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## New York City lodges undergo major change

NEW YORK CITY has now become one lodge, the "cross-roads of the world"

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Since the early years of the Order, the five boroughs of New York City have had their own separate lodges: Ranachqua 4 (Bronx Council), Shu-Shu-Gah 24 (Brooklyn Council), Suanhacky 49 (Queens Council), Man-A-Hattin 82 (Manhattan Council), and Aquehongian 112 (Staten Island Council). Recently they merged to form Kintekoying

4 so as to better serve the Greater New York Councils.

With the consolidation comes the combining of five rich histories of service. The Order's fourth lodge, Ranachqua, was founded in 1920 and Aquehongian 112 in 1938; the other three occurring between these years.

Ranachqua Lodge's, William A. Stumpp, is a person of particular interest from the lodge. In 1920, Stumpp became the lodge's first chief. This was customary for Council Scout Executives at the time; in fact most of the Order's early leaders were professional scouters. Scout Executives over time began to step down from the position of Lodge Chief, allowing

for youth to take their place. Stumpp held the position through 1948, stepping down when the Order became fully integrated with the Boy Scout program. He will forever be known as the longest serving lodge chief in OA history. Stumpp also had the honor of serving the Order as 6th Grand Lodge Chieftain in 1926 and was one of eleven inaugural recipients of the Order of the Arrow's Distinguished Service Award in 1940.

Harvey A. Gordon was also part of the inaugural DSA class, albeit as the only posthumous recipient in our history. Gordon was inducted by Unami Lodge in 1917 and by 1924 had become the 30th

Third Degree (Vigil) member of the Order; Stump was the 31st. Gordon, a Camp Director for Shu-Shu-Gah's Council camp, led the construction effort of Ten Mile River Scout Reservation, which currently serves the Scouts of Greater New York Councils. At the Grand Lodge Meeting in which he was initiated into the Third Degree, he was elected to the first of four terms as Grand Lodge Scribe.

Probably the most widely known fact about Suanhacky Lodge is that they inducted President Franklin D. Roosevelt into the Order. The day was August 23rd, the year 1933 and people such as Chief

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## OA Centennial Rock program off to a great start

Order of the Arrow Chairman Ray Capp has had a rocky couple of months. Almost 160 rocks have been delivered to his doorstep since the OA Centennial Crate program began.

These rocks will be used to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow in 2015 and to build a brotherhood fireplace modeled

after the fireplace of E. Urner Goodman, the Order's founder.

"The rocks are just beautiful," Capp said in a letter to national volunteers. "They will serve as terrific memories for the Scouts a generation from now when they make a pilgrimage and take their own kids to see them."

Lodges were called upon to provide a rock for the fireplace

that represented something unique about them. Mikanakawa Lodge from Dallas, TX, for example, used a rock from the recently replaced fireplace of an old dining facility at the camp, where the lodge was founded in 1937.

Tutelo Lodge, from Roanoke, VA, sent a historic stone from the collapsed wall of an armory

building located on the Blue Ridge Scout Reservation. The building was used by the workers of a Civil War-era iron furnace.

Capp and the Order want to encourage all lodges that have not yet submitted a rock, to find a unique way to represent their lodge and send in their stone for the historic fireplace. After all, Capp's basement isn't full, yet.

## New website launches 100th anniversary preparations

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow in 2015, plans are being made to host the biggest and most exciting National Order of the Arrow Conference in history.

The goal is to provide as many Arrowmen as possible the chance to hang out with 10,000 of their

closest friends.

To help lodges begin planning as early as possible, we've launched a new 100th anniversary website. The new site contains basic information on NOAC and the Centennial Challenge, a program aimed at helping lodges bring as many members to NOAC as

possible.

To learn more, Arrowmen should go to [www.oa-bsa.org/100th](http://www.oa-bsa.org/100th). This website will continue to be updated as the 100th Anniversary gets closer. Be sure to keep checking back often for updates that may have occurred. Information will also be sent out via email blasts.

Be sure to save the date - NOAC 2015. Be there and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Order of the Arrow!

August 3-8, 2015

## Planning for section Conclave: a weekend of fun

**John Colin**  
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As the winter months begin turning into spring and then summer, sections across the country are preparing for their annual conclaves. This great event is a chance for Arrowmen to come together for a weekend of friendly competition, fellowship, and amazing outdoor activities. Lodges within each section are invited to join fellow brothers for this memorable experience. Section Chiefs, along with their Council of Chiefs, spend countless hours promoting and advertising the event.

