WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREEE 2019

By Pierce Neunteufel
Owaneco Lodge Chief, WSJ Participant

The 24th World Scout Jamboree was held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve from July 23rd to August 2nd this year. It was the first WSJ to be hosted by multiple countries, with the USA, Canada, and Mexico having the honor. The last time the WSJ was held in the US was 1967, more than half a century ago. The World Scout Jamboree is a gathering every four years that brings together thousands of young scouts from more than 160 countries. It is twelve days of making friends, learning about other cultures, and having fun. The World Scout Jamboree is similar to our national Jamborees, but with an international flair. You have to be 14-17 years old to attend as a participant, but those older can attend as an IST (international service team). We heard moving speeches from prominent people, including Bear Grylls and the former Secretary General of the United Nations. The theme was "Unlocking a New World", to symbolize that we as scouts are key to changing our world for the better. Many firsts were experienced for most of us. All of us lived in harmony for twelve days. We made international connections, saw an impressive light show using drones, and had the chance to speak with astronauts on the ISS. I highly recommend attending a World Scout Jamboree, with the next one being hosted by South Korea in 2023. One piece of advice though: Bring multiple pairs of hiking boots, you WILL wear them out.

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LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

My Brothers,

I am so excited to serve as your Section Chief this year. A big thank you to Half-Moon Lodge and last year’s Section Officers for an amazing conclave, and I can’t wait to show you what Nacha Nimat and the Section Officers are planning for this year’s conclave.

Let me be the first to welcome you to the first issue of the newly revived Section Newsletter, The Foxtrot. This is one of the many things that will be coming out this year as we begin to communicate more with the members of our lodges and help every lodge to thrive and become high performing.

I hope you will all join me as we find a Clear Vision at Conclave 2020. It is of the upmost importance that we as the leaders of our lodgers make sure that we focus on the key goals laid out in the Thrive webinar and Step up and Step Forward into the new decade with NOAC 2020.

As the leaders of your lodges, it is up to you to be the difference makers and the change that we need. I hope that I will see each and every one of you at our ACT conference and Conclave this year. So go and find the greater beauty in a life of cheerful service.

Yours in WWW,
Christopher Cheslog
Section NE-2A Chief

Reflection

By John Zanin
Immediate Past Section Chief

This past year was full of opportunity, new adventures, and new friends. It was a pleasure to serve as your 2018-2019 section chief. Over the course of the year, my officer team and advisers worked to try new things and embrace the change in eligibility requirements. Together, we put on a new event called Ignite which brought together Arrowmen to discuss the issues directly facing our lodges and Order. In January, Section Vice Chief Alex Pillis and I were able to participate in the Connecticut Report to the State and welcome some of the first young women into Scouts BSA during a court of honor where they were awarded their Scout Badge. I also had a wonderful opportunity to work with my NE-2B counterpart to give a presentation at the Area 2 Venturing training event, showing Venturers what the OA has to offer them and how excited we were for the new opportunity of having them join our honored Order. My term ended with a great conclave, that worked to encompass a wide range of participation focused on fun, sharing ideas, and meeting new people.

This term was an inspiring experience for me. I wouldn't have been able to do it on my own. So, thank you to the other section officers, Alex and Ian, our advisers, Bob Walz, Hunter McCormick, Lloyd Gallup, Henry Frick, and Hoss Haskell, Half Moon Lodge for the work they did to support this year's Conclave, all of our lodge chiefs, and the mentors that supported me along the way. Thank you.

Anything is possible when you work with other people and commit to a purpose greater than yourselves. Keep up the great work that has been done over the years in Section NE-2A. Continue to fuel the fire, the spirit that drives each Arrowman to do their best. Create today with positive actions in order to inspire the youth of tomorrow, be it those you advise or the brothers you lead. Together, we will be able to inspire scouts for many centuries to come.
From Conclave to Conclave

Half Moon Lodge

By Erwin Lampman
Half Moon Lodge Chief

In the months following conclave 2018 we had our fall weekend where arrow-men from our lodge worked to improve Camp Tri-Mount Scout Reservation. In the month of November our lodge gathers to raise money by selling Christmas trees in our central location of Kingston in order to raise money for our lodge. In the winter we hosted our winter lock-in where we stayed up from dusk to dawn and played video games, man hunt, sports and ate pizza and chicken wings. During the spring we hosted our spring weekend where newly elected Ordeal Candidates come to do the ordeal as well as Arrow-Men seeking to tighten their bond by joining our brotherhood. This is also a weekend for fellow Arrow-Men to come and do cheerful service in Camp Tri-Mount. During the spring weekend we prepared for conclave 2019 with the theme of Expanding our Horizons.

