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**TOM KITA CHARA**

**INTO THE AIR**

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Lodge #96 Order of the Arrow

Upcoming Events:

Winter Banquet  
January 4, 2020

Brotherhood Clinic  
April 4, 2020

TKC Lock-In  
April 4-5, 2020

Spring Work Trek  
May 1-3, 2020

TKC Officers:

Lodge Chief  
Matt D.

Vice Chief of Chapters  
Aaron W.

Vice Chief of Program  
Trevor P.

Vice Chief of Administration  
Drew M.

Winter Banquet

Winter banquet will be January 4th at St. Andrew Lutheran Church and will have a theme of Western so get on your cowboy hats and saddle up for a fun adventure! As a sign of gratitude, we ask that you bring a non-perishable food item to donate to their food pantry. We will also be taking donations for the new trading post/business and technology building. We are also taking in donations for the annual auction. We will also be having amazing activities for Winter Banquet provided by your chapters! Winter banquet will also be free for all 1st year Arrowmen who couldn't make it to fall conference.

Register online at [tkc.samoset.org](http://tkc.samoset.org)

LEAPING BUCK CLUB

It's back!

Membership in the Leaping Buck Club entitles you to admission to Winter Banquet, Fall Conference, Lock in and Spring Work Trek, including patches for all of these events . In addition, membership in the Leaping Buck Club includes your dues for the current year and the year round patch set, NOAC Rare Set and the Leaping Buck Club Pin.

Register online at [www.samoset.org/tkc](http://www.samoset.org/tkc).



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Lodge Calendar

December 8- LEC at Wausau Homes  
January 4- Winter Banquet and LEC  
January 24-26- Winter-COC  
February 9- LEC at Wausau Homes  
March 8- LEC at Wausau Homes  
April 4-5- Brotherhood Clinic/Lock in at Hanna  
April- 18 -Spring-COC  
May 1-3- Spring Work Trek  
August 2-8- NOAC  
August 21-23- Fall Conference  
September 18-20- Section Conclave

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# Chiefly Speaking



Lodge Chief, Matthew D.



Brothers,

It is truly an honor to be able to serve you as your Lodge Chief this year. I am beyond excited to see this year's Lodge Executive Committee organize fun and exciting activities for all of you to be a part of. Before we get to that, I would like to tell you a little about myself. I am currently a sophomore at UW-Stevens Point, studying Wildlife Education with a Minor in captive wildlife. Outside of my school-work, I love to play ultimate frisbee, in fact, I play ultimate frisbee for the UWSP ultimate team, "Homegrown."

On October 19th, the LEC and I had the pleasure of participating in the THRIVE national webinar. We listened to our national officers talk about the future of our Order and what our role as a lodge is to ensure the success of our organization as a whole. This will help us to improve our lodge and we even learned how other lodges run. The largest point I, and we as a lodge can take away from this Webinar, is although we are very successful there are always things to improve upon, one of which is getting all of you to events, especially our brand new ordeal members. So, we are working diligently to not only promote but also make our events the best they can be.

That being said, we have been working very hard to come up with fun themes and activities for all of our events. First of all will be Winter Banquet, at 4:00 pm on January 4, 2020, at St. Andrew's church. I hope to see all of you there for an evening of food, fellowship and most importantly, fun. After that, our next event will be the Brotherhood Clinic and Lodge Lock in at Hanna Venture Base at the Crystal Lake Scout Reservation. This event is designed to first at foremost, assist all ordeal members to seal their membership in our Brotherhood.

Following the clinic we will be holding our annual lodge lock-in in, there you can play fun games and get to know so many other Arrowman in our lodge.

I cannot wait to talk to all of you at these events and be able to work to make these the best lodge year yet!

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**Matthew D.**

## OA HIGH ADVENTURE

Do you need an escape from that 9-5 job, summer classes, or the monotony of staring out of your bedroom window longing for something new? If your answer is yes, the Order of the Arrow has the answer for you!