Nick Dannemiller, Section W-1S Chief, has begun preparations for the W-1S Conclave in September. Nick and his conclave coordinators used a back-dated plan that is followed by each committee. With six months to go before conclave, the committees are given specific action items that are to be completed before the next COC.

Nick and his team send out two postcards at different times during the year: the first postcard serves as an initial reminder about the date, and the second is a personal reminder to an Arrowman in his chapter, with additional information. Through an extensive social networking system, Section W-1S is able to hold the biggest conclave in the entire Western Region. Invitations not only reach Section Arrowmen,

but they extend to Section and lodge officers in nearby areas.

This year, W-1S will be visited by outside organizations, which include the landing of a life-flight helicopter, with the chance for participants to tour it. In addition, participants are able to go on a safari on the grounds of Douglas County Fair in Roseburg, Oregon. Nick plans on following the tradition of a VIP luncheon with all of the new Arrowmen in the section, viewing it as an important part of the weekend Conclave.

Section NE-6B is hosting a Wild West themed event this year at Camp Mack in Newmanstown, PA. Section Chief Brant Portner is gearing up for an action-packed weekend and is excited about all the activities that have been planned. As this year's host lodge, Wunita Gohkos Lodge is sponsoring a BMX course that has just recently been integrated into the camp grounds.

Other events include an Iron Chef Cook-off between each lodge, rifle shooting, and a new event called Human Foosball. Brant and the COC have been working closely with the planning committee of Wunita Gohkos to promote the event scheduled for June 7th-9th. Monthly emails, social media connections with Arrowmen, and letters are several ways the Conclave Committee is promoting the NE-6B Conclave.

Section W-5S, another section within the Western Region, became a new section two years

ago when Section W-5 split into 5S and 5N. Section Chief Bryan Bryan Melonis is working with his COC in the planning process. Specifically, promotions chairman Brian King has produced fliers, videos, and memes that can be utilized for Lodge Chiefs to promote within their lodge.

This year's theme will be "Where'd Nutiket Go?" which is a program designed to inspire Scouts to find the cheerfulness within them even in the face of obstacles. During Conclave, there will be a mascot competition,

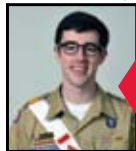
where all lodges will show off their mascots in front of the Conclave participants. Western Region Chief David Dye, along with other region committee members, will be in attendance during the weekend.

These three section chiefs have been working hard to put on memorable conclaves. New and different ways of communicating and advertising their conclaves, along with incorporating exciting events and shows, have all lead to great ideas and anticipation for conclave.



Among the many activities over the weekend Arrowmen were able to take part in water events.

## Hughes: "Order's strengths lay with the lodge"



**CHIEFLY  
SPEAKING**

Brothers,

In July of 1915, on the banks of the Delaware River, Unami Lodge One and the Order of the Arrow were founded by Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson. In the near century that has passed since that historic moment, a great deal has changed; technology has improved, our Order has grown, and new leaders have been born. Despite this evolution, one key

element of our organization's strength has remained intact—the lodge.

There is no part of our program that is more influential or important than our local lodges. They are the foundation upon which this entire organization has been built.

Without the lodge, the ideals of the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service could not be passed on to the next generation. These lessons are taught through our ceremonies and are engrained through participation within our local strongholds.

It is through serving as an elangomat at an Ordeal, or helping out with a camp service project,

that we are able to experience the warmth of brotherhood and joy in service that our Order has to offer.

It is this great warmth and unique joy that make it so important for us all to support our lodges.

We have the opportunity to experience these benefits ourselves, but more importantly, we can have an unparalleled impact on others by teaching the secrets of the Obligation and the Admonition.

In my Scouting career, the most rewarding experiences I've had yet came while serving as a chairman in my lodge, Lowwapaneu 191. That's why I challenge every Arrowman that I meet to take advantage of what their lodge has to offer—join a

committee, run for chapter or lodge office, or just attend your lodge's next event to help out.

After you're done, I'm sure you'll feel exactly as I felt, and I hope you'll inspire your friends to follow your lead. We belong to an organization of opportunity. All you have to do is reach out and grab it!

