

Arrow Points

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Chiefly Speaking

Brothers,

I have just finished reading the ancient story Beowulf in my English class. I find it to have several parallels to the Order of the Arrow. The story begins with the legendary Beowulf hearing of a problem that the Danes are having with a monster named Grendel. Every night Grendel comes and eats a few of their people. They have tried to fight with the monster but it is too strong due to its size. When Beowulf learns of Grendel, he doesn't just brush it off as someone else's problem. He understands that he has the ability to help with the problem and therefore has the responsibility to handle the problem. Without a thought he gathers up his best men and weapons and sets sail. Upon arrival the King of the Danes was happy for his help, but it was an empty happiness because Grendel would surely kill Beowulf. After a legendary battle Beowulf managed to critically injure (and later kill) Grendel. This first half of the story reminded me of the OA belief in Cheerful Service. When told of someone else's problem he felt responsibility to take the burden off of their shoulders and drops everything to do so. I feel as if the world would be a better place if everyone lifted each other's burden and made everyone's lives easier.

The second lesson I learned from Beowulf comes from the second half of the story where he is King of his people the Geats. All of the surrounding kingdoms refuse to even set foot on Beowulf's land because they have heard stories of his fierce fighting style and his incredible strength. But his own people know him in a different light. His main goal of the leader of his people is ensuring the well-being of his people. He makes sure that they are well-fed, well-armed, and protected. When his people are faced with a threat of a dragon, Beowulf proceeds to fight the dragon himself. This is another principle in the OA; Servant Leadership. He would do anything for his people even if it means almost certain death. This is a very good example of, "He who serves his fellows is, of all his fellows, greatest."

WWW,

Cy Roth

2017 Lodge Chief





Chiefly Speaking

Brothers,

I have had the distinct and memorable privilege of serving you for the past two years as a Vice-Chief of this Lodge. In the forthcoming year, I will be serving as you Lodge Chief and I could not be more humbled by this opportunity. I would like to say that the year 2018 will be a continuation of the great and prosperous years Mowogo Lodge has had and I am very proud to be a part of it. This upcoming year will be a rather special year for Mowogo Lodge as it is our 75th Anniversary. This led me to asking one of my good friends who was a member of the 50th Anniversary Lodge Executive Committee and we talked about Mowogo Lodge's 50th Anniversary, it was referred to as the "Golden Year" of Mowogo and special patches were made to commemorate this year. I would like to continue this theme for our 75th Anniversary and dub this year, the "Platinum Year" of Mowogo Lodge.

A wise man once told me that you cannot be a leader without a vision, and my vision is to make personal relationships with Arrowmen to help them find their passion in the Order of the Arrow and to actively pursue new ways of cheerful service and brotherhood in order to further the traditions of our Order.

Once again thank you for the pleasure of serving you for the last two years and for the honor and privilege to be your 2018 Lodge Chief.

WWW,

Shaun McManus

2018 Lodge Chief





Chief Updates

Vice Chief of Membership

Arrowmen, It has been an honor serving you as your Vice Chief of Membership. As I move into my new role of Lodge Chief, Ryan Strozensky takes my place as your 2018 VCM. I could not be more confident in Ryan's ability to live up to the job and fulfill his duty as my right-hand man. This past year, one of my favorite things I have done is practicing recognition. Recognition for hard work, to show everyone who the best is and why they are the best. So, I would like to take the time to recognize a few people, first off I would like to recognize Mr. Mark Pouncey for being a phone call away whenever I needed him and for letting me be the youth leader this Lodge needs while he gives adult advisement. Mr. Pouncey is exceptional in his work and puts in tireless hours behind the scenes for our Lodge and never asks for any recognition, the true example of what it means to be an Arrowman. I would also like to recognize Manuel De Armas for serving as my Elangomat Chair for his final year. Manuel has worked towards perfection of the Elangomat program and brought consistency to the way our Ordeal weekends run. You can always count on Manuel to improvise and make things work. Other than that, hats off to Cy as you conclude an incredible year and thank you for helping to prepare me to do amazing things for our Lodge this year.

Yours in Service,

Shawn McManus

2017 Vice Chief of Membership





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Chief Updates



Vice Chief of Indian Affairs

Brothers,

It has been a great year. We had several IA classes at PowWow, such as Basic Dance, Basic Drum, Drum and Ceremonies 101. We had great attendance at these classes. We also had a rededication ceremony Friday night.

We introduced Indian Summer this year at CRM. We did service projects and had a Brotherhood Conversion. I hope you all attend next year.

I would like to say thank you to Briar Stevens for being my Engineer Chair, Jake Wiggs my Ceremonies Chair and Hunter White my Drum Chair.

I also want to congratulate Beau Barnett as the 2018 VCIA.

