



# Arrow Points



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## Chiefly Speaking

Brothers,

Through the election process, at Christmas Banquet, and out Lodge Executive Council meetings we have done a lot of planning for Spring Fellowship. It is amazing to see all of everyone's hard work come to fruition. For the new members of our Brotherhood, I hope to see every one of you continue in what you have learned, and hope to see you all at our next outing. I have high hopes for the year, but I cannot do it alone, that is why we are a brotherhood – a 1,000 strong brotherhood. That way we are never alone while we serve our community and fellow scouts and scouters.

In Brotherhood

*Jacob Nolan*

2014 Lodge Chief

# Chapter Reports

## Ani-Gatogwewi Chapter

No article submitted.

## Canantutlaga Chapter

Brothers,

Canantutlaga Chapter has been extremely busy since our last report. The first item to note is our change of leadership with myself, JJ Wiggs, being elected Canantutlaga Chapter Chief, Logan Westmoreland elected as Chapter Vice Chief of Membership, Alex Carmichael elected as Chapter Vice Chief of Indian Affairs, and O'Bryan Moore elected as Chapter Vice Chief of Communications. Canantutlaga is also represented in our Lodge leadership by Jackson Francis as Lodge Vice Chief of Indian Affairs. Aside from our monthly chapter meetings, Canantutlaga has been actively performing OA Elections and Cub Scout Crossovers, ten and twelve respectively to date with several others scheduled this month. Being that we have some depth with regards to ceremonialists, we have performed call-outs at Yule Log (jointly with Lau-in-nih) and on four other occasions after Troop elections. We have also been planning a joint outing with our sister chapter, Lau-in-nih, as well as continuing our plans for sponsoring our District Fall Camporee. We have had active involvement in preparations for SR-9 OA Conclave in April in Moundville, AL and are excited to grow our chapter base in the upcoming Ordeal weekends for Spring Fellowship and Pre-Camp. We are also firming up some service project ideas for later in the year.

Yours in service,

*JJ Wiggs*

Canantutlaga Chapter Chief



# Chapter Reports

## Japeechen Chapter

Brothers,

After winning the Triple Crown of the Black Bear, Spirit Award and Honor Chapter to finish off 2013, Japeechen Chapter is off to a great start for the 2014 year.

As of this writing we have 33 new youth candidates and 5 new adult candidates ready to go through their Ordeal. We have more elections scheduled and will continue to build our ranks.

We are also working hard to fulfill our "cheerful service" obligation with projects at both Rainey Mountain and Scoutland. At CRM we have taken ownership of the rebuild/repair of storm damaged Adirondacks in Jefferson Campsite for our Spring Fellowship Work Project. At Scoutland, we continue to work on the Trading Post Deck project. After completing the deck itself last year we finished the roof framing during the Indian Affairs Training Day held on January 12th (see pic) and will place the roof decking and metal roofing itself during the Indian Affairs Training Day on April 5th.

We are excited about another year of great events and look forward to the fun and fellowship they will bring!

*Nathaniel Green*

Japeechen Chapter Chief



## Jutaculla Chapter

Brothers,

After a great election season we are excited to welcome our new Brothers into the Order of the Arrow. We are following our Lodge Chiefs plan and have already scheduled our Chapter Campout for the weekend of August 15th at Mud Creek Falls. The theme for our weekend is Wilderness Survival and we already have lots of activities and the menu planned. Mark your calendars now and a flyer for the event will soon follow. If other Chapters want to join our event don't hesitate to contact me. We also have our Chapter Service project scheduled for Thursday May 1st. We will be sorting and delivering the food that was collected in the Scouting for Food effort in our area. Don't forget that our Chapter meeting is the 1st Thursday of each month. Watch your email for the location because it rotates and the bar has been raised from Ice Cream. The March meeting, hosted by Troop 6, had funnel cakes and fried Snickers bars and fried Oreos. It's always worth the drive to attend a Jutaculla Chapter Meeting!

