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Official Newsletter of Dzie-Hauk Tonga Lodge 429



From the Chief

Hello Dzie-Hauk Tonga Lodge,

My name is Andrew Kirmer. I am a sophomore at Kansas State University majoring in Animal Science and Industry. I was previously lodge chief in the 2020-2021 term so this is my second term as lodge chief. Some of my accomplishments as a youth are the rank of Eagle Scout, Vigil honor member, and a Founder's Award recipient. I have accomplished a lot in my time as a youth but there is more I would like to accomplish this year in our lodge. Ever since COVID, a lot of things have changed in our lodge that have not been brought back. Our chapters have become dormant and need some new energy to strengthen our lodge because our lodge's foundation is based upon our chapters. Secondly, communicating between arrowmen, chapters, and our lodge as a whole needs to be strengthened. Recently we have created a new website for the lodge which is a great way to publish events and information but we also need to strengthen communication with our troops and arrowmen. I plan to create structure back into our LEC and promote our OA reps to reach more arrowmen and increase our activation.

YOURS IN BROTHERHOOD,
ANDREW KIRMER
WWW

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NOAC Recap

NATE WATERS

In July, 13 members of Dzie-Hauk Tonga lodge joined more than 6,000 other Arrowmen from nearly 300 lodges at the 2022 National Order of the Arrow Conference at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

The National Order of the Arrow Conference, or NOAC, for short, is the Order of the Arrow's premier event, occurring every two years at a select university.



NOAC provided fun, fellowship, a university experience, leadership opportunities, patch trading, and a once in a lifetime experience! In addition to the fun activities, there were many practical pieces of training and competitions that Arrowmen competed in. Some of these activities included competitions for ceremonies and dance. Our very own Lodge Chief, Andrew Kirmer, took 2nd place in the Northern Traditional Dance competition! This is a great accomplishment, and we are all very proud of him!

Lodge officer training, chapter officer training, and professional arena shows rounded out an incredible week!

We all had a great time and became even more committed to the Order's mission and vision and closer as brothers and sisters in Dzie-Hauk Tonga lodge!



Fall Fellowship Recap

BY KYNDRA MCGINLEY

Arrowmen gathered at Falley Scout Reservation the weekend of October 1st to participate in Dzie-Hauk Tonga Lodge's annual fall fellowship. Arrowmen were able to enjoy nice weather, fellowship, and participate in service projects around the camp. These services included clearing the dam and Inspiration Point.



Fun activities were held after the service. "Larger than Life Board Games" allowed arrowmen to play Hungry Hungry Hippos and Battleship, except they were the game pieces!

We had 10 new arrowmen join our lodge by earning their ordeal and six new brotherhood members! Lodge and chapter elections were also held. The new lodge positions are Andrew Kirmer as Lodge Chief, Brenner Pisl as Lodge Vice Chief, Kyndra McGinley as Lodge Secretary, and Jakob Kebert as Lodge Treasurer. Shawnee Chapter elected Michael Kalas as Chapter Chief, Nate Waters as Chapter Vice Chief, and Nick Prater as Chapter Secretary. Oregon Trail elected Jade Callen as Chapter Chief, Kenny Woodward as Chapter Vice Chief, and Ethan Riley as Chapter Secretary. Sojadi had unadequate numbers to hold elections. The event had 74 attendees including two guests.

NEW LODGE POSITIONS:



LODGE CHIEF:
ANDREW KIRMER



LODGE VICE CHIEF:
BRENNER PISL



LODGE TREASURER:
JAKOB KEBERT



LODGE SECRETARY:
KYNDRA MCGINLEY





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LODGE WEBSITE
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New Website

BY NATHAN BASALDUA

Earlier in the year, the Lodge Executive Committee voted on and approved the Lodge to allocate the funds for a new website! With the idea being thrown around for several years, the lodge was finally in a good position to achieve this goal. The idea behind this was that we have so much history, activities, and culture we would like to share that couldn't all be displayed on a single webpage on the council's website.

Our website is now live and readily available for all Arrowmen to use! I will list off some key important features that everyone should be aware of. Firstly, is our homepage of the site. There you will find banners that display recent and important activities that the lodge has in store. Also, you will find a link to pay your dues, all of our recent articles, and much more to come in the future. Secondly, is the menu at the top of your screen. Here is where you can find pages over all the events the lodge takes part in, information about the various committees, Lodge history, and much more. And lastly, the sidebars on every page. On these sidebars, you will find quick links, a login link to your member portal, and ways to contact us on any questions you have.

A lot of hard work is being put into this and we are making sure our main goal is to have this website be as user friendly as possible! If you or another Arrowmen you know is interested in or has experience working on websites, we would love to have you/them be a part of the Dzie-Hauk Tonga Website team. Have them contact our Lodge Secretary for more information!

Have you paid your Annual Dues?

BY KYNDRA MCGINLEY

Dzie-Hauk Tonga Lodge requires active arrowmen to pay an annual due fee of \$20. The Lodge dues cover the on-going expenses of the lodge including newsletters, leader training, recognition items and National Order of the Arrow dues. If you have not yet paid your dues, what are you dueing? Visit the Lodge Website for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Lodge Leadership Development

NOVEMBER 12-13, 2022

Lodge Leadership Development happens once a year and is available for every Arrowman! The purpose of the event is to build the team of lodge leaders who will guide Dzie-Hauk Tonga Lodge for the coming year. LLD is open to all arrowmen, but registration is capped at 25. The cost is \$18.



Winter Banquet

JANUARY 7, 2023

Our annual Winter Banquet is a time to recognize the Lodge and its members for all of the hard work they have done over the past year. Many special awards such as the Founder's Award, the James E. West Fellowship Award, Uncas Flaps, and many others are bestowed upon the people who earn them. The tradition of Passing the Bonnet from previously Lodge Chief to current takes place during the banquet. The event will be held at Mater Dei Parish hall and the cost is to be determined.

Save the Dates!

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NOVEMBER 11-12

WINTER BANQUET
JANUARY 7

KLONDIKE
JANUARY 20-22

WASHBURN MERIT BADGE
CONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 18

