

## Arrowmen bring service to the Bechtel Summit

By Jeffery Bouchard W-3S  
The Mustang Staff Writer

The Summit Bechtel Reserve played host to many new and exciting events last July. Unlike previous Jamborees, the 2013 National Scout Jamboree focused on high adventure and service, featuring a day of trek and a day of service during two of the five program days. These special days, dedicated entirely to one program, could not have been completed without the dedicated OA staff committed to delivering a program of excellence. The Order’s Project 2013 provided 466 Arrowmen volunteers to serve as staff. Arrowmen facilitated the Indian Village, worked on the Service Corps, and served as Trek Guides and Day of Service Guides.

Through wind, rain, and sometimes even sunshine, thousands of scouts volunteered to go the distance and provide service to the communities of West Virginia during their day of



**PROJECT 2013** | Page 4 **LEADING THE WAY** An OA Trek Guide leads scouts to Garden Ground Mountain at Bechtel Summit

## T’Kope Kwiskwis: a unique take on ceremonies

By Justin Scott W-1S  
The Mustang Staff Writer

Ceremonies are incredibly important and significant in our order, and nobody knows that more than T’Kope Kwiskwis Lodge in Washington. Like most lodges, T’Kope Kwiskwis frames their ceremonies in the style and customs of the local Native Americans. And in the great northwest, the stage for Native American community gatherings and ceremonies was the longhouse.

In the 1960’s T’Kope Kwiskwis Lodge decided to build a longhouse to hold ceremonies, workshops, and other lodge events. Generations of Arrowmen came and went and the longhouse saw many ordeal ceremonies. But time and climate eventually took it’s toll and the building had to be demolished ten years ago. Instead of becoming discouraged by the destruction of such a beloved building, T’Kope Kwiskwis decided to take this opportunity and build a bigger, more improved longhouse.

In April of 2013, this dream was realized. On the same site as the original, a new longhouse now stands proudly, ready to be used by it’s lodge. T’Kope Kwiskwis was able to build



**T’Kope** The lodge’s new longhouse completed in 2013

a safe, modern longhouse while still capturing the character and spirit of the old one.

Now with classrooms, restrooms, and storerooms, this new longhouse is much more versatile than before. It has even been used as a Conclave site for Section W-1N.

T’Kope Kwiskwis also seeks to improve upon the new longhouse. The lodge is currently planning a new carving room, so each chapter will be able to

carve its own totem pole to be displayed on the candidate trail.

“We are very proud of this unique building,” says Lodge Adviser Mike Gaylord “It will provide a place to gather and strengthen the bonds of brotherhood, provide new experiences, and create memories to last a life time.”

Past Lodge Chief Reuben Steelquist says “It has [been a] rough, steep and sometimes faint trail. We have endured



### REGION CALENDAR

**National Planning Meeting**  
12/27 to 12/30  
Gathering of Section Chiefs for the election of national officers and planning of the program of emphasis.

