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UNDERSTANDING THE OA'S REVISED INDUCTION PROCESS

BY E3 SECTION CHIEF LUKE WILLIAMS AND EPHRAIM RODENBACH

The Order of the Arrow is rolling out a revised induction process aimed at updating the organization's traditional induction while placing more emphasis on guided reflection and structured activities.

Under the current induction model, candidates are led by an Elangomat and participate in an experience centered on four challenges: a night alone, scant food, a vow of silence and arduous labor. The day includes more than eight hours of scheduled service, limited food, and silence for most of the day.

The new induction process replaces the Elangomat with a "Luminary," described as someone who lights the way for others. The revised model also shifts from four challenges to three themes: discovering brotherhood, reflecting on cheerfulness and providing service.

The updated induction includes a "night without shelter" instead of night alone, regular dining hall meals except lunch, and silence limited to reflection activities and a silent lunch. Scheduled service time is reduced to six hours and 15 minutes.

Ceremonies and roles are also being updated. The current four ceremonialists will be replaced with five roles: Chief Luminary, Chief of the Fire, Voice of Brotherhood, Voice of Cheerfulness and Voice of Service. The pre-ordeal and ordeal ceremonies will be replaced with the Ceremony of the Arrow and Ceremony of the Fire.

The revised process also adds 10 structured guidance activities throughout the day and replaces the Spirit of the Arrow booklets with the Find the Arrow guidebook.

WHAT IS CONCLAVE?

BY VANESSA VARGAS

Every year, Arrowmen from across the section gather for one of the most exciting, meaningful, and unforgettable events in the OA: Conclave.

If you've been before, you already know the energy. If you haven't, this is the perfect year to jump in. Conclave is more than a weekend at another OA lodge, its a celebration of brotherhood, service, adventure, and pure fun. I hope too see you guys at Camp Currier for Conclave April 17-19.



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THE STORIES BEHIND THE STITCHES

BY MICHAEL RIGGAN

To get ready for this conclave our lodge created its first service flap: this flap had a set of requirements needed to obtain it, which included working at a special pre-conclave work day on April 11, and/or a post work day, and was available at a one per member, with a maximum of two flaps per member.

Initially sixty three people earned this service flap, and it is labeled as S-13 because it is a fully embroidered flap.

S-13 served as Wa-Hi-Nasa's first service flap, with only 100 flaps ever issued. Cementing it into the lodge's history as the first service flap, and commemorated by collectors.

Stay tuned for more articles about our lodges history.

"Training is a catalyst that can transform lives, companies, and even nations." -Tony Robbins

And in our case, Scouting. Training is the foundation of Scouting. You are here because you choose to be. Your attendance is a statement that you care for Scouting, your chapter, and the lodge, but more importantly, yourself.

Thank you for investing your time by attending Spring Summit. There have been many Arrowman who have been working tirelessly for several months to put this event together; however, their time was spent in vain unless we take what we learn and put it to good use. Look around this weekend and see who is missing. Who from your troop or chapter could have benefited from this weekend? Also, take the information you learned back to your chapters and encourage them to get involved.

"Knowledge is power, but enthusiasm pulls the switch." -Ivern Ball

Let's get excited about 2026! Your lodge officers and committee chairs have set some high expectations this year, and by all of us working together as a team, we will be able to reach our goals. What will your contribution be to Wa-Hi-Nasa this year?

Our next event will be the Section Conclave. I expect to see you there, and encourage you to bring a friend. It will be great celebrating with our lodge members as we bring home the Quest Trophy!

The time came again for Wa-Hi-Nasa to host section conclave in 1981. This conclave was particularly special in that this was the first time that Section 2A (most of Tennessee) and Section 2B (most of Kentucky) would hold a conclave at Boxwell Scout Reservation.

This was also important because this was the first time that the lodge took steps to formally preserve our lodge history by creating a historical committee to help collect the history of our lodge.

ADVISERS CORNER

BY BRAD GOODWIN





CHIEFLY SPEAKING

BY EMERSON EIGE
LODGE CHIEF



Procrastination is a reaction of fear not of laziness

As we creep nearer to summer, we also creep nearer to the testing season. If you're like me and still in school, this is likely one of the most stressful times of the year for you. We often attribute this to our old friend: procrastination. It rears its ugly yet comforting head no matter what stage of your life you're in. Being labeled a procrastinator is something that no one wants to be. In American culture, the non-stop grind is idolised as a virtue, therefore making procrastination a great evil, and can even be characterized as anti-American. Sloth is one of the 7 deadly sins after all.

