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WELCOME TO AUGUST INDUCTION!



BY BRIANNA BUCKNER

There is something special about an Induction Weekend in the Order of the Arrow. For our new members, it is the beginning of a journey centered on brotherhood, cheerfulness and service. For our returning members, it is another opportunity to give back and help create an experience that leaves a lasting impact.

To those who have just joined our lodge, welcome! You are now part of a tradition much larger than yourself, one built by Scouts who chose to lead through service and strengthen the bonds of Scouting through fellowship. We are excited to see the energy, ideas and leadership you will bring to Wa-Hi-Nasa.

To our current members, thank you for the countless hours you dedicate to making these weekends meaningful. Whether you are helping behind the scenes with logistics, guiding candidates through their first OA experience or simply offering a friendly conversation, your work shapes the future of our lodge.

After a weekend of hard work, Saturday Cracker Barrel gives us all a chance to relax, share fellowship and build friendships that will last long after the weekend ends.

Take the time to meet someone new, welcome our newest members and celebrate what makes our brotherhood so strong.

Thank you all for the service and spirit you bring to our lodge and I cannot wait to see what we accomplish together. Until then, keep serving others and strengthening the bonds of our Brotherhood.

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CHIEFLY SPEAKING

BY EMERSON EIGE, LODGE CHIEF



In case you didn't hear the whisper during your ordeal ceremony, the admonition of the Order of the Arrow is "Ahoalton," meaning "to love one another."

If you didn't hear it, don't worry. I didn't know what it was until I started as a ceremonialist. Love is a concept that is held deep within the heart of the OA. (haha heart get it)

If you remember your pre-ordeal ceremony, during the ceremony Mateu spoke a poem that is commonly called the love poem. It starts: "You who love the haunts of nature..." and then continues to describe the beauty of the natural world. This is but one kind of love the OA deals in. Mateu reminds us that loving our world and our planet, from the calm moonlight on the lakes to the violent thunder in the mountains, is a virtue that should be celebrated. What good is a world without the beauty of nature?

The love you may think of first, and often the one most celebrated, is the love of people. Not necessarily romantic love, but the love you feel for those who make a difference in your life. If the love of nature is the OA's foundation, the love of people is the cement that holds it together. There are members of this organization who have been coming to events longer than I've been alive. These are people with jobs, hobbies, families, and rich lives of their own, yet they still make time for the OA. The truth is that people don't fall in love with admonitions and watchwords; they fall in love with the people. People make up the spirit of the order more than anything else. People are usually why members come, and are always why they come back again and again.

Lastly, there's one more form of love, and it's probably the least celebrated but most important. That's loving yourself.

You may think, "Isn't someone who loves themselves vain or shallow?" It doesn't have to be. I'd go as far as to say great people love themselves first, and because they love themselves first, they can disperse that love far out into the world. The difference between the great person and the tyrant is that the great person always loves both. Just look at the presidents we regard as great. Teddy Roosevelt loved nature and enshrined its preservation in our National Park Service. Abraham Lincoln loved with firm compassion for all people and led America through its darkest time. I don't believe either of them would be capable of the careers that they had if not for loving themselves and perfecting the delicate balance of vanity and virtue.

Love is just as essential to humans as food and shelter. It comes in many forms and is thought of in many ways. We as people are all deserving of it in its myriad of forms. Love is in the world, in others, and within you. It is the underpinning for everything we do in the OA, and it is vital to never forget that. So says Mateu:

"All the natural world around you shows you clearly your reflection. This Ordeal is but a pattern for a journey whose directions are the whispers, urgings, promptings deep within your hearts and spirits" -Mateu, Pre-Ordeal

ADVISERS CORNER

BY BRAD GOODWIN, LODGE ADVISER



"The measure of intelligence is the ability to change"
– Albert Einstein

Change... now there's a word most people dislike. I have to admit it, I'm usually one of those people myself. The funny thing is, there are a few things in this world that don't change, and I'm reminded of this every time I look at myself in the mirror! Yeah, that's a picture of me when I was lodge chief. I think it's safe to say change is inevitable.