The Order of the Arrow provides opportunities for youth Arrowmen aged 14-21 to attend high adventure programs at all 4 of the national High Adventure bases for around 50% of the normal costs. From canoeing through the boundary waters to hiking at Philmont or snorkeling at Sea Base, the OA has a program for everyone. You will be spending 2 weeks on your trip, the first of which is spent building trails and working on other conservation projects and the second week you get to spend out enjoying everything the area has to offer. Additionally, our Section offers \$100 scholarships to offset costs for those who attend OAHA programs, to apply go to <https://central.oa-bsa.org/c1b/scholarship/>.



## Vice Chief of Program

Hello Tom Kita Chara Lodge!

I am excited to serve as your Vice Chief of Program for this Lodge year. I am ready and able to work with my chairs as well as the LEC to provide an excellent program for all Arrowmen. This is an exciting and important year! As young women enter our order we need to not only ensure an inclusive and supportive environment but also continue to provide a fun and rewarding program as we have for many previous years. I hope to have an excellent year and know that with the lodge's support I can continue to ensure excellent lodge years in the future.

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**Trevor P.**



## Vice Chief of Chapters

Hello All,

My name is Aaron and I will be serving on the LEC this year as your Vice Chief of Chapters. Just a little about myself, I am a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In the scouting world, I am an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member and a member of camp Tesomas Staff in years past. I hope to help my fellow LEC Members create the best lodge year TKC has ever had for all of you. With only three youth plus members on the LEC this year we have a young group with a lot of fresh new ideas so I hope you are all excited to see what we can do to make this year a frenzy of fellowship and fun for everyone from the ordeal to vigil. The LEC recently had Thrive, a national webinar, on October the 19th so we are all getting prepared for the changes that are coming to our order. One of the biggest things I would like our chapters to focus on is to have fun events to get arrow men interested in the order and keep growing our national honor society to those deserving of the recognition. I hope you all are as excited for the year as I am, and I hope to see you at Winter Banquet!

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**Aaron W.**

## Vice Chief of Administration

Hey there everybody! My name is Drew and I am your 2019-2020 Vice Chief of Administration. I am so excited about this upcoming year and I'd like to tell you about my plans.

This year we have a fantastic Administration Team or as I like to call them, A-Squad. Starting we have Cole M. for our ITA Chairman. He's the guy who puts together these newsletters and makes sure they look real nice before they get sent out. He and I are very excited to be rolling out some new changes in this ITA this year including the word search competition and the Arrowmen interview. Next is our merchandise chairman, Eli. For merchandise this year, we've already got some sweet patches for the 2020 NOAC drawn up and you'll be seeing them soon. Our year-round patch set this year is also pretty sweet and I'll let Eli talk about it in his article. After that, we have Dylan as our membership chairman. We are working on getting some online information corrected as well as coming up with some fun ideas to get everybody active. Lastly, we have Mike as our Planbook Chairman. We are working very closely to make sure all of the lodge's goals are polished. We will have the planbook for the 19/20 year on display at Winter Banquet. Mike is also working very hard on updating the Where to go Camping guide. We are also looking to display the finished product at Winter Banquet and once the guide is completed, we'd like to send a copy to every Troop in Samoset council.

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**Drew M.**



# BROTHERHOOD

Hello Tom Kita Chara, it's me your brotherhood chair, Kyle. I was tapped out in 2016 and earned my brotherhood a year later. I believe that it is important for all of the new ordeal members to do the same, this act shows your greater commitment to our lodge and the order. Nutiket says in the pre ordeal ceremony that the principles will each provide you with a challenge, to guide you on your quest. My challenge to all new ordeal members is to obtain your brotherhood as soon as you can. Nutiket also says that he will help you as far as a man may guide his brother. I will help you by putting on a brotherhood clinic on April 4th. At this great clinic, you will be given the opportunity to strengthen your commitment and learn about our order. I hope to see you there.

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Kyle L.



