

## One Year Later...

Dear Arrowmen,

Last year, many momentous things happened in the world. US Navy SEALs killed the greatest terrorist threat to the United States, Osama Bin Laden; National BSA prepared for the largest National Jamboree yet; and we formed a new lodge. Last April, the combined LECs of Awase #61 and Ag-Im #156 met to decide the future of OA in our area forever. In August, the new lodge held its first event and held elections there. That night, the new officers were sworn in. And thus, it began.

One thing important about all of these events of the past year is that they needed highly sophisticated communication to be effective. If the President, his intelligence officers, armed forces personnel, and Navy SEALs had not communicated, Osama Bin Laden would still be alive. If the National BSA didn't communicate, many things would have went wrong with the National Jamboree. If our leadership last year while forming the new lodge had not communicated, we would not be here as one Kon Wapos Lodge.

It is important to remember that our Lodge has unique and amazing opportunity to give back to scouting in Northeast Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. We have many talented leaders of all different backgrounds and experiences. We have beautiful camps to spend time improving, and bright, young Cub Scouts to start inspiring. The opportunities to be effective are endless. It is easy to fall into the trap of not communicating effectively, however. Each member is responsible for giving and receiving some information in the Lodge. Those of you who volunteered or were elected to a leadership position have an extra responsibility to distribute information to all members of the Lodge and Council. A newsletter like this one is only as good as the number of people that it reaches. That, my friends, is your most important responsibility to make this lodge effective.

Communicate, Communicate, Communicate!

We have great potential to make our mark on history. Each individual effectively makes up the team. Without one piece of the puzzle, we will not be complete. We have the ability to match up to the many amazing things that this world has to offer us this year. Our Lodge can be the most effectively communicated machine out there. It's all up to you! Do your part, and increase our ties of Brotherhood.

W.W.W.

**Zachary Galante**, *Communications Chair*

## Chiefly Thoughts

My Brothers,

As buds start to appear on the trees of our communities, and the grass slowly turns back to its natural shade of green, I am reminded of the spring just before I completed my ordeal at Bear Paw in the summer of 2009. At that time, I had no real idea of what the Order of the Arrow was, except that every good leader that I had in Boy Scouts was an Arrowman. Once I was inducted, I realized that this order is so much more than simply "a secret club" or another patch for your uniform. I saw that this order truly teaches scouts how to become selfless servant leaders who empower generations to come to follow in their footsteps. To go along with this story, I have a very simple message: this spring, be the leader that the Order of the Arrow is so great at producing. Be a friend to all scouts, and help them out whenever they need (this especially means taking them to events!). Be cheerful in the face of struggle. And above all, never stop serving. As many of you have found, true happiness can be found only through service to others.

**Alex Pond**, *Kon Wapos Lodge Chief*

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Click [HERE](#) to register for Spring Conclave

Note: Golden and Silver Arrow members must still register for the event

Click/tap here to take a short survey about the Natowa

Have you ever wanted to be a patch designer? We are currently looking for patch designs for Section Conclave and NOAC<sup>15</sup>. If you design a patch, send it to [konwapos.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:konwapos.secretary@gmail.com).

Click tap/here to register for NOAC<sup>2015</sup>  
More information on page 6

# CHAPTER REPORTS

## ANIKWA CHAPTER

These past few months our chapter has had a fun and busy time. This last meeting we had a pizza and game night which everyone enjoyed. Next month we are going to host a speaker from the District Advancement Committee present on Life to Eagle. We are opening up this chapter meeting to anyone who is Life scout and would like to come. As we prepare for spring and summer, our ceremonies team is still working hard and we are finishing unit elections.

**Ryan Ballering, Anikwa Chapter Chief**



## BESHKNO CHAPTER

All of our elections are completed! We are starting to plan Spring Conference for this May/June. We are issuing a challenge for our chapter: if there are at least 10 youth at the next chapter meeting, there will be a pizza party for May! Our ceremonies team is also doing very well.



**Tanner Bolden, Beshkno Chapter Chief**

## MEKEK CHAPTER

This past month has been a wrap up month for the chapter. As we end the first quarter of 2014, we finished up OA elections. This has allowed us to focus on upcoming Spring Conference, and some of the other events coming up. We will be having a work weekend April 12, with our chapter meeting later in the day. Details will be sent out in an email and if you have any specific questions, please let me know at [erniekretzmann@yahoo.com](mailto:erniekretzmann@yahoo.com).

**Ernie Kretzmann, Mekek Chapter Chief**



## MUK CHAPTER

Our next activity is on Thursday, April 10th. It starts at 7:00 at Grace Lutheran Church in Green Bay. We will be making survival wristbands. The cost is FREE! Please bring all your OA scouting friends and enjoy the brotherhood. Please keep in mind the Spring Conference is fast approaching. We need many volunteers from Elangomats to ceremonies team members to just general help. If you are interested in helping, please contact me.