This Fall Induction will close a chapter in our organization as our national leadership is undertaking a completely new Induction process for the Order. It's easy to dig in our heels and resist this change; in fact, I'd say it's just human instinct to cling to the things you are accustomed to, recognize and enjoy. After all, we are part of this organization because we believe in what it stands for, how it's influenced our lives, and the friends we have made along the way. I think those things will not change.

So, how will next year's induction be different? Well, to be honest, we don't know at the moment. However, several lodge leaders will soon be attending the Section Induction Experience this fall at Camp Buck Toms and will have the opportunity to witness this new process firsthand. Then those leaders will return to work on an event next spring that will give you and the rest of our current lodge members the opportunity to experience this new method for ourselves. Once we have completed the new induction as a lodge, we will be able to conduct the new Induction for elected candidates.

One thing we are sure of is that there will be changes.

How we choose to view those changes is up to us. What has not changed is the vision and purpose of the Order of the Arrow. It is, and will continue to be, the National Honor Society of Scouting. It will also continue to focus on why Scouts want to stay in Scouting.

Finally, Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service have, and will continue to be, the foundation of our organization, and it's really those things that make this an amazing organization. That and having you a part of it!





KEEPING BOXWELL'S HISTORY ALIVE

BY MICHAEL RIGGAN

During the June Induction Weekend, members of the Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge joined the Middle TN Council Museum Committee to complete a variety of improvement projects at the Ray Capp Centennial Scout Museum at Boxwell Scout Reservation.

Volunteers cleaned, landscaped, painted, and began creating several new exhibits throughout the museum. A display case was constructed to conceal the building's fire suppression box while providing additional exhibit space. New heavy-duty shelving was also installed to better display the museum's growing collections of mugs and hats.

Outside the museum, a new limestone sign was installed in a custom-welded metal sled featuring a flag holder. Whenever the museum flag is flying, visitors in the dining hall will know that the museum is open.

Visitors can also look forward to an exciting new exhibit exploring the pumphouse's original purpose and history, providing additional insight into Boxwell's rich heritage.



2026 LODGE CALENDAR

**AUGUST INDUCTION WEEKEND
AUG. 7-9 AT BOXWELL**

**FALL FELLOWSHIP
SEP. 18-20 AT BOXWELL**

**MIDDLE TN COUNCIL JAMBOREE:
ARROWCORPS 111
NOV. 6-8 AT BOXWELL**

**WINTER BANQUET
DEC. 5**

EMBRACING CHANGE: THE FUTURE OF OA INDUCTIONS

BY SECTION VICE CHIEF,
JASON “COOKIE” SHAW



What's up, Wa-Hi-Nasa! My name is Jason “Cookie” Shaw, and I’m your Section Vice Chief! Alongside this honor, I have had the privilege to be involved in the New Inductions Process. From being our section's candidate at the National Council of Chiefs, planning one of 13 lodge pilots, attending and staffing a National Inductions Experience, to now planning our Section Inductions Experience.

I’ve seen a lot in many different stages, but for now, I want to talk about what comes next. The overall rollout follows a “See one, do one, offer one”. “See one” refers to the National Induction Experience that the lodge doing the Section Induction Experience attends. “Do one” is our next step, where your Lodge Chief will be selecting a certain number of participants to send to our Section Induction Experience at Camp Buck Toms on August 28-30. After attending the Section Induction Experience, you will then host a Lodge Induction Experience to “offer one” to your lodge members to attend and see.

After this point in the rollout, lodges are permitted to switch their inductions to the new process. After the 2027 NOAC, the lodge must make the change.

I wish I could talk more about the experience itself, but I want to emphasize that much of it only makes sense when you see it all together, so I don't want to spoil anything for anyone. I will explain the reasoning behind this shift, though.

