

SPRING 2023

TAMEGONIT LODGE
TORCHBEARER

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**LETTER FROM THE CHIEF****My Fellow Arrowmen,**

It has been a great pleasure to serve *you* this year as the 2023 Tamegonit Lodge Chief. Welcome to our lodge's seasonal newsletter, The Torchbearer. In this Spring edition, you will find event recaps, Lodge Officer stories, and news from our lodge that will guide us as we continue to outline our 2023 theme, **Time to Soar: Preparing for Our Future**. To give a quick overview, this year our lodge has conducted and attended training sessions such as Lodge Leadership Development, National Leadership Seminar, and the Section G6 ACT Conference.

We have developed a higher member retention rate, kicking our year off with a successful Winter Banquet and encouraging attendance to events such as Lodge Inductions and Section Conclave. As we move through the Spring Induction season, we have already elected and inducted hundreds of scouts from all nine of our chapters.

I look forward to a successful wrap-up to our Spring Inductions, and to more inductions in the Fall, at both Camp Naish and Camp Bartle. As summer gets closer and camp approaches, the lodge and its members will continue to grow through summer camp staff and camp service.

Ordeals, mark your calendars for July 20th! On this day, we will be hosting a pool party and grill-out at Camp Naish, as part of our Ordeal Rally. Come on out to get more acquainted with our lodge and make new connections with friends! Beyond the summer is our annual Fall Fellowship weekend. Sign up now to get a free patch and a discounted price!

More information is available later in this publication. See below to view our induction membership statistics from 2022, and make sure to schedule your unit election to help us grow our numbers! As we proceed in cheerful service this year, we will make it our purpose to prepare for the future of our lodge, its members, and our youth leadership. Once again, your involvement in our order is greatly valued and appreciated by Tamegonit Lodge, our scout camps, the OA, and this community.

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2022 Induction Statistics

490

Ordeal

279

Brotherhood

34

Vigil

July Ordeal Rally

THURSDAY, JULY 20

**LEC MEETS FIRST
5:15PM**

**RALLY START
6:00PM**

WHAT: Pool Party, Grill Out,
Fun Games, Activities

LOCATION: Camp Naish

OPPORTUNITY:
Meet Your Lodge
Officers

COST: FREE!

Scout Day at the K





Members of [Tamegonit Lodge Chapter 3](#) represented Tamegonit Lodge and [Heart of America Council – BSA](#) in front of thousands of Royals fans and Scouts at the Scout Day at the K – April 2023. The Color Guard team did an excellent presentation of the colors.

Spring Induction 1 (May 5–6, 2023)



Candidates and Arrowmen were hard at work during our Spring Induction 1 weekend. Big thanks to all in attendance for de-sliming the pool, hanging canvas on tent frames, and cleaning up brush.

"(It's) always exciting to watch summer camp come alive each year thanks to everyone's hard work." – *Denise Tuttle Nance*

Total new Ordeal Members: 104

Total new Brotherhood Arrowmen: 32

Spring Induction 2 (May 19–20, 2023)





Perfect weather made for a perfect weekend. From fence repair and grass trimming, to dining hall clean up and more brush clear out, our candidates helped to get Camp Naish summer-ready.

Total new Ordeal Members: 52

Total new Brotherhood Arrowmen: 147

Congratulations

2022 New Vigil Inductees



2022 VIGIL CANDIDATES ADULT MEMBERS	
Nick Badgerow	Troop 284
Donna Brandt	Troop 387
Timothy Butters	Troop 1266
Kelly Faflick	Troop 83
Andrew Fallman	Troop 1266
James Freeman, III	Troop 1195
Tanner Fuson	Council
Mark Gotzon	Troop 1260
John Harding	Crew 6800
Brian Hathaway	Troop 55

2022 VIGIL CANDIDATES YOUTH MEMBERS	
Warren C.	Troop 1062
Alex D.	Troop 1161
Jackson E.	Troop 888
Andrew F.	Troop 1052
Brian F.	Troop 222
Nathan F.	Troop 1161
Robert C.	Troop 1391
Luke K.	Troop 95
Tyler K.	Troop 1266
AJ L.	Troop 551
Samuel L.	Crew 2286
Robert M.	Troop 55
Wyatt M.	Troop 1160
Xavier M.	Troop 55
Noah M.	Troop 122
Ben P.	Troop 123
Kevin S.	Troop 289
Morgan S.	Troop 1266
Simon S.	Troop 412
Frank T.	Troop 1400
Gabriel Y.	Troop 1247

2022 VIGIL CANDIDATES ADULT MEMBERS	
Dustin Hengel	Troop 1221
Thomas Hines, III	Troop 1111
Jodi Howell	Troop 1160
Jonathan Marsh	Troop 1357
Mark Matson	Troop 86
Sebastian Negrete	Troop 240
Kirk Rush	Troop 125
Bryan Smith	Troop 1161
Joel Whitaker	Crew 6282
John Wiedenmann	Pack 5286



NOMINATE HERE: <https://forms.gle/YEqJNsZTVytrsBBX8>

The 2023 Tamegonit Lodge Vigil Recommendation form is NOW OPEN. Those recommended must be registered with the [Heart of America Council - BSA](#) and be current for 2023 on Lodge dues to be considered.