The t-shirts are in! Official Muk chapter t-shirts will be on sale at the February meeting. S-XL \$10.00; 2XL \$13.00; 3XL \$15.00. Plan on getting yours on the 10th!



Mark Your Calendars! On May 8th Muk Chapter will be having another meeting at Grace Lutheran Church.

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BAY-LAKES COUNCIL, BSA

Any questions please feel free to contact me, [muk.kon.wapos@gmail.com](mailto:muk.kon.wapos@gmail.com)

**Mike Laes, Muk Chapter Chief**

## WESMIANIW CHAPTER

This month, the Wesmianiw chapter had a speaker come in to talk about college admissions. The information was very useful and many appreciated the time. We have started to prepare for Spring Conference, by assembling ceremonies teams and gathering up Elangomants. We have some fellowship opportunities coming up, including our service/fellowship weekend in May up at GDC, and a day at the Timber Rattlers game. We have accepted a service opportunity and have some OA members helping at our district camporee. We are trying to prepare our ordeal members for their brotherhood interviews, and hope that many will complete them at Conference.



**Mitchell Hove, Wesmianiw Chapter Chief**

## WITCAWA CHAPTER

Hello Fellow Arrowmen, As we finish up the month of March and head into April, much will be happening in Witcawa chapter. For one thing we are going to work on completing a new member's letter, something that has fallen by the wayside for our chapter in recent years. We will also be working on making the OA meetings more interactive, and more fun! We will also be looking to find some service opportunities for the upcoming spring season (if it ever really comes). We have already planned on working at the *Salute the Troops Half Marathon* again and hope to continue our job last year of maintaining a water station. Hope to see you at OA events and meetings.

**Spencer Starks, Witcawa Chapter Chief**



# KON WAPOS LODGE

## BAY-LAKES COUCNIL #635 WI-MI

### LODGE CALENDAR

2014

#### April

- 4-6: NLS/NLATS, Parkville, MO  
11-13: Section COC, GDC  
25-27: Spring Conclave  
Bear Paw Scout Camp,  
Mountain, WI  
26: Rokilio Experience, CSW Rök

#### May/June

- 10: Rokilio Experience, CSW Rök  
30-1: Spring Conference  
Rokilio, BPSC  
6-8: Spring Conference  
Twin Lakes, Gardner Dam,  
Hiawatha

#### August

- 7-14: CR American Indian Seminar,  
Indiana  
15-17: Fall Conference  
Hiawatha, BPSC  
17-23: ArrowPower<sup>2014</sup>, Haugen, WI  
22-24: Fall Conference  
GDC, Rokilio, Twin Lakes

#### September

- 12-14: Section Conclave, BPSC

#### October

- 10-12: NLS/NLATS, Camp Lake, WI  
17-19: Fall Conclave, BPSC

## CHAPTER MEETING INFORMATION

**Anikwa Chapter**– 1st Thursday of the month, LDS Church, West Bend, 7PM

**Beshkno Chapter**– 2nd Thursday of the month, Lakeshore Tech, Cleveland, 7PM

**Mahng Chapter**- *Contact Chapter Chief, Wes Matteson, for details.*

**Mahwow Chapter**– 2nd Tuesday– Our Saviors Lutheran Church– Marinette 7PM

**Mekek Chapter**– 3rd Sunday of the month alternating between Zion Lutheran Church,  
Oshkosh and Berlin Senior Center 6PM

**Muk Chapter**- 2th Thursday of the month Grace Lutheran Church, Green Bay 7PM

**Wesmianiw Chapter**– 2nd Thursday of the month, Fox Valley Tech, Appleton, 7PM

**Witcawa Chapter**– 1st Thursday of the month at North Fond du Lac Community Center  
7PM

## Lodge Adviser's Minute

Being a member of the Order of the Arrow offers many opportunities for fun and adventure, but you have to get involved to experience it. You can find it in your chapter, lodge, section, region and nationally. Doing things with your fellow Arrowmen is a recipe for fun and adventure. Get involved with your chapter, and you're bound to make new Scouting friends. Attend meetings and help with chapter service projects, participate in chapter activities, assist with unit elections, join the ceremonies team and more. Make plans now to attend a spring conference with your chapter. Ordeal members can seal their membership in the OA as brotherhood members. The next chance for lodge fun and fellowship will be the Spring Conclave at Bear Paw. If you haven't registered yet, go to the Bay-Lakes website and register for this first ever Kon Wapos Spring Conclave.

