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*Jaccos Towne Lodge Newsletter*



JACCOS TOWNE CAC

## INCLUDES...

Lodge Chief's Talking Feather, NOAC 2015, Fish Fry info, Spring Fellowship, Winter Gathering recap, Adviser's Corner, Vigil Nominations, 2015 Otter Pass info, and a word from the editor.

## LODGE CHIEF'S TALKING FEATHER

Brothers, as you probably all know, we are just now in the very beginnings of our Centennial Year. With Section Conclave and ArrowTour both coming to our own Lodge, and NOAC getting closer every day, we have so much to look forward to. This is a very exciting year, not just for us as an Order, but for Jaccos Towne Lodge. I don't know how many of you live-streamed the NOAC theme announcement on December 28, but I did, and it spoke to me quite a lot. The last two NOACs have had themes building up to this year's theme of *It Starts with Us*. Before announcing the theme itself, last year's National Vice Chief was speaking about one of the important lessons that we as an Order want to instill with this year's National Conference. That lesson struck me not only as being very profound, but also as a challenge that we should all consider not only for this Centennial Year, but for the rest of our lives. That lesson, that simple and profound idea, is that *We create tomorrow with action today*. While that is a simple phrase, it is incredibly powerful. It means that our actions are creating the world we are going to live in. With every action that we make in the world today, we are building the world of our future. And while I could go on forever

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JACCOS TOWNE LODGE'S



February 7, 2015

**Lodge Fish/Chicken Fry Fundraiser**

Camp Belzer 4:00pm – 7:00pm

February 15, 2015

**Lodge Executive Committee Meeting**

Camp Belzer at 2:30pm

March 13-15, 2015

**Spring Fellowship**

Camp Ransburg

March 15, 2015

**Lodge Executive Committee Meeting**

Camp Ransburg at 10:00am

April 12, 2015

**Vigil Selection Committee Meeting**

Golden-Burke Scout Center at 3:00pm

April 17-19, 2015

**Section C6A Conclave**

Camp Belzer



## Talking Feather

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about how this applies to us shaping our Lodge program to make the year better, but it's important that we take away more than just an Order of the Arrow message from this idea. We need to recognize that every action we take in our lives builds a world where we will have to make new decisions. These decisions that we make today will shape our lives forever.

To that end, I challenge you, my brothers, to make the right decision in every circumstance. No matter how trivial the task, I exhort you to choose to do your best. I urge you to use the Scout Oath and Law, as well as the Obligation as your decision points. These are not just empty words that we say once a week or once a month, but they are promises we make to ourselves and to our brothers about how we are going to live our lives. If our actions today are guided by the Scout Oath and Law, then at the end of the day, we can sleep easy knowing that we have stood by our principles, and when tomorrow comes, we can face the day knowing what kind of person we each want to be.

Yours in Scouting,  
Robby Kile



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up-to-date information  
about lodge activities!

## Lodge Adviser's Corner

**1915-2015** – the Order of the Arrow has been in existence for 100 years – a century of service to Scouting and the community. This is a time for reflecting on our past and looking forward to the next 100 years.

We are really a young lodge, formed in 2003 when the Wabash Valley Council merged with the Crossroads of America Council. Several of our chapters were once lodges and have preserved their traditions. As part of the centennial project, one of our Arrowmen is compiling a written history of our lodge. We won't lose sight of our past.

The lodge submitted a request to have ArrowTour 15 make a stop at one of our council camps. That request was approved and National OA will be bringing a bit of NOAC to Camp Belzer on Wednesday, July 15. Stay tuned for details.

Another event that you won't want to miss is the Section C6A Conclave that Jaccos Towne Lodge is hosting at Camp Belzer in April. The theme is *In the Spirit of the Past*.

*It Starts With Us* is the theme of the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference. Each of us – youth and adult – has the ability to make a difference, whether serving in our unit, district, lodge, council, or community. It is why we were chosen to the Brotherhood. Chief Robby Kile and the lodge officers will need your commitment and participation to achieve the goals they've set to make a difference. The next century starts with us . . .

Yours in the Wimachtendienk,

Anne Phillips

## From the Editor

**M**y name is Justin Reis. I am a 19-year-old sophomore at Indiana University, and I am Jaccos Towne Lodge's Vice Chief of Communications and Vigil Chairman. I am an Eagle Scout from Troop 232 in Pendleton, Indiana, part of Sakima District. I have been in the lodge for going on 7 years now and have been actively participating in lodge events the entire time. I am an avid ceremonialist, and my team and I have done the Ordeal ceremony for the lodge the past two years in a row. Being that I am about to turn 20, this will unfortunately be my only term as an officer of the lodge. Having only been an officer a month now, I really wish I would've gotten into it sooner. If there's one thing I could tell incoming Arrowmen, I would tell them that if they want to become an officer in the lodge or even just chip in and help out with one of our four yearly events, I highly encourage it. The end feeling of something going really well, and knowing that you were part of the reason why it went so well, is a truly amazing feeling.