**Double Vigil Golf Classics**  
1/24/2014  
A weekend golf tournament for fundraising in Phoenix, Arizona.

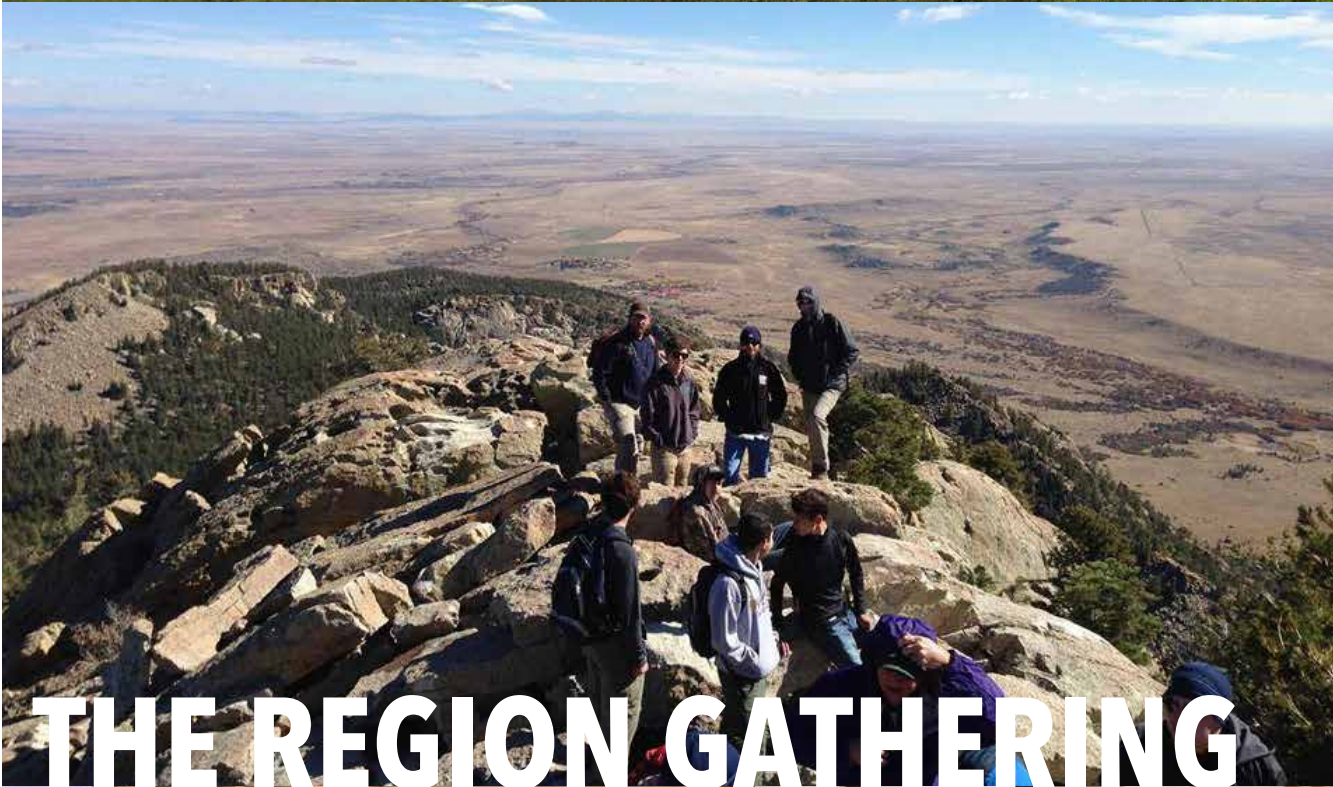
**National Leadership Seminar**  
4/4 to 4/6  
A leadership training seminar in Irvine, California. Arrowmen will partake in a valuable skills course about leadership.



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# Shanghai Chapter leads OA typhoon relief



The recent earthquake and super typhoon in the Philippines have claimed the lives of untold thousands of people, and left millions homeless and without the most basic human needs of potable water, food and shelter.

In an effort to help our brothers in need, the Shanghai Chapter of Gamenowwinink Lodge has begun an ambitious campaign to raise at least \$10,000 to be given to the BSA's chosen charity in this crisis, ShelterBox. Every dollar raised will go directly towards providing the basic human needs of clean water, food, and shelter to those now in need.

We are asking every lodge and section across our Region and Nation to please consider making a donation to help the cause. The standard specially designed patch seen to the right are being gifted for a \$10 donation to the fund, each bearing the words of our Obligation that remind us of our duty to others. Any individuals who wish to donate at the \$100 level will receive a special metallic-bordered patch in recognition of their gift.

The ones who chose you need you. Who among us is able to answer the call? Attached is the donation form for the Philippines Typhoon Relief Fund, and we exhort you to make a donation to help serve those who need it most.

To donate, visit [western.oa-bsa.org](http://western.oa-bsa.org) for the donation form.

Donations can also be made online via PayPal; send to: [oashanghai555@gmail.com](mailto:oashanghai555@gmail.com)

# Saklan Lodge: Two lodges merge with 21st century at helm



**UNITED** Attendees of the first Esselen-Miwok merger meeting

By **Sean McKeon**  
*The Mustang Contributor*

Saklan Lodge is the result of a merger between two other lodges, and boasts many successes in the arduous task of merging two great lodges. Saklan was previously split into Miwok, covering San Jose and the surrounding areas, and Esselen, covering Monterey Bay, going as far south as King City, California.

