



SMOKE SIGNALS



Winter Edition

Lenape Lodge 8
Order of the Arrow | Garden State Council

January 2024

Upcoming Events

Spring Induction @ PHSR	4/12-4/14
Spring Fellowship @PHSR	5/10-5/12
Conclave @ NoBeBoSco	6/7-6/9
Vigil Weekend @ PHSR	6/21
Lodge BBQ @ PHSR	6/22
NOAC @ CU Boulder	7/29-8/3
Fall Induction @ PHSR	10/18-10/20
Fall Fellowship	11/1-11/3
Holiday Bash @	12/20

A Message From the Incoming Chief



Greetings, fellow Arrowmen! My name is Isabela Tahmazian and I have the pleasure of serving as lodge chief for the

spring 2024 term. I'd like to start by thanking all of you for allowing me to serve our lodge for the next six months. This is truly an honor, and I know

we will accomplish

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great things. As we enter this new year, I

am excited for all that Lenape 8 has in store. As chief, it is my goal to enable every Arrowman to find their role in our lodge. I truly cannot wait to work with all of you over the next six months. Thank you again for this amazing opportunity to lead our lodge. I am truly excited about what we have coming in the future, and I look forward to seeing you all soon!



A Message From the Incoming Lodge Adviser

I'm Linda Estacio, and it's an honor for me to represent the Lodge as the first female adviser. This is a historic moment for our Lodge as we also have installed our first female Lodge Chief.

It's my intent to increase Scout

involvement in the Lodge, but I also want to see more adults step up into advisory positions. There are so many new adult Arrowmen who have joined us recently, and we want you to feel welcomed and involved! Be on the

lookout for an adults-only channel on Slack for more information. Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Lodge adviser. I pledge to our Scouts my complete support for your success.

Join Us for the Lodge Banquet

We look forward to seeing many Arrowmen at this year's annual Banquet. It will be held at Auletto Caterers in Deptford on Sunday, January 28. This is a fun and memorable event, as we mark the transition of leaders and recognize the hard work of so many people over the past year. There will be the traditional Silent Auction to tempt all of us to add to our

growing collection of Scout memorabilia! And most importantly, there will be the unveiling of the NOAC Patch Set that will amaze everyone, and generate pride for both our Lodge and our State! Arrowmen from around the country will be clamoring to trade for our patches, which also promotes pride in our US Navy! It's a great incentive for

YOU to join the NOAC contingent...details on the back of the newsletter. Register for the banquet with the QR code below.



Parting Words from Outgoing Lodge Adviser

Happy New Year Arrowmen! And also Happy 10th Anniversary to Lenape 8! I can find no better way to celebrate our Lodge than to bear witness to history in the making! With the coming of 2024 my time as Lodge Adviser comes to end. But I could not be happier than to witness our first female Lodge Chief, Isabela Tahmazian, and our first female Lodge Adviser, Mrs. Linda Estacio. I have worked closely with both over the past 2

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years, and I am excited to see the direction the lodge is taking under their guidance. Mrs. Estacio has been my right hand since I stepped into the role of Adviser. With her help, we saw the youth run four very successful Ordeal weekends. We also saw the proliferation of non-scouting fellowship events, the most successful of which is the Lodge Holiday Bash! We also saw solid participation in both NOAC and

Conclaves. I have no accomplishments to speak of as the youth did all the heavy lifting. I watched Bela run a record elections cycle followed up by her ambitious social fellowship calendar. And she has skillfully surrounded herself with equally capable and focused youth on the LEC. With Bela in the driver's seat and Mrs. Estacio as her co-pilot, the course for the lodge is on a vertical curve. I was humbled to serve as Lodge adviser these past 2 years. To watch these youth step up and run the show is the most satisfying part of being a volunteer. It is my sincere hope that all Arrowmen will step up, support our new leaders, and become the Lodge we want Lenape 8 to be. I believe in these youth, I support these youth, and I will celebrate all their success as they continue to help the Lodge

evolve. Thank you for the opportunity to be your Lodge Adviser. It was an honor.



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Parting Words from Outgoing Lodge Chief



Hellow Arrowmen:

With this being our final newsletter of the year, and my final as chief I decided that it would be best to look back on 2023 and our success as a lodge. Kicking off in January, we held our annual lodge banquet at Auletto Caterers. We had over 60 members in attendance along with their families and other guests, and I couldn't think of a better way to kick off the year. In March we held our first LLD single-day event in years, facilitated by section chief Mike Fowler and special guest Eastern Region Chief Matt Carlson.

Attendees said it was outstanding. Just weeks after hosting our LLD we held our first ordeal of the year, and it was a blast. A few months later was my personal favorite event of the year, Section Conclave. Over 50 of our Arrowmen attended (the most since I have been in the lodge) and it was an amazing feeling. Seeing our members interact with other scouts from throughout E17 was truly a sight to behold and I could not have been more proud. Lodge 8 may not have won the conclave cup, but we did win the canoe tug-of-war and placed high in other competitions, something that we had struggled to do in recent years. I'm sure that we'll win even more next year!