# Centennial Anniversary National Order of the Arrow Conference 2015

The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is the premier event of the Order of the Arrow and is Scouting's second-largest national event. Around 15,000 Arrowmen from across the nation will gather to celebrate our order's centennial!

NOAC 2015 will be at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan from August 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Participants will receive a patch that can be worn on your uniform and a special red sash.

Our Lodge's contingent is now full. We are proud to say our lodge will be 42 strong at NOAC with another 23 members on NOAC staff!

*Please help the NOAC Contingent by supporting the Fish/Chicken Fry and the NOAC patch sales!*

## Jaccos Towne Lodge Trader Patches and Fundraiser Patches



Trader Patch Sets



Fundraiser Flaps

Available at Lodge Events & the Indianapolis Scout Shop



## All-You-Can-Eat Fish/Chicken Fundraising Dinner (Dan's Fish Fry, Inc.)

Saturday, February 7 ■ Camp Belzer ■ 4-7PM

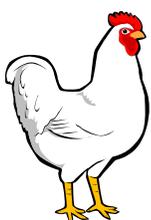
\$10 adult in advance / \$11 at the door

\$5 children in advance / \$6 at the door (age 6-12, 5 & under are free)



Tickets will be available at January Roundtables, OA Winter Gathering, University of Scouting, Trade-O-Ree, or by contacting Dee Baskerville at [deebaskerville@comcast.net](mailto:deebaskerville@comcast.net).

Come out and help support the Order of the Arrow contingent to the National OA Conference at Michigan State University from August 3-7!  
Sides: Baked Beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Potato Chips, Cole Slaw, Fruit Cocktail  
Other: Peanut butter & Jelly, Lemonade, Desserts



## Section C6A Conclave at Camp Belzer in April

The 2015 Section C-6A Conclave celebrating the centennial of our Order will be hosted by Jaccos Towne Lodge at Camp Belzer April 17-19, 2015. The theme is ***"In the Spirit of the Past."***



Each individual attendee will need to register separately. Registration cost is \$35.00 for youth and adult if completed by April 3, 2015. After this date the cost will be \$45.00. For more information or to register for the Conclave, go to the Section C6A website at [www.oasectionc6a.org](http://www.oasectionc6a.org)

### **Conclave Patch Auction**

Did you know anyone can participate in the Section Patch Auction at Conclave? Did you know you can make a few dollars from the auction while you help the Section and clean out your old Scout items, camping items, etc.? Learn more how you can participate as a seller or a bidder at the Section C-6A Patch Auction by going the Section Conclave page at [www.oasectionc6a.org](http://www.oasectionc6a.org) For those who are selling items, you need to pre-register the items you will be selling! See the website for information. There will be a silent auction, a live auction, and many items will be youth bidders only!

## Vigil Nominations



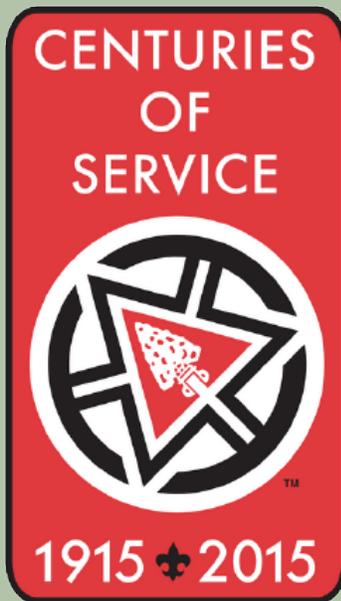
The Vigil Honor is reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions **beyond** the immediate responsibilities of their position or office to one or more of the following: their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their Scout Camp. Candidates must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America AND dues-paid members of the Lodge. To nominate someone for the Vigil Honor, the nominator must fill out and submit a completed National Vigil Petition AND a Vigil Guide Form.

All Nomination and Vigil Guide forms are due at the March LEC. Please submit them to either the Vigil Chair ([vigilchair@jaccostownelodge.org](mailto:vigilchair@jaccostownelodge.org)) or Erik Wickizer ([vigiladviser@jaccostownelodge.org](mailto:vigiladviser@jaccostownelodge.org)).

