

Torch Bearer of Klahican Lodge 331, Order of the Arrow

The Nendawen

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Finnin Elected Southern Region Chief

Nathan Finnin was elected as the Chief of the Southern Region at the Order of the Arrow's National Meeting in Dallas, Texas in late December. He has served as Lodge Chief of Klahican Lodge and most recently as the Chief of Section SR-7B.



Congratulations to Nathan on his new position

Annual Spring Fellowship & Lodge Leadership Development Course

March 15-17, 2002 – Camp Bowers

You are invited to attend the annual Spring fellowship. We will be preparing for Conclave by emphasizing our conclave theme and building spirit. There will also be the usual great food and fellowship.

In addition the lodge will be conducting the Lodge Leadership Development Course. This is a required course for anyone who is a lodge or chapter officer and recommended for any one who wishes to be an officer.

You will find a sign-up form in this Nendawen. Sign-up deadline is March 13.

United States Heritage Award

I would like to introduce you to the United States Heritage Award. It is a project that started about a year ago, and now is ready to share. The United States Heritage Award was designed by Scouts and adults to give youth recognition for learning about the heritage of the United States of America, and being involved. By completing the United States Heritage Award, it is hoped greater understanding and pride of nation will prevail. The award was created with scouts in mind, but it is open to be earned by any youth in the United States.

A medal and patch can be awarded to each youth that successfully completes the requirements for the award. All requirements may be completed with a unit, group, or individually. There is a silver medal for youth 6-10, and a gold medal for youth 11-18. (Adults also can earn the gold). More information, worksheets, and adult guides are available at www.nationstrails.com or email info@nationstrails.com

We have also started a listing of the nations historic trails on the site. Hopefully it is of use to other scouts, as it has been to us.

Yours in Service,

Kim Steadman

Marlboro, MA

Adviser's Minute

J. Corpening – Lodge Adviser

Dear Fellow Arrowmen,

Our Nation has been attacked. Our senses have been assaulted by the visions of the collapse of the World Trade Center buildings, the smoldering ruins of a section of the Pentagon, the debris covered fields of southern Pennsylvania, and the thousands of senseless deaths. We have each been touched in a terrible way by this tragedy, some in devastatingly personal ways. Our lives have been forever changed by these events, and I fear that we have only begun to see the changes.

At times like these I search for reason in the chaos, and find myself looking to fundamental principles that guide my life, for it is in the bedrock of our beings that we find strength, courage and perseverance that are so much in need during these days of our lives. Each of you share some of these fundamental principles, and I wanted to take this opportunity to share them with you, so that we might stand together, ever mindful of our obligations.

Meteu would have something appropriate to say at a time like this: "There should fall a solemn silence o'er the brothers in our circle, for their thoughts should now be centered on the noble goal and purpose that has called us all together." What are the noble goals and purpose that have called us together? First, we have sworn a duty to our God and our Country. Are these merely words we recite from memory or do they have true meaning in our lives? Our duty to God and Country are critical in these days. It is critical that we be ever mindful of God's role in our lives as we stand up for our Country and its leaders. It is critical that we stand up. Words from the song of Lee Greenwood made famous during Desert Storm leap into my mind, "I'll gladly stand up next to them and defend her still today, for there ain't no doubt I love this land, God bless the U.S.A." Stand up for God and Country, and do it today.

Second, we have sworn an obligation to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare

of others. It is time to ask ourselves what these words really mean. Each day we need to ask, "who needs us today," or "what can we do to help today." Whether it means giving of our time, our money, our blood, or anything else we may be called upon to give, I hope we remember to give unselfishly.

Third, we have sworn an obligation to always and faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow. Brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service are virtues which our country needs right now. We need to stand together against these challenges. We need to encourage our brothers to stand with us so that united we can be of greater service. If we set the example others will stand with us. Finally, we need to maintain a cheerful spirit, for it is weighty responsibilities that we now face.

Friends, those who chose you need you. Rise to meet each day with firm resolve. Influence your brothers. Be a leader. Remember Kitchkinet's words, "All the world may seem against you and the path seem dark and lonely. All your strength will be required when you face the isolation which a leader often faces.....Be you steadfast as the Polestar, self-reliant, undiscouraged." Remember that Uncas spoke up in our legend from the Leni-Lenape: "O my father, I am ready; send me on this gracious errand. If we would remain a nation, we must stand by one another. Let us both urge on our kindred firm devotion to our brethren and our cause. Ourselves forgetting, let us catch the higher vision. Let us find the greater beauty in the life of cheerful service."

"Who among you now is ready? Who will go upon this journey? You must choose." How apt these words are at this moment. Each of us must choose.

Yours in Service,

J. Corpening

Lodge Adviser Klahican Lodge #331

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The Nendawen

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Mar/Apr 2002	2/5/03

LEC Minutes at Winter Fellowship

At the LEC on 12/1/01 a few decisions were made. Now the Lodge Banquet is on November 15 so that the National Vice-Chief can come. We have also decided on a theme for Conclave 2002. It will be celebrate America to show the amount of patriotism within the United States in light of the September 11th tragedy. Finally the Fall Ordeal has been rescheduled for September 27-29

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Pavlovich

Lodge Secretary

NOAC Communications Staff Openings

The 2002 NOAC Communications Committee is seeking some highly motivated youth Arrowmen to

join its staff at this year's national OA conference. Communications staff will:

- Create the NOAC Live web site (expected to see over 30,000 hits a day)
- Compose the NOAC newspaper (distributed to 7,500 Arrowmen each day)
- Run the information booths (helping thousands make the most of NOAC)
- Broadcast live on NOAC Radio (reaching all of NOAC and beyond)
- Assist the Arrowmen Press Corps (getting NOAC news to media nationwide)

Youth Arrowmen with knowledge of or interest in communications are encouraged to apply to be a part of this year's NOAC staff. You can learn the best techniques for web site development, publishing, journalism, broadcast radio, or public relations. Several highly experienced adults will help you to produce great results using the latest tools. Only on Communications staff can you discover everything there is to know about NOAC. Apply online at www.noacregistration.com today to be a part of the NOAC Communications Committee!



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