



Winter Banquet 2016 at Ferris State University

Prepare yourself for a Winter Banquet unlike any other. This upcoming Winter Banquet will take us #upupandoa into our next century of service. Join us at Winter Banquet 2016, as we recognize our Arrowmen of the Year, Founders Award Recipients, and Honor Arrowmen of the Year!

Our #shohpebanquet2k16 will be at Ferris State University on January 16th. Check in will start at 1pm. Dinner will start at 5 pm. However, you won't want to miss the events from 2pm until 4pm! From 2pm to 4pm, there will be three mini-events: a 2015 Ordeal Class Reception, a Brotherhood Bash, and a Shohpe Social.

All Ordeal members are encouraged to attend this Winter Banquet to be recognized and thanked for your service. Plus, there will be a 2015 Ordeal Class Photo taken onsite. The Brotherhood Bash will include live music and is for brotherhood and vigil honor members of our lodge.

A professional photographer will be there to take a photo of you with our special guests. Our special guests include: 2015 Miss Michigan Emily Kieliszewski, Magician Trino Schincariol, Section C-2 Chief Josh Blohm, 2015 Miss Allegan County's Outstanding Teen Rachel Bouterse, local musician Ruben Resendez.

The Shohpe Social is for the “guardians of our lodge” - the adults of our lodge and the parents of our members. There also will be opportunities to network and to learn more about the OA at the social.

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Our upcoming Up, Up, and OA Winter Banquet is one you won't want to miss!

See you at Winter Banquet!

Brandon Sinclair

2016 Winter Banquet Chairman

Nataepu Shohpe Lodge



A Review of the Summer and Fall events

Summer Conclave Review:

Summer Conclave was a huge success at Camp Greilick. We all came together in the morning and did great service for the camp. Whether it was stacking wood or taking out the docks, the service to camp was priceless. The afternoon activities were a big hit! Arrowman participated in a presentation of lodge history where arrowman old and new talked about the history of our legacy lodges, there were also field games, dance and drumming and sand painting at the fire bowl, which turned out great. But the most important thing was the induction Ordeal Brotherhood and Vigil members. All-in-all, Summer Conclave was a huge success.



NOAC 2015:

NOAC (National Order of the Arrow Conference) 2015 was a very exciting event August 3 – 8 celebrating the Centennial anniversary of the Order of the Arrow. Many cool activities and programs were put on at Michigan State University. At NOAC, they had what they called the Goodman Edison Observatory, a place that honored the history of our beloved organization. One of the best parts of the whole conference was the evening shows, but nothing can beat the new people everyone got to meet.

"The best part of NOAC was having the opportunity to meet scouts from other parts of the country that had the same core values." -Nate Galen, Hopewell Tawakini

NOAC was a huge success and built life long memories that arrowmen can cherish for the rest of their lives. To encourage people to go out and meet one another, NOAC introduced "Spark." Each Arrowman got a small hand, and if you touched the hands to one another, you got points. Finally, the National committee unveiled the 100 day Dare to Do Challenge, a way to encourage Arrowmen to do a good turn daily.

Special recognitions go out to Nick Meddaugh of Wuluwachtawoapin chapter for winning the NOAC 15K, 10K, and 5K races!

Mackinac Rendezvous

At the biannual council event Mackinac Rendezvous, over 300 lodge members past and present gathered to recognize our lodge Centurions. The Centurion award was created by National Order of the Arrow committee to recognize the hometown heroes of every lodge that have made a significant impact on the organization over the past 100 years.

Our recipients are as follows: Brad Stachowiak, Bob Verduin, Eric Verhaar, Larry Bogart, Lon Waterman, Laude Hartrum IV, Micheal Sulgrove, Nick Killian, Pat Parker, Rick Williams, Russ Kolski, and Ryan Kriesch.



A Review of Summer and Fall events (continued)

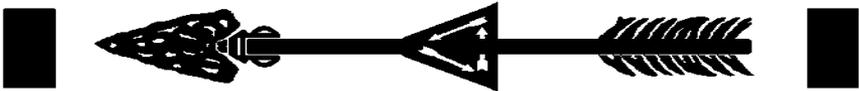
Fall Conclave:

Fall Conclave was another HUGELY successful event for our lodge during its centennial celebration. With around 200 attending members, it was the largest attended conclave of the year. We kicked the weekend off with great ceremonies on Friday that carried into Saturday. Thank you everyone involved in ceremonies! Saturday morning, everyone came together to work on countless service projects at Gerber Scout Camp, helping it close down for the winter season.