Yours in service,

Jordan Hughes  
2013 National Vice Chief

## LodgeMaster 3.0.0 released to lodges

**Philip Zeng**  
STAFF WRITER

OA LodgeMaster has recently made an upgrade with version 3.0, with a brand-new and exciting interface. Each lodge in the Order can use this software system to track membership data, leadership positions, event attendances, lodge finances and everything else your lodge needs to do to be successfully administer its program.

LodgeMaster is free to all lodges. Arrowmen in charge of maintaining the system can run LodgeMaster with multiple users, so updated information remains synchronized. This system includes two products that stem from the main project: LodgeMaster Desktop and LodgeMaster Online.

In the desktop application of LodgeMaster, members of a lodge's leadership team can manage the lodge's database and can edit the information within the system. A number of reports can be accessed and created as well, such as financial budgets, membership rosters, or event attendances. The Online version of LodgeMaster operates on the web browser and can be accessed by the committee or chapter leadership of the lodge. While not as powerful as LodgeMaster Desktop, members can access such things as chapter rosters.

With this impressive management system, lodges can organize their data and accomplish their goals easier!

### FROM NATIONAL

#### Legacy Lids NOAC '15

Now that lodge's rocks have been sent off, it's time to move forward with sharing lodge's history with the rest of the country as we move towards celebrating the Order of the Arrow's 100th Anniversary.

The next step is to ponder the legacy each lodge has left in the Order's first 100 years serving their councils and the legacy each lodge wants to make in a new century of service. At the last year's NOAC, each lodge was given a Centennial crate to assist each lodge in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the OA.

In 2013, lodge's are charged to paint the lid to this crate on one side to reflect each lodge's legacy. Consider incorporating the design for the 100th anniversary NOAC 2015 contingent flap into the lid design.

Once painting of the lid is finished, please take it to the local FedEx store and have it scanned in color. Remember to take a USB flash drive for portability of the image after it is scanned.

Please upload the image to <https://dropbox.yousendit.com/oa-bsa> this year after it is painted and scanned. Images should be in JPG format and scanned at high resolution (greater than 600 dpi and no larger than 1200 dpi). The lid should be kept by each lodge and put in a safe place prior to bringing it to NOAC.

If a lodge didn't receive a crate or can't locate it, don't worry, instructions on how to construct one can be found at [www.oa-bsa.org/legacyproject/crateinstructions.pdf](http://www.oa-bsa.org/legacyproject/crateinstructions.pdf).

## Order implements Messengers of Peace

The BSA's Messengers of Peace initiative was launched in May 2012 to recognize the efforts of Scouts who are working for peace, whether it's on projects that strive to solve conflicts in their schools, building links between divided communities, teaching their peers about health and wellness, or repairing environmental damage.

It is gratifying to see how quickly the Messengers of Peace program gained recognition throughout the Scouting movement. However, the need for strong and continued promotion highlighting the purpose of Messengers of Peace remains a priority. Community service is well embedded in our advancement system. And, as we know, community service hours is a unit requirement built into the Journey to Excellence initiative. Messengers of Peace supports our organization's commitment to community service.

Given that Messengers of Peace is an initiative available to Scouts around the world, it allows the BSA to serve as a role model and example for other Scouting associations.

Consequently, our Scouts who become Messengers of Peace help



bring peace to our world. Scouts and Scouters should know that almost all community service projects qualify as Messengers of Peace projects, fitting into one of the three categories outlined in the program's requirements: personal, community, and environment.

BSA units/OA lodges that register as a Messengers of Peace unit also fulfill their JTE requirements. Each unit/OA lodge has a designated adult member who takes care of JTE requirement, this person should be able to gain access to JTE service hours site.

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# New York City lodges now one lodge - Kintekoying 4

## NEW YORK (FROM PAGE 1)

Scout Executive James E. West were present for the occasion. FDR became the first and only President to be inducted into our great Order as of yet. Proudly wearing his new sash, the President gave a speech to those present.

Like Stumpp before him, Joseph H. Brinton of Suanhacky was chosen by his fellow Arrowmen to serve as Grand Lodge Chieftain. After his term in 1936, he became the first chairman of the Committee on Awards for Distinguished Service, where he and his committee were tasked with selecting the inaugural DSA recipients. He went on to be one of three recipients of the award in 1942.