Yours in Brotherhood,

JJ Murray

2017 Vice Chief of Indian Affairs





Chapter Reports

Ani-Gatogewi Chapter

Brothers,

Juliette Gordon Low, Founder of Girl Scouts, once stated, "scouting rises within you and inspires you to put forth your best." This statement has come forth as being true, and you all are responsible. Ani-Gatogewi has had a fun, memorable year, and I am thankful for the experience of serving as Vice Chief of Membership for my chapter. Many months ago, our past Chapter Chief, Ben Haas, unfortunately had to step down from his position due to participation in a new chapter of his life, college. I have since taken the responsibility of Chapter Chief, and based on the results of our chapter election, I will be serving a full term in the role for the new year, with my brothers by my side the entire way. From January to December, our chapter has done lots, seen lots, and grown lots, with great memories, laughs, and growth of wisdom and knowledge. On behalf of Ani-Gatogewi, I would like to thank you all for what you've done for our Lodge. We have completed so much together, and not just for our chapters, but for ourselves and our Lodge. As Robert Baden-Powell, the Founder of the Scouting Movement, once said, "the knowledge that we have brother scouts working in the same uniform, to the same ends, in the same way, in all corners of the Empire, cannot but make scouts proud of their brotherhood, and cannot fail to bring them into closer sympathy." Take these words with you into the next year, allowing once again, for Mowogo Lodge 243, to be the great lodge it is today.

Thank you to all the Officers of 2017 and OA staff for your outstanding service, and congratulations to all Chapter and Lodge Officers for 2018 for gaining your respected leadership positions. Finally, once again, thank you to everybody for making this year as memorable as it was. Happy Holidays!!

Yours in Service,

Raine Somerville

Chapter Chief





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Japeechen Chapter

Brothers,

It has been a great year for Japeechen! We had large participation at all Lodge events throughout the year. We are proud of having so many brothers from Japeechen show their spirit at Pow Wow. Our November Chapter Meeting was at Stars & Strikes where we had a blast playing laser tag and arcade games. We would like to congratulate our very own Shaun McManus who was elected as Lodge Chief at Pow Wow! Also, we are excited about the upcoming year with our new Chapter leadership team headed by Jimmy Crocker! I can't wait to see what he has in store for Japeechen next year! I have enjoyed serving as Japeechen Chapter Chief, and I am excited to serve as Lodge Vice Chief of Membership next year! We are looking forward to another amazing year!

Yours in Service,

Ryan Strozensky

Chapter Chief

New Chapter Officers:

Chief - Jimmy Crocker

VCM - Will Benjamin

VCIA - Cameron Williams

VCC - Sean Nielsen





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Canantutlaga Chapter

Brothers

Canantutlaga chapter has had a fantastic year! We have had an assortment of meetings ranging from games involving food to a bowling night. We even had a service project at a retirement home in Lawrenceville where we helped the residents with a picnic and bingo game. At the ordeal weekends, we saw many new candidates be inducted into our chapter along with participation in the ceremonies and elangomats. At Pow wow, we had the "most important member of the lodge," participated in every challenge, taught four classes, and elected one member of our chapter to lodge office, Vice Chief of Administration. We look forward to a bright new year in Mowogo lodge's 75th anniversary and to have great attendance at the National Order of the Arrow Conference 2018.

Congrats to our new chapter chief Brandon Hagenbarth!

Yours in Service,

Janod Millen

Chapter Chief





Chapter Reports

Machque Chapter

Brothers,

Machque Chapter has had an amazing year, and we look forward to the continued growth in the chapter and Mowogo Lodge. We conducted our call out ceremony at the Mountain District Fall Camporee. Machque is currently in the process of planning the second annual Machque Chapter Fellowship and Brotherhood Day, and any lodge member that would like to participate in this event with fellowship and a brotherhood ceremony to all brothers who completed their ordeal at the 2017 spring fellowship or before are welcome to attend. This event will be held on January 27, 2018. We also had the honor of hosting the guest speaker, Talon Parker, in the Mountain District leading up to the Christmas Banquet. Machque Chapter officers for 2018: Chapter Chief- Luke Royston, Vice Chief of Membership- Thomas Payne, Vice Chief of Communications- Ethan Mann, Vice Chief of Indian Affairs- David Stratton, and Vice Chief of Service- Devin Gasaway. 2017 has been a great year to BE ACTIVE!