Looking for some adventure this summer? Consider participating in ArrowPower 2014 in August. It's going to be an outstanding event in northwest Wisconsin conducting service projects along the St. Croix River and having some fun.

If you are looking to expand your leadership skills in the Order of the Arrow, think about attending a National Leadership Seminar. Adults can be considered for the National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar. Talk to your lodge chief or contact the lodge adviser to be considered as a representative from Kon Wapos Lodge.

But wait, there's more. We'll have fall conferences at 5 Bay-Lakes camps in August, host the Section Conclave in September at Bear Paw and hold the first ever Kon Wapos Fall Conclave at Bear Paw in October.

You can find more information at the Bay-Lakes Council website at [www.baylakesbsa.org](http://www.baylakesbsa.org) or you can follow this link: <http://www.baylakesbsa.org/leader-resources/order-of-the-arrow/52785>.

You'll find registration for the Spring Conclave, Spring Conferences and more.

And, it's not too early to make plans to attend the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Order of the Arrow at the National Order of the Arrow conference in 2015 at Michigan State University. Watch for more details. Soon, you'll be able to register to hold a spot. We're going to have a large contingent from the lodge and you'll want to be a part of this historic, fun, exciting, outstanding, stupendous event!

**Mike Mailand**, *Lodge Adviser*

## Staff Adviser's Minute

Despite what the weather looks like outside it is spring and that means that outdoor programs are starting to kick back off. In a couple of short weeks we will be having our first Kon Wapos Lodge Spring Conclave. Only time will tell if we will earn our Polar Bear that weekend, I'm hoping not. Then after that we have Spring Conclaves to prepare our camps for summer camp. If you have not already check out the Kon Wapos page on the Bay-Lakes Council site by at [clicking here](#). From there you can find out about all the cool upcoming events and find some resources like our planbook, and past additions of the Natowa. So check out the page and while you are there, sign up for some of our upcoming event.

**Mike Alberts**, *Kon Wapos Lodge Staff Adviser*



## Your New Brothers WILL Need You!

Greetings, Brothers!

You will soon have many new Brothers in our great and honored Order. Some may not even know yet; but I can assure you, they will need YOU to guide them, to serve as a friend. They will need you, yes, YOU, to serve as an Elangomat at Spring Conference this year. As an Elangomat, you will go through the Ordeal with a clan of Scouts elected to the Order in your Chapter, and help them in understanding the higher purpose of the Ordeal through your actions. Contact your Chapter Chief if you are interested in being an Elangomat.

**Andrew Reicher**, *NIMAT/Elangomat Chair*

## Where's Waldo? The Flap and Shout-outs!

Our lodge flap is hidden somewhere in the newsletter. Find its location, and send an email to [konwapos.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:konwapos.secretary@gmail.com). Everyone that responds before the next edition is released will get a shout-out in the next edition!

There is an example of what it looks like to the right.

Nota Bene: The flap is not on a uniform. Also, I will admit that last month's location was hard to find, so this month is a little easier.

Last months winner: Scott Ascher

Happy Hunting!

**Preston Podolske**, *Lodge Secretary*



## Cheerful Service at its Best

The event we've been waiting all year for is coming, but is really only right around the corner. Spring Conference will be the first of two gatherings for your chapters this year, and is bound to be full of fellowship and fun. But let's not forget what brought us all here: the drive to be a better person, to think about giving rather than to receive, and to sacrifice yourself and your own enjoyment to allow others to enjoy.

This year there will be a unique variety of work done to help scouts achieve a fun summer, with several projects already in the works for Spring Conference. At Gardner Dam, the steps leading to Lower Bridge will be getting a needed facelift, with a wooden deck that can be used for Ecology-related merit badges. There will be some reconstruction at Camp Rokilio as well on an old OA bowl on the north side of camp. There will also be some renovations done for Bear Paw's OA bowl.

This year we will be in need of more projects to do, other than the usual preparation for summer camp. If you have an idea for a meaningful, practical project to do at any one of our council's camps this Spring or Fall, send an email to [konwapos.service@gmail.com](mailto:konwapos.service@gmail.com) with your idea within the coming weeks. Thanks for your continued service within the lodge!

**Alex Pilmore**, *Service Chair*

# NOAC 2015

Have you ever wanted to attend a National event? Well this is your chance! NOAC is August 3-8, 2015 at Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI. NOAC is a National Jamboree, but for OA.

Registration for the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is now open on the Council website. Click [here](#) to register. With registration, you will have to pay a \$50 deposit, or pay in full. The full cost is \$475 plus transportation (to be decided at a later date).

This is an opportunity to meet over 10,000 Arrowmen from across the country; don't let it pass you by.