# INTO THE AIR

Hello Fellow Arrowmen,

Your ITA editor, Cole, is back again! I am from the Rib Mountain Chapter and a brotherhood member, but less about me! I hope you had a great time at the Fall Conference, with all of the fun, fellowship, and food, I don't know if I could believe that you didn't have a good time! Lately, I have been working on the ITAs studiously, and I would still like to meet my goal of getting all four ITAs out by the end of the year. I am looking to make it an honor of being featured in the ITA and not a nuisance. We are still working on ways to make the ITA a bit more "fun and entertaining", although I do believe I have a few ideas to accomplish this. Make sure to do the crossword puzzle in this article for a chance to win a prize of cash redeemable at the scout shop! I hope you have had a great start to 2019-2020 Lodge Year!

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Cole M.

# VIGIL CHAIR

Hello everyone,  
My name is Edward and I am this year's vigil honor chair. This year one of my main focuses will be bringing our brothers in the vigil honor together for a springtime weekend of fun, fellowship and service. I can't wait to see all our new and fellow Arrowmen at our events this year.

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Edward V.

# SERVICE

Hello Arrowmen,

My name is Benjamin and I am your 2019 2020 service chair. With this position, I hope to help our lodge fulfill one of its core principles of service. To do this I plan on having one lodge wide service project, as well as encouraging the chapters to perform and record their own service projects. As a lodge, we want to achieve 100 days of service.

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Benjamin P.

# MERCHANDISE

Hello Arrowmen,

I am Eli, your new merchandise chair. I am looking forward to making some gnarly year-round and NOAC patches for TKC. If you have any suggestions for merchandise let me know at Juncoscout@gmail.com. This is a phenomenal way for Arrowmen to get involved in the Order of the Arrow.

wWw  
Eli J.

# LODGE ADVISOR

Greetings fellow Arrowmen!

I would like to start by saying how excited I am to be your Lodge Adviser this year! Over the past several years I have served as one of your Associate Lodge Advisers working with Ben Wohlleber and Reid Rayome. Our advising team remains together sharing the passion we have for the Lodge with our young people.

At Fall Conference our members elected some very passionate and enthusiastic leaders. I look forward to working with them as they lead their dedicated committee chairmen through another successful year. There are many new faces both young and experienced joining the Lodge Executive Committee ready and willing to serve you and the Lodge this year. As we start our new Lodge year there are many areas of focus, continued service to the council and community, promote camping and unit relations and visitations. We need to ensure that the young people we serve remain active in their home units while providing additional opportunities for leadership development. It's my pleasure to report that Tom Kita Chara ranks among one of the best Lodges in the nation. The Lodge Executive Committee participated in the first national Order of the Arrow Webinar called, Thrive. This event, to determine the future of the Order of the Arrow discussed lodge performance based on election rate, induction rate, and activation rate. The bar is set high and we must maintain our performance levels which will require everyone's assistance.

Since of Fall Conference, our Lodge members have been very busy, we've attended section conclave, held our Lodge Officers Training Seminar, participated in the Thrive Webinar and we took a contingent of eleven members down to Beaumont Scout Reservation in High Ridge Missouri to attend Nation Leadership Seminar and Developing Youth Leaders Conference. As we look forward to other events, Winter Banquet is right around the corner on January 4th. The Winter Council of Chiefs and brotherhood clinic will be upon us quickly as well. I'm also very excited about the learning and fellowship opportunities the National Order of the Arrow Conference can provide to our members. This event will be held at Michigan State University next August, please sign up soon! I would like to thank our Past Lodge chief Edward Vaillancourt III and our Past Lodge Adviser Ben Wohlleber for their efforts leading us to another successful year. I would like to end with a quote from Ben when he was a lodge Chief, I believe it was true when he wrote it and I believe that is true today!

"Tom Kita Chara Lodge is the greatest Lodge in the nation, but not because of our top-notch ceremonies, dedicated members, or a great program. These things help drive us to the top, it is rather the "TKC Attitude" that makes our Lodge stand out. The willingness to serve our fellow man at any cost, the hard work put in by our ceremonialists to make sure all new members have a wonderful Ordeal experience, our sense of brotherhood and fellowship, and our cheerful smiles all are parts of TKC Attitude. If we can always remember to maintain this attitude, then Tom Kita Chara will continue to thrive for years and years. More than anything, it is our spirit that will continue to guide our Lodge into success, continuing to provide cheerful service for the good of all." Ben Wohlleber, Lodge Chief 2007

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Steve L.





