



Spring Induction Edition

Lenape Lodge 8
Order of the Arrow | Garden State Council

April 2024

Upcoming Events

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| Spring Fellowship @PHSR | 5/10-5/12 |
| Conclave @ Camp 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 @ PHSR | 11/1-11/3 |
| Holiday Bash @ PHSR | 12/20 |

A Message From the Lodge Chief



Greetings, Arrowmen! Since our last Smoke Signals publication, Lenape Lodge has been very busy! Recently, we had our Spring

Ordeal weekend, where we inducted 51 new Ordeal members and had 23 Brotherhood conversions. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who attended! Next month from May 10-12 at Pine Hill, we'll be hosting our Spring Fellowship (the theme for the weekend will be

Harry Potter!). I encourage everyone to attend, as it's a great time to meet new Arrowmen, participate in fun activities, and make new friends. Thank you again, and I hope to see you all there!



Inside:

- * Welcome our new Ordeal and Brotherhood Members!
- * Get ready for Conclave!
- * Did you lose something at Pine Hill from the Induction weekend?
- * Adult Organizational Meeting-Details on the Lodge Adviser's vision
- * Report from Section E17 Council of Chiefs meeting
- * ANNOUNCEMENT: Lodge Elections

Register now for Spring Fellowship and Conclave!

So many exciting events are coming up in the next few months, so don't miss out on the fun!

First, our Spring Fellowship weekend is coming up on the weekend of May 10-12 at Pine Hill Scout Reservation. This is a great opportunity for all our Arrowmen both seasoned and newly joined to come

together to learn more about the OA and learn more about each other while having fun at the same time!

Then the Section E17 Conclave will be held from June 7-9 at Camp NoBeBoSco, the site where the film "Friday the 13th" was filmed! This a great chance to meet Arrowmen from

Lodges within our region, including the contingent from Puerto Rico! Go to <https://conclaveregistration.org/section/e17> to sign up. We want to represent our Lodge with as many Arrowmen as possible!

First Adult Organizational Meeting Held

The adult leadership team of Linda Estacio, Dustin Tarditi, and Manny Estacio hosted the first Adult Organizational Meeting on Saturday, February 24 in the Rowan Scout Service Center Conference Room. The purpose of this meeting was to formally introduce the adult leadership team to the Arrowmen Scouters in the Lodge, and to articulate the Lodge Adviser's vision for the Lodge during her tenure. It was also an opportunity to clarify the roles of her Associate Advisers. Mr. Tarditi will be focused on developing the leadership skills of the LEC

members and other youth Arrowmen, while Mr. Estacio's focus is to serve as the liaison between the Lodge and the

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Council, as well as to coordinate the efforts of Lodge adults to help mentor our youth Arrowmen. Mrs. Estacio's

vision is to increase the participation of adults as key mentors for the youth of our Lodge especially as associate Advisers for the principal leadership positions of the LEC. She also wants to see the adults working together in a more unified manner to improve Lodge operations. Finally, she wants to see the Lodge become more involved in supporting Council activities in keeping with the spirit of the Lodge as the service organization for Garden State Council. Stay tuned for information on future opportunities to staff Cub activities, Farm Fair, and more!

Welcome to our new Ordeal Honor Members!

On Saturday, April 13, Lenape Lodge 8 welcomed 46 new youth and 5 adult Arrowmen to our Lodge...one of the largest classes of Ordeal members to date! Here they are:

Angelucci, Nancy (adult)
Huffman, Tucker John (adult)
Morris-Raymond, Jodi (adult)
Peters, Theodore J (adult)
Tatora, Jennifer (adult)
Amato, Alan
Angelucci, Isabella
Barnes, Nathan
Barnes, Zachary
Bergstralh, Thorsen Alexander
Bouchard, Daphne
Cappello-Perez, Darius
Connolly, Jack
Corvino, Evan
Dalmasi, Omar
DiFilippantonio, Bryce
Dodelin, Luke

Drake, Samson
Drake, Wolfgang
Dubosar, Graham
Foreman, Orion
Franz, Liliana
Garriel, Graham
Govardhana Krishnan Susi, Krish

**"The ones who chose you, need you..."
-Allowat Sakima**

Grenier, Brynn
Grille, Jack
Harris, Nathan
Henriquez, CJ
Huffman, Ashley
Jose, Joseph D
Kaminer, Allison Sarah
Lafferty, Nicholas
Lawrence, Connor

Maldonado, Nolan
Matthews, Fynnlee
Mehta, Shiraz
Mirabile, Anthony
O'Keefe, Collin
O'Neil, Sean
Peters, Finnegan
Potter, Maxwell
Reynolds, Gibson
Rowe, Caeden
Seno, Ryan
Shelton, Philip
Singh, Om S
Tatora, Julia
Tsoukalis, Nicholas
Varsaci, Katelyn
Whitehouse, Benjamin
Zoli, Robert T

We welcome all of our new Brothers to the Lodge and look forward to getting to know you better. But also remember the words of Allowat Sakima: "The ones who chose you, need you." Look for opportunities to serve throughout this newsletter!

