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100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORDER OF THE ARROW!



CHIEFLY SPEAKING

Brothers,

I hope you all are enjoying this summer as much as I am! Many great things are happening within our lodge and within our camps. As many of you may not know, July 16th was officially the 100th anniversary of the 1st ceremony of the Order of the Arrow. I'd like to thank all of you that came out to attend our re-dedication ceremony that night for your participation and acknowledgement of that night. I'd also like to thank all of you for keeping the principles of our Order alive in your troops, as a good majority of troops in our council have strived for the OA in Camp Award at Goose Pond this summer season.

As always, I hope you all enjoy your time and involvement in the Order of the Arrow. Understand that we are a group of honor campers, and that being a member of the Order is not just a recognition of your hard work in your troops and your scouting community, but also a commitment to a life of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service.

Also, Our General Lodge Meeting in November is right around the corner! If you are interested in running for office or have any questions, feel free to contact one of the Officers or Advisors!

WWW,
Jake Weston - Lowwapanu Lodge Chief



ADVISER'S MINUTE

I just want to remind everyone about the great opportunities the Order of the Arrow has available to you.

The first week in August 47 members of the Lodge will be traveling to Michigan State University to attend NOAC during the 100th anniversary of our great order.

Then there's the Acahela Ordeal, followed by the Harvest Fest weekend. You don't have to look far to see that the Lodge is always on the go. Hope to see you at one of our events!

Mr. Croom
Lodge Adviser

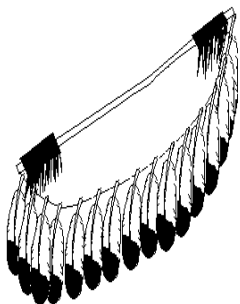


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Evolution of Sashes:

In the early ceremonies and Wimachtendienk literature arrow sashes were called arrow bands. The original band is the black sash used in the 1915 ceremonies on Treasure Island. Harry Yoder describes it as a black band with a white vertical stripe on the front. George Chapman described presumably the same band as being black with a white vertical arrow on the front with the arrow pointing over the shoulder. This band is the first sash and none are known to exist. The material used to make the sash is often described as being the same material that was used in the making of the black academic type robes worn by Goodman and Edson for the first ceremony.

The circa 1918 *Ritual for the Second Degree* written by Dr. William Hinkle has a line in it that moves the band from the right shoulder to the left shoulder just before the conclusion of the ceremony. There is no description of the design, color or material. This is the earliest reference that the First Degree (Ordeal) band and the Second Degree band (Brotherhood) were the same sash, just worn over different shoulders.

The earliest known photograph depicting arrow bands being worn is a Treasure Island council fire picture dated to 1919. Bands are shown on both the left shoulders and right shoulders of Arrowmen. Because the picture is in black and white, the color of the band appears white, but the color of the arrow cannot be confirmed. This is because the value of the color red is the same as the value for black in black and white photography.

A Philadelphia newspaper did an article on the Wimachtendienk in August 1921 with a photo included. The black robes were on the officers of the Wimachtendienk and all pictured were wearing the band with a white background and a dark colored arrow on the white background.

In the Camp Biddle Rededication Ceremony at the formation of the Grand Lodge in 1921, there is a famous picture that shows bands over both left and right shoulders and also pictures Goodman and Edson with a sash in the shape of a triangle on the chest and shaped like a “fraternal bib”. The photograph is black and white so color determination is inconclusive. However, the photo does document the Third Degree bib-type sash.

The early Wimachtendienk Constitution and By-Laws and the minutes of the Grand Lodge meeting in the early 1920s do not define the band. It is mentioned that it is available for purchase and that they were provided to the new lodges accepted in the Grand Lodge, but there is no description of color or materials.

In a letter dated 1922 from Horace Kern to the 14 known Third Degree members he reminds the members to purchase their Third Degree bands. Examples of several of these early Third Degree bands exist allowing confirmation of the colors of these white sashes with red triangles.