The classic painting, The

Higher Vision, was commissioned in remembrance of the work by Aquehongan Arrowman, Lee A. Ellison. It was he that researched the Lenni Lenape symbols that went into making of the symbolic legend. Walter Vines, a fellow lodge member, made the original deerskin legend depicted in the painting by Joseph Csatari. The Arrowman receiving the legend in the painting is a member of Aquehongan Lodge and of Ellison's troop. The Csatari painting has been made into endowment pieces that supported scholarships and High Adventure programs.

The five lodges in New York City made quite a history for themselves. It was the spirit of the lodges that inspired the successes of those Arrowmen highlighted above and

many others like them. Each lodge has been true to the mission of the Order by supporting their camps. They have stepped up to serve at World's Fairs with the Boy Scout Service Corps and much more. With 416 years of combined service, there is a lot for Kintecoying Lodge 4 to be proud of, and to look forward to.

Thank you for your many years of cheerful service to Scouting and the community!

By no means has the complete history of each lodge been discussed in this article. There is a lot of information out there ready to be enjoyed. It is my hope that you look into the history of your lodge and of others. The legacy of those before us is truly important to learn about, and can inspire you to leave one of your own.



Franklin D. Roosevelt was inducted into the Order of the Arrow on August 23, 1933 in the Suanhacky Lodge part of the Greater New York Councils.

## Adapting & changing: Greater New York Councils consolidate lodges

**Joe Donahue**  
STAFF WRITER

It is rare when a new lodge is born. In this case, a unique scenario has spurred the birth of one of the newest (and oldest) lodges in the country.

On August 30, 2012, then Scout Executive of the Greater New York Councils (GNYC), Charles Rosser, announced that he would consolidate the existing five lodges (one per borough in New York City) into one Order of the Arrow lodge. The change would improve the Order of the Arrow and Scouting experiences for all members of GNYC, especially the youth.

"Despite being part of the same overarching council, the five lodges had been operating completely independent of one another," said Donald Cunningham, a national OA committeeman and GNYC board member.

"The programs of the five lodges varied widely and some suffered from critical mass issues associated with smaller membership bases. This precluded otherwise very successful lodges with strong leadership and enthusiastic members from achieving their full potential. Rosser's decision, as Supreme Chief of the Fire solves the critical mass issue and fosters a unique, collaborative program that will soon rival some of the best OA lodges in the country."

Rosser, who retired from professional service on April 1, 2013, believed that the consolidation would improve lodge programming and service to the council. In a memo to the five GNYC lodges, he stated that the council would benefit greatly from the consolidation.

"The change will also result in a stronger program for the youth and bring in closer alignment the activities of the OA with the council's priorities as set forth in the recently adopted strategic plan," said Rosser. He continued, "I am charged with ensuring a quality program for the youth in GNYC, and I have high expectations for the OA in this council."

While Order of the Arrow

policy stipulates that only one lodge per council is to be chartered, the five New York City lodges were an exception to the rule, due to the structure of the council in which boroughs were historically charged with delivering and coordinating the Scouting program.

Over the past few years, this structure had gradually changed, in order to best support the local units. In alignment with the council's strategic plan, emphasis has been placed on empowering districts to execute various programmatic elements, rather than borough boards.

While the plan doesn't specifically spell out objectives for the OA, the council leadership determined that a consolidation

of the lodges was the best way to fulfill the Mission of the Lodge, the Purpose of the OA, and the council's strategic plan.

The consolidated lodge will form a lodge executive committee to govern the programs of the lodge. During the announcement, Rosser mentioned that he anticipates the newly-elected lodge chief to serve on the council board. The new lodge adviser, appointed by Mr. Rosser in the fall of 2012, Colin Pinnavaia, has already been appointed to the board. The lodge will have six chapters. Chapters will be formed in each borough, with the exception of Queens, which will have two chapters.

Rosser also assigned Director of Field Service and Chief Operating Officer, Christopher Coscia, to serve as Lodge Staff Adviser. Besides Pinnavaia and Coscia, the transition team that developed the plan and set the lodge consolidation into motion consisted mostly of youth – two from each borough, including the outgoing lodge chief and one other youth appointed by the former lodges' executive committees. "It has been a youth-directed effort since the first meeting of the transition team in September 2012," said Cunningham.