Diving into summer, we held our annual Lodge BBQ/Pool Party with our largest turnout in years. With some delicious BBQ cooked by our own Mr. Bill and over 50 hungry scouts to eat it, I can safely say that not one person left hungry. In October, we held our second ordeal weekend of the year at Fall Induction weekend. Typically there isn't as large a turnout in the fall versus the spring but thanks to the hard work of our elections team and officers, over 70 candidates registered. When added to existing membership over 100 scouts were in attendance. I had the responsibility of planning this year's Fall Induction weekend, and after many trials and tribulations, it wound up being one of our most successful events in recent memory. It included an extremely popular costume party along with other Halloween activities.

We hosted Fall Fellowship weekend at Pine Hill in November. Nearly half of the youth scouts in attendance were those inducted just weeks before. We kicked off Saturday morning with a few trainings on various subjects within the OA before breaking off into teams for afternoon fellowship. Our teams competed valiantly in a variety of competitions including kickball, archery, rifle shooting, and gaga ball. Fall Fellowship culminated with the election of our 2024 lodge officers, who will officially take office in January. Knowing next year's officers, I have complete confidence that our lodge is in safe hands. Finally, we held our annual lodge holiday party at Pine Tree Scout Reservation which was the perfect way to cap off 2023. With over 80 Arrowmen in attendance, plenty of food and fun to go around, a limited edition

patch, and a visit from Santa, there was no better way to end the year.

2023 may be ending, but we're still going to be busy to start the new year. On January 14th the E17 Section Leadership Conference will be held at The College Of New Jersey. The annual lodge banquet will be held on January 28th at Auletto Caterers which will include awards, patch trading, and the installation of our spring 2024 Lodge Officers. I look forward to seeing how many people we can get to come out as we celebrate Lenape Lodge's 10th anniversary.

For every Smoke Signals letter that I have sent this year, I have ended it with 'Primus Inter Pares'. This phrase has a personal meaning to me that is more than meets the eye. It's a Latin phrase that translates to 'First among equals', a principle of servant leadership. I first learned this phrase while taking NAYLE at Philmont in the summer of 2022 and have taken it to heart ever since. Servant leadership is something taught at many trainings, but putting it into practice is easier said than done. While serving as Lodge Chief this past year I've had the unique opportunity of both running events and coordinating with the LEC, but if not for servant leadership, my year would have been drastically different. I wouldn't have been able to do anything without you. To be a leader you need a team, and my team is over 270 members strong. Although I will no longer be lodge chief in 2024, I will still be involved in both the lodge and the Order of the Arrow. I'll be taking over as the LLD chair to help plan and coordinate training for the lodge in 2024. I was also invited to serve as a facilitator for the Section Leadership Conference in January, and will be serving as the Conclave Vice Chief of Promotions for Conclave 2024 at Camp NoBeBoSco. All of these opportunities wouldn't have been available to me if I had not had the chance to serve as your lodge chief this past year, and I can't express how grateful I am to have been able to do so.

Have a happy new year and I look forward to seeing you in 2024. "Primus Inter Pares."

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Interested in the trip of a lifetime? Hurry... REGISTRATION IS CLOSING SOON!

Come join Lenape 8's fourth contingent to NOAC 2024 in Boulder Colorado! 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. The cost for participants is \$1,350 and is all-inclusive (transportation, lodging, meals, memorabilia, etc.). At the time of registering, a minimum of \$250 per participant is due, and the remaining balance can be paid in monthly installments. Payments can also be made offline through the Scout Office or Scout Shop. Payment in full is due June 1, 2024. All youth/young adult Scouts are highly encouraged to register and adult Scouters can apply online for further review.



The registration period to attend this National conference is coming up quickly...January 31! This is due to planning considerations in arranging flights into and out of Colorado, as well as transportation to and from the University of Colorado in Boulder. This is a **HARD DEADLINE**; no exceptions. If you want to attend NOAC this year, you **MUST** register by January 31. Please use the QR codes which will take you to the Registration website. Adults will apply for attendance and will be notified of their selection. Adults applying are not committed to paying the \$1350 until selected to attend.

Sign up now!

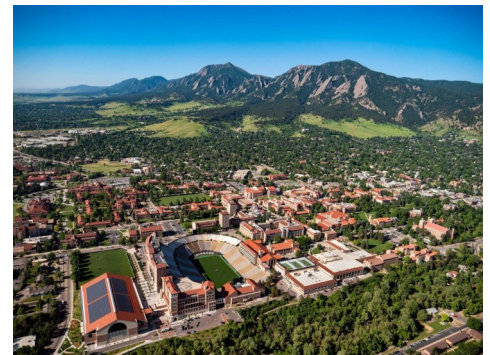


Youth Registration



Adult Application

Join us at the University of
Colorado in Boulder!



ATTENTION, all Ace Reporters and Photographers!

We hope you enjoy this new version of "Smoke Signals!" We plan to publish the newsletter monthly, and that's where YOU come in! Did you just make Eagle Scout? Attended NYLT? If you have a story, a photo, or even a recipe or two, submit your entry to the editors of the newsletter.

You might be published in the next month's edition! We want this publication to be a reflection of all Arrowmen. Adults are also invited to contribute material. All submitted materials will be reviewed and edited as needed. Send your contribution to adviser@lenape8.org.

