



# Smoke Signals

Lowwapaneu Lodge 191 ~ Summer 2017  
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## Letter from the Chief

by Matt Smith

Brothers,

As we continue through the year, let's take a moment to reflect on the work we have done for others and the progress that we've made as individuals. The work that we do with the Lodge helps others but it also helps us in our own development as individuals, and that could sometimes be hard to remember while providing service. Through the character development that the lodge encourages we are able to build new connections with other members of the lodge and also push ourselves to new limits we didn't know we had. Through the guiding principles of our Order we gain new experiences and opportunities. We must remember that the key to having fun and learning something while part of the Order of the Arrow is to remember the ideals that we agreed to follow when we took our Ordeal. Cheerfulness, brotherhood, and service. With these ideals in mind we gain the ability to gain a fuller experience

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in what we do with the Lodge, and in what we do with others. With this in mind we should reflect on the work we've done with the Lodge so far, and what we plan to do next.



LOWWAPANEU LODGE 191  
ORDER OF THE ARROW

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# Elections in Our Lodge

by Jacob Rogers

Let's take a moment to remember who it was that called us to the service that we perform today. We were chosen through elections by nonmembers in an election that was directed by members of our lodge. While we may not realize it, the role that these elections play in our lodge is paramount. Obviously new members being introduced into our Order is

always a good thing. By bringing in new brothers we gain fresh ideas and excited new friends who can lend a helping hand. But at the same time let's not forget the other important role these elections play. They provide us an opportunity to present ourselves to those who are outside of our lodge. The members who help to perform these elections serve as

ambassadors who can show the Troops we service everything that Lowwapaneu Lodge has to offer. If you're interested in helping with an election please contact a committee member.

# Thank You Elangomats

by John Ross

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all of our brothers who have served in the June Ordeal as elangomats. The role that these individuals play in our lodge is crucial, and it is one that we cannot overlook. New members of our lodge are the strength of our organization and the first people they interact with when they begin their Ordeal process is the elangomat of their clan.

As we know the word elangomat means friend, but

in the duties they perform to new ordeal candidates these elangomats become so much more. They are a guiding force and a helping hand not only in carrying out cheerful service under the strains of the ordeal, but in the introduction to new ideals, the ideals of our Order.

If you're interested in serving as an elangomat please contact a member of our committee.

WWW,  
John Ross

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# Conclave 2017 - The One Section

by Joe Norvilas

This year Lowwapaneu Lodge sent 9 youth delegates to the first ever NE-5 Conclave hosted at Forrestburg Scout Reservation by Na Tsi Hi Lodge 71. The weekend was filled with tons of shows, trainings, activities, competitions, and fellowship.

The weekend started out with a nice show and a cracker barrel. The food at this conclave was great. According to Bobby Hricko, the food was "Best food on this side of the NY border." With the end of the night approaching near, the contingent went to sleep preparing for the day ahead.

The day started with a wonderful breakfast followed by a plethora of training to choose from. Training ranged from an introduction on High Adventure bases, to a session on how to successfully run a great Order of the Arrow Program during Summer

Camp. Some training even included some American Indian Activities. The training were very beneficial to all that attended.

Later on in the morning, Lowwapaneu Lodge's very own ceremonies team took part in a competition to see what lodge has the best Pre-



Ordeal Ceremony.

After a magnificent lunch, participants were allowed to participate in many activities. Some activities includes the worlds longest monkey bridge over water, rifle and shotgun shooting, boating, and many other fun activities.

The day continued with a wonderful dinner. After dinner the Lowwapaneu Drum team drummed in a competition. The Pow-wow was a huge success. According to Steven MacDonald, "The competition was a Hoot." After a close competition, Lowwapaneu Lodge won first place in the Drum Competition.

After then, the closing campfire took place. Special guest celebrities showed up like Matt Smith and Section Vice-Chief Ben Oswald .The campfire was great and the whole lodge loved it.

The next morning was the Section election. Our very own Matthew Smith was elected Section Secretary. For 2017-2018 With conclave starting to wind down, Lowwapaneu packed up and left camp, all ready for the 2018 Conclave that will be hosed by Unami Lodge, One at Resica Falls Scout Reservation.



# Welcome New Brothers!

Congratulations on your induction into the Order of the Arrow, and welcome to Lowwapaneu Lodge! As a Scout, you impressed upon the members of your unit your sincerity of purpose to live in accordance with the high ideals of Scouting. The judgment of your fellow Scouts can hardly have been mistaken!

Now that you have been inducted into our brotherhood, you are entitled to all the rights and privileges of Ordeal membership. However, you should not forget that along with these rights and privileges come certain duties and responsibilities. When you took the Obligation during your Ordeal ceremony, you promised on your honor “to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.” This is not an easy pledge to fulfill, but as you return to your units following your induction, we are confident that you will continue to serve them in the same exemplary manner that you exhibited before your election.

As a new Ordeal member, there are a number of ways for you to get involved with Lowwapaneu Lodge. You can join a lodge committee, become a ceremonialist, run for lodge office, or serve your unit as a OA Troop Representative, among other

possibilities. Perhaps one day you will even have the opportunity to serve as a section chief, or a national officer! For those members who choose to continue their association and membership with the Order of the Arrow, the possibilities are limitless.

We invite you to continue to participate in our lodge events moving forward. This is the easiest way to get to know other members of Lowwapaneu Lodge outside of your unit, and to see the positive impact that the OA can have on the lives of Scouts and Scouters. Our major events each year are our two Ordeal Weekends, annual lodge picnic, our holiday banquet, and many opportunities to serve our council and communities.