# Chapter Updates

## AHDAWAGAM

Hello Arrowmen,

My name is Elliott and I am the Chapter Chief for Ahdwagam Chapter. So far we have had a meeting where we took care of some housekeeping items. In the coming year some of my goals are: to complete 100 hours of service for the chapter, to have one new merchandise item for our chapter, to have five people make it up to winter banquet, and to have elections and crossover ceremonies for as many troops and packs as are needed. I know that this year will be one of the best ever for our chapter.

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Elliot S.

***"An arrow is shot only by Pulling It Backwards. So if life is dragging you down keep your aim high and you will then be launched into something great." -Anonymous***

## NORTHWOODS

Hello everyone! My name is Conner and I have the privilege to serve this coming year as the Northwoods Chapter Chief!

The Northwoods Chapter is currently working on ideas for service projects as that is the main focus of the lodge for this year. One of the ideas is to set up a weekend event working on cleaning up and improving a portion of the ice age trail somewhere within our chapter! If anyone has ideas on projects or knows of someone who is looking for volunteers, please let me know. Opportunities for cheerful service can be around any corner.

Besides setting up this service project, we are setting up some fun fellowship days as well! The chapter is planning to host a bowling party in March after University of Scouting – stay tuned for more information! Let me finish with my main goal for the lodge year. I would like all members of the chapter to bring someone new to a chapter meeting this year. It is a great way to meet lots of new people and keep up with what both the chapter and the lodge have planned, along with your ideas to make this year the best we all can. We also have lots of information to pass along at these meetings and remember, anyone can be the unit representative and take back the dates and times to pass along your scoutmaster and leaders!

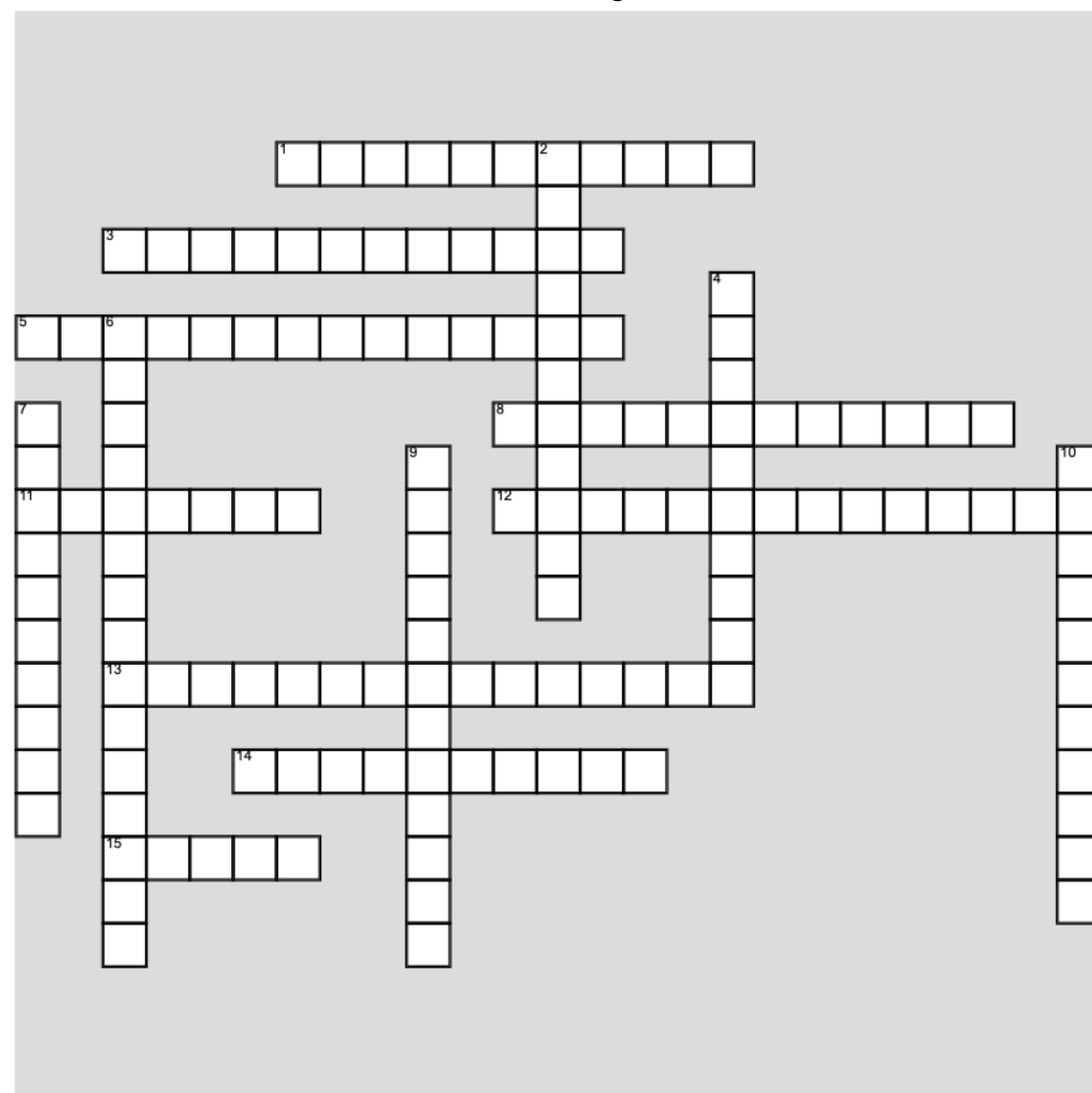
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Conner Z.