The First Degree/Second Degree (Ordeal/Brotherhood) bands created by the Grand Lodge were white wool-felt bands with red wool-felt arrows sewn on. The Vigil Honor band was the white wool-felt band with no arrow sewn onto the band. There was a large triangle sewn onto the middle of the band on the front. Sewn onto each side of the large red triangle were three small white arrows made of wool felt. The sashes made by the Grand Lodge and its successors were all basically the same from 1921-1948. They were all white felt sashes with red felt arrows. The sizes and shapes of the band, arrow shaft, arrowhead and fletching varied through the years as they were constantly being re-ordered. The one exception was the bands made by the

Region 7 and most prominently used by Owasippe Lodge, Chicago Council while Urner Goodman was the Scout Executive. Those bands were made out of a white twill cloth and the arrows were a red linen material sewn onto the cloth band. They were used from the late 1920s until the mid 1930s.



In 1948, the Order of the Arrow changed all sashes. The sash material remained the wool-felt. However the arrow was red-flocked silk-screening onto the wool-felt. Flocking is the process of silk-screening crushed felt with ink using an electro-static charge to make the felt stand-up creating a velvet like appearance. The Vigil Honor sash had a large red wool-felt triangle with the small arrows silkscreened onto it. The large triangle was sewn onto the Ordeal/Brotherhood band/sash. These large triangles exist with both flocked and non-flocked white arrows.

In 1950, following the decision that all sashes would go over the right shoulder, Brotherhood bars were flocked onto the sash to distinguish Ordeal and Brotherhood. Also, circa 1951/1952 the Vigil Honor sash eliminated the large oversized felt triangle. The new Vigil Honor sash had a smaller triangle and the entire sash could be silk-screened in a single process. For the first time the Ordeal, Brotherhood and Vigil Honor sashes were all the same size, using the same silk-screen flocking process.

In 1955 a completely new sash was introduced. Gone were the wool-felt and silk-screening. The new sashes were twill material with embroidery. The sash was made out of two plies of material so that the embroidered red arrow did not show on the back. It also gave bulk to the sash. The plies were sewn together with a distinctive two-track stitch.

By 1960, the design changed slightly, the distinctive two-track stitch was replaced by a process of edging called a rolled edge or merrowed border stitch. This sash remained in use with minor variations until 1980.

In 1980, the sash edging changed again. This time the plies were chain stitched together. Again there were variations in the embroidery pattern. The arrows on the Vigil Honor triangle were manufactured both counterclockwise and clockwise.



In 1988 the sash remained the two-ply twill cloth. The two plies were stitched together by a single line of stitching on the edge. The real change was that the arrow, the Brotherhood bars and the Vigil Honor arrow with triangle and small arrows were all appliqués hot ironed onto the sash. These “wash and peel” sashes were short-lived. The appliqués would not stay on the sash after the sash was washed and they were generally derided by membership as insufficient quality. The Vigil Honor had small arrows on the triangle and was clockwise. Because of the short period of usage of this sash it has become somewhat of a collector’s item.

In 1990 the sashes again were embroidered on to white twill cloth. There were two plies of cloth. The two plies were stitched together with a single row of stitching. The small arrows on the Vigil Honor triangle went counterclockwise. This sash is the current Order of the Arrow sash.

Article Retrieved from history.oa-bsa.org/

Elangomat Committee Needs Your Help!

Brothers,

The date of the Fall Ordeal (August 21st - 23rd) is fast approaching, and the time has come to recruit Elangomats to staff it. As Uncle Sam would say, We Need YOU!

To find out more about becoming an Elangomat, check out our committee webpage on www.lowwapaneu.org

Please contact me at elangomatchairman@lowwapaneu.org if you are interested in volunteering or have any questions.

**In Cheerful Service,
Bob Hricko**

Elangomat Chairman



Native American Activities Commitee

Brothers,

Many of us have heard traditional Native American music, whether it was within our camps, ceremonies, or outside sources. But what many may not know is the growing popularity and celebration of Native American culture within our country. One of the best ways that people across the nation are experiencing Native American culture today is through Pow wows, or festivals that center around the expression of Native American culture. The largest Pow wow in the world takes place in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and boasts an average of 85,000 visitors daily over the course of three days. This pow wow, known as "The Gathering of Nations", occurs in mid April, and is so popular that it hosts its own year-long radio station on iHeartRadio.