In my experience procrastinating, I often feel a great deal of shame due to the former factors. However, shame is not a helpful emotion. It does not motivate you to act proudly and solve problems, it compels you to self-examine and obsess over them. They may even consume you (ask me how I know). In order to overcome this, I changed how I thought about procrastination. Procrastination is not a reflection of your laziness, it is a reaction of fear.

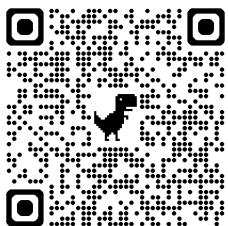
Ok well, that doesn't sound much better on its face... but, the difference is made when you think with this mindset about what it means to do literally anything productive. Checking off a task that you don't want to do is no longer a begrudging reflection of the time you've wasted, it's a proud display of overcoming your fears. It could be the fear of the unknown, the fear of failure, or the fear of feeling the shame being a "procrastinator" can bring.

A point of the Scout Law that I feel is tragically unexplored is Brave. Bravery is of course the scouts in action saving people from danger, but it also can be an everyday commitment just as much as an exceptional moment. As someone who has personified Nutiket as a ceremonialist for 3 years, I've thought about bravery a good deal. Bravery as a virtue becomes much more relevant when you overcome your fears every day by beating procrastination.

Achieving dominion over your schedule and your life is still only possible with discipline and commitment. My only hope in getting on my little procrastination soapbox is that if procrastination is something that you experience (and let's be honest you probably do at least a little), you take some time to consider how nice it would be to tell yourself you faced your fears every time you did your laundry.

"Each one who comes to us must find us ever Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, and Clean"

"Cheerfully Nutiket bids you not to flinch from self-denial"



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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

BY EDITOR EPHRAIM RODENBACH

The Flying Eagle is seeking Scouts and chapter secretaries interested in contributing written content to upcoming editions of the newspaper. Writers are needed to assist with select articles, including event coverage, lodge news, service projects and feature stories highlighting members of the Scouting community.

Those interested in contributing should contact the editorial staff to learn more about available assignments, deadlines and submission guidelines.

No prior journalism experience is required, only a willingness to share stories from across the lodge. Writing is a muscle, the only way to grow is to flex it!

If you are interested contact secretary@wahinasa.org



THE OA AND AMERICA 250

BY EDITOR EPHRAIM RODENBACH

1. Service and stewardship
America 250 encourages Americans to give back to their communities. Cheerful service has long been central to the OA, from camp improvement projects to conservation efforts and disaster relief support.

2. Civic reflection
The 250th anniversary is not only a celebration but also a time to reflect on the nation's history and ideals. Arrowmen can support educational programs, historical commemorations and flag ceremonies that honor American heritage.

3. Youth leadership
As a youth-led organization, the OA empowers young leaders to plan and execute service initiatives. Lodges and chapters can partner with local governments, historical societies and community organizations to participate in America 250 initiatives.

2026 LODGE CALENDAR

**SECTION E3 CONCLAVE
APRIL 17-19, AT CAMP CURRIER**

**JUNE INDUCTION WEEKEND
MAY 29-31, AT BOXWELL**

**SUMMER CAMP CRACKER
BARRELS
JUNE 10,17,24 AND JULY 8 AT
BOXWELL**

**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**

LODGE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT LEC RECAP

BY EDITOR EPHRAIM RODENBACH

The Lodge Executive Committee voted to adjust annual dues and approved plans for a 2026 Conclave lodge flap during its special-called Lodge Leadership Development meeting Dec. 6, 2025.

Lodge Chief Emerson Eige called the meeting to order and led the Obligation. Lodge Secretary David Allen conducted roll call and confirmed a quorum.

Dues adjustment approved

The committee approved a motion to adjust lodge dues for 2026. The original motion, introduced by Wyatt Mitchell and seconded by Nick Cottrell, proposed increasing annual dues from \$15 to \$16 to support the chapter funding pool which is a money pool that allows chapters to better enable our lodge to function.

A friendly amendment from Ephraim Rodenbach proposed increasing the dues to \$20 after the early bird deadline of Jan. 21. The amendment was approved.

A second friendly amendment from Hannah Neal reworded the motion to state: "Adjust lodge dues for 2026 by increasing early bird rate from \$15 to \$16 and setting the regular rate beginning 1/31/26 to \$20." The amendment was approved.