Nachu Nimat Lodge

By Tristan Mochon
Nachu Nimat Lodge Chief

Leading up to Conclave 2019, Nachu Nimat Lodge held several fantastic events and did very well with our membership inductions. Nachu Nimat then had a fantastic time at Conclave 2019. We arrived at Camp Tri-Mount Scout Reservation at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and we started by playing Gaga ball and later capture the flag. After that we had breakfast in the morning and continued into the trainings for the day. Next we had lunch and had free time after that. We had the main activity after that and dinner following that. We finished the day with the stage game show.
From Conclave to Conclave Cont.

**Owaneco Lodge**

By Pierce Neunteufel  
Owaneco Lodge Chief

Owaneco Lodge has had a great year. We attended the 2018 Conclave with 21 people and had a blast with all the other lodges. We attended NOAC in August with a full contingent, and picked up a new friend along the way. We then went into our program year with our September Ordeal, where we filmed one of our world-famous (almost) Owaneco Shows! We helped plan our annual Joint LLD with Tschitani Lodge in late September, and had so much fun, learning, and fellowship. Our Fall Fellowship was the biggest we’ve had in a while, celebrating our 20th anniversary as a lodge. We had inflatables, Gaga tournaments, and scavenger hunts. In January we held our Winter Banquet, and had a lot of amazing entries to our silent auction. We awarded many awards to our outstanding arrowmen right there in front of 200 people, and we had a guest speaker enlighten us about the many opportunities Scouting gives us. After that came our May Ordeal, where we inducted a large number of new candidates into our lodge, including two youth females! At our June Ordeal, we prepared our Camp Sequassen for the camping season, and held our elections. We are proud to announce that we have elected our first female officer. The weekend after, we were back to the Conclave at Camp Tri-Mount, and were glad to have two of our lodge members to Section NE-2A positions. Congratulations Steve and Chris!

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**Paugassett Lodge**

By AJ Corcino  
Paugassett Lodge Chief

Paugassett Lodge: What happened since we hosted the 2018 Conclave, you might ask? Ever since Conclave 2018, hosted in Edmund D. Strang Scout Reservation, in Housatonic Council, Paugassett Lodge has had a number of endeavors and fun activities that have kept members coming! After the swearing in of Lodge Chief AJ Corcino, who this year will be Chief again for a second term, Paugassett has been a haven of brotherhood, and cheerful service! In November 2018, Paugassett hosted an Order of the Arrow potluck, which had a larger amount of attendance than usual. At the banquet, we offered awards, and recognitions, and even had West Point cadet Nick Batista speak about a few words on West Point Camporee, and the importance of scouting! Another big part that was impressive this year was the Lodge’s Cub Christmas Campfire. This year, planning went smoothly, and had the highest attendance ever recorded, with around 49 Cub Scouts learning about the joys of scouting, and celebrating Christmas together! Santa even made a surprise visit too! Because of the endeavors of Paugassett Lodge, the Lodge is proud to say that we have earned Gold JTE for the 2018-2019 year! Although we have earned this great recognition, we will do our best to get a higher score, and to be the best lodge we can be. To end it all, it has been a wonderful year in Paugassett Lodge, and we expect to bring you more info this year!
From Conclave to Conclave Cont.

Tschitani Lodge

By Alex Pillis

Tschitani Lodge Chief

Tschitani Lodge has had a successful 2018-2019 year. We have had six ordeals during this season. We also had two founders award and one James E. West recipients at our Lodge Banquet this past January. During our 2018 Fall Fellowship at June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation we had 14 Vigil Honor members inducted. We also had a Joint Lodge Leadership Development with Owaneco Lodge at Camp Sequassen. Also during the past year we sent two Arrowmen to the OA Trail Crew and sent two Arrowmen to Philbreak.

