

Arrow Points

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Chiefly Speaking



Brothers,

I read a story very recently that I think would be beneficial to all.

There was once a wealthy and curious king. This king had a large boulder placed in the middle of a well-traveled path. He hid just off the side to see if anyone would try to move the boulder out of the way of foot-traffic.

The first people to pass it are some of the king's richest merchants and courtiers. Instead of trying to move the boulder, they simply walked around it. A few of them loudly blamed the king for the poor up-keep of his roads. Not a single one tried to move the boulder.

Finally, a peasant came walking down the path, with his arms full of vegetables. When he discovered the boulder, he did not do as all the nobles before him and walk around it. Rather, he put down his load of vegetables and tried to move the boulder from the path. After a great deal of time and effort, the servant finally succeeded.

Without even a second thought about it, the servant picked up his vegetables and went on his merry way. Farther down the path he found a purse in the middle of the path just as the boulder had been. Inside the purse was precious gems and gold coins as well as a note from the king that said; "Thank you for your service."

In a world with a lot of merchants and noblemen, I challenge you to act as the peasant. Instead of pawing a problem off on someone else, I want you to take the burden off of your brother's shoulders. If you were to do as the peasant had done the world would be a better place, and you never how it could benefit you.

"He who serves his fellows, are of all his fellows, greatest."

- E. Urner Goodman

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2017 Lodge Chief





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Vice Chief of Membership

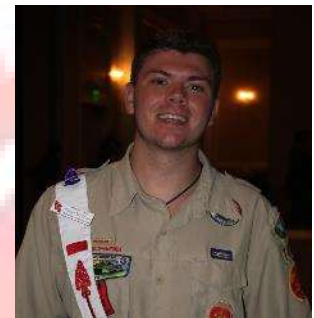
Brothers,

My name is Shaun McManus and I am proudly serving Mowogo Lodge as the Vice Chief of Membership. In the past few months I have been busy with Elangomat training, promoting Spring Fellowship, and preparing for the upcoming year. We have held two Elangomat Training weekends so far this year and I am very thankful for all of those who attended. You all are truly a blessing. Something that personally I am disappointed to see is the lack of interest in becoming an Elangomat. Some have told me that they just do not see the importance of the Elangomat so I am going to explain a synopsis of why the Elangomat position is one of the most important roles in our Lodge. The Elangomat is the first interaction new Ordeal Candidates have within the Order of the Arrow and shows the future of our Lodge the path of cheerful service. In the Lenni Lenape language, Elangomat means "friend", and that is exactly what they are to the Ordeal Candidates. The impression the Elangomat has on the incoming Ordeal Candidates will determine whether that individual will stay active in the Lodge for years to come, or "Sash n' dash" and even worse return back home to their troop with a bad taste in their mouth. If you are interested in becoming a trained Elangomat please get in contact with either Manuel de Armas or myself. This Spring Fellowship I am super hyped to meet all our new Ordeal Candidates and see how the LEC's changes will benefit the event. As always let's make sure we give our new brothers a warm welcome and show them what our brotherhood of cheerful service is all about.

Yours in Service,

Shaun McManus

2017 Vice Chief of Membership



Vice Chief of Indian Affairs

Brothers,

A few weeks ago, I attended Indian Winter at Camp Tukabatchee in Alabama there were a number of classes such as beading, introduction to a number of dance styles, pow wow etiquette, and drumming. On Saturday night, there was a pow wow.

On February 24-25, there will be a training weekend at Rainey Mountain. I plan to start working on drum and dance teams, so if you want to be on either there will be an email soon. We are also planning more training days so watch for those.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Jonathan "JJ" Murray

2017 Vice Chief of Indian Affairs





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Chief Updates



Vice Chief of Administration

Brothers,

There are many new and exciting things going on in the Administration Team. Please take the time to read about a few new exciting things below!