In the afternoon, various programs were offered for all members including a Magic The Gathering Tournament, where Stephen King went undefeated to win the tournament.

Also, there was fellowship in GaGa Ball and a ribbon shirt regalia building workshop. The program finished with a ceremonies seminar given by Tyler Penrod. We got to celebrate at ceremonies all the service from brothers throughout the year with service beads, and we were finally able to finish this year's vigil class inductions. Congratulations to all this year who received the Vigil Honor this year: Alex Hoffman, Clyde Sinclair, Ed Mealoy, Jen Betz, Jim Rollins, Nick Capell, Thomas Plett, Tyler Penrod.

Again, thank you to all who came out and supported Fall Conclave! Hope to see you at Winter Banquet and Spring Conclave 2016.



Vigil Honor Nominations

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to lodge, council, and Scouting. Membership cannot be won by a person's conscious endeavors.

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 the immediate responsibilities of their position of office to one or more of the following: Scout Camp, Scouting Community, Order of the Arrow, Lodge or Chapter.

If you know of an eligible Arrowman deserving of the vigil honor, please nominate them on the lodge website at: <https://nslodge.org/vigilnominations>



Greetings from the 2015-16 Lodge Chief

Fellow Arrowmen,

My name is Mark Gutowski, and I'm your 2015-16 Lodge Chief. Here is just a little bit about me: I am an Eagle Scout from Troop 27 in Traverse City, and I currently am attending Ferris State University in Big Rapids. I have served as a two term Chapter Chief, Vice Chief of Inductions, and I have been a member of the ceremonies team for 3 years.

This year I have two goals for our lodge. My first goal is to strengthen our chapters. I think that in the past few years, our chapter participation has dwindled. I have seen this serving as both a Chapter Chief and a Lodge Vice Chief. On the weekend of October 16, I attended a LLD (Lodge Leadership Development) for Wulapeju Lodge in Northwestern Illinois. There I talked to some of their Chapter Chiefs and Advisers on how to get more active participation at chapter meetings. One of their chapters is doing a raffle, and each time they go to the meeting, they would get to put their name in a hat for a prize, like an authentic war tomahawk. I am hoping to enact some of the ideas I got and make our chapters stronger than ever!

My second goal for our lodge is to get better at Unit Elections. In the past few years, our lodge has struggled with getting all of our Unit Elections completed. The only chapter in our lodge to ever complete all of their elections was Langoma Kahpahtee. I congratulate them, and I hope other chapters will strive to reach that achievement.

I hope to see all of you at the #upupandoa Winter Banquet on January 16th, 2016!

Yours in Brotherhood,
Mark Gutowski



Greetings from the 2015-16 Lodge Officers

Nick Capell

Lodge Vice Chief of Administration

This year, I'm excited to work on programs to help the chapters grow stronger. We just approved a First Year Arrowman program that will be emailed to anyone who completed their ordeal in 2015. Also, a Quality Chapter Program is being developed and will hopefully be implemented by the end of the year! If you have any comments/suggestions/questions for me, please email me at vcofadmin@nslodge.org! I look forward to seeing all of you at Winter Banquet in January!

Tyler Penrod

Lodge Vice Chief of Inductions

As your Vice Chief, I plan to make ceremonies better than ever. I'm excited to see many young Arrowmen begin stepping up into ceremonialist roles this year. My personal goal is to help chapters flourish as we begin our first steps into our second century. If you're interested in ceremonies or have any questions, please contact me at: vcofinductions@nslodge.org

Eryk Feala.

Lodge Vice Chief of Program

I oversee the event chairmen for many events. I am a life scout for troop 10 out of Arcadia. I am currently a senior in high school. The next upcoming event is OA

Winter Banquet, which is bound to be an amazing event. I hope to see all of you there! If you have any questions feel free to email me at: vcofprogram@nslodge.org

Matthew Novak

Lodge Treasurer

As Treasurer, I am hoping to direct our funds to the areas that will allow us to grow the most as a lodge. This would mean helping to fund our developing chapters, our events, and all other means toward which we can build membership and a more effective lodge. For any questions, please contact me at: treasurer@nslodge.org

Michael C. Carley

Lodge Secretary

My goals for this year are simple enough. First and foremost, I want to see my chairmen reach their goals for this year. Second, I want to get out a better newsletter. I would also like to get the chairmen more involved with the newsletter by having a larger variety of positions highlighted each month. I hope this year is a great one, and I hope we can make our lodge the best one in the state. If any of you have any questions or comments about the newsletter or website, feel free to email me at secretary@nslodge.org

Have you paid your Lodge Dues?