Congratulations to our new Brotherhood Members!

Along with 51 new Ordeal members, Lenape Lodge 8 welcomed three new adult and 14 youth Arrowmen who were accepted into Brotherhood Honors! Our newest brothers include:

Brooks, Ryon (adult)
King, Robert Eugene (adult)
Schneider, Chantel D, (adult)
Bennett , Alexandra
Boyle, Finley
Cavallaro, Adam
Elbertson, Edwin
Henninger, Lukas

Krier, William
Marks, Liam Thomas
Negin, Aaron
Negin, Zachary
Setchel, John Oliver
Spekczynski, Victor
Swanson, Zachary Bryce
Tucker, Jack
Wright, Michael

These Arrowmen have been active members of the Lodge for at least six months and have reaffirmed their

commitment to providing cheerful service to our Lodge and to high ideals

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-Allowat Sakima**

of Scouting. As Allowat Sakima exhorted all of us, "Brothers, we now invite you...come into the circle with us." We congratulate these Arrowmen who have been elevated to Brotherhood Honors level, knowing that they will continue to exemplify the brotherhood of cheerful service.

Section Leadership Conference-Council of Chiefs

by Michael Esimio

This past January 14, Lenape 8 led a contingent of twelve to The College of New Jersey for the E17 Section

Leadership Conference (SLC), and subsequent Council of Chiefs meeting. During the event, our lodge engaged in presentations on building effective teams, the OA Thrive program, planning for NOAC, and much more.

Collaborative planning sessions allowed us to

coordinate with Arrowmen around the section and provided insight to how we, as a section, may align our

strategies and contribute to a cohesive vision. The Council of Chiefs meeting emphasized dynamic discussions,



(LT to RT) Justin Lora, Ethan Bardsley, Bela Tahmazian, Michael Esimio, and Dan Seibel at the Section Leadership Conference-Council of Chiefs meeting

essential updates, and forward-looking decision-making. This forum not only facilitated open dialogue but

also provided a foundation for fostering leadership development, ensuring effective communication,

and promoting collective coordination among the eleven lodges within the E17 section. In embracing the outcome of the Section Leadership Conference and the COC Meeting, our lodge stands empowered to write a story of growth and success for the next six months. These events emphasized the importance of unity, collaboration, and leadership within the Order of the Arrow. As we embark on the journey ahead, Lenape 8 is

prepared to reflect our commitment to excellence and the spirit of the E17 section.

Are **YOU** registered for Spring Fellowship Yet!? What Are You Waiting For?
Register on the Council website at <https://scoutingevent.com/690-0afellowship> or go to the calendar menu in your Member Portal of Lodgemaster!

LOST and FOUND!

Did you forget something at Pine Hill after the Induction weekend? Here are pictures of things that were left behind. To claim them, contact the LEC.



Important Announcement: Lodge Officer Elections to be Held

As required by the By-Laws of Lenape Lodge 8, we announce that the Lodge will conduct its Unit Elections to select the next Lodge youth Leaders who will serve for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. This is a change to our by-laws to reflect the new period of service which coincides with the school year rather than the calendar year. The election will be conducted on Sunday, May 12 during the Spring Fellowship weekend. To be eligible you must be a member of good standing in the Lodge, be younger than 21 during the entire term of office, and be approved by the Lodge Adviser. Any eligible Arrowman who wishes to run for office must complete and submit the official application form by Saturday, May 11 and be interviewed by the Lodge Adviser before being approved. You must then be prepared to give a three-minute speech to the assembled Lodge members. All Lodge positions (Lodge Chief; the Vice Chiefs of Program and Administration; Secretary; and Treasurer) will be voted upon. All votes will be cast anonymously.

Calling All Arrowmen: Service Opportunities Ahead Vigil Nominations Due May 3

by Henry Huber

Hello Brothers:

Just a friendly reminder that Vigil Nominations are due by May 3. Elections will be held the Saturday evening of Spring Fellowship weekend. Nomination forms can be submitted to Zach Clark or may be dropped off at the Council. If you know someone who is worthy of Vigil please nominate them. A copy of the nomination form will be included with this month's Smoke Signals.