The question was called by Ephraim Rodenbach and seconded to end discussion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Conclave flap design process established

The committee also approved a motion to design and produce a lodge flap for the 2026 E3 Conclave, including a border variant for contingent members.

The motion, introduced by Nick Cottrell and seconded by Vanessa Vargas, establishes a design contest open to all youth members of the lodge. Five submissions will be selected by the conclave committee and placed on a final ballot for a lodge-wide vote.

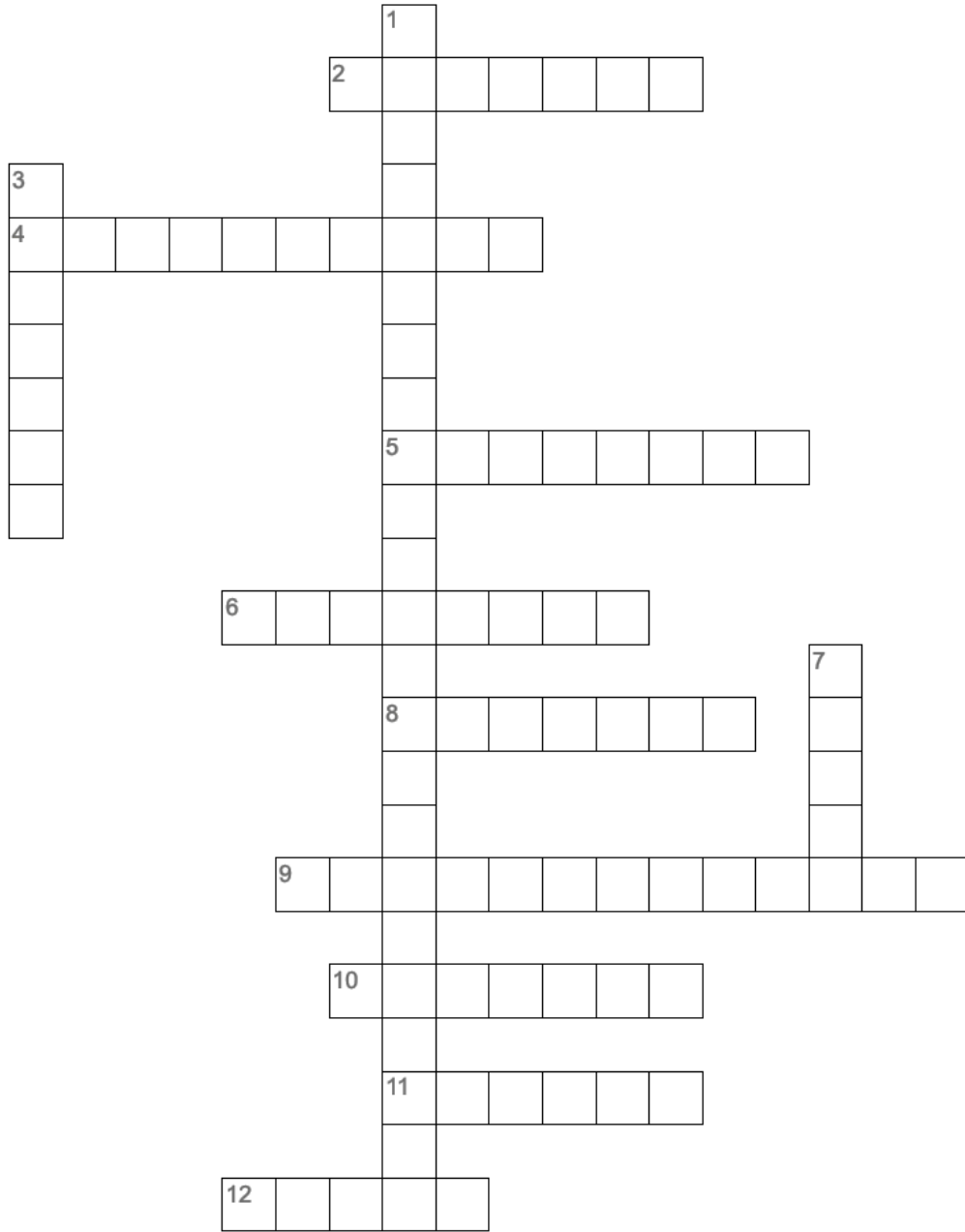
The question was called by Jack Henderson and seconded to end discussion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Advisor's Minute and adjournment

Following remarks from Goodwin, the committee entertained a final motion to adjourn by Cobb, seconded by the body. The motion passed by unanimous consent.



ORDER OF THE ARROW CROSSWORD



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