Yours in Service

*John Luke Gallagher*

Jutaculla Chapter Chief

# Chapter Reports

## Lau-in-nih Chapter

Jumping right into our plans for the New Year, Lau-in-nih has been quite active. Under the leadership of Chris Steele, our chapter has focused on becoming more adept in the areas of dance and ceremonies. Looking to improve on our performance at Pow Wow, many of our young Arrowmen have been practicing the sash belt dance as a team, and we hope to soon be able to take this dance to Conclave or even NOAC. On the side of ceremonies, we have worked on a few Crossovers for Cub Scout packs in our area. Recently, Lau-in-nih helped run our district's Spring Camporee with the theme of ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE. It was quite the adventure for all who attended.

*Gaelen Athanaze*

Lau-in-nih Vice Chief of Communications

## Yona-Hi Chapter

No article submitted.

## Machque Chapter

Machque chapter has been busy in the cold winter months. We held meetings in both January and February working around the snowy days. At our January meeting we accepted the lodge chief's challenge for each chapter to have a chapter camp out. On March 15 and 16, Machque chapter will have an overnight backpacking trip on the Appalachian Trail. We will leave from Tesnatee Gap and hike up to Cow Rock. We will camp on the top of Cow Rock and take in the outstanding views. We will hike back down on Sunday the 16th. At our February meeting, Jack Butler and Tommy Jourdan, both experienced backpackers, gave an informative demonstration on the proper gear to bring on a backpacking trip and the proper way to pack it.

In addition to the backpacking trip, Machque chapter will provide service to the Mountain District at the March 8 District Banquet. Machque chapter members will set up for the banquet and clean up afterward. Machque chapter members are also looking forward to Spring Fellowship and welcoming our new ordeal candidates into our chapter following the completion of their ordeal. We are also participated in a workday at Camp Rainey Mountain to build new bridges. The bridges will be put in place at Spring Fellowship.

Lastly, Machque had two members attend NLS in Nashville, TN in early March. Diego Barrera and Skyler Smith both attended NLS.

*Tyler Kepley*, Machque Chapter Chief

*Zack Kepley*, Machque Vice-Chief of Communications





# Vice-Chief Updates

## Vice-Chief of Indian Affairs

Brothers,

Indian Affairs within the lodge has been very active this winter - planning for the upcoming Spring Fellowship and Pre-Camp Ordeal weekends as well as getting ready to represent Mowogo Lodge at OA Conclave in April. Since the new year, we have met on three occasions - twice at Scoutland in January and February and most recently at Camp Rainey on March 1st. Our Vice Chief of Indian Affairs, Jackson Francis, did an excellent job setting up our schedule of activities before departing to serve on staff at Northern Tier and I, Alex Carmichael, have tried to fill the void in his absence.

Our meetings have proven successful and encouraging, as new members have joined our ranks in ceremony, dance, drum, and engineering. In the area of dance, we have been learning a couple of ribbon dances that we are planning to exhibit at NOAC 2015 and may debut at Conclave. We have also been working on regalia and dance costumes. Our engineers are making plans to enhance our ceremony ring. Our next gathering is planned for the first weekend in April at Scoutland where we plan to continue work on all areas of Indian Affairs. Come join us!

Your brother,

*Alex Carmichael*

Acting Lodge Vice-Chief of Indian Affairs.



# Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location	Note
March 21st-23rd	-	Spring Fellowship	CRM	Register online at Mowogo.org
April 4th-6th	-	Mowogo Indian Seminar	Scoutland	Register online at Mowogo.org
April 6th	3pm	LEC Meeting	Scoutland	
April 25th-27th	-	SR-9 Conclave	Moundville, AL	Register online at Mowogo.org
May 16th-18th	-	PreCamp	CRM	Register online at Mowogo.org
May 18th	TBD	LEC Meeting	CRM	
August 10th	3pm	LEC Meeting	Jefferson Scout Office	
September 19th-21st	-	Pow Wow	CRM	Register online at Mowogo.org
September 21st	TBD	LEC Meeting	CRM	
October 5th	2pm	LLD Staff Development	Scoutland	
October 31st - November 2nd	-	LLD	Scoutland	
November 7th-9th	-	NLS Training	Alabama	Contact a Lodge Advisor for registration details
December 6th	6pm	Christmas Banquet	Tate Center Athens	Register online at Mowogo.org

## 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**

# NOAC 2015 – August 3-8, 2015

## Michigan State University

As you should all be aware, Mowogo Lodge has a goal to send 101 Arrowmen to the 2015 NOAC. The number 101 has significance as that is our council number. It will also put our lodge in the “100 Plus Club” for lodges that send more than 100 members. There are many advantages for those lodges that make it to the 100 Plus Club, which are described below. Our goal is achievable and one that we can and will attain.