The Vigil Selection Meeting will start at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, April 12th. All Chapters are asked to send two members who are not eligible for Vigil, preferably one who is already a Vigil. The committee would like the names of these Arrowmen by the March LEC.

Forms are available on the Lodge website at: [www.jaccostownelodge.org](http://www.jaccostownelodge.org).

## Centennial Arrowman Service Award



The Arrowman Service Award (ASA) was released as an opportunity for Arrowmen to commemorate the Order's centennial anniversary and deepen their participation in the 2015 celebration. To earn the award, an Arrowman must complete three categories of criteria with various requirements. These categories are personal growth, Scout service and 100th events. Each contains a required task and then several other requirements to choose from, so that Arrowmen have options when completing the award. Requirements forms are available on the lodge's website at: [www.jaccostownelodge.org](http://www.jaccostownelodge.org). Please be aware that there are different forms for youth and adults so make sure you use the correct one!

Completed forms may be turned in to Chapter Advisers or the Lodge Adviser.

The LEC has voted to give one centennial Arrowman Service Award patch to each Arrowman in the lodge who earns it. This patch is meant to be worn on the sash and is the only patch so authorized!

# Jaccos Towne Lodge

## Winter Gathering

On the weekend of January 9-11, 2015, Winter Gathering was held at Camp Belzer. It was a great weekend full of informational session spanning retaining membership to Native American music and storytelling.

We hosted a special guest, Teresa Webb, who came and shared with us some of the stories of her native people. For pictures, check out our Facebook page at Jaccos Towne.

We also had live music from the Native American flute band, **Heart Wind**. Over all, the weekend was a great success!



## 2015 OA Dues

Are your 2015 Order of the Arrow dues paid? Dues may be paid online, or you can download the form and pay at any lodge event or the Scout shops.



## Ordeals Coming!

Most, if not all, chapters have an Ordeal in May! Check the lodge calendar or contact your chapter for dates and locations!

## Spring Fellowship



Spring Fellowship will be held at Camp Ransburg from March 13-15, 2015. All Arrowmen are encouraged to attend for fellowship and fun! There will be ceremonial competitions and LEC.

Lodge Chief Robby Kile has issued a special challenge to encourage attendance at Fellowship: if there are more than 100 registered Arrowmen including at least 75 youth, Robby will shave his beard off at the event! (#RobbyShaves)

Cost of the event is \$25. Registration information is available on the lodge website at [www.jaccostownelodge.org](http://www.jaccostownelodge.org).

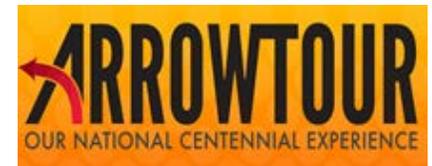
## Lodge-Eagle Scout Council Strip

Available now at Lodge events! \$5.00 each 1 per eagle scout member in good standing with the lodge.



## ArrowTour

ArrowTour will be an amazing opportunity whether you're an OA member, a member in the Scouting community, or just a supporter of the Boy Scouts of America. Now is your chance to be a part of the centennial anniversary of the Order of the Arrow in your local area. ArrowTour will visit Camp Belzer on July 15<sup>th</sup>! Save the date and plan on visiting ArrowTour this summer!



Staff opportunities are available for ArrowTour. Please visit <http://arrowtour.oa-bsa.org/> for more information.

## Unit Elections

It is Unit Elections time! Make sure your Troop or Team holds its OA election as soon as possible. Youth election forms and adult nomination forms may be found on the Lodge website. They are fillable PDFs.

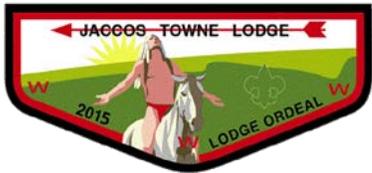
For more information or to submit completed forms contact the elections committee at: [elections@jaccostownelodge.org](mailto:elections@jaccostownelodge.org).

To nominate an adult, units must elect at least one youth and turn in nomination and election forms by the LEC on March 15, 2015.

2015 Otter Passes are still for sale! See registration at any of our events to purchase!



# OTTER PASS 2015



**Otter Pass 2015 cost is \$100.**

Benefits include:

- 2015 dues
- Registration fees for 2015 Lodge Events:
  - Winter Gathering
  - Spring Fellowship
  - Lodge Ordeal\*
  - LLD/Lodge Banquet
- Card and 2015 Otter Pass loop patch - special limited production patch available only to Otter Pass members
- The complete event patch set for the year
- Your health form maintained by the lodge for the year



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