Miwok and Esselen were different in almost every respect. Esselen was very connected in a traditional sense. They gathered for events frequently and held executive meetings exclusively in person. Miwok utilized the convenience of the internet to communicate with its members, and sometimes held meetings of the executive committee online. Now, two formerly very different lodges stand as one, with new innovation carving the path for its future.

In June of 2012 the two lodges officially merged, having held many merger meetings in the months prior. At these meetings many topics were discussed. We were hard at work developing a new set of by laws for the lodge. We had to develop an identity from scratch, and making these decisions warranted much discussion. Members of both lodges collaborated on how to bring the lodges together to hold events, for the first time as a single unit.

One of the most critical topics of the discussion was how

to create an environment where people can come together united and let go of their strong ties to the previous lodges. Referring to Esselen and Miwok as “former Esselen” and “former Miwok” was one such way the new lodge combated the problem. Solidifying the idea that the merger was happening and unifying under this new lodge was critical to its success.

The new lodge is learning how to connect and send messages in new ways. They are using the power of the internet to keep in touch with the Arrowmen in the most remote parts of the lodge, and allow members of the lodge executive committee to participate in meetings electronically, instead of in person.

The process of a merger is ongoing, and Saklan is still looking for new ways to innovate and excite its members. The lodge's first ordeal was held in October, where they had a solid showing resulting in an exceptional growth in membership.

Saklan is really looking forward to bringing a huge contingent to NOAC 2015 and cannot wait to participate in the centennial celebration! Keep an eye out for the Banana Slugs of the Order.

# Region Chairman on success of key 3

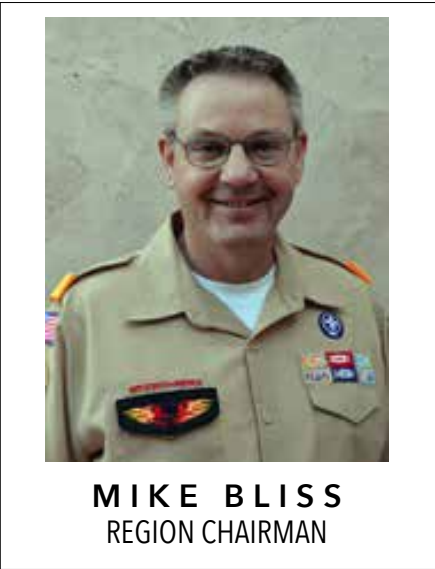
By **Mike Bliss** W-15  
*Western Region Chairman*

A very common discussion that appears at National Lodge Adviser Training and National Leadership Seminars is how does a chapter, or lodge, or section key three work together?

This is a great topic that requires exploration and some introspect. It does not matter if you are the chief or the adviser or the staff adviser, all three have an equal responsibility to ensure that their specific key 3 not only works together, but works together to ensure the success of all of those they serve. Ensuring the success of all those they serve, my brothers, is the very definition of Servant Leadership!

So how do you work together as a key 3?

Communication is the most important component in any key 3 relationship. How often do you talk as a team? How often should you talk as a team? That is a decision that has to be made by the three of you, but all I can tell you is that the most successful key 3 teams make it a point to talk often and in depth. You are the guiding force



**MIKE BLISS**  
REGION CHAIRMAN

behind this organization and you cannot guide it without a good communication plan.

Planning is extremely valuable. Do you have a yearly calendar? Do you have a yearly or quarterly planning meeting? Is that calendar updated as the year progresses? Are your events and meetings planned far enough in advance to allow for promotion and to encourage participation? If the answer is “no” to any of these questions now is the time to get your key 3 and others together to make

sure that 2014 is a great year. Sharing responsibility is difficult for many of us. Not only do you need to share responsibility within your key 3, but you need to share responsibility with those you serve and lead. How can others learn and grow if you do not allow them the chance to gain new skills? Give others responsibility....your job is to give responsibility to others and then follow and help them succeed at that job. Who is going to replace you? The minute you step into a position you should begin the process of working with others so that there are skilled individuals who can replace you when it is time for you to move to a different position. How many times in your Chapter or Lodge is there an election for an office or an adviser position with nobody interested or knowledgeable enough to step in? That is because the person doing that job before never thought about who would replace him and make sure others had the knowledge they needed. Think TODAY about who will replace you and take steps to make the transition successful. The key 3.... a team... working to help others succeed. How does your key 3 work? Is it time for a change?

