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Winter Banquet - TBA

Winter Banquet is just around the corner, Saturday, December 5th, 2015, to be exact. We will be voting this weekend at Fall Fellowship on which Chapter will host, how much the event will be, and what we will be eating. This will also be your first opportunity to get tickets!! See Brandon Hart, Doran Sherfey, or your Chapter Chief for more information or to get tickets.

Arrowman Service Award

Starting on this day in 2014, the 99th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow's founding, registered members in good standing with the BSA, their local council and their Order of the Arrow lodge were able to commemorate our organization's centennial by working to complete the Arrowman Service Award. This award, which some are referring to as "the sash patch," is recognized as one of the few patches that has ever been approved by the national Order of the Arrow committee to be worn on an OA sash.

Please remember that you have until the 31st of December to earn this award. The requirements can be found online. Simply submit the completed requirements with documented proof of completion, and we will get your patch to you.

A big congratulations to those who have already received this outstanding award!!

Lodge Leadership Development

Lodge Leadership Development, or LLD, is a weekend training course packed with fun and fellowship. This year's LLD will be held at the Sidney James Mountain Lodge in beautiful Gatlinburg, TN, November 13th – 15th, 2015. The cost for the weekend is \$50 per participant, with the fee including 2 nights stay in the Lodge and lunch on Saturday. We are also offering special discounts and rates on family rooms.

To register, please visit our website at: sequoyahlodge184.org, or by calling the Sequoyah Council Service Center at: (423) 952-6961

Due to our arrangements with the Sidney James, registration will end at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30th, 2015.

Lodge Executive Committee

On Sunday, September 20th we will be having our annual Executive Committee Elections. The Executive Committee are the youth who are elected by the other OA members to help run the lodge. Kind of like the Senior Patrol Leader and Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders in a troop. Below you will find a biography and a picture of some of the people wanting to run for a position.

Lodge Chief



Hi my name is Matthew White and I am your current lodge vice chief of program and last year's lodge vice chief of service. Of all the awards and ranks I have received and earned in scouting, the two I am most proud of are, the vigil honor and my ninth Eagle palm. Because of these distinctions and my leadership skills, I have had the honor to serve as senior patrol leader at the troop level, to be on lakefront staff at Camp Davy Crocket, and the assistant senior patrol leader of the National Youth Leadership training for the second time. I have been part of our chapter's award winning ceremony team for the last 4 years, worked as ordeal master for our 2014 spring ordeal, taught at three Conclaves and aided in the planning of countless other ordeals and fall fellowships.

If elected as the 2015-2016 lodge chief, I would strive to create an environment where all can thrive and encourage our brotherhood to grow in participation. While attending my second National Order of The Arrow Conference (NOAC) at Michigan state university, I had the chance to talk to many lodge chiefs at the National Council of Chiefs (NCO) and I have some new ideas that I hope to implement at the benefit of the lodge. As Lodge Chief I will first work on our communication and organization of events and activities in a way that includes you, the chapter and troop leadership, to collaborate as a team, building our lodge from the bottom up.

By taking this position I know I will have to commit too many troop events, growing relationships with troop leaders and members who have "sashed and dashed." Together we will make a strong lodge even stronger. I am willing and prepared to give my time in hopes of inspiring others. With that said I want you to know ahead of time, if elected I have prior obligations that I cannot change and I will miss a few important events including a NCOC and Lodge Leadership Development (LLD). If elected I plan to send our vice chief or secretary in my place.

I will commit to do what is right for the integrity and growth of our lodge. I ask you to vote for me not because I am your friend, but because you trust my word to serve you with loyalty. As Baden Powell said, "loyalty is a feature in a boy's character that inspires boundless hope."

Thank you for considering me as your Lodge Chief
Matthew S White



Hello fellow Arrowmen, my name is Ben Vogel and I am running to be your Lodge Chief. I am a Vigil member from the Bischuwi Aney chapter, where I have served as Chapter Chief and Vice Chief of Communications in the past. I have been in the OA for 4 years and they have been some of the best years of my life. Some things I'd like to see improved upon as Lodge Chief are our ceremonies teams, Brotherhood numbers, and chapter participation. If elected, one thing I wish to focus on for the upcoming year is ensuring that all our members have the ability to attend Conclave this year in Arkansas. I would love to see us take a large number of people despite the distance. Another item I think we can improve upon is our website. If elected, I will be working closely with the other Vice Chiefs to ensure it is updated and functional. Thank you for your support!