Yours in Service,

Devin Saunders

Chapter Chief

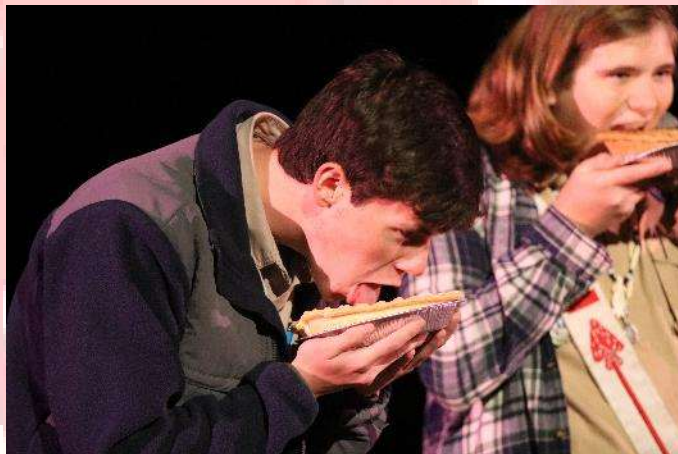




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Pow-Wow 2017





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Lodge Adviser's Minute

Greetings, my brothers.

I hope this finds all of you well and readying yourselves for the spirit of the season. This time of year, is special for many reasons. I have always felt that this time of year, or to be more exact, the spirit of the season is something that has a special, unique depth of meaning for Scouts and Scouters and even more so for members of the Order of the Arrow. The spirit of giving associated with this season is at the heart of Scouting. And this holds even more true for us as our order centers on service to others, cheerful service given willingly and unflinchingly. As Scouting's honor society, our thoughts and actions should crystalize the ideals of Scouting and the Order of the Arrow. If we do this, if we are conscious in our efforts to do this, our lives become the embodiment of giving. And this should happen every day, not just this time of the year. I know that it does. But this season reminds of this.

It is not easy to live up to all of the ideals of Scouting or of the Order of the Arrow. It is not supposed to be easy. Anything of worth requires focus, continuous practice, and conscious effort. It is in that thought that the spirit of the season parallels for me the spirit of Scouting. To do this it would seem that we are expected to be perfect. No, this does not mean that we are to be perfect. Perfection is unattainable in this life. Rather we should search and strive for excellence in all that we do. Excellence is difficult, but it is attainable. Excellence requires focus, continuous practice, and conscious effort. As scouts and scouters, as members of the Order of the Arrow, we are not meant be perfect, but we do carry a responsibility to serve others and we can strive to be excellent in fulfilling that responsibility.

We repeat the Scout Oath and the Scout Law and the Obligation of the Order when we gather and meet. There is a comfort in knowing that we share this act of stating these with others that also feel connected to the ideals found in the oath and law and in the obligation. It is good to repeat and share these ideals with everyone here tonight. But I would ask that you state and think about these ideals of Scouting and the Order beyond when we gather as we do here tonight. The spirit of the season upon us needs each of us to share these ideals in our actions and interactions with each other, and perhaps more importantly, with those not a part of our Scouting family. It is these endeavors that the true meaning of these ideals we share and of the spirit of the season come to life and we honor the ideals we reaffirm to ourselves and each other each time we state the Scout Oath and Law and the Obligation of our order. We share these ideals together so our world can be better, yes, but also that the world beyond our circle can be better.





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Lodge Adviser's Minute



In all honesty I was not prepared for the call I received about assuming the role as Lodge Adviser. I was and I still am deeply humbled by the opportunity. I know I have very large boots to fill following the excellent service Mr. Lacey has unfailingly provided this lodge. I was not fully ready to step out of my other roles in Scouting to accept this position. But I have always believed that I have to continue to make payments on a debt that I will never be able to fully repay. A debt to the many adult volunteers that mentored me when I was a participant in the program. A debt to those I grew up with as fellow scouts in Scouting and the Order. So, I decided that this opportunity would allow me to be able to give back to Scouting, to the Northeast Georgia Council, and specifically to Mowogo Lodge in a specific and important way to honor what those from my past meant to me to help prepare for the future. I am not sure if I am ready for this role so I ask for your patience. I know that I have a lot to learn and a great deal to learn from you. I hope that when we share the opportunity to repeat the Scout Oath and Law and the obligation of the order, we can look into each other's eyes knowing that we seek excellence in our shared and individual pursuits to live up to these high ideals. This is our gift from Scouting and the Order of the Arrow. It is gift that is supposed to be shared to lift up all those we connect and come into contact with, both fellow scouts and scouters and Arrowmen as well as with those that are not a part of our program. That is the promise of Scouting. That is the vision of our order. That is the spirit of Scouting. And it is the spirit of this season.

May each of your spirits be warmed by our fire as you warm the spirits of others this holiday season.

In Humble Service,

Rusty Royston

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)

Reply with back with a username to finish the setup.

Lodge Communication Team



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to 23559 (Password: BlackBear)

General Member Login

Username: Mowogo243

Password: Alto2013

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