## RIB MOUNTAIN

Hello Brothers! My name is Taylor, and I am proud to introduce myself as the 2019-2020 Rib Mountain Chapter Chief! Although, that is enough about me, I hope everyone had a great start to the year! In the Rib Mountain Chapter, we are already thinking about some merchandise ideas, one idea being some mind-blowing stickers that you could slap on a bottle, or your buddies' forehead if you really want to. We are also currently looking into planning a few fun events to take part in. Besides this, we are adopting the idea of "every meeting must be fun", because of this, we have had an activity after each meeting as well as a snack to go with it. Recently, we had a pumpkin carving competition, which was great being able to see all the smiles! I hope we will have a great lodge year!

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Taylor H.

## Lodge History Trivia



### Across

- 1 Sash Merchandise
- 3 Award Given at Winter Banquet
- 5 Current Lodge Chief
- 8 TKC
- 11 CLSR Summer Camp
- 12 TKC Fall Event
- 13 Paid TKC Club
- 14 The First TKC Lodge Chief
- 15 OA Symbol

### Down

- 2 Current Lodge Advisor
- 4 Section TKC is in
- 6 Where was the OA Founded (There is a space, put L for the space)
- 7 TKC Newsletter
- 9 When was the Lodge Chartered (Month and Year)
- 10 Lodge Totem

## NOAC 2020

Have you been itching to do something with your summer but don't know what it is? Get ready for a blast at NOAC 2020! The 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. Over 10,000 Arrowmen from across our nation gather for an inspirational and unforgettable experience full of fellowship, training, adventure, and fun!

What does NOAC 2020 have to offer for attendees? Excellent training is offered every day on a wide variety of topics and interest areas by many outstanding trainers who are experts in their fields. In addition, attendees can attend or participate in ceremonial competitions (this is a great way for new and old ceremonialists to have fun and get better)! Opportunities to compete or watch dance competitions are another highlight of the conference. There will also be an outstanding evening show nearly every night in the MSU arena. Look for other first-time attendee opportunities that will be announced following the December 27-30 national planning meeting. Outdoor adventure provides lots of opportunities for interactive activities for your Arrowmen. Things like BMX bikes, rock climbing, regalia displays and so much more will be available at NOAC 2020! The food at Michigan State may be the best NOAC food ever!

Tom Kita Chara Lodge is currently taking \$150 deposits to reserve your spot for the conference. The conference fee will be \$700. Participation isn't limited and the lodge can take as many people that sign up! The deadline for sign-up is 6/1/20 and the event is from August 3rd to August 8th.

