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Section W-6P NEWSLETTER

2018 Conclave Update!

I hope you are all as excited for Conclave as I am! For our very first ever Conclave hosted by Achpateuny Lodge, the theme will be, “Forging the Bonds of Brotherhood”!

Brothers! With the 2018 Section W-6P Conclave just around the corner, I am thrilled to notify you! Supplementary to our theme of “Forging the Bonds of Brotherhood”, we will have many fun and educational activities including, welding and coin/regalia making. Moreover, we are honored to have the opportunity to host our Western Region Chief, Jordan Jefferis. Jordan will be leading a training and a “Meet the Man” session. Furthermore, on site at the Conclave, along with the participant patch, there will be a chance to purchase the “Section Chief Patch”. This patch will be a limited edition option. Proceeds of this patch will go into the Section W-6P’s budget, so we can host more amazing Conclaves. In conclusion brothers, I look forward to seeing you all in Tama Hills, Japan.

Mike Perry, Section Secretary

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NPM Reflection

At the end of 2017, I was given the opportunity to attend the 2017 OA National Planning Meeting (NPM). NPM is a three day long event where all the section chiefs from around the nation gather to do two important tasks, electing our new national chiefs, and starting to plan for the OA's program of emphasis. The first night, and following morning of the event was dedicated to national chief elections. Elections for National Chief and Vice Chief lasted until 1am. When we finally left the voting room we had elected Anthony Peluso as our new National Chief and Michael Kipp as National Vice Chief. The following morning the Western Region elected Jordan Jefferis as our new Western Region Chief. The rest of the conference was dedicated to the planning of the national program of emphasis. This years program of emphasis is the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). NOAC is a national event where thousands of OA members from around the nation meet to participate in trainings, activities, and watch national shows. All the section chiefs were separated into different committees and planning began.

The event was a whole new experience for me. It was amazing to see so many fellow brothers from around the nation with the same goal of making the OA better. It was a great bonding moment for the Western Region, and was a great experience for me to meet other section chiefs to see how they lead their own sections.

Maceo Cantu, Section Chief

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Achpateuny, Host Lodge

A Solid Year of OA Achievements in Achpateuny!

First, I would like to thank everyone who worked hard and put in the extra hours to make a solid Order of the Arrow (OA) program for both the youth and adults in the Achpateuny Lodge, 2017 was an awesome year of progress in the Achpateuny Lodge and regardless of the loss of many key youth and adult leaders who had left Asia and moved back to the USA, we managed to retain our Journey to Excellence (JTE) Gold status. That in itself, I find, is already quite an achievement for a brotherhood wherein countries are separated by various seas. Among many of our achievements last year, the following I find are the most notable:

- 12 Troops earned Unit of Excellence
- 94 new Ordeals in 8 different countries
- 57 new Brotherhood members in 7 different countries
- 9 Vigil Honors were bestowed upon members
- 2 Founder's Awards were presented

Second, Achpateuny Lodge had the amazing honor of being the Host Lodge, for the National Leadership Seminar (NLS) presented by the Western Region. The event was a huge success and included 32 NLS participants from 5 different countries, and majority of which, flew in to Japan specifically to undergo training and interact with their Brothers from the Lodge and the Section. Brothers in a lodge that is separated by seas rarely see each other as is, however, it was pleasing to see that we all got along with one another and made lasting friendships and memories. Thanks to the amazing Western Region staff for putting on a great training and making the trip worth it for all involved!