Recently, we adopted a new vision statement as an organization: “To be why Scouts want to stay in scouting.”

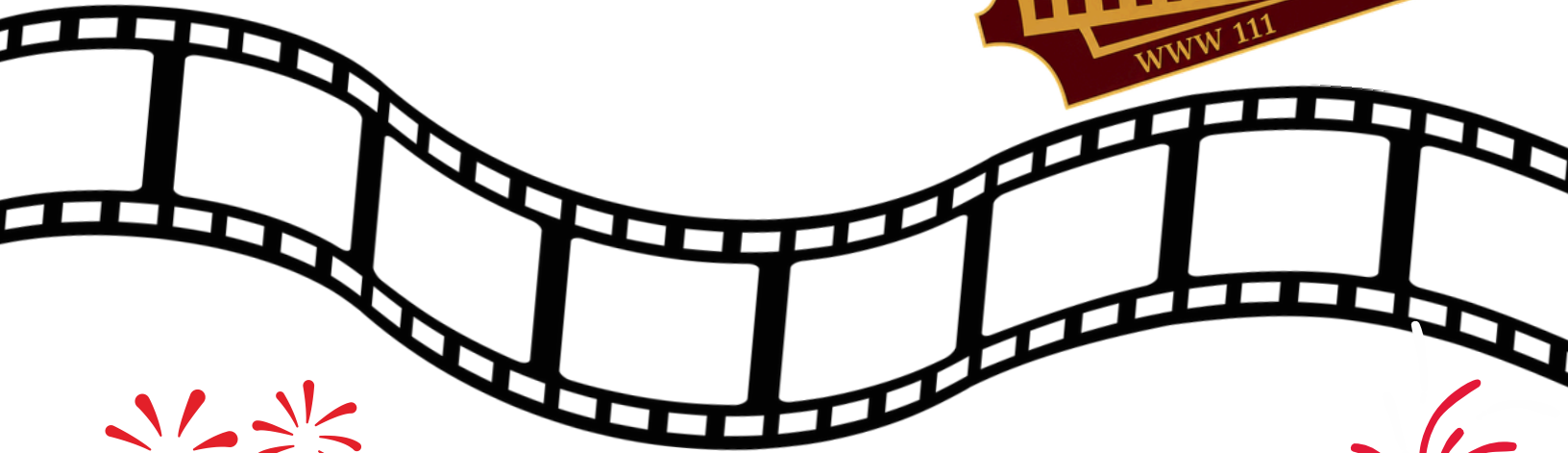
We have also seen a national average retention rate of 33% among our Arrowmen. This was noted by the national officers some years back, and the following years were spent on ideas for revision, scriptwriting and testing. The idea is to make the induction more inviting, which is why candidates are allowed to speak with each other to build deeper bonds, in Order to better meet the nutritional needs of candidates they eat a cooked breakfast before beginning their day, and the Luminary (in some ways like our current Elangomat) acts as a teacher about the OA and guides new candidates towards not only joining but knowing our Order.

The new induction seeks to show candidates how fun the OA is right from the get-go and keep them coming back. This is one of the biggest changes we have had, yes, but it is not the only time we have changed. Having been founded in 1915, written ceremonies weren’t even distributed until 1921.

The Legend was introduced in 1927, and from 1933-1936, there were major rewrites to meet national and religious sensitivity requirements, and it was also when we first called it the “admonition” and stopped calling it the “password”. 1948 was when we became an official part of the scouting program, leading to major pre-ordeal and ordeal changes, including the first testing of the bowstring. 1956 saw the end of the actual brotherhood cutting, and 1975 introduced the Elangomat system. 1977 saw something similar to today, with a new pre-ordeal unveiled at NOAC that year and implemented in 1979. **(CONT. ON PG 7)**