Finally, remember that, though you were chosen by your fellow Scouts to become a member of the Order of the Arrow, it is up to you to choose to continue that membership and involvement. Will you #ChooseOA? We certainly hope so!

## #ChooseOA

## New Vigil Members

Congratulations to our new Vigil Brothers from the 2017 Goose Pond Ordeal

### **Matthew A. Colavitti**

Elangomat Wèmi ~ Teaching Friend

### **Steven J. MacDonald**

Gettemagelensit Nimat ~ Humble Brother

### **Brian H. Swatt**

Sakima Wulaptonen ~ Eloquent Chief

### **William G. Muchal**

Papesu Achgeketum ~ Patient Teacher

### **Walter “Pete” Carlson**

Nuwingi Quekolis ~ Willing Whippoorwill

### **Stephen D. Rich**

Kichkinet Chesimus ~ Guide of the Young Ones

### **Charles G. Williams**

Wulamhittamoewagan Achowalogen ~ Faithful Worker



# The OA in Camp

by Christian Swatt

The role that the OA plays in our summer camps is an extremely important one. The service that our Lodge provides helps not only the council but also the scouts who participate in program. Through the work we do for them we create sites and new areas. From projects as small as simple maintenance to projects as big as the Outdoor Learning Area at Goose Pond. The Lodge and it's members are able to help our council put on high quality program for all the scouts who participate in events there.

Let's also remember the recognition that we gain back from the work we do for these camps. The rededication and call out ceremonies that we participate in help us to not just remind ourselves of the role that we play but also the reason that we joined the Order of the Arrow in the first place. Service is one of the guiding principles of our order and it helps us to guide others along the right path through example. The work we do causes a positive impact on those that we interact with and do service for.



All around us opportunities to provide service present themselves, and the opportunities at Goose Pond and other Scout Camps are fantastic chances to show the scouts who elected us into this Order just what the Lodge can do for them.

## NAA

by Chris Higgins

First, I would like to thank each and everyone of you that came out and supported our Native American Tradition by drumming with us at our events throughout the year. The NAA travelled all around the council to drum at multiple Blue and Gold ceremonies as well as competitions at Conclave, where we took home first place and a new napkin for our drum. We are all looking forward to another great season next year and drumming in the Fall Ordeal. Anybody that is interested in drumming or learning more about Native American culture, our next meeting will be September 5th at the Scout Office, starting at 7:00 PM. From me and the rest of the NAA Committee we wish you all a safe and happy summer and hope to see you next year.

-Chris Higgins, NAA Co-Chairman

## NYLT Training

By Matt Colavitti

I would like to inform you all about a fantastic opportunity taking place in our Council in November. Many of you may have heard of Great Expectations and know what it is about, but for those who do not know, Great Expectations is a leadership training workshop offered by our Council that teaches scouts how to become leaders in their troop, as well as offering fun games and activities, and, of course, lunch. The day long course teaches participants about communication, leadership, and how to run their own troops. I would encourage anyone who has not attended to consider participating in this informative and fun filled day of Great Expectations. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at [rex\\_jones12@hotmail.com](mailto:rex_jones12@hotmail.com), or pick up a blue sign up sheet at the scout office. I hope to see you all there!



# The Role We Play

by Josh Notari

Cheerful service is one of the guiding principles of the Order of the Arrow. It is through cheerful service to others that we find the opportunity to express the ideals of the order and to better ourselves as scouts and as individuals.

Let us also not forget what the cheerful service we do does for those around us. The work we do in the ordeals for

instance benefits those resident camps and also all the scouts that pass through them. The work we do with the adopt a highway program benefits the environment around us and also our communities in the area. Massive projects have been carried out by members of our lodge both past and present and it's important that we don't forget the role we play in the council.

At the same time. We shouldn't see all this work done in the past as a sign that we're done. We should see this work as a challenge and a goal. A goal that we should aim to not only meet but surpass. The most important service in our lodge is the service we have yet to perform.

# Sealing Your Bond in Brotherhood

by Steven McDonald

Many of us have precious memories of the growth we've experienced through the lodge. For many of us, the fondest of our memories are the ones we made when sealing our Bonds of Brotherhood.

The experiences that we gain in these moments will stick with us for the rest of our lives. The lessons we learn will guide us throughout our scouting careers and throughout our time in other places.

With this in mind, the Brotherhood committee and the rest of Lowwapaneu lodge encourage all eligible members to seal their Bond so that they may learn and experience even more with our Order.

## REGISTER FOR THE 2017 ACAHELA ORDEAL

August 18-20, 2017 - Camp Acahela

Come for:

- Cheerful Service
- Fellowship
- Welcome new Ordeal Members
- Seal the Bond of Brotherhood

REGISTER TODAY in the Scout Shop or ONLINE at [www.lowwapaneu.org](http://www.lowwapaneu.org)



## ANNUAL LODGE PICNIC

July 15, 2017 - Noon to 4pm

McDade Park - Scranton, PA

Fellowship and Brotherhood await at the Annual Lowwapaneu Lodge Picnic at McDade Park in Scranton, PA



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# Upcoming Events

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**July 15 ~ Annual Lodge Picnic** at McDade Park

**August 18th - 20th Ordeal** at Camp Acahela

**October 28th - 29th ~ Harvest Fest** at Camp Acahela

**Lodge Executive Committee Meetings** every fourth

Wednesday of the month 7:30pm @ Scout Service Center

**Native American Activities Meeting** every first Tuesday of  
the Month 7:00pm @ Scout Service Center

*Find more information at [www.lowwapaneu.org](http://www.lowwapaneu.org)*

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July 30 - August 4, 2018 ~ Indiana University

## **NOAC 2018**

*More Details Coming Soon!*

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