We are the "brotherhood of cheerful service." In keeping with this mission and following our Lodge Adviser's vision of raising the visibility of the Order of the Arrow within Garden State Council, your LEC is working on providing support to the following Cub Scout-related events throughout the year:

1. Cub Scout Camps, Four Sessions:
 - a. 5-19 July and 22-26 July, Pine Hill SR
 - b. 29 July-2 August and 5-9 August, Pine Tree
2. Farm Fair: 15-20 July

3. Traumapalooza: 27-29 September, Pine Hill
4. Cub Scout Fun Day: 12-13 October, Pine Hill

This is a very ambitious plan, but one that is completely achievable with the support of every Arrowman in the Lodge. We will need many volunteers to staff these events. We also need adults to serve as Advisers for our youth leadership heading these activities. Look for opportunities to sign up for these events at the upcoming Spring Fellowship.

LEC Service Project Report

On February 25 the Lodge hosted a service project to make up peanut-butter and jelly sandwiches to help supply food to a local humanitarian organization which serves homeless persons. The event was well attended and produced over 380 individually wrapped sandwiches! The sandwiches were delivered to the Protestant Community Church in Medford Lakes. They partner with the Christian Caring Center, which serves homeless and at-risk citizens in our region. The rest of the leftover peanut butter and jelly was donated to the church for their casserole program which also feeds the homeless. A great thank you goes to all Arrowmen who

participated in the project. Your generosity has helped to feed many people who are experiencing hard times.



Lodge Youth Leadership Spring 2024

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| Lodge Chief | Bela Tahmazian |
| Vice Chief- Program | Ethan Bardsley |
| Vice Chief- Administration | Michael Esimio |
| Secretary | Justin Lora |
| Treasurer | Daniel Seibel |

Adults Needed for Leadership Positions, Too!

Adult Advisers and mentors are needed to keep our Lodge thriving! We are here to support the youth. Here are the currently filled positions:

- Inductions: Pete Reiter
- Brotherhood: Dave Short
- Vigil: Zach Clark
- Ceremonies: Terry McManus, Adviser; Omar Colon, Assistant
- Culinary: Alan Ramsey, Adviser; Norma Poole and Seth Neuber, Assistants
- Awards: Rob Bardsley
- Svc Projects: Ed Siecienski
- Finance: Dylan Rocco
- Webmaster: Jacob Jewett

Still needed:

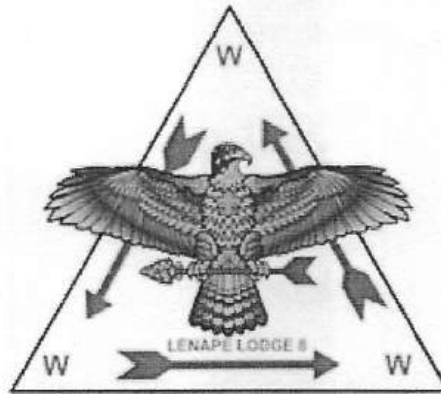
- Advisers for each Cub Scout activity (see article on Page 4)
- Medically trained adults to be part of a Medical Team

Please complete the Adult Talent Survey included with this newsletter to let us know what you can do to support our youth and enhance Lodge operations!



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ORDER OF THE ARROW



Alertness to the needs of others is the mark of the Vigil Honor. It calls for an individual with an unusual awareness of the possibilities within each situation.

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to lodge, council, and Scouting. Membership cannot be won by a person's conscious endeavors.

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position of office to one or more of the following:

- 🦅 Lodge
- 🦅 Order of the Arrow
- 🦅 Scouting community
- 🦅 Scout Camp

Under no circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow be considered as reason enough for a Vigil Honor recommendation.

Any member of the Order of the Arrow registered in Scouting and in good standing in a regularly chartered lodge is eligible for recommendation to the National Order of the Arrow Committee for elevation to the Vigil Honor provided that, at the time of the recommendation, the individual has been a Brotherhood member for a minimum of two years. A lodge may nominate a maximum of two percent of their registered Arrowmen once a year, through the Vigil Honor petition, found in the annual re-charter packet. At least 50 percent of all nominated must be under 21 at the time of nomination.

Please return the completed form to:

Lenape Lodge, Order of the Arrow
Attn: Vigil Selection Committee
693 Rancocas Rd.
Westampton, NJ 08060

If you have any questions, you may email us at: vigil@lenape8.org



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Vigil Petition

| NOMINEE INFORMATION | | | |
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| Name (As you would like it printed on the certificate): | | | Chapter: |
| Mailing Address: | | | |
| City: | | State: | ZIP Code: |
| Home Phone number: | Cell Phone number: | | Work Phone number: |
| Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY) | Current Scouting Position (primary) | | District: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boy Scout Volunteer <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Scouter | Unit Number: | District: | |
| Ordeal Date (MM/DD/YYYY) | Brotherhood Date (MM/DD/YYYY) | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth (Under 21) <input type="checkbox"/> Adult | |

| NOMINATOR INFORMATION | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------|--------------------|
| Name: | | | Chapter: |
| Mailing Address: | | | |
| City: | | State: | ZIP Code: |
| Home Phone number: | Cell Phone number: | | Work Phone number: |

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| Date Received (MM/DD/YYYY): | Nominee Meets Requirements: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Date of Selection (MM/DD/YYYY) | Nominated: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Indian Name: | |
| Translation: | |
| Vigil Chairman (Print Name) | Vigil Adviser (Print Name) |
| Vigil Chairman Signature | Vigil Adviser Signature |



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Vigil Petition

Answers to the following questions will help enable the Vigil Selection Committee to properly consider the nominee. Please be as detailed as possible and assume that the committee knows nothing or very little about the nominee. Feel free to attach additional information as necessary.