The new lodge's name will be Kintecoying, which means "crossroads of nations" and harkens back to the history of New York, while speaking to the

perception of New York as the "capital of the world." The totem will be the peregrine falcon; they are the world's most common birds-of-prey and are found on every continent of the world, except Antarctica. A competition to design the new lodge's flap was held, and the transition team will announce the winner at a Day One event this spring.

The Day One Event will take place at GNYC's Alpine Scout Camp, just outside of New York City. At that event, a lodge charter presentation will take place, the new lodge officers will be elected, and Arrowmen will have the opportunity to meet other members of the new lodge, engage in recreation and fellowship, and participate in an "inauguration" ceremony.

Among the scheduled attendees are GNYC Council President Alair Townsend, National Vice Chief Jordan Hughes, Northeast Region Chief Tyler Allen, National Chairman Ray Capp, National Director Clyde Mayer, National Vice Chairman Randy Cline, Northeast Region Chairman Mark Chilutti, and Section NE-2B Key 3 members.

Sam Messenger, Chairman of the Day One Event, former lodge chief and member of the transition team said, "The transition team is looking forward to an exciting and historical day with our new brothers of the newly-formed Kintecoying Lodge. It really is going to be a memorable day."



The inaugural officers of Kintecoying Lodge are sworn in to office by Northeast Region Chief Tyler Allen (L to R) Treasurer- Patrick Machado, Secretary - Kirwin Seger, Vice Chief of Operations - James Maxham, Vice Chief of Inductions - Andrew Sommer, Lodge Chief - Nicholas Goldrosen

## Order of the Arrow High Adventure update - sign up today!



One of the many adventures Arrowmen can experience at OA High Adventure is a beautiful sunset up north with Wilderness Voyage or Canadian Odyssey.

Are you in need of some adventure this summer? Looking for a life changing experience? Do you have two weeks with nothing to do? If you answered yes, to all three questions, then OA High Adventure is the perfect opportunity for you! The OA High Adventure programs are some of the most exciting programs in our Order, and they teach many valuable lessons.

You can choose to start your adventure canoeing at Northern Tier in Ely, Minnesota where you can explore the vast boundary waters and helping to repair a portage trail; or by exploring the Quetico Wilderness, with OA Wilderness Voyage: Canadian Odyssey.

You also have the opportunity to participate in OA Trail Crew (OATC) at the majestic Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. During the first week of the trek, you can find yourself doing numerous service projects, most notably building trail, for future Scouts to use. Then on the second week, you can find yourself backpacking through Philmont on your trek custom designed with the members of your crew. Some crews choose to hike Mount Baldy,

others choose Mount Phillips but the real question is: What will you choose?

The final OA high adventure experience is the OA Ocean Adventure (OAOA), which operates out of the Florida Sea Base. This program offers you the experience of improving the Florida Keys Heritage Trails and

sailing a 40-foot yacht. OAOA participants will explore pristine reefs by snorkeling and trolling for sport fish.

To sign up for your adventure, go to <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org>. Spots are quickly filling up! If you wait for another week or two, you may miss out! Sign up now while treks are still available.



Arrowmen with the OA Ocean Adventure enjoy one of the many great views while sailing in the Florida Keys.

## Making the Unit of Excellence Award happen at the lodge level

**Aaron Stewart**  
STAFF WRITER

The Order of the Arrow Unit of Excellence Award is aimed at recognizing those units that actively participate and incorporate the OA into their unit program. The Order focuses on the unit because it is the most vital and important level to support individual Arrowmen and the Scouting program.

This award will give units a measuring stick to having a successful OA relationship and guide Scouts to the opportunities that the Order gives to its members. It will also reveal where the local lodge can help in order for the unit to achieve this award.

Communication is the key and making units aware of this program can be a lot easier than it might seem at first. Lodge leaders should take advantage of the existing communication channels that are available: lodge email lists, websites and

newsletters are all good ways to spread the word. Many councils have an email list or newsletter that goes out to unit leaders.

More and more lodges are also using social media, where valuable information can be shared. Asking on Twitter or running a Facebook poll can help inform units that are working on the award; and find out why some units might not be participating.

