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Official Newsletter of Section C-2 – December 2017- Order of the Arrow
Opportunities to Come

Conclave

Kevin Clipper – Section Chief

Conclave 2018 is fast approaching and its development promises a Conclave unlike any held before within Section C-2. Section Officers and Chairmen have been working to bring new ideas into this section's program, whether it be a novel idea or something brought in from across the country. At this time, new programs and activities are being developed and tailored to fit our Lord of the Rings theme as well as provide a new experience for our Arrowmen.

Some highlights that are in the process of being fully developed include a new training program and an activity called the Battle of the Four Armies. The training program being developed will focus on areas where our lodges, and our organization as a whole, are weak and will involve discussions between Arrowmen from different backgrounds and positions in order to determine how we can resolve these issues. The Battle of the Four Armies will be a camp wide capture the flag game with four separate teams with each team being a lodge and being made up of its membership in attendance. Venues, activities, displays, and other festivities will be set up throughout D-Bar-A Scout Ranch for your enjoyment. Further details regarding Conclave and its program will be released as we approach the event.

Conclave will be held at D-Bar-A Scout Ranch from May 4-6 and will feature a Lord of the Rings theme.



OA High Adventure



Steven Lardin participating in Canadian Odyssey

Steven Lardin – past Section Secretary

During the summer of 2016 I attended The Canadian Odyssey program through OA High Adventure, during this I spent 12 days in the pristine wilderness traveling through the open water of the Quetico Provincial Park in Ontario. It was a great experience and it changed the way I look on many things. Each trek is led by experienced Arrowmen called foremen, who lead us in discussions, teach how to work, and help us better understand ourselves and each other. One of the most influential things I learned from my foreman was to get my hands dirty (literally) and to work as hard as you can, even beyond the point of exhaustion, so that you can receive the best outcome. I highly recommend this life changing experience for any youth Arrowman 16-20 years old.

Visit adventure.oa-bsa.org for more information and to sign-up!



For Adult Advisers!



Developing Youth
Leadership Conference

Corey Curtiss

Developing Youth Leaders Conference: This is not NLATS; DYLC the best adult training the BSA has to offer!

This is a training experience NO youth serving adult should miss. This is for seasoned advisers as well as newer adults. You do not want to miss DYLC. It is a science based approach to working with youth. You get a full toolbox of applicable techniques and a deeper understanding of how youth think. This is totally different than NLATS, it is totally about the youth NOT lodge paperwork or admin.

Also, it's a great opportunity to drive youth to the totally new National Leadership Seminar!

Registration opens December 17th at <https://registration.oa-bsa.org>

Central Region DYLC takes place Feb 9-11 in Oregonia, OH and March 23-25 in Hudson, WI. Spots will be filling up fast so pack up your youth, invite a fellow adviser, and sign up on Dec. 17th! These two options are nearby to Section C-2 (Makes a great stocking stuffer!)

Questions please contact Corey Curtiss, Section C-2 DYLC Champion cfcurtiss@gmail.com



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**DECIDE
YOUR
DESTINY**
NOAC 2018

Approximately 8,000 Arrowmen will converge at Indiana University from July 30 - August 4, 2018, in Bloomington, IN for the 2018 National Order of the Arrow Conference! As the OA's premier event, NOAC brings Arrowmen together from around the world to share ideas, learn from one another, and most importantly experience an outstanding conference that is unlike any other event in Scouting.

More information will be rolling out after the national planning meeting at the beginning of 2018. Visit <https://noac2018.org>, or watch for the next newsletter for more information and developments.



Challenges

1. When was the OA founded?
2. Who founded the OA?
3. Name and spell all the lodges in Section C-2 without looking them up.

Answers are at the bottom of the page



1) 1915
2) E. Urner Goodman and Caroll A. Edson
3) Agaming Maangogwan; Kishahtek;
Natepnu Shophe; Noquet



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Lodge Reports



Michael Pierpont – Lodge Chief

Agaming Maangogwan Lodge 804 has had a great and memorable 2017. We provided over 2200 hours of cheerful service to our local camps and communities. Some of these service projects include: clearing and restoring trails, helping set up tents for summer camp, cleaning up waterfronts, and many more. We donated over \$8,000 to our local camps, some of this money was used to build new pavilions or purchase new equipment needed at camp. We also hosted a provisional troop at Camp Rotary over the summer. A few members of our lodge provided leadership for a group of boys so that they were able to attend a summer camp. We are looking forward to a new year with our newly elected officers, and we are excited to attend NOAC this year!!!



Caleb Hudson – Lodge Chief

Throughout the year Kishahtek Lodge has been actively working on our finances. We are happy to say we finally have a strong hold on our budget, and have been in the black for the past two years. At the end of 2017 we will be switching to a new format for our website, where the events for the entire year and dues will be listed. We have begun implementing processes that will ensure our Ordeals are better organized, and our ceremonies have a bigger impact. We are also proud to have had 3 Archie Adam's award recipients this year; Chuck Thibodeau, James Coleman, and William Breyfogel. Be sure to attend the 2018 Conclave at D-Bar-A!



Will Silvey – Lodge Chief

Greetings Section C-2! This is Will Silvey, the Lodge Chief of Nataepu Shohpe Lodge. We have been busy throughout 2017 providing service and program to members of our lodge in Western Michigan. Some notable achievements of our year are building a new latrine at Camp Gerber and building a human foosball pit. We also gave service to multiple camps and served on staff for several council events. It is safe to say that this has been a busy year! One of our major focuses as a lodge has been working to implement our new lodge totem, the painted turtle! Our youth voted to change our lodge standard flap and lodge Takachsin to bring the change to the forefront of our lodge!