Finally, we are excited to be hosting, for the first time ever, the annual W-6P Section Conclave here in Achpateuny Lodge at Tama Hills, Tokyo, Japan this coming April from the 20th to 22nd of 2018. The event is spearheaded by our very own Lodge Vice-Chief, Surya Sriram, as the Conclave chairman, working with the Section Officers of W6P. The chosen theme that was voted upon by the Council of Chiefs is "Forging the Bonds of Brotherhood." To further emphasize the theme, we had decided to include activities that literally involve 'forging', such as, coin casting and welding. Other activities for those not keen on forging include: regalia making and physical activities like capture the flag. The Conclave training modules we have decided upon will focus on the challenges of the Order of the Arrow that are commonly encountered overseas in the Lodge and Section. It has been whispered on the winds that some tend to refer to Achpateuny as a mini-section, due to the vast distance and spread of the countries that operate under the same Council and Lodge. Due to this, we encounter challenges that other geographically connected Lodges would never even fathom and would love to share with our Brothers from Hawaii about how we do our best to overcome the challenges and foster communication and participation across multiple borders and seas. We will Forge the Bonds of Brotherhood and Decide Our Destiny in 2018!

Sidney Killick, Achpateuny Lodge Chief

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Western Region Gathering

In October of 2017 our 3 youth Section leadership and the Section W-6P advisor, Mr. Ishizu, were given to opportunity to travel to Larkspur, Colorado for the Western Region Gathering(WRG). During the weekend, many trainings and valuable lessons were taught. The WRG schedule is posted below :



2017 WESTERN REGION GATHERING

Ponderosa Retreat & Conference Center
October 27-29, 2017 - Larkspur, CO

| FRIDAY | | | |
|-----------------|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2:00-6:30pm | Check-in, lodging assignments, medical forms | Glenn Chapel (2) | All |
| 2:00-6:30pm | Recreation Activities | | All |
| 6:30-7:30pm | Dinner (field uniforms) | Fleming Dining Hall (6) | All |
| 7:30-8:00pm | Welcome & Introductions | Glenn Chapel (2) | All Lopez, Christiansen, Rosamond |
| 8:00-9:00pm | Section Officers 101 | Glenn Chapel (2) | All Lopez |
| 9:00-10:00pm | Moving the Needle | Glenn Chapel (2) | All Takeshita |
| 10:00-10:30pm | Crackerbarrel | Pike's Peak 1st Floor (11) | All |
| 11:00pm | Lights out | | All |
| SATURDAY | | | |
| 7:30am | Rise and shine! | | All |
| 8:00-8:30am | Breakfast | Fleming Dining Hall (6) | All |
| 8:30-9:30am | The Art of Communicating | Glenn Chapel (2) | All McCaffery & Leier |
| 9:30-11:00am | LINK: Increasing Unit Elections | Glenn Chapel (2) | All Lee |
| 11:00am-12:00pm | SURGE Your Section | Glenn Chapel (2) | All Rodgers, Palmer, Francis |
| 12:00-1:00pm | Lunch | Fleming Dining Hall (6) | All |
| 1:00-1:30pm | Group Photos | | All Miller |
| 1:30-2:00pm | OA High Adventure | Glenn Chapel (2) | All Sommers |
| 2:00-3:00pm | Organizing Relevant Conclave Training | Glenn Chapel (2) | All Metscher |
| 3:00-4:00pm | Chat with the Chairman | Pike's Peak 1st Floor (11) | Youth Christiansen |
| 3:00-4:00pm | Section Nuts & Bolts: Finances, JTE, Policies, etc. | Glenn Chapel (2) | Advisers Malaney & Topkis |
| 4:00-5:30pm | The Gentleman Chief | Cherry 3rd Floor (14) | Chiefs Lopez |
| 4:00-5:30pm | Finding Your Role | Pike's Peak 3rd Floor (11) | Vice Chiefs Metscher & Linch |
| 4:00-5:30pm | Region Comms & Section Newsletter Workshop | Pike's Peak 1st Floor (11) | Secretaries McCaffery & Leier |
| 4:00-5:30pm | Adviser Roundtable | Glenn Chapel (2) | Advisers Christiansen & Dukeman |
| 5:30-6:30pm | Dinner | Fleming Dining Hall (6) | All |
| 6:30-7:30pm | Conclave Showcase | Glenn Chapel (2) | All Lopez |
| 7:30-8:30pm | Section Officers & Advisers Breakout | Glenn Chapel (2) | Sections |
| 7:30-8:30pm | Region Committee Meeting | Pike's Peak 1st Floor (11) | Committee Christiansen |
| 8:30-9:30pm | Teambuilding Activity: Blacklight Dodgeball | Gym (1) | Youth Lopez |
| 8:30-9:30pm | Networking & Solutions Forum | Pike's Peak 1st Floor (11) | Advisers Mayfield & Johnson |
| 9:30-10:30pm | Crackerbarrel Campfire | Allison Pavilion (3) | All |
| 11:00pm | Lights out | | All |
| SUNDAY | | | |
| 7:30am | Rise and shine! | | All |
| 8:00-8:30am | Breakfast | Fleming Dining Hall (6) | All |
| 8:30-9:00am | Scout's Own | Glenn Chapel (2) | All Sommers |
| 9:00-10:00am | Moving the Needle: Follow-up | Glenn Chapel (2) | All Takeshita |
| 10:00-10:30am | Closing Session | Glenn Chapel (2) | All Lopez, Christiansen, Rosamond |
| 10:30-11:00am | Teardown, Cleanup, Pack | | All |
| 11:00am | Depart from site | | All |