Another great approach is person to person. One way this can be achieved is to have the chapter's leadership talk at roundtables. The OA Unit of Excellence Award can be mentioned during a unit election or camp promotion presentation. Highlighting the award during district camporees or events can help raise the visibility of the award and the accomplishments of the members of the unit.

Another challenge is motivation: lodges should provide the units with a packet and help show them where they stand. Many units, who already actively support the OA, may

meet some of the requirements, but don't know since it has been initiated.

Along with the Unit of Excellence Award, the lodge and chapter can develop special incentives for the units, like those listed in the OA Unit of Excellence Award packet. This includes having the lodge host dinners for the troop/team representatives, their advisers, and the Scoutmasters, to presenting their ribbons and certificates at troop meetings or courts of honor.

Providing recognition at district and even unit events can be a great motivator, as well as introducing unit leaders to Scouts and Scouters from other units. Other great examples can be found in the Unit of Excellence Award packet.

Finally, follow-up is important to close the communications loop. The troop/team representative should occasionally visit the unit leader to check on their progress.

Chapter meetings are a

chance to check that the unit representatives are on track in completing all of the criteria for the award. The lodge may need to help remind them of upcoming events and opportunities the lodge has so the unit members can take advantage of them.

It is vital that the lodge assist the units achieve this program. Units completing this program show their commitment to the Order, and their program will benefit from it. It is up to the lodge to provide the best possible program and support to its Arrowmen.

Communication  
is key to making  
this program  
happen in local  
units



# Occoneechee memorializes Charley Sullivan through newly renovated lodge building at Camp Durant

Taylor Bobrow  
STAFF WRITER

Occoneechee Lodge has taken a dream beginning in the mid-1990s, and made it a reality with the grand opening of the Charley Sullivan Lodge Building. The building was created through serious renovations to an existing dining hall on Camp Durant's property, whose new purpose is to serve as the lodge building at camp.

The lodge's initial plan was to build a standalone building. But that plan shifted when their council began a capital campaign of its own, which called for the construction of a new dining hall. This left the old dining hall with no purpose, which led to the idea to renovate rather than construct from scratch.

The building's grand-opening occurred on December 1, 2012. The decision to name the building after past Lodge Adviser and National Committee member Charley Sullivan almost went without speaking. Occoneechee Lodge Chief, Todd Goldfarb, says "He was always lifting Arrowmen's spirits through his unique and engaging storytelling. We hold Mr. Sullivan close to our hearts as we remember his spirit in the new Charley Sullivan Lodge Building."

The inspiration for the building first began after visiting several neighboring camps that had lodge buildings, and recognizing a need for their own lodge building. Discussion occurred about what purpose the building would serve, which was eventually narrowed down to making the building a training facility, multi-purpose area, lodge museum, lodge storage



area, and American Indian Affairs workshop area. The lodge even went so far as to talk to the local troops to insure that the building satisfied the needs of both the lodge and their council.

The project consisted of several phases starting with conceptualization, leading to fundraising, and finally construction. The lodge received lots of support to help the project along, including estate gifts from Charley Sullivan and L.C. Goodwin. The Occoneechee Lodge recognizes and appreciates all donors for this project totaling \$250,000.

Seth Asbill, Occoneechee Lodge Staff Adviser, has been along for the entire ride and watched the project grow. Seth encourages any lodge looking to completing a project like this to "dream big and keep your vision achievable." Asbill says that above all else "keep



Top: Pictured here is the newly renovated Charley Sullivan Lodge Building at Camp Durant. The building used to serve as the camp's dining hall until a new one was built. Bottom: Arrowmen gather at the ribbon cutting ceremony that officially marked the opening of the new building.

your focus on the organization," and everything else will fall into place. Although the project was a combination of nearly 500 peoples efforts, Tom Wells and Rodney

McDonald, Lodge Advisers of Occoneechee, helped to lead the continuous efforts through the years.

Occoneechee is currently

finishing some final touches and furnishing additions, and looks forward to seeing their building put to great use over the years to come.

## Arrowman recognized with Heroism Award

Matthew Rosendahl  
PEOPLE AND HUMAN INTEREST  
EDITOR

Parker Montano, a 15 year old member of Troop 1 and an Ordeal member of Madockawanda Lodge out of Portland, Maine, will receive the BSA's Heroism Award for rescuing two people at a hotel swimming pool within minutes of each other.