Lodge dues are calendar year based! Lodge dues for 2016 are \$15.00, and can be paid via our website at: <https://scoutingevent.com/?NSLodge2016Dues>

If you are unsure if your 2015 or 2016 dues are paid, check online at: <https://nslodge.org/dues>

Members that did their ordeal in 2015 are already paid for the 2016 lodge year.

Chapter Meetings

Our lodge is divided into seven chapters, these chapters meet once a month to discuss upcoming events, plan and execute unit elections and cub ceremonies, plan and execute service projects, chapter fellowship weekends and more.

Part of the responsibilities of the OA troop rep is to **attend his chapter meeting** so he can relay the information on upcoming OA events and activities at the troop level; every Arrowman under the age of 21 that can attend should attend the monthly chapter meetings.

Below is a listing of each chapters meeting information, as well as the web address for each chapters Facebook page

Wuluwachtawoapin Chapter
Bay Trails District
7:00pm – 9:00pm, 2nd Thursday
of the month

Church of Jesus Christ of LDS
3746 Veterans Drive
Traverse City, MI 49684
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WuluwachtawoapinID1152/>

Wa-Wa Esh Ki Chapter
River Trails District
7:00pm – 9:00pm, 2nd Thursday of
the month

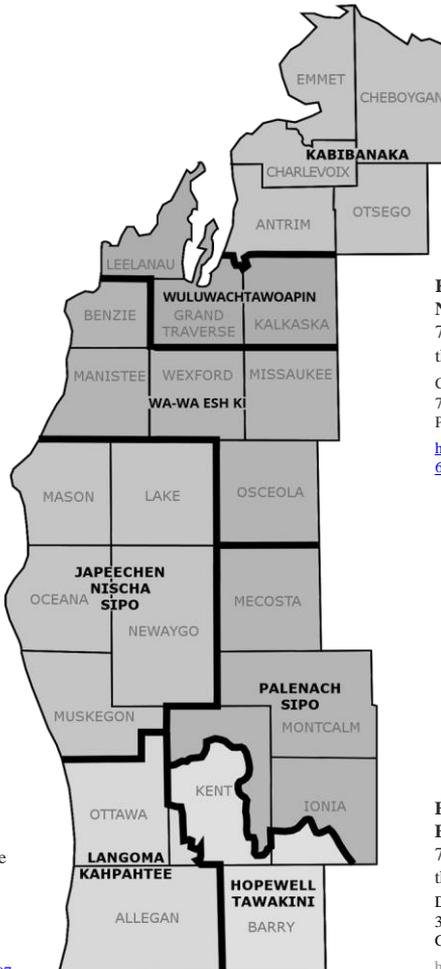
United Methodist Church
1020 E. Division
Cadillac, MI 49601
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/318166531545869/>

Japeechen Nischa Sipo Chapter
Pere Marquette District
7:00pm – 9:00pm, 2nd Thursday of
the month

First Evangelical Lutheran Church
1206 Whitehall Road
Muskegon, MI 49445
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/122786387790347/>

Langoma Kahpahtee Chapter
Lakeshore District
7:00pm – 9:00pm, 2nd Thursday of the
month

Immanuel Baptist Church
325 104th Avenue
Holland, MI 49423
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/458714297483679/>



Kabibanaka Chapter
Northern Trails District
7:00pm – 9:00pm, 1st Thursday of
the month

Church of Jesus Christ of LDS
707 Alcan Drive
Petoskey, MI 49770
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/223116887716527/>

Palenach Sipo Chapter
Five Rivers District
7:00pm – 9:00pm, 2nd Thursday of
the month

Church of Jesus Christ of LDS
10700 Carson City Road
Greenville, MI 48838
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/palenachsipo.nslodge/>

Hopewell Tawakini Chapter
Eagle Spirit District
7:00pm – 9:00pm, 2nd Thursday of
the month

DeVos Family Center for Scouting
3213 Walker Ave NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49544
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/400624396676621/>

Lodge Advisor Minute

2015, our Order's Centennial year, has been an amazing year - in addition to the events highlighted on page 2 & 3 above, we hosted Section (C2) Conclave and ArrowTour – ArrowTour was a travelling history of the Order of the Arrow that finished at the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) in East Lansing in August.