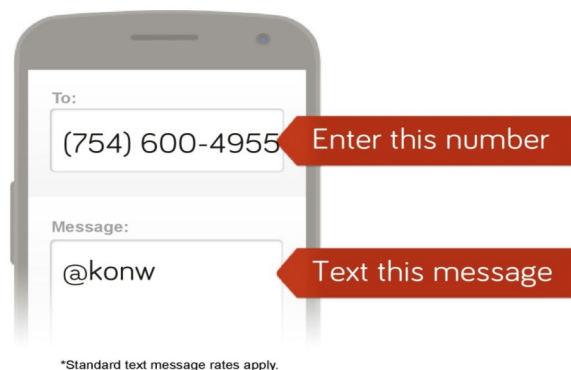
If you need another reason to go, each participant will receive a limited edition inverted sash, red with a white arrow. This is the ONLY opportunity to get one.



## How to sign up for Kon Wapos Lodge messages:

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To receive messages via text, text @konw to (754) 600-4955. You can opt-out of messages at anytime by replying, 'unsubscribe @konw'.



Or to receive messages via email, send an email to [konw@mail.remind101.com](mailto:konw@mail.remind101.com). To unsubscribe, reply with 'unsubscribe' in the subject line.



### WHAT IS REMIND101 AND WHY IS IT SAFE?

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Visit [www.remind101.com](http://www.remind101.com) to learn more.

## Introducing Remind101

Dear Arrowmen,

Meet Remind101! Remind101 is a great way for you to keep up with happenings in the Lodge. Remind101 is a free\* text messaging service. If you don't text, there is also an email option. The Lodge will use Remind101 to remind everyone of upcoming events and meetings. To prevent spamming, messages are limited to two per week, and will not be sent while you are sleeping.

\*standard message and data rates still apply

## Helping OA at Summer Camp

Greetings,

Have you ever wondered how everything OA-related at camp gets done? Well there is a Summer Chief ensure that the OA program at camp runs smoothly. From building fires to conducting Brotherhood Ceremonies, the Summer Chief gets quite busy. With their busy day, it's a good feeling when someone offers to help. If you ask a Summer Chief "Can I help you with anything?" not only are you fulfilling your Obligation, but you are also living out the Scout Law and Oath. The Summer Chief may not think of anything off the top of their head, but things you can do helps, no matter how large or small; opening doors, carrying boxes, helping at the cracker barrel, helping to clean the OA office, or getting ready for a ceremony, every little bit helps. So this summer when you are at camp, whether it's Bear Paw, Gardner Dam, or Hiawatha, don't hesitate to ask your Summer Chief how you can help.

Yours in Service,

2014 OA Summer Chiefs,

**Alex Derr**- *Bear Paw Scout Camp*

**Preston Podolske**- *Gardner Dam Scout Camp*

*TBA- Camp Hiawatha*

## Golden and Silver Arrow Registrations

### Golden Arrow

Michael Alberts  
Paula Ausloos  
Ryan Ballering  
Stephen Ballering  
Dan Becker  
William Bennett  
Gary Boldt  
Jeffery Boldt  
Diane Buechel  
George Corkin  
David Dahleen  
Devid DeLuka  
Harry Duescher  
Steve Forward  
James Goodwin  
Steven Gust  
David Hirn  
Kyle Hirn  
Austin Hollnagel  
James Hollnagel  
Al Jarosinski  
Mary Jarrett  
Stephen Johnston  
Shawn Keifenheim  
Warren Kraft  
Joseph Krentz

### Silver Arrow

David Kretzmann  
Don Kulibert  
Mark Logemann  
Michael Mailand  
Robert Maki  
Dale Opgenorth  
Tyler Opgenorth  
Preston Podolske  
Joseph Polheber  
Alex Pond  
Dan Pond  
Zach Porior  
Andrew Reicher  
Brian Reichert  
Joe Reichert  
Tyler Reiningger  
Chris Roberts  
Ty Siekert  
Keith Steiger  
Paul Verhagen  
Neil Walker  
Phil Wepner  
Bruce Williams

Connor Angst  
Mark Bachhuber Sr.  
Jonathan Klatt Sr.  
Michael Laes  
Patrick Laes  
Viktor Mudry  
Christopher O'Brien  
Allan Wagner  
Simon Wagner  
Adam Ziepke  
Jon Ziepke

## LEC Minutes

Have you ever wondered what happens at Lodge Executive Committee meetings? Or you are unable to attend them? Well, I have a solution for you! As the Lodge Secretary, I take notes at the LECs and publish the summary of the meetings (called minutes) every month. Stay tuned to the newsletter and Facebook for minutes from all of the LECs.

[Click/tap here](#) for the March 2014 LEC minutes.

Yours in Brotherhood,

**Preston Podolske**, *Lodge Secretary*