Moving into 2018 we are excited to storm into Section Conclave hosted by Noquet Lodge at D-Bar-A. Personally, I cannot wait to take part in a Lord of the Rings themed event (they are my all-time favorite movies)! PS: If you are wondering, we are most definitely winning the Coup Stick for a second year in a row! Who is the best? From the West? Nataepu Shohpe, can't Contest!



Jameson Cavanaugh – Lodge Chief

Here in Noquet Lodge we pride ourselves on being the best of the best and we truly live up to this each and every year. We kicked off the spring this past year with Sash N Bash 2 where we held an induction weekend and a camporee at the same time. It was a huge success of us giving back to our local community and showing them that we are here



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to serve them. We continued hosting our summer induction weekend at D-Bar-A, and, thanks to the great lodge board this year, it was the smoothest one Noquet Lodge has ever had. In the fall, we held our Fall Fellowship where we celebrated the successful year and inducted our new Vigil members. As the year comes to a close, we will be gathering for our annual dinner to close the door on this year, just to open the door of next year where we will bring home the mighty coup stick of Section C-2.



State of the Section

Kevin Clipper – Section Chief

Over the past few months I have had the opportunity to meet with each of our lodges and even a few other sections. From ordeals, to fellowships, to conclaves, trainings, and dinners with Eagle Scout classes, these visits have proved to be informative and will aid in our work as a section. However, there is one thing that I have found to be clear through my visits to each lodge. Each lodge, while at the core are similar, differs from each other in program, operations, strengths, and weaknesses. None is master of all aspects. Where one lodge has a weakness, another has a strength. Each lodge has the ability to share their experiences and methods and are only a drive, phone call, or email away. Although this communication between lodges and sections has the potential to create new opportunities for Scouting and the Order of the Arrow, it rarely happens. To realize the opportunities and face the challenges we will encounter, we must abandon the dream that as individuals and as organizations we can simply be content in our ways. It has become far easier to just retreat into our own bubbles and ignore anything that may challenge or alter our assumptions and operations. We must do the opposite in order to ensure we reach our possible potential. It is only through our youth, our drive, our willingness to accept a diverse set of

ideas, and our boundless capacity for risk that the future will be ours.



Kevin Clipper

In order to provide the opportunities to accomplish this, the section is working on a number of initiatives. The first of these is the establishment of the Chapter Committee whose primary role is have one Chapter Chief from each lodge come together to discuss the operations and functions, successes and challenges of their chapters. Together, they will have the ability to learn from one another and apply that to their own chapter, allowing for our organization to improve at the most important level, the chapters. The second of these is the creation of the Innovation Committee whose role is to identify the best practices applied throughout the Order of the Arrow and Scouting nationwide and to find a way to apply these ideas to meet our interests and desires. This will allow us to have a flow of new ideas from around the country so that we can improve and address the problems faced by our organization today. The third of these initiatives is a redesign of the Section Conclave Training Program. The training will be centered around the three major problems faced by the Order of the Arrow: elections, inductions, and activation. Scouts will work, in groups, to find solutions and ways in which they can work to resolve these problems whether they are in leadership or are a general member. Through these and other initiatives, our section is working actively to ensure



that we, as an organization, can reach our possible potential.

But perhaps the greatest problem faced by our section is unity. It is due to this issue that I am glad that our lodges voted unanimously to have the Lord of the Rings, a tale where the concept of unity is so key, as the theme for our upcoming conclave in May. Just as the worlds of men, dwarves, elves, and hobbits had to unite in order to fight the common enemy from Mordor, we as Kishahtek, Noquet, Nataepu Shohpe, and Agaming Maangogwan must unite in order to combat the complacency, neglect, intolerance, and the emptiness of the spirit that are the common enemies of social peace and justice.



Kevin Clipper (right) with Caleb Hudson (left)

This decision then that we make in the coming time on whether to come together as a section will define us, the coming years, and also the future of this section. Few systems anywhere on earth have survived without this basic concept of unity. And securing this is an opportunity which may not come our way again. As we reach out to one another in the time to come, we will create new opportunities for improvement. We will have opportunities as a unified section and the means of taking advantage of them. We will have challenges as a unified section and we must rise to these challenges together to solve them. What we can guarantee though unity is that the interests and desires of our members will be accurately represented and cared for every year to come in a

unified section. The desires that our lodges and members have will be reflected in policy, and that means that the policy and the position of this section will be placed in the hands of the general members of this section. This work towards unity isn't about me, our leadership, the coup, or anything. This work towards unity is about the future of this section. And the future of this section should be in the hands of all the members of our section. It's about believing that we, together, can govern ourselves better than any other individual group can. We don't have to rise and be a nation, we only have to decide to believe in ourselves. This is our time, our opportunity, let's seize it with both hands.



Upcoming Events

January COC: 9:00 AM Saturday, January 27 at the Lansing Scout Center ([137 S Marketplace Blvd, Lansing, MI 48917](https://www.lansingmi.org/137-S-Marketplace-Blvd-Lansing-MI-48917))

Annual Dinners:

Noquet - Jan 13th, American Polish Cultural Center in Troy, MI Register

here: <https://scoutingevent.com/272-NoquetAnnualDinner>

Nataepu Shohpe - Jan 20th at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, MI Register

here: <https://scoutingevent.com/272-WinterBanquet>

Agaming Maangogwan - Jan 27th at Camp Rotary in Clare, MI Register

here: <http://agaming804.org/events?e=6>

Next Issue

We'll have more Conclave 2018 details. Look for a National Meeting recap. Meet our new National and Regional officers, and read about the festivities of Winter Banquets around C-2. If you have an interesting article or idea for the newsletter, contact me at frank.zlomek@Kishahtek.org as soon as possible. Articles are due February 5.