Trading Post

Got Some Extra Cash? Come on over to the Trading Post Real Fast! The OA Trading Post staff has been working hard over the past several weeks to enhance your trading post experience. This includes both new merchandise and new youth staff members. New Merchandise will include OA Tumblers, Frisbees, Jackets, Vests, Backpacks, and more! The Trading Post Hours are displayed at the Dining Hall, Admin Building, OA Trading Post, and various other locations around camp. We are located next door to the Camp Trading Post. Please come visit us!

Also be sure to check out the **MOBILE TRADING POST** in the dining hall during Cracker Barrel and in various other locations around camp during the weekend.

I would like to give a special thank you to Nathaniel Anderson, Carter Nolde, Ryan Young, Ryan Strozensky, and Jarod Miller. They all played an instrumental role in all of the work that has been done in the Trading Post. Thank you each for your help.

First Impressions

Do you have way too much energy and you don't know what to do with it? Join the First Impressions Team! The First Impressions Team's mission is to provide both new and returning members with a positive and efficient check in, arrival and departure experience as well as congratulate new members for completing their ordeal both after each ceremony and before dinner. If you are interested in joining the First Impressions Team please speak with a team member today!

Cracker Barrel

Who Loves A Party? This weekend Friday and Saturday Night Cracker Barrel is going to outstanding! We will have amazing food, fellowship, games, activities, and lots and lots of ways to get involved. We are looking forward to all that is in store. Please make sure you come and check out all that is going on!

I look forward to seeing each of you this weekend. I would like to encourage each of you to come check out all that has been done in the Trading Post and to get plugged in and involved!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Adam Foe

2017 Vice Chief of Administration





Chapter Reports

Ani-Gatogewi Chapter

Brothers,

Ani-gatogewi had a great start to the year. We have had two chapter meetings since the start of the year and we have conducted 5 unit elections with 24 scouts being elected into the order and 1 adult nominated. During the first weekend of March we held a Chapter fellowship up at Camp Rotary. We had 11 youth and 8 adults come up to the camp on Friday and spend the night. The next morning, we cooked breakfast and then conducted a service project for the camp with a total of 57 service hours. Our service project was putting up 15 posts with numbers on them to identify the campsites. In the afternoon, we held a district crossover and had 4 packs attend with members crossing over into 4 troops with a total of 16 AofL scouts crossing over into Boy Scouts. The new crossovers then spent Saturday night at camp with their new troop. So far, this year we have had an increase in attendance at chapter functions and we are looking forward to the growth of our chapter. We can't wait to see what the rest of this year has to offer and we are excited to be the home chapter of our new lodge chief.

Yours in Service,

Ben Haas

Chapter Chief





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Machque Chapter

Brothers,

2017 has started off with a bang. Machque Chapter's theme this year is "Be Active," and so far, we have had a great start to the year. Our goal this year is to get more Arrowmen active within our chapter and lodge. This year a Troop in the Mountain District, Troop 404, elected their very first candidates for the Order of the Arrow. This year on January 28, 2017, we had our chapter-planning meeting in the morning with our chapter officers, Luke Royston, Thomas Payne, Tommy Orchanian, our OA troop reps, and myself, to plan our goals, service projects, and troop involvements for the year, followed by a service project for Woodruff Scout Reservation. Then in the afternoon, we conducted the first annual Machque Chapter Fellowship and Brotherhood Day, where many Arrowmen from Machque Chapter, Japeechen Chapter, and Ani-Gatogewi Chapter came to fellowship, learn about the Order of the Arrow history and principles, and 14 Arrowmen sealed their membership in the Order of the Arrow through participating in the Brotherhood Ceremony that evening. Before Spring Fellowship, we also had our very first Machque Gathering, where we met with all of the candidates from our district, to congratulate them, and to talk to them about some of the possibilities that they can have through the Order of the Arrow

Yours in Service,

Devin Saunders

Chapter Chief





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Canantutlaga Chapter

Brothers

After being awarded the Black Bear at Christmas Banquet, Canantutlaga has been hard at work with a meeting in January to plan out our attendance to the upcoming Lodge functions and more! Currently we are planning out elections and cub scout ceremonies for the next few weeks to prepare for ordeals at Spring Fellowship and Precamp. We're looking forward to 2017 as a new year to improve as a chapter and lodge!