Have you heard of Journey to Excellence (JTE)? JTE is a program used throughout Scouting to define performance metrics to find the best performing units – and there is a JTE program for the OA. For the first time as a lodge, Nataepu Shohpe has qualified as a Bronze award OA Lodge – thanks to you! There are 17 different criteria we are measured on – some we did well at, and others that give us an opportunity to be better in the future. Want to know more about our JTE? Ask an EC member!

Some numbers - we inducted 283 Ordeal Members, had 142 members become Brotherhood members, and had 9 members honored with the Vigil this year.

The 13 members from our Lodge history who are our Centurion Award recipients – a one-time recognition of the “Hometown Heros” of the OA, Arrowmen instrumental in the history of OA in our Western Michigan communities, the examples of service and leadership our order was founded on – how are you helping to build on the foundation they have laid for us?

The message I want to leave you with as we close 2015 is that we need our members to be active in the OA – it's not just a thing you do at Summer Camp, it's not just coming to events and conclaves (although we hope you do!) - Our membership stands at 1142 dues paying members this year – we need ALL of you to help us in our purpose to exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in our daily lives, and enhance the activities of our units and Scouting!

There are many opportunities to be active – come to a chapter meeting (see the map above) to find out how you can help!

Thanks for an outstanding 2015, and I hope to see you at Winter Banquet as we kick off 2016!

Interested In Training?

On February 6th, 2016 our lodge will be running a Lodge Leadership Development course at the Walker scout office. This Training is open to all Arrowmen that currently hold or are interested in holding the position of OA Troop Rep, a Chapter level position, a Lodge level position, or are just interested in learning more about how the OA works.

Some of the items featured at LLD will be Troop rep training, Ceremonies training, unit elections trainings, chapter trainings, and more!

This is a FREE event – registration at: <https://www.scoutingevent.com?OA101LLD>

2016 Lodge Calendar

Date	Event	Intended Participants	Location
January-16	Winter Banquet	All Members	Ferris State University
January-16	Executive Committee Meeting	Executive Committee members	United Church, Big Rapids - 11 AM
January-23	Council of Chiefs	OA Key 3	TBD
February-6	OA 101 (Lodge Leadership Development)	All Members	DeVos Center for Scouting
February-6	Executive Committee Meeting	Executive Committee members	DeVos Center for Scouting
February-21	National Leadership Seminar /NLATS	All Members with Lodge Adviser Approval	Rochester, IN
March-5	Council of Chiefs	OA Key 3	TBD
March-20	Executive Committee Meeting	Executive Committee members	Reed City Scout House
April 22-23	Lodge Service/Fellowship	All Members	Camp Greilick
April-24	Executive Committee Meeting	Executive Committee members	Camp Greilick
April 29 – May 1	National Leadership Seminar	All Members	Camp Kiwanis – Marine on St. Croix, MN
May 6 – 8	Section Conclave	All Members	Camp Munhackle
May-14	Program Kickoff	All Members	TBD
May-21	Program Kickoff	All Members	TBD
May 20 – 22	Spring Conclave	All Members	Gerber Scout Reservation
May-22	Executive Committee Meeting	Executive Committee members	Gerber Scout Reservation
July 30 – August 3	NEXT	OA Key 3	Indiana University
August 19-21	Summer Conclave	All Members	Camp Greilick
August-21	Executive Committee Meeting	Executive Committee members	Camp Greilick
September 16-18	Strategic Planning Weekend/LLD	Executive Committee members	Camp Tapico (tentative)
September-18	Executive Committee Meeting	Executive Committee members	Camp Tapico (tentative)
September 30 – October 2	Fall Conclave	All Members	Gerber Scout Reservation
October-2	Executive Committee Meeting	Executive Committee members	Gerber Scout Reservation
October-8	Council of Chiefs	OA Key 3	TBD
October 14 - 16	NLS/NLATS	All Members with Lodge Adviser Approval	Parkville, MO
October 14 – 16	Outing for Scouting	All Members	Berlin Raceway – Marne, MI
November-13	Executive Committee Meeting	Executive Committee members	Reed City Scout House
November 18-20	Section Officer Session	Section Officers	Parkville, MO
December-11	Executive Committee Meeting	Executive Committee members	DeVos Center for Scouting
December 27-30	National Planning Meeting	Section Officers	Dallas, TX