Please take the time to recommend a Brotherhood member for the VIGIL HONOR, whom you feel has provided above and beyond service to Scouting in our Council. Use the following form to make a recommendation:

<https://forms.gle/YEqJNsZTVytrsBBX8>

For questions or further details on individuals contact: vigilchair@tamegonit.org or vigiladviser@tamegonit.org

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Tamegonit Lodge Founders Award Now Taking Nominations



The Founder's Award recognizes Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to their lodge. The award is reserved for an Arrowman who demonstrates that he or she personifies the spirit of selfless service, as advocated by founder E. Urner Goodman and cofounder Carroll A. Edson.



Nomination must be in prior to July 1st, 2023

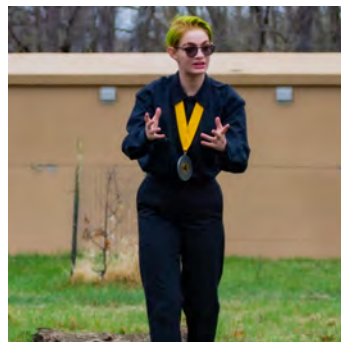
Our Tamegonit Lodge Founders Award Nomination Form is now open. Please take opportunity to recommend a Lodge member whose service to our Lodge personifies the founders spirit of selfless service. Recommendations must be made using the follow form: <https://forms.gle/TSeWJnNfMffXj4Dx8>

For questions or further details on individuals contact:

founderschair@tamegonit.org

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Section G6 Conclave :: April 2023



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Avail W. (Lodge Secretary / Ceremonialist) for receiving an individual exemplar award, representing the Tamegonit Lodge Ceremony Team.

Luke T. (Lodge Historian) and **Dan Buchman** (Lodge Inductions Advisor) for receiving the **R.D. Dunkin Award** for Outstanding Service to the Section.

(This award is designed to recognize those within Section G6 who go far beyond their immediate responsibilities as Arrowmen and by doing so have laid a path of excellence for other Arrowmen to follow. The award is named after R.D. Dunkin, who believed that young people can grow to exceptional strengths and reach their full potential with the right combination of leadership, education, mentorship, and love. R.D. Dunkin served as the Central Region Order of the Arrow Chairman for sixteen years and is responsible for shaping the region structure and program into what it is today.)

SECTION G6



**Congratulations to our
23-24 Section Officers**

**Haley F.: Section Chief
Ben D.: Section Secretary**

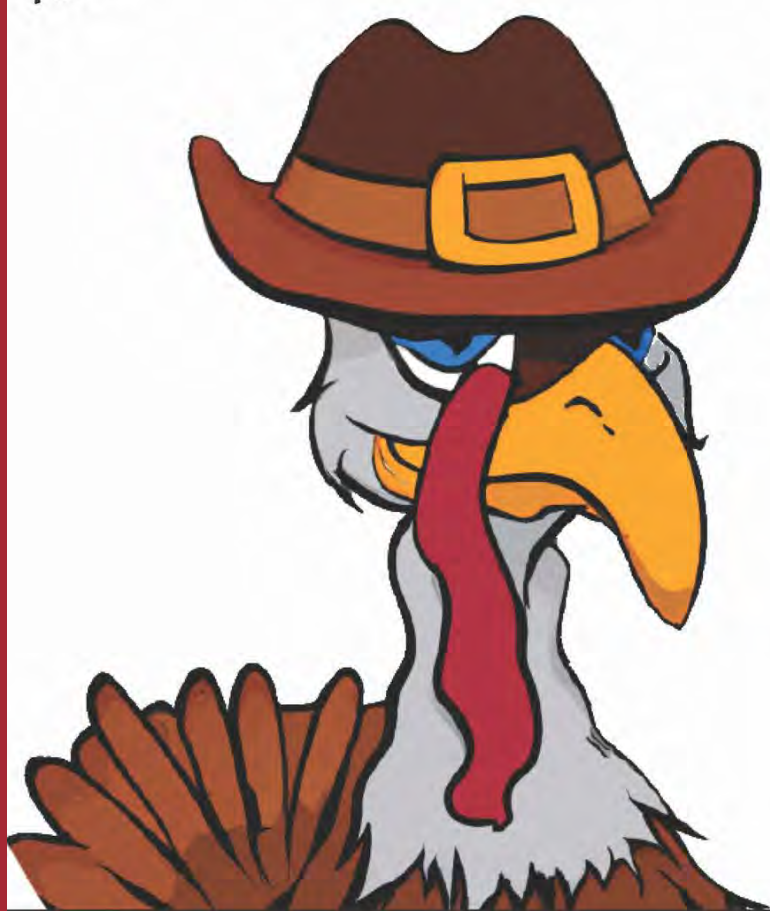
Price: \$20-40

Registration Ends 8/28

FALL TAMEGONIT LODGE FELLOWSHIP

ARROWMEN ONLY!