Pocumtuc Lodge

By Jack Sharpe

Pocumtuc Lodge Vice Chief

In the 2018 - 2019 YEAR, the lodge held two themed Ordeals, one space themed and the other safari. Alongside the Ordeals, we held a Fall and Winter Fellowship, again themed; Medieval and "The Office", respectively. To prepare for the summer, we held an event called the Pocumtuc Summer Experience (PSE), a week-long service project to benefit both the camp and the lodge. We built a new fence around our amphitheater and hauled off to NOAC 2018! 14 youth and 4 adults accompanied the masses to experience a great NOAC. We also unveiled our "Golden Ticket", dubbed the Golden Key, and held a key-themed game for its release at our 10th anniversary banquet. We were even visited by a local friend, Héctor A. Jiménez Pola – the first Vice Chief of the Yokahu Lodge from Puerto Rico – who we met during the Arrow Corps project in 2017 after Hurricane Maria. With all these events and experiences combined, we achieved JTE Gold as a nice cherry on top of our cake. We look forward to more great experiences for our 2019-20 year!
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By Kenny White
Pocumtuc Lodge Chief, WSJ Staff

On July 18th, I arrived at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia for what was to become one of the most life changing experiences in Scouting! Serving on the International Service Team of the 2019 World Scout Jamboree was nothing short of incredible. As part of the Rover Brigade (The WSJ version of Operation Arrow), I was placed in an international patrol with myself being one of two Americans. The group of us came together as strangers from all corners of the world however we left as a close group of friends with a new understanding of the world. Throughout the jamboree we served several crucial roles including guiding 745 busses full of participants through check-in, ushering the Stadium Shows and Base Camp Bash, running bag check security for the thousands of daily visitors, unhooking people from ziplines, and so much more! Our IST position was unique because we were able to experience and contribute to almost every aspect of the jamboree. Arrowmen ages 16-21 will have a similar opportunity to experience this type of staff group at our National Jamborees through Operation Arrow Service Corps. Anyone ages 18-25 will also be able to serve on the Rover Brigade at the next World Scout Jamboree in Korea! Don’t miss out on these life changing experiences!
2019-2020 Section Officers

Section Chief: Christopher Cheslog

Chris is excited to serve as the 2019-2020 Section NE-2A Chief. He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor Member of Owaneco Lodge 313, Connecticut Yankee Council. Chris has served as Lodge Vice Chief of Program and the Lodge’s 20th Anniversary Chairman. In addition, he has served as your 2017-2018 Section NE-2A Secretary. Chris has attended two NOACs, two National Jamboree, one Scottish Jamborette, one World Jamboree, National Train the Trainer, Northeast Region Train the Trainer, and has attended and staffed NLS.

Section Vice-Chief: Alex Pillis

Alex Pillis is a Life Scout and Brotherhood member of Tschi-tani Lodge 10, Connecticut Rivers Council. Alex has served as Lodge Chief, Lodge Vice Chief, Lodge Secretary. He also served as your 2018-2019 Section NE-2A Vice Chief. Alex has attended the 2018 NOAC and NLS. In the summer he works on Waterfront staff at Camp Mattatuck. Alex is a senior at Sacred Heart High School and is planning to attend college to study oncology.

Section Secretary: Stephen Gagne

Stephen is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of Owaneco Lodge 313, Connecticut Yankee Council. Stephen has served as Lodge Chief, Lodge Vice Chief of Chapter Operations, and Lodge Vice Chief of Finance. Stephen has attended two NOACs, the 2017 National Scout Jamboree, NYLT, and NLS. In addition, he is attending the N2-72-19 Wood Badge Course and he received the Beaver as his Wood Badge critter. Stephen is a Sophomore at Central Connecticut State University and is studying Manufacturing Management with a minor in Marketing.
NOAC 2020!

NOAC, or National Order of the Arrow Conference, will be taking place at Michigan State University, in East Lansing, MI, on August 3rd through August 7th, 2020. It is a fantastic event, taking place every couple of years, which offers one of a kind trainings, individual and lodge competitions and events, patch trading, and amazing evening shows. There is also a Section Gathering for all of the sections in the Northeast Region during the middle of the week, so you’ll get to meet up with brothers from other lodges in our section as well as brothers from all over the Northeast! MSU is home to three past NOACs including 2006, 2012, and the 2015 centennial conference. See you at MSU in 2020!

ARE YOU READY FOR CONCLAVE 2020!? 

Save the date:
June 12th - 14th at Camp Nooteeming