Yours in Service,

Jarnod Miller

Chapter Chief

Yona-hi Chapter

Brothers,

Yohna-hi chapter has been through some very important events this year. At Pow Wow, we won third place in the pie eating contest and won second in hand ball.

This month has been quite a spree as we have had three elections this month. We performed elections for Troop 173 in Winder with two scouts elected, Troop 534 at Prince of Peace in Flowery Branch with two scouts elected, and Troop 26 in Gainesville with ten scouts elected, gaining in total, 14 new ordeal candidates.

On February 9th, we had a Fry-All Meet-N-Greet for all Yohna-Hi members. Although the weather didn't cooperate and turnout was low, the boys that did attend had fun as we deep fried a variety of sweets including: Twinkies, chocolate bars, peanut butter cups, marshmallows, and one sweet that everyone enjoyed was pop tarts.

Here is hoping for an even larger turnout at our next OA brotherhood gathering.

Sincerely,

Remington Smith

Chapter Chief





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Japeechen Chapter

Brothers,

Japeechen Chapter has had a great start to 2017! At the past three chapter meetings, we have seen consistent participation with around 15 scouts at each meeting. In addition, we've had new arrowmen at each of these meetings. A few brothers have become certified at the recent Elangomat training days and many more serving here at Spring Fellowship this weekend. We plan on having the most Elangomats serving at Pre-Camp than any other Chapter! We hope to see all of our brothers supporting the lodge at the events and with the activities such as the Elangomats and Indian Affairs! We have already conducted many Unit Elections with just a few more to go! Many brothers are excited for Heartland Gathering this year to have a great outing of fellowship! We look forward to seeing all of our fellow brothers at all of the upcoming events!

Yours in Service,

Ryan Strogensky

Chapter Chief

Jutaculla Chapter

Brothers,

It is my pleaser to serve as your chapter chief in the 102nd year of our order. I would like to personally like to thank those who helped with the tap out ceremony at winter camporee. To those who received their brotherhood this weekend congratulations on sealing your membership. To those who completed their ordeal this weekend welcome to our order, lodge, and chapter. When I tapped all of you out on that cold winter night I could see the fire of scouting burning bright inside of you and knew from that very moment that I would fellowship with you. Remember that you were chosen for his honor and now you must give back to your troop with even more deduction and service than ever before. We as a chapter have created an Instagram page please go follow at jutaculla243 for chapter and lodge updates. I would also like inviting you to sign up for Heartland Gathering, our section fellowship, and Pre-camp fellowship. For those who are interested in ceremony's please come talk to me or see our Vice Chief of Indian Affairs J.J. Murray. I would like to speak with each and every member of the chapter to see what I can do to improve myself as a leader and to improve this chapter. One last thing Allowat Sakima during the pre-ordeal ceremony said "Who among you is ready now?" and now I ask you "Who among you is ready now to return to your troop and serve the high ideals of the order of the arrow, who is willing to serve other by sacrificing yourself for a higher purpose?"

Yours in Brotherhood,

Beau Bannette

Chapter Chief





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Christmas Banquet 2016





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Lodge Adviser's Minute



Appreciate Small Blessings

(or The Boot of Shame)

Many times, in life we truly don't appreciate the small things until they have gone missing. For those of you who have seen me this weekend, you know that I'm walking a bit differently than when you saw me last. The short story is this; I was practicing karate and tore my Achilles Tendon. What this means is that for the next 6 to 12 months, my life will be extremely more limited than I am used to it being. My foot is totally immobilized in a brace and I can't put any weight upon it for at least four weeks... so I must walk on crutches. I've lovingly named what I must wear on my leg as the, "boot of shame", mainly because of the teasing and joking comments that I know will come my way (I guess the Lord knows my pride needed adjustment).

