2017 is now upon us, and I am honored and excited to be serving as your Lodge Chief this year. We had an amazing 2016, and that only excites me for 2017. I’ve been in the scouting organization for over 8 years now, but never have I been a part of an organization like the Order of The Arrow, and more specifically the Nentego Lodge. We are all truly brothers to one another.

This past year, we accomplished some amazing service projects. At Henson, we completely re-did the entire parking lot fence, at Rodney we helped to set up almost half of camp in preparation for the summer season, and at Akridge we helped again to clear brush for new campsites. We are most definitely the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. The best thing about all of this though, is our ability to grow our Lodge. We inducted 130+ members last year, and that is absolutely amazing! We didn’t only survive, but we thrived last year.

We have already outlined a couple major goals this year. These goals included improving our Brotherhood conversion rate by starting to do more on the chapter level, and also reviving our Historic Trails Program, which I am most excited for. Everything is still in the works, but we are pushing big time to get the program back up and running this year.

Moreover, we are excited and eager for our Induction season, which begins in May at Henson, goes into June at Rodney, and ends in the Fall at Akridge. Again, the OA is not here to survive, but it is here to thrive. My officers and I are looking to hold the best events we can, while incorporating new exciting service projects.

This year is also our Lodges’ 60th anniversary. What began in 1957, has now grown to an organization that serves more than 650 arrowmen. As we think about the past 60 years, I remind you to also think of the next 60. We have to ensure that our organization survives and thrives so it can continue for many generations to come. It all starts with this year, so let’s make it amazing!

Are you ready to #TAKETHELEAD?! The National Leadership Seminar. This is a great opportunity to bring a bunch of leadership skills back to the Nentego Lodge! There are two weekends this spring to take NLS. At NLS, you can get taught by some of the best trainers in the Northeast Region as well as meet a NATIONAL OFFICER! The NLS dates are as follows:

- March 3-5, 2017 at Camp Alpine
- April 7-9, 2017 at Broad Creek Scout Reservation

Want to go? Talk to the Lodge Officers or Adviser for more information!

This year, Section NE-6A Conclave will be held at Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation. This year, the theme is SUPERHEROS!! Make sure to mark your calendars for May 19-21, 2017 for the Section NE-6A Conclave. There will be many fun activities such as Shooting Sports, Water Activities, and of course CEREMONY TEAMS!! When you sign up for Conclave... instead of a patch, you get a CONCLAVE MUG! All of this sound fun? Sign up NOW because May is just right around the corner!

Want to register?

You can register now at ne6a.org.
**LODGE CALENDAR**

Here is your ‘17 Lodge Calendar:

- **March 3-5:** NLS
  - *Alpine Scout Camp*
- **April 7-9:** NLS
  - *Broad Creek Scout Reservation*
- **May 5-7:** Spring Weekend
  - *Henson Scout Reservation*
- **May 19-21:** NE-6A Conclave
  - *Broad Creek Scout Reservation*
- **June 2-4:** Summer Weekend
  - *Rodney Scout Reservation*
- **July 19-28:** National Jamboree
  - *Summit Bechtel Reservation*
- **September 15-17:** Fall Weekend
  - *Akridge Scout Reservation*
- **November 3-5:** LLD
  - *Rodney Scout Reservation*

**STAY CONNECTED**

Wondering how to stay connected with the lodge by serving on a committee?? Here are some that you could serve with at weekends:

- Brotherhood
- Ceremonies
- Vigil Honor
- Camping Promotions
- Physical Arrangements
- Communications
- Special Arrangements
- Membership
- Health & Safety
- Cook Crew
- Historic Trails

These are just a few of many committees you can join!

**OPERATION ARROW**

To continue a tradition that dates back to the 1950 National Scout Jamboree, over 750 Arrowmen will answer the call to serve as part of Operation Arrow - the largest jamboree staff team ever assembled by the Order of the Arrow!

Operation Arrow staff members will support the jamboree program by joining one of three primary OA program areas: the Service Corps, the Trek Guides and the Indian Village staff.

There are still spots open for Operation Arrow at the 2017 BSA National Jamboree. This is a great opportunity to serve as staff... as well as HAVE FUN!

**Lodge Leadership Development (LLD)**

Lodge Leadership Development is a great way to bring leadership skills to the Lodge and your Chapter. LLD is a weekend of training and fellowship activities geared towards enabling youth and adult leadership to help the Lodge succeed. There is no cost to attend. This year, LLD will be held at Rodney Scout Reservation on November 3-5, 2017.

**Lodge Leadership**

Below is the 2017 Nentego Leadership Team:

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**OA HIGH ADVENTURE**

Order of the Arrow High Adventure is a great opportunity to provide cheerful service and meet new friends from all around the nation! There are also scholarships available at the Lodge and Section level. These camperships can reduce the price to almost NOTHING! Lodge campership applications can be turned into the LEC. Section camperships must be turned in by the COC on May 18, 2017. Go on the Lodge or Section website for campership forms. Also, go online to the OAHA website look at all of the different opportunities! Contact the Lodge Adviser or members of the LEC if you are interested!
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