ATTACH PHOTO HERE (OPTIONAL)

There are many instances when we interact with individuals who do a great deal of work for the scouting program and we do not even know it.

This is because many times we either see the faces of those individuals or hear their names, but seemingly never at the same time.

If, for some reason, you would like to include a picture of the nominee, you may paste it here. Please take note that we cannot guarantee that the picture will be returned.

Outstanding Service to the Order of the Arrow

Offices of Positions Held in the OA

Lodge, Section, and National Events the Nominee has participated in over the past 2 years

Committees the Nominee serves an Active Role In:

How has the Nominee helped his/her chapter, Lodge, and the Order of the Arrow as a whole?

Outstanding Service of Note to the Scouting Community:

Offices or Positions Held in Scouting:

How has the Nominee helped his/her Unit, District, and Council?



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Vigil Petition

Outstanding Service of Note to the Scout Camps:

How has the Nominee helped the Scout Camps?

Outstanding Service of Note to the Community:

How has the Nominee helped his/her community? You may also include information that reflects credit upon the nominee and their practice of "Cheerful Service"

Please describe why you believe the nominee is deserving of the Vigil Honor

Suggested Indian Name & Translation

Each candidate elected to the Vigil Honor is given a Native American Name and its English equivalent. Because the Vigil Nomination Committee may not know the nominee very well; we ask that you please submit two potential (English) names and reasons for your choice. The names suggested should embody those qualities and characteristics that has some significance to the nominee. Please remember that these are suggestions and the final decision will be made by the Vigil Committee.

Suggested Name (English):

Reason:

Suggested Name (English):

Reason:



ADULT TALENT SURVEY



Lenape Lodge 8
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Date _____

Welcome to Lenape Lodge 8. The Order of the Arrow is the Boy Scouts of America's Honor Society. The Lodge is run by the youth with support of Adult Advisers and mentors. We invite you to add your talents and interests so that we can embody the spirit of Servant Leadership in support of our Arrowmen youth. We hope that you will enjoy being part of the Lodge adult support team. Your support is greatly appreciated.

- My interests/pastimes include: Social Media Music Engineering (mechanical, etc) _____
 Health & Fitness STEM Travel Other Adult Groups (please specify): _____
 Construction Gardening Cooking Crafts Landscaping DIY Projects Writing Art
 Other Volunteer Work (please specify): _____ Other (please specify): _____
- A topic I would enjoy teaching youth is: _____
- My job, business, or profession might be of interest to the Lodge: _____
- I have training or experience that might be helpful.
 First Aid, Lifeguarding, or Safety-Related Credentials (please specify): _____
 Teaching, Coaching, or Mentoring (please specify): _____
 Previous Scouting Experience (please specify): _____
 Other: _____
- I am willing to help the Lodge by providing behind-the-scene support such as:
 posting on social media helping to welcome other adult Arrowmen making contacts for service projects
 providing transportation coordinating with the Council planning for major events (NOAC, Conclave, etc)
- I would be willing to help the Lodge by assisting to represent the program, perhaps serving as:
 an occasional presenter part of a special projects team Program Adviser Lodge Adviser
- I can help in these areas (please check applicable boxes):

General Activities

- Carpentry/Construction
- Swimming/Lifeguarding/watercraft safety
- IT skills
- Public Relations
- Web Design
- Outdoor activities
- Plumbing
- Event Planning
- Citizenship/flag etiquette
- Bookkeeping/Accounting

- Computer skills
- Drawing/art
- Radio/electrician
- Dramatics/skits
- Cooking/banquets
- Sewing/mending
- Transportation
- Property/Equipment Management
- Other _____

Special Program Resources

- I have a van SUV or truck
- I have a workshop.
- I can tow the Lodge trailer.
- I am interested in Ceremonies.
- I have specialized medical skills (specify: _____)
- I have/am interested in culinary skills.
- I can give other help. _____

Please provide any additional background information about yourself that can benefit the Lodge:

Adult Name _____ Honor Level (Ordeal, etc.) _____
 E-Mail address _____ Phone(s) H- _____
 C- _____
 B- _____ xt- _____

The best way to reach me is via email text cell phone home phone business phone
 Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____