Lodge Vice Chief

We currently have openings for this position. If anyone would like to run please see Anthony, Doran, Woodsy or Brandon, or if you don't know who those people are; ask anyone you see for help!

Lodge Secretary/Treasurer

We currently have openings for this position. If anyone would like to run please see Anthony, Doran, Woodsy or Brandon, or if you don't know who those people are; ask anyone you see for help!

Chapter Articles

Allogagan Ktemaque

I am excited to report that the Allogagan Ktemaque Chapter had strong participation at our first meeting this year. It is great to see all of the new OA members from our 2015 Ordeals. The chapter will be adding two new positions to help support this increased participation with a secretary and a treasurer. These positions will assist us in strengthening our chapter communications as well as ensuring we can provide a broader support to the Buffalo Mountain District as well as our Lodge. This will start with the Akela Cub Campout in September where our Chapter has been asked to lead the campfire lighting and program.

So if you're a member of AK, we look forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings – 1st Thursday of the month 6:30 pm at the Council Service Center. If you have any questions or want to add items to discuss at our meetings please email me at: samuelpete@embarqmail.com. Great things are happening in our Chapter, come be a part of them!

Yours in Scouting,

Samuel Jenkins

Chapter Chief

Machtagen

Machtagen Chapter serves the Nolachuckey District. We meet at 7:15 pm on the first Thursday of each month along with the District Leader's Roundtable. The normal meeting place is Reformation Lutheran Church on Main Street in downtown Greeneville. We help the district with many events and put on a Klondike derby every February. The current Chapter Chief is Zach Walker, and we will be having new Chapter Officer Elections during Fall Fellowship. The Chapter Adviser is Scott Loewenkamp, phone (423) 636-1308. Associate Chapter and Lodge Adviser is Rich "Woodsy" Woods.

Mechek

Mechek Chapter serves the Overmountain District. We meet at 7:00 pm on the first Thursday of each month along with the District Leader's Roundtable. The normal meeting place is Central Christian Church, Bristol, TN. We help the district with many events and offer support at the various camping opportunities. The current Chapter Chief is Ethan Walling. The Chapter Adviser is David Doan, email – daviddoan@hotmail.com

Bischuwi Aney

Chapter Chief – Samuel Compton

Chapter Advisor – J.D. Lawson

Bischuwi Aney/ Wilderness Road District

Hello fellow Arrowmen! My name is Samuel Compton, and I am the current chapter chief for the Bischuwi Aney chapter of Sequoyah Lodge. Our chapter spans from Big Stone Gap, Virginia, all the way to Kingsport, Tennessee. Our chapter currently meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at two different locations. For those in the Big Stone Gap area, meet at Trinity United Methodist church, and those in the Kingsport area meet at Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church. If you have any questions about our chapter or would like to be added to our mailing list, send us a note at bischuwianeyoa@gmail.com. It has been an honor serving as your chapter chief, and I look forward to another great year with our chapter!

- Samuel Compton

Upcoming Events

Here is a list of some upcoming lodge events/meetings that you need to be aware of. And remember that everyone is welcome to attend.

Work Days

Saturday October 17th – 8:30 a.m. at Camp Davy Crockett

Lodge Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday October 22rd*

Thursday November 26th*

Thursday January 28th*

*Dates are subject to change, so make sure that the lodge has your e-mail address. If have not given one, please make sure that we get one as soon as possible so that you can stay up to date on lodge information

Other Events

November 13th-15th – Lodge Leadership Development, Sidney James in Gatlinburg, TN

December 5th – Lodge Winter Banquet. (A location has not been decided, but please be actively waiting for more information as it will be available soon.)

Chiefly Thoughts

“Hold fast to dreams,
For if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged bird,
That cannot fly.”

- Langston Hughes

*“Lodge Chief’s
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About Our Organization

The Order of the Arrow (OA) is the national honor society of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). It uses American Indian-styled traditions and ceremonies to bestow recognition on

scouts selected by their peers as best exemplifying the ideals of Scouting. The Sequoyah Lodge is a part of the Sequoyah Council, BSA, headquartered in Johnson

City, TN. The Council and Lodge serve sixteen counties in northeast Tennessee and southwest Virginia. The Lodge promotes camping and scouting at the Sequoyah

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