

# Pine Whispers

Spring 2015



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## Winter Dinner

Our lodge hosted our annual winter dinner on January 3rd at the McKinley in Endicott. It was a celebration of the past year's events, as well as the recognition of our lodge's 75th anniversary. A patch auction was held to raise money for the lodge. Furthermore, at the banquet, Family Court Judge Rick Miller enlightened all attendees upon the importance of scouting and the role it plays in daily life. Awards were given to more than deserving active members. Joshua Roe, Ben Waters, Tyler Schultheis, and Jeremy Sansone all received Vigil, Kent Boatman received Most Outstanding Arrowman, and Warren Chan received the





## Chiefly Speaking

Brothers, it has been an eventful year so far. From the Winter Dinner to the Scout Exposition at the mall. The Winter Dinner was held at the McKinley. The food was great, and the fellowship was even better. We had a great keynote speaker, Rick Miller, who taught us the meaning of justice in our everyday lives. The Scout Exposition was held at the Oakdale Mall in Johnson City. The Order did an exceptional job with the Pinewood derby throughout the day.

One thing I want to focus on is excellence. It is probably common knowledge by now to know that our lodge has not

achieved the Journey to Excellence Award for 2014. I do not consider this a failure, however. I see it as motivation to achieve as much as we can during this coming year. I know our lodge can achieve gold level, but I need your help.

I encourage everyone to pay their dues for 2015, twelve dollars from everyone can go a long way in expanding our lodge. I also encourage every troop to hold elections, because the more members we have, the more we can achieve. Lastly, I encourage everyone to attend upcoming events such as the Spring Induction weekend in May. It may not seem like much but many hands make light work.

We can also reminisce on the 2013 conclave theme, "*Many flames make one fire.*"

-Alex Plesnar, Lodge Chief of Otahnagon Lodge 172

# Chapter Articles



Hello,

Tatchen's next chapter meeting will be on March 10th. We will be holding a benefit for Josh Roe at the VFW Post 5642 on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The address is 16972 PA Route 706, Montrose,

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This has been a great few months for Ka-Na-Kon Chapter. We had several people go to the Winter Dinner in January which, by the way, was great fun. We had a camping fellowship in February at Camp Barton. Our Chapter will be making 100th anniversary of OA neckerchiefs. I have found new chapter officers and we have several troop OA elections in February and March.

On the not so bright side, attendance at meetings at meetings is still very poor and it's not getting better. In addition to this, we have the same people coming to every meeting. My personal goal for the next quarter is to increase membership at meetings by bringing some kind of food to every chapter meeting and advertising that to the new ordeals that will come in the spring.

-Liam Stark  
Ka-Na-Kon Chapter Chief

Hello all!

My name is Christian Schrader and I am the Chapter Chief of the Naxiyoke chapter of our fine lodge. This year has been an interesting one because we have changed our location to 405 Pennsylvania Avenue in Apalachin, New York. We meet the first Thursday of every month starting at 7pm. We are planning a bowling fellowship in May at Midway Lanes. It has been a good year so far and I am getting more and more excited for our spring induction weekend to see new faces! Best wishes to all of you and to another successful year to the lodge

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Christian Schrader  
Naxiyoke Chapter Chief

Hey all,

Ochenang chapter is doing well. Our numbers are down a little, and I encourage people to come to the meetings. They are on the first Tuesday of every month at the Oxford central school district. We are in the process of finalizing our chapter pocket patch, and we are still planning our food drive for local food pantries. Troop reps, please be on the ball with elections and contact me when you're troop needs them. The goal this year is to have them done by April. Troops 162 and 62 have already had theirs and 152 has planned theirs for the near future.

-Isaac Pixley  
Ochenang Chapter Chief

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## Announcements and Upcoming Events

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Aenean sem. Cum sociis natoque

- Spring Induction weekend at Camp Barton, May 1-3, registration attached
- Lodge Picnic at Dorchester Park, TBD in June
- Arrow Tour at Camp Tuscarora, July 9
- Conclave at Camp Barton, August 21-23, registration coming soon
- Registration is full for NOAC in August
- Benefit for Josh Roe on March 14 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the VFW Post 5642 located at 16972 PA Route 706, Montrose PA