AKRIDGE CUB FAMILY WEEKEND
The Lodge will be returning to Camp Akridge on October 23-25 to help run their Cub Family Weekend. Most of the volunteers will be needed on Saturday to help run the games. However, if you are willing to dedicate some more time, a group of volunteers will be needed to entire weekend to do some miscellaneous activities. For more, contact Austin Emmell.

One big happy family? Or an attempt at product placement for Pepsi? From left to right: Christopher Valenti, Dr. Victor Gregory, Vincent Smeal, Christopher Marshall.
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NATIONAL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

Congratulations to our Arrowmen who attended the National Leadership Seminar (NLS) this past March 13-15! Way to #takethelead!

Our next opportunities to send members to NLS is November 13-15 at Alpine Scout Camp. NLS is a weekend conference on the skills and attributes of leadership. It is intended primarily to enhance the leadership skills of the Order of the Arrow’s key youth and adult members as they seek to improve their services to the Boy Scouts of America and the greater community. The weekend format is designed to complement the longer, more detailed Wood Badge and Junior Leadership Training programs. NLS prepares Arrowmen to become better leaders both within and outside of the Scouting program.

Interested Arrowmen should contact their Lodge Chief or Lodge Adviser to express interest in attending the National Leadership Seminar. Untrained Lodge Officers and Chapter Officers have first priority.

DAY OF SERVICE

Nentego Lodge is organizing a peninsula-wide day of service in honor of the Order of the Arrow’s centennial anniversary. Unlike the service projects at inductions weekends, this day will focus on service in the local community. Delaware chapters will help DNREC, the state’s governmental conservation agency. Maryland and Virginia chapters will be helping their own local organizations. Ask your Chapter Chief or adviser about the specifics on where and when your chapter’s project is. Anyone in the Boy Scouts of America can participate (however DNREC asks that participants are 14 years or older).

AWARD NOMINATIONS

Award season is around the corner for Nentego Lodge. It is that time of year when you nominate some of the Council’s best youth and adults in the Order of the Arrow for the Lodge’s highest awards. Do you know a Scout who excels both in school as well as in the OA? If so, nominate him for the Pappy Award. Do you know an adult Adviser who tirelessly serves the Lodge? Nominate them for the Hickman Award. Finally, do you know someone, either adult or youth, who has given cheerful service year after year and leads the Lodge? The Founder’s Award is reserved for these special people. Nominees do not need to be from the same chapter as the nominator. If you know someone who fits any of these descriptions, take the time to nominate them.

Additionally, there are a few other Lodge awards that you should be aware of. The
requirements for the green and black fish pins were revised last fall, making it easier for Cook Crew, Ceremonialists Elangomats, and Nimats to earn. The orange fish pin is available to those of you who attend many OA events. Please complete these and turn them in to the Secretary, Ryan Adkins, either physically or electronically by December 31st if you wish to receive them at the 2016 Banquet. Furthermore, in lieu of the blue participation pin, the Lodge will offer a one-time only special centennial fish pin. You can view its requirements here.

Lastly, as your unit plans its calendar this summer, please remember to schedule around OA events. Units that do this have already met one of the requirements for the OA Unit of Excellence Award. Your unit may already meet many of the requirements.

CENTENNIAL VIGIL HONOR CARDS

On July 1, 2014, the Order of the Arrow released new Vigil Honor cards to commemorate its 100th anniversary. 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 their position or office to the lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting or their Scout camp. To celebrate our centennial year, all new Vigil Honor members will receive a centennial Vigil card. All current Vigil Honor members can purchase a commemorative card for $10, with proceeds going to the OA endowment. 

Centennial Vigil cards are available beginning July 1st, 2014 through December 31st, 2015, while supplies last. Download the order form at www.oa-bsa.org.

ARROWMAN SERVICE AWARD

Registered members in good standing may commemorate the OA centennial by working to complete the Arrowman Service Award (ASA). This award is one of the few patches ever approved by OA to be worn on the sash.

The purpose of the ASA is to encourage Arrowmen to recommit themselves to the ideals of the Order, increase their level of service to their local unit and council, and participate in the 100th anniversary celebration of the OA.

All Arrowmen are encouraged to work towards the fulfillment of the ASA. Arrowmen can work towards the award’s completion through December 31st, 2015 by downloading the ASA Progress Tracker at oa-bsa.org. Completed trackers can be turned in to the Vice Chief or Associate Adviser of Program before the deadline.

ARROWTOUR

Get on board for ArrowTour! In the summer of 2015, ArrowTour will provide opportunities to reflect, connect, and discover the Order’s Centuries of Service, both past and future. The OA is excited to partner with councils to provide this program accessory at Boy Scout summer camps and Scouting events. Think of it as a NOAC in a bus. A few of the activities that they will be providing are: gaga ball, branding, shirt silk screening, a museum, a trading post, and more. Nentego Lodge will also provide its own activities. These will be revealed at the spring weekend. Join us for this on Wednesday, July 8. #ATROLLOUT

STAY CONNECTED!

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