Transportation will be paid for by the Lodge and will be financed by various lodge fundraisers. FREE transportation should make this event affordable for most of our brothers. The conference fee is \$475. The lodge will soon communicate the total cost for this once in a lifetime event. It is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Order!!!

### **100 Plus Club**

Those lodges that meet the goal of 100 Plus Club attendees will get their choice of housing for NOAC. In order to be eligible, the lodge must have full payment by the soon to be set national deadline (June?? 2015). Lodges that achieve the goal of 100 Plus Club also will be considered for special seating at the NOAC

Shows. The shows will be “in the round” (the OA audience will surround the stage) and will be like nothing you have seen at any prior NOAC.

Did you know that every NOAC participant and staff member will receive a special 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary sash –white arrow on RED sash!!!! Watch the Mowogo Arrow Points and the Mowogo web site for all updates on NOAC 2015 and make plans to be a part of the 100 PLUS CLUB.



## Lodge Advisor's Minute

### Oak and Pine

Last week I was cutting, piling up, and burning brush from my land which had fallen through winter. I love this type of work as it helps me think and meditate. In the process of making my fires and toting the wood to the piles I thought of the nature of each type of wood. The Pine caught fast, burned quick, put out bright light, and was very useful in helping to catch the Oak and other hardwoods on fire. Once these hardwoods were burning they had very different attributes. They were slow to catch on fire but when they did they may not have burned so bright but they did burn hotter and longer, and left many coals which are useful to fan into a new flame. Matter-of-fact, the coals from this fire were still present three days later. Naturally, the symbolism from the Pre-ordeal came to my mind and it struck me anew of the different personalities, attributes, and roles, which each Arrowman has in our lodge.

I thought about how silly it would be if the Pine stood up and said, "Look at me how brightly I shine – the oak is not as bright and cheerful as I... use pine for your fires and forget the oak." Or how silly for the Oak to brag, "I am strong and I put out much more heat than the pine, he is an empty spark which fades quickly but I leave coals which remain behind for a long time...I am more important to use for a fire". In reality the oak does not concern itself with the nature of the pine, nor the pine with the oak. They merely each do their job.

Then I came to realize how sad it is that we in scouting and in our Lodge sometimes become like this. Some of us look at life and at others only through our own filters to the point where those who are different from us are not seen as needed or as valued. We compare what we think as our "good attributes" to what we see as their "bad attributes". This is not the way we should be at all.

Look around this weekend. You will find that some are very committed to crafty labor around camp, some are committed to unskilled labor, some to administrative functions, some in the dining hall, some are doing ceremonies, and yes, there may be a few just laying around waiting to be used, and some that feel just plain used up! The point is that every type of wood with its own attributes is needed and each has its value. The important part is for us to ensure that we lay the proper type of wood in the proper place at the proper time for the proper purpose. Remember that the oak and pine complement each other. Each brings out the best in the other. The pine helps the oak shine and the oak helps the pine last. It is important as brothers that we each find value in the other.

This weekend you should be asking yourself how you can seek the fire at the center. What does it actually mean to strengthen the ties of brotherhood and to build upon the fire of cheerfulness? How could this be painful to you? How can you find ways to ease the burdens from the shoulders of your scouts? Are you Oak? Are you Pine? Are you focused on yourself or on others? Seek the fire at the center. Find out what it means to lay the tinder, oak and pine 'round your heart.

You do these things and I promise.... you will find the true meaning of the Arrow.

*Edward Lacey*

Lodge Adviser



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