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Western Region Gathering Continued...

Over the weekend of October 27-28, 2017, dozens of section chiefs, vice chiefs, secretaries, and advisers from all around the Western Region gathered in Larkspur, Colorado to develop a quality program for the region's arrowen. Your section leadership met people from all around our region: people came from places distant as Seattle, WA an hour El Paso, TX and everywhere in between. It was amazing to meet so many model scouts, who shared our passion for the Order of the Arrow, as well as hear about the successes of the program all around the country. There were many inspiring trainers, such as Manué Lopez, the 2017 Western Region Chief, who attended our conclave. The trainer that stood out was Clint Takeshita, an adviser from Area 3, whose "Moving the Needle" session was transformative, in that it called us to take action proactively to improve our section. The section that "moved the needle" the most, or made the most progress, won prizes. The best part about the experience was making connections with the other chiefs, vice chiefs, and secretaries. Our group chats are still active, and I got the opportunity to meet up with several of my fellow Vice Chiefs over Winter Break: Tyler Grey, from Section W-4N and Wyatt Griggs, from Section W-4S. I also saw Jorge Salazar, the W-4N Chief. I hope that these connections will last into the future.

Devin Hartzell, Vice Chief



OA at the National level!

Using National Resources! The OA website offers many advantageous Unit, Chapter and Lodge Support links. Link for the OA website :

<https://oa-bsa.org>

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Furthermore, the Guide for Unit Elections for Success! How your Election Team interacts with the Troops, can and will affect the Scoutmasters decision upon sending his or her scouts to the OA.

The guide includes,

1. Sample Letter Announcing Unit Elections: Use this to email the Troop Leaders - Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters, and the Troop Committee Chair.
2. Unit Elections Rules and Procedures.
3. Unit Elections Frequently Asked Questions: Max # of adults that can be nominated? Answers are here.
4. Unit Election Team Training.
5. Unit Election Team Checklist: One of your most important tools!
6. Unit Elections Ceremony.
7. Unit Election Report.
8. Unit Election Evaluation Form.
9. Adult Candidate Nomination Form.
10. Sample Letter to Parents of Candidates.

Link: <https://oa-bsa.org/resources/publications/guide-to-unit-elections>

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Social Media

Brothers! Section W-6P has multiple social media pages up and running! Our website, www.sectionw6p.org/, our Instagram, @sectionw6p and our Facebook account, Section W-6P, Order of the Arrow. These are great ways for everyone to easily get the information we're putting out. So Brothers, with the Conclave just around the corner, are you going to be a part of MAKING HISTORY at the first ever Conclave in the Far East? REGISTER NOW.... while you still can at : www.oa803.org



The poster features a central graphic of a stylized arrowhead with a green and white circular logo in the center. The text '2018 SECTION W6P CONCLAVE' is written along the left edge of the arrowhead, and 'TOKYO JAPAN' is written along the bottom edge. The background of the poster is a dark, starry night sky with silhouettes of trees at the bottom.

2018 w6P Section Conclave

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