## ARROWMEN INTERVIEW

### Interview with Owen & Ben P.

#### What does being an arrowmen mean to you?

The three key points of order like service and fellowship are important to the order to making our order into what it is. You should be an exemplar scout showing the 3 key points then and try to be that guy that anyone can talk to. You should also recruit others to be in our order to expand it further.

#### What is your favorite thing to do in the order of the arrow?

The Activities bring people together in a fun way. No matter what you are doing you have fun with the people you are with and the order does a great job connecting with people. You connect with others that you would never have connected with without the order.

#### What is one thing that you would change about the order of the arrow?

We think that the chapter should try to set up a system to communicate with people. The ways we thought would be good is emails, group chats, remind (used in sports at school), Slack is an okay system we just need more training (maybe fall conference) on how to use it because most people didn't know how to use it. With more communication you can activate others easier.

#### Why is the OA important to you?

We remember when we were kids we saw the older kids have the totem and the sash and thinking that that was really cool and they wanted to be apart of it. We also think that the people are a big importance in it. It's good to give back and do service while having a fun time.

#### What could the Order have done better in the whole troop election to induction/activation?

Elections could be expanded on and do more than just do elections. Make talking points on why we do certain things because the video explained what it was "scouting's national honor society" just not why you should be a part of it.



## OJIBWA CHAPTER

Hello! I am Alex the 2019-2020 Ojibwa Chapter Chief. My honor level in the Order of the Arrow is Brotherhood. I am an Eagle Scout from Troop 388 in Stratford. I am looking forward to a great year in not only the chapter but in the lodge. Currently in Ojibwa we have some merchandise that turned out fantastic and will be represented well by our chapter. We also have some service project dates for the Winter Wonderland in Marshfield. Chapter Ojibwa is currently planning not only fun activities, but entertaining chapter meetings. Speaking of chapter meetings, our chapter meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in conjunction with the Marshfield Round Table. They are held at St. John's Catholic Church. If you have any questions at all email me at [ChapterOjibwa@gmail.com](mailto:ChapterOjibwa@gmail.com).

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Alex W.

## ACTIVITIES

Hi, my name is Matthew, but you can call me Chip. I am excited to serve as your activities chair this year. I am currently working on the planning for our upcoming winter banquet. The theme of the banquet is western, so grab your cowboy hats and ride on in for a banquet of fun, fellowship, and food. We are especially working on getting first-year arrow men who did not attend fall conference to join us this year. I hope to see all of my fellow arrowmen on January 4th for our banquet.

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Mathew K.

## PLANBOOK

I'm going to be real with you guys, I was not excited that much for this position at first, it just seemed like a lot of paperwork, and it is a lot of paperwork, BUT SO FAR I'M LOVING IT! The year so far is going great! The planbook is coming together and Where to go Camping 2020 Edition is going to be the best yet! I hope to see each and every one of you guys at Winter Banquet and if you want to go to a Water Park you can come to the Section's COC at the Kalahari Water Park in January!

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Mike B.

## MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Greetings Arrowmen,

My name is Dylan, and I am your 2019/2020 membership chairman of Tom Kita Chara Lodge. I was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in July of 2016, I am a brotherhood member and have had a few Order of the Arrow positions in the past.

I have a wide array of talents and hobbies, from finance and day trading to communication and computer programming. I plan to use some of these talents I have picked up over the years to help in analyzing situations and effectively communicating with our members. As the membership chair, my goal is to increase our membership and activity thus, I plan on distributing forms to collect and analyze data on how we could improve our lodge and lodge events. I also plan on updating the lodge with the correct information for some of our recently joined members.

Part of the update has already been completed by emailing and calling some members of the lodge. If you happened to receive an email or phone call from me or by volunteers, please do respond. In this update, I have had to communicate with our most recent lodge chief and vigil chairman Edward to work in Lodgemaster, our spreadsheet, for information on lodge membership. I hope to continue working in the Lodge Executive Committee and also hope to see you all at the upcoming brotherhood clinic and Winter Banquet.

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Dylan W.