When talking with my wife about our plans for the upcoming weeks, the question of Spring Fellowship came up. She asked me if I planned on attending. Because of my injury, I have had to adjust all of my normal routines. Showering, changing clothes, sleeping, working, driving, just about everything has changed. Then there is the pain! The torn tendon is painful enough, but walking on crutches has caused my underarms to be constantly bruised and sore. I have to ask others to do simple things that I'm used to doing myself – which causes me to feel like a burden to others. I could very easily feel sorry for myself (I have been a bit more grumpy than normal). I could easily use this as an excuse to just stay home on the couch and binge-watch Netflix for the next three months. Jokingly, I told Lisa that if I did go to Fellowship, I would have a good excuse to just sit in the rocking chairs on the porch and watch everyone else work (come on now - if you haven't said it you've at least heard it).

Then I remembered Tom French. Tom is one of our faithful Vigil members – you'll normally see him working in the kitchen. Not long ago, Tom found himself injured and wearing a brace much like mine. Thinking back, I recall that it seems that although he too was in the "boot of shame" it didn't seem to slow him down that much. I saw him at numerous scouting committee meetings, events, and OA fellowships with that brace upon his leg. In all those times, I can't remember a time when he wasn't cheerfully finding a way to continue to serve. He had a great attitude – and I didn't really think about what that meant... until now.





Lodge Adviser's Minute



I believe that with this injury I've been given a gift – an opportunity to walk a mile in the moccasins of at least one, if not many, of my brothers. All of a sudden I have deep appreciation for those Arrowmen who, although they are limited by the moccasins they wear, they “shown up” and cheerfully contribute wherever they can (if only by an encouraging word and smile). I have found myself in deep appreciation of the small things in life such as driving a stick shift, firm ground to walk upon, empty hands to carry things, sleeping on a groundsheet under the stars, as well as the ability to run, jump and swim. And then I find myself thankful for the lessons that I'm taught by others as they bravely overcome great adversity in their own lives. Doing your Ordeal is hard enough, but for someone who is diabetic to overcome “scant food” coupled with “arduous labor” is truly a feat! For someone in a wheel chair to make it to the ceremony ring or for someone who is missing a limb to clean out a ditch with a shovel is true commitment.

I encourage each of you, appreciate the small things in life. Look for value in every person and look to appreciate the burden they carry (and possibly look to ease that burden from their shoulders). It is my earnest hope that it won't take having to wear the “boot of shame” for each of us to fully understand the meaning from the words of a poem written in 1895 called, “Judge Softly”. The first part of it goes like this...,

“Pray, don't find fault with the man that limps, Or stumbles along the road. Unless you have worn the moccasins, he wears, or stumbled beneath the same load.”

Yours in Brotherhood,

Edward Lacey

Mowogo Lodge Adviser





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Mowogo Communication



Out of touch? Get plugged in!

Question: How do I stay up to date with what is happening in the lodge?

Answer: Register your email address with lodge administration team so you will get email updates from lodgemaster.

Question: What if I don't have time to read emails?

Answer: Check out the website at <http://www.mowogo.org>

Question: How can I get updates if don't want to go to the website?

Answer: Like MOWOGO243 on facebook to get the latest updates for upcoming events.

Question: Facebook is so old school, any other ways?

Answer: Follow Mowogo Lodge on Twitter @Mowogo243

Question: I really do not get the whole tweet thing; can you just text me info?

Answer: Glad you ask! Yes, yes we can. SMS/Text @MowogoLodge243 to 23559

You will be asked for a password, reply: BlackBear

The next message: To join @MowogoLodge243 reply with your Celly username (6-20 chars no spaces)

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