Montano was swimming when

another youth grabbed onto him in a panic and pulled him under the water. Montano responded calmly and quickly reacted to preserve his own life and the life of the panicking boy. He used rescue techniques that he learned in Scouting to take control of the situation and to bring him to the pool's edge, said Parker's Scoutmaster, John Hume, recounting the ordeal.

"The kids are taught first aid and rescue techniques," said Hume. "Most of us take CPR, and most of us never

use it. Parker was able to put his training to use when people needed it most."

Immediately after getting the young man out of the pool, Montano went into action again when a woman began screaming that her daughter had not resurfaced from under the water. Montano scanned the pool to locate the drowning girl and immediately decided he had to dive into the pool to save her. The girl was rescued and began breathing as soon

"It seemed like it [was] what was right at the moment, my mind processed it later"

as Montano was able to bring her to safety.

Montano said that Scouting had given him the training to respond to

these pleas for help, almost like an impulse. He said, "it seemed like it [was] what was right at the moment. My mind processed it later."

## Fundraising through football

**Philip Zeng**  
STAFF WRITER

One lodge in the Central Region has come up with a clever new way to raise more support for the organization.

Agaming Maangogwan Lodge of the Michigan Crossroads Council came up with an ingenious way to encourage Scouts to participate in fundraising endeavors—through football. The lodge partnered with Michigan State University to work at sporting events to help raise money. Lodge members spend their fall Saturdays fundraising at Spartans' football games,

primarily selling seat backs to the crowds that pack the stadium each week.

"At the start of the season the lodge puts up thousands of seats for the season ticket holders who purchase them," says Nick Crosser, Agaming Maangogwan vice chief. The lodge also allows non-season ticket holders to purchase the seat backs through a special stand dedicated for this purpose. In addition to selling the seat backs, the lodge is also responsible for replacing ones that have become worn during the season. At the conclusion of the season, they clean up after themselves and take

down the seat backs. "Once down, these seats are stacked up, wrapped up, and placed back into the proper trucks," explained Crosser.

In addition to their efforts with the seat backs, the lodge also runs a concession stand to sell food and drinks to attendees. This fundraising endeavor works hand in hand with the seat back program.

In the end, the program brings in over \$10,000 each year for the lodge, which is used for a whole host of lodge programs. "It can go to all sorts of things, ranging from service projects to event scholarships," said Crosser.

## Puvunga update

### FOLLOW UP

To All,

Over the past couple of years we have received a lot of help from a lot of great Arrowmen. Help starting the Lodge, the Town Hall Meetings ect. 15 months ago we chartered the first Lodge in Long Beach Area Council, a little over ten months ago we held our first Ordeal and a few days ago (with help from the Ta Tanka Ceremony Team) we had our first Brotherhood Ceremony with 12 new Brotherhood Arrowmen, 10 of which went through there Ordeal ten months and few days ago.

We would not have gone as

far without the help of several dedicated Arrowmen, ready to catch us as we started to fall and guiding us forward. Without this help and encouragement, we would not have gotten as far this fast. With all the help we are receiving, we will continue to grow.

Thanks to John Rehm, Ray Capp, Steve Bradley, Joe Barton, Joe Garcia, Mike Bliss, Stir Finley, Philip Paulson, Ed Cadena, Cahuilla Lodge, Ta Tanka Lodge, Tiwahe Lodge, Wiatava Lodge to name a few and several other along the way. I now know what WWW stands for.

WWW  
Craig Wulfsberg

## Atta Kulla Kulla promotes Cub Scouting at spring fellowship

It was "back to the future" for Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge 185, whose 2013 Spring Fellowship theme was Cub Scouting. There were Pinewood Derby races and a "Tournament of Chapters" for the lodge's eight chapters. In addition to numerous service projects, the Arrowmen taught several belt loops—Ultimate, Volleyball,

Collecting, Weather, and Map and Compass—to invited Cub Scouts. "We wanted to have a better relationship with Cub Scouts in our council and show the lodge who the future Arrowmen of Atta Kulla Kulla are," said Lodge Chief David Buchanan. "We wanted to show the Cub Scouts that we promote camping and fellowship."