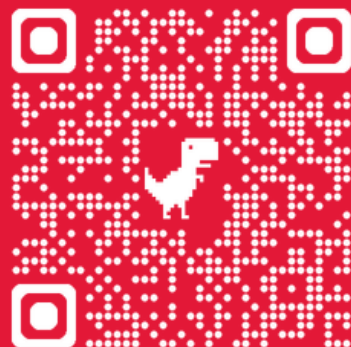
LIGHTS, CAMERA, CONCLAVE: WA-HI-NASA GEARS UP FOR APRIL 16-18

Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge is rolling out the red carpet this spring for one of its most anticipated weekends of the year—Lights, Camera, Conclave, happening April 16–18, 2027. Next year's conclave brings a cinematic twist to the traditional gathering, blending high-energy fellowship, leadership development, and service with a Hollywood-inspired theme.



NOVEMBER 6-8

AT BOXWELL SCOUT RESERVATION



WHY THE ORDER IS CHANGING ITS INDUCTION EXPERIENCE (CONT.)

In 2019, we began inducting Sea Scouts and Venturers. My point is not to lecture you all about the changes we have been through, but to prove that we have changed before and we are still around as an organization. The change to our induction is happening, but our order is not just our induction, nor is it what makes it special. Our order is defined by us. Let's embrace this change together and make it a positive step forward for your lodge and the Order of the Arrow!



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HAVE A STORY?**

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THE JOURNEY TO SECTION CHIEF: LANGLEY BRENTS' STORY

BY EDITOR, EPHRAIM RODENBACH

For Section E3 Chief Langley Brents, his journey in the Order of the Arrow began with a conversation following his induction ceremony that would shape the course of his Scouting career.

Brents recalls speaking with the lodge chief at the time, who encouraged him to step outside of his comfort zone and pursue leadership opportunities.

"He told me that you have to take uncomfortable steps throughout your whole life, especially within your leadership journey, to succeed and to learn new things," Brents said.

Today, Brents serves as E3 Section Chief and hopes to provide that same encouragement across the section.

"My top priorities as section chief are to unify the lodges even more than they have been in the past," Brents said. "By using myself, my officer team and the section's resources, we can help overcome any challenges the lodges may face."

One of the section's largest initiatives this year is the Section Induction Experience, designed to help lodges understand and implement the Order's updated induction process.

"The Section Induction Experience is going to be an opportunity for the section to provide the lodges an example of how the new ceremony will operate," Brents said. "We're trying to inform the lodges on what changes are coming and provide leaders with the tools and resources they need moving forward."

Brents also encouraged newly inducted Arrowmen to remain active within their lodges.

"Even if you didn't enjoy your induction, come back to one more event because it will never be the same," he said.

As he prepares to lead the section through another year of service, Brents hopes members will embrace new opportunities, grow through challenges and discover the same sense of purpose that first inspired him following his own induction.



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

BY EDITOR, EPHRAIM RODENBACH

Hello there, reader!

I hope you have enjoyed this August Induction Edition of The Flying Eagle, Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge's official newsletter. Whether you are a new member who was just inducted (congratulations!) or a gray-haired Arrowman who has been reading this paper for decades, thank you for taking the time to learn more about the state of our lodge.

From a profile of one of my closest friends in the Order, Langley Brents, to a look at how the new induction process will affect our lodge, this edition highlights the stories that make Wa-Hi-Nasa special. News plays an important role in Scouting because it helps us stay connected, informed, and inspired by one another.

This summer, I was blessed with the opportunity to intern for The Christian Chronicle, an international newspaper based in Oklahoma City. During my time there, I learned an important lesson: everyone has a story.

Whether you are a brand-new Ordeal member or a seasoned Arrowman with years of service behind you, your story matters. The experiences you have, the friendships you build, and the ways you serve others all help shape our lodge and strengthen our brotherhood.

So don't be afraid to share your story. Meet new people. Get involved. You never know how your example may inspire the next generation of Arrowmen.

Keep your eyes peeled for future editions of The Flying Eagle!

Yours in Scouting,



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