Are you looking to attend a pow wow near you? The Portal Institute in Susquehanna County, PA hosted a pow wow for the first time this September, and they are hoping to host another next year. The Pow wow was named "The First Annual All Nations Benefit Pow Wow", and will most likely be referred to by a similar name next year.

As always, the NAA is open to any arrowman that is interested in drumming or helping us with our activities. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me!

**WWW,
Jeremy Jones, Chairman**

las2school@hotmail.com

Got Brotherhood?

Congratulations on your election into the Order of the Arrow! You are now a member of Scouting's National Honor Society, where you can now take part in the many opportunities that Lowwapaneu Lodge has to offer.

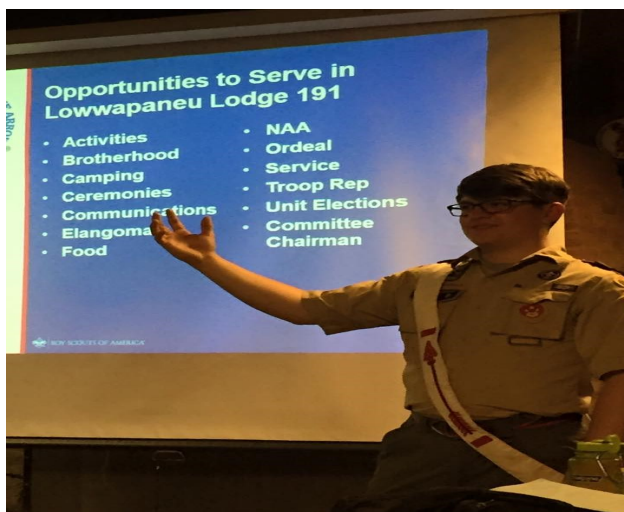
The next step to take will be sealing your Bond as a Brotherhood Member of the Lodge. This is a rather significant step and shows your growth and commitment as an Arrowman and active member of our lodge. I strongly encourage you to take this step and further your devotion to the Order of the Arrow.

To take this step, you have one more chance this year to participate in a Brotherhood Ceremony :

Achela Ordeal, held at Camp Achela: August 21-23, 2015; training to be held Friday night, August 21st, and the Ceremony on Saturday August 22nd.

Both of these events offers a unique opportunity to become more acquainted with Lodge customs and traditions, and will also give you a prime opportunity to meet other members of the lodge.

Please do read over the information at the following site: www.lowwapaneu.org/brotherhood. This information will be reviewed at the Friday night trainings. Remember, you were elected by the members of your troop and they need you!



YIS,

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ArrowTour:

As most of you know, the Order of the Arrow turned 100 years old this year, so the 2015 NOAC is going to be the biggest one yet! However, for those Arrowmen that cannot make it to NOAC, the OA has developed Arrowtour: Our National Centennial Experience. Arrowtour is a small, travelling NOAC that will visit camps and service centers across the four regions.

I, along with Zach McDonough, Mr. Tino Penzone, and Mr. Croom, attended an Arrowtour stop when they visited Lenape Lodge 8 on June 27th. There were many activities such as a tent with an interactive history of the Order, a tent about OA High Adventure and the Arrowman Service Award, and branding and silk-screening stations. "I thought it was fun and a great way to reach out to those Arrowmen who may not be attending NOAC. If you ever get a chance to stop at Arrowtour, STOP!" remarked Zach McDonough. For a full list of the Northeast Region's Arrowtour stops, log on to www.arrowtour.oa-bsa.org/schedule

- Matt Smith



Spring Ordeal 2015:

Lowwapanew held its annual Spring Ordeal at Goose Pond Scout Reservation on June 5th-7th. At this event, we inducted 61 new Ordeal Members, 12 new Brotherhood members sealed their bond and 8 members received the Vigil Honor!