SEPTEMBER 8 - 10, 2023
THEODORE NAISH SCOUT
RESERVATION



Contact fallfellowshipchair@tamegonit.org for more info
<https://mycouncil.hoac-bsa.org/Event/68>

Registration for Fall Fellowship is live! Register by Aug 1st and receive a discount and limited patch! New Ordeals also receive a very discounted price of \$20! Don't miss out on a weekend full of fun, fellowship, food and opportunity to get involved in Tamegonit Lodge!

Register at: <https://mycouncil.hoac-bsa.org/Program/OA>

Register for an Upcoming Event

Events



MAY 05 OA Spring Induction #1
Friday, May 5, 2023 to Saturday,
May 6, 2023
Naish Scout Reservation

Event is Over

More Details



MAY 19 OA Spring Induction #2
Friday, May 19, 2023 to
Saturday, May 20, 2023
Naish Scout Reservation

More Details



AUG 11 OA Fall Induction #1
Friday, August 11, 2023 to
Saturday, August 12, 2023
Bartle Scout Reservation

More Details

Register



AUG 25 OA Fall Induction #2
Friday, August 25, 2023 to
Saturday, August 26, 2023
Naish Scout Reservation

More Details

Register



SEP 08 2023 OA Fall Fellowship
Friday, September 8, 2023 to
Sunday, September 10, 2023
Naish Scout Reservation

More Details

Register



NOV 18 2023 OA Fall Brotherhood Day
Celebration
Saturday, November 18, 2023
from 8:30am to 6:00pm
Naish Scout Reservation

More Details

Register



DEC 31 2023 OA Dues
Sunday, December 31, 2023
Naish Scout Reservation

More Details

Register



JUN 01 2024 NOAC Fundraiser Patch
Saturday, June 1, 2024

More Details

Register



JUL 29 2024 NOAC
Monday, July 29, 2024 at
8:00am to Saturday, August 3,
2024 at 5:00pm

More Details

Register

Our Lodge Registration site is the place to go to learn about and register for all 2023 Lodge Events. The new site allows you to build an account and pick from a list of Unit members or register as an individual. It's quite an improvement from our old site.

Here's the Link: <https://mycouncil.hoac-bsa.org/Program/OA>

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Join Tamegonit Lodge at National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)

2024!



JULY 29 - AUGUST 3, 2024

University Of Colorado Boulder

THE NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW CONFERENCE (NOAC) IS THE FLAGSHIP NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW EVENT. IT IS HELD EVERY TWO YEARS AT A MAJOR UNIVERSITY CAMPUS AND IS ATTENDED BY AS MANY AS 8,000 ARROWMEN FROM ALL 50 STATES. IT IS SECOND ONLY TO THE BSA NATIONAL JAMBOREE IN SIZE AND SCOPE. OUR LARGEST CONFERENCE WAS IN 2015, ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 15,000 ARROWMEN TO COMMEMORATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORDER OF THE ARROW.

**NOAC 2024 Fundraiser Patch – Order
Now!**



NOW AVAILABLE AT THE COUNCIL OFFICE, BUT THEY ARE GOING FAST!
Help support the Tamegonit Lodge 2024 NOAC contingent by purchasing our new fundraiser flap set! \$20 for local pick up/\$25 shipped. Online purchase link:
<https://mycouncil.hoac-bsa.org/Event/225>

We are now taking deposits and payments to join the Tamegonit Lodge Contingent to NOAC in 2024. The first 25 who sign up will receive our limited edition 2024 NOAC fundraiser patch set as a gift from the Lodge! Register today at: <https://www.hoac-bsa.org/noac>

Fill out our interest form to find out more about NOAC:

<https://forms.gle/b8uMFkePefPv97Hu5>

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AWARD RECIPIENT**



Help Wanted

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Event Staffing





The next generation of Arrowmen need YOU to have a great induction experience. Volunteers are always needed in a variety of ways. From EMS (Emergency Medical Services), admin, and parking, to being an Elangomat, Runner or Nimat, to the most essential help of all... kitchen staff... we can use your #CheerfulService.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Service Corp.



Cheerful service never stops. Service Corp. has many ways Arrowmen can volunteer and give back at the Naish Scout Reservation. Connect with our Service Corps Chairman for upcoming opportunities:

[Service Opportunities](#)

Ceremony Team





Do you have a flair for presenting, and can communicate messages clearly and with emphasis? Help continue a tradition of high-quality ceremonies. Would you like know more? Connect with us:

CEREMONIAL TEAM OPPORTUNITIES

2023 Lodge Leadership Team





Chapters

Along with our Lodge officers, we also have Area and Chapter Chiefs

[Learn more](#)



OA High Adventure Opportunities

Each summer, the Order of the Arrow offers a myriad of different High Adventure opportunities to meet your summer needs. This summer, try something new or do something you thoroughly enjoy, but do something with the Order of the Arrow High adventure opportunities..

Tamegonit Lodge, Order of the Arrow

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