"Involving the Cubs in OA activities allowed them to see the face of the OA—and the American Indian Association—and see our commitment to serve others," said Buchanan. "We had our individual Indian dancers (chicken, grass, and traditional) do a few Pow Wow style dances, explain their dance style and

let the Cubs join in. They won't forget the fun stuff they did with the OA, which makes them want to become Arrowmen

Atta Kulla Kulla is the OA lodge in the Blue Ridge Council, based out of Greenville, South Carolina and covers most of upstate South Carolina. The fellowship was held at Camp Old Indian in Traveler's

Rest, SC. "This was the first time we have done anything like this," said Buchanan. "Since this was a test run, we invited packs that our lodge leaders were familiar with. However, we plan to do an event like this again in a couple of years and promote it though the district roundtables, so more units can participate."

## Pictures from the 2012 Report to the Nation in Washigton D.C.

Order of the Arrow National Chief Matt Brown in attendance



Top left: Report to the Nation delegates pose with Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (KY). Bottom left: The delegation presents House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (CA) the report. Above: Cub Scout Tyler Boyd presents House Speaker John Boehner (OH) a token of their appreciation.



## Order of the Arrow National Trails Day - June 1, 2013

Be sure your lodge is taking part in this great opportunity!

The Order of the Arrow has teamed up with American Hiking Society (AHS) to offer our Scouts and Scouters more opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. For years, it has been our purpose to enjoy the outdoors as well as to be its stewards.

Now, the Order has a chance to build upon the great work that our high adventure programs, ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>, and SummitCorp - The New River Experience have been able to accomplish. With this partnership, the Order is asking for your support. The AHS not only promotes hiking and the outdoors but they also work to restore its beauty through their many nationwide trail events.

To be a part of something larger than us is something that greatness hinges upon. The Order asks that you take advantage of this opportunity by becoming an integral part of stewardship and outdoor enjoyment. Check out American

Hiking Society at their website [www.americanhiking.org](http://www.americanhiking.org). On the web site you can find out how to host or join one of American Hiking Society's National Trails Day<sup>®</sup> (NTD) events. Your lodge, chapter, troop, or Scout unit can be leaders in your local area by getting involved in NTD now!

Lodges are not bound to the June 1 date of hosting an event. The program is a year round event and lodges are encouraged to host an event whenever is the most convenient based on the schedule. This is a great time to also promote conservation within your lodge with your Arrowmen.

The American Hiking Society also has some other programs that run year round. They have a fundraising tab on their website. A good way to raise money is to sponsor an event related to trail work and having an account setup for people to give money in support of this cause. These

are all great ideas for lodges and even sections to use that should be considered.

Visit the the Order of the Arrow's website [www.oa-bsa.org/programs/ntd](http://www.oa-bsa.org/programs/ntd) to find out how a lodge can participate in this program. Lodges that participate in the program should record the service hours that took place, which can help with Journey to Excellence hours.

Has your unit, chapter or lodge participated in a National Trails Day event? Send a brief summary and pictures to share on the Order's website and social media. Have questions? Please contact us at [NTD@oa-bsa.org](mailto:NTD@oa-bsa.org).

Check out  
[www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org)  
for more  
information.

### FROM THE AMERICAN HIKING SOCIETY

Dear Order of the Arrow Member,

American Hiking Society is excited to be a partner with the Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America. We would like to introduce you to American Hiking Society and our National Trails Day<sup>®</sup> and share how you can be part of the nation's largest trails celebration! Since its founding in 1976, American Hiking Society has been the only national voice for hikers - dedicated to promoting and protecting America's hiking trails, their surrounding natural areas and the hiking experience.

American Hiking Society works every day by speaking for hikers in the halls of Congress and with federal land managers, building and maintaining footpaths through our trails and

volunteer programs, educating and supporting hikers by providing information and resources, and supporting all hiking and trail organizations nationwide.

On June 1, 2013, American Hiking Society and outdoor enthusiasts across the country will participate in the 20<sup>th</sup> annual National Trails Day<sup>®</sup> (NTD), a long-standing celebration of America's magnificent trail system. More than 2,000 events will take place around the country including trail maintenance projects, hikes, paddle trips, bike and horseback rides, wildlife viewing activities, trail dedications, and so much more!

Happy National Trails Day and Happy Trails,

- John Michels  
Trail Programs Manager  
[www.AmericanHiking.org](http://www.AmericanHiking.org)

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