Jake Weston - Sakima Peptukquehikenk -Leader of the Circle

Zach McDonough - Nag'atamen Woapolanne -Trustworthy Thunderbird

Bob Hricko - Hakihet Elangomat - Friendly Farmer

Bob Williams - Achgeketum Elangomat - Friendly Teacher

Bill Ditchey - Nochnutemaliuwet Mechmauwikenk - Keeper of the Camps

Frank Jones - Kichkinet Lenno - Molder of Men

Paul Ceonzo - Weuchsowagan - The Knowledgeable One

Nick Michalisin - Waletittin Sachgagunummen - Advisor of Leaders

Acahela Ordeal 2015:

Hello Brothers,

I hope you are enjoying your summer break. I am emailing you to personally invite you to the Fall Ordeal. The Fall Ordeal will be held August 21-23rd at Camp Acahela, The Ordeal has something to offer everyone. For the Ordeal Candidates, you will be inducted into the Order of the Arrow. For Ordeal members, that are eligible to take their Brotherhood, you can seal your bond in Brotherhood. For everyone else you can come out and have a great time and get active in a committee if you are not already. I hope to see everyone there. It is going to be a blast!

In Brotherhood,

Zachary McDonough



Arrowman Service Award:

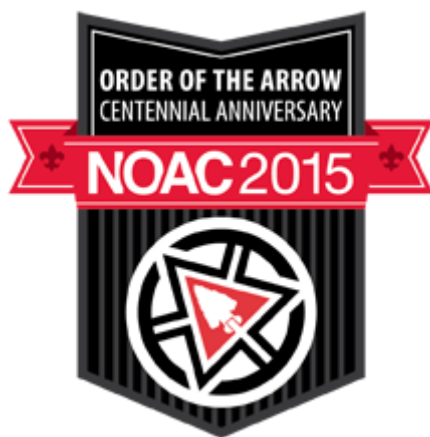
Hello Brothers!

As our brotherhood continues through its centennial year, many great opportunities are being presented for all of you! One of these opportunities includes the Arrowman Service Award. This is an award available to both youth and adults in the Order of the Arrow. It is very attainable, and a great opportunity for all of you to get more involved in our lodge. There are copies of both the youth, and adult requirements available at the Scout Service Center. Take advantage of this great opportunity, and earn this limited edition award, which is only available during this, our centennial year.. Patches cost \$4, see Mr. Croom if you want one.

WWW,

Matt Wheeland





Brothers,

It's here. The 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference begins in just a few days, and soon, Lowwapaneu Lodge will be gathering at Michigan State University with 15,000 of their closest brothers for the experience of a lifetime. As the contingent prepares to depart, I would like to pass along my best wishes for a safe journey, a formative experience and, above all, a fun trip.

I now turn my words directly to those Lowwapaneu brothers who will be attending the conference at MSU in just a few days: You're going to have a lot of fun this week, folks. NOAC is huge. The stops have been pulled out. The opportunities are sitting there, just waiting to be grabbed. Let not, though, this conference be just for the 50 of you heading off to MSU. That would be a huge disservice to Lowwapaneu Lodge, and the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council. Instead, allow the experiences you share and the friendships you make to ripple forward into the lives of others through a renewed passion for the Scouting program.

Best of luck to you, brothers!

Donnie Stephens



Lodge Dues Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ E-Mail: _____

_____ Ordeal
 _____ Brotherhood
 _____ Vigil

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I want to pay my dues: _____ years x \$ 10.00 per year = \$ _____

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 c/o Northeastern PA Council
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 Moosic, PA 18507

Test Your OA Knowledge

- 1.) Where was the First Ordeal Held?
- 2.) What was the first Order of the Arrow Lodge?
- 3.) Who are the current National Chief and Vice-Chief?

Answers:

- 1.) Treasure Island Scout Camp
- 2.) Unami Lodge #1
- 3.) Alex Call (Chief) and Donnie Stephens (Vice-Chief)

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IMPORTANT LODGE DATES

Lodge Executive Committee Meetings:

The 4th Wednesday of Each Month at the Scout Service Center at 7:30 p.m.

July 22nd

August: No Meeting

September 23rd

October 28th

Activities and Other Important Events:

NOAC Aug. 3rd-8th

Achela Ordeal Aug. 21st-23rd

First Tuesday of Every Month - NAA Committee Meeting