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many trials and tribulations, false starts and challenges, but we have endured; our patience and service has now borne fruit!”

Current Lodge Chief Torin Bergsma eloquently tells us that “The longhouse, to the northwest native people, is a place of family. Imagine if you would for a moment, approaching a building in a secluded part of camp you had never seen before. As you approach, the smell of smoke overwhelms your senses, and you hear the beating of drums and songs being sung from within a dimly lit building. Slits of firelight bleeding through the cracks of cedar plank walls, and [you see] a dark figure as you approach a 70 foot totem pole at the entrance to the mystical place. This is the site new ordeal candidates saw as they approached T’Kope’s original house, built from cedar timbers. Over a period of ten years the dream of a new place just like the original finally has become a reality. It will provide a similar experience for many generations of arrowmen to come, and inspire them in the same way the old house inspired so many. This building truly embodies everything that this organization stands for, and will always hold a special place in my heart.”

T’Kope Kwiskwis is an amazing example of what a lodge can do when everyone works together for a common goal. To learn more about T’Kope Kwiskwis Lodge and their longhouse project, you can visit them online at [www.tkokekwiskwis.org](http://www.tkokekwiskwis.org).

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service. Over the five days this program ran, scouts provided a total of 3,738 hours of service to 9 West Virginia counties. And the 110 Arrowmen that served on staff for this program contributed 6,723 hours of service.

Not only did Arrowmen provide guides for the Day of Service, but they also guided troops to the top of Garden Ground Mountain as OA Trek Guides. Each day 6,000 scouts hiked to “The Summit of the Summit.” 152 Arrowmen guided these scouts from their troop campsite, to the trailhead, and up to the top of Garden Ground. Once at the top, scouts would spend the day taking

part in all of the events the summit of the Summit had to offer. By the end of the Jamboree the trek guides had hiked a cumulative 24, 235 miles!

As a tribute to the very heritage of the Order of the Arrow, the OA Indian Village atop Garden Ground Mountain sought to showcase the dances, culture, and craftsmanship of Native American tribes from around the nation. Talented Arrowmen from around the country danced and contributed their expertise to this impressive display.

Those of the you who attended the 2010 Jamboree may recall the OA Service Corp. In 2010, these willing leaders contributed greatly to the jamboree in a variety of aspects. Well, in 2013, the service corp was back at it again, contributing cheerful service to the

jamboree. By the end of the week Service Corp members provided over 12,500 hours to the Jamboree program as they sought to make an impact on every aspect of the jamboree.

Project 2013 was a great success and a tremendous asset to the National Scout Jamboree. In total, Arrowmen provided 31,478 hours of service to the Jamboree and West Virginia. That equates to a dollar amount of \$548,000.

Thank you to all of the Arrowmen who helped make this incredible event a success. We are excited to announce that due to the success of Project 2013, the Order of the Arrow plans to once again contribute to the next Jamboree. We hope you’ll be able to join us for another incredible week in 2017!

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# Section chiefs gather for a weekend in Philmont

By Matt Johnson

The Mustang Staff Writer

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October 24th to the 27th, section chiefs and advisers from across the western region gathered for the annual Western Region Gathering. This year's gathering took place at the legendary Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. On the morning of the 24th, chiefs flew into Denver International Airport from their respective homes. For me, that was where the bonding started. Matteo (W-6P), Michael (W-1E), and I sat outside Panda Express waiting for the others, and talked for the first time. Once everyone had arrived, we hopped into vans and began the four hour drive to Philmont. Thursday night consisted of dinner and 808 games of hangman.

Friday morning saw an early start as the group gathered in several suburbans for a driving tour of the ranch. The group was split in two main groups. The first, which I was a part of, saw the northern parts including the abandoned mining town of Baldy Town (which, apparently, was also called Little Chihuahua) and other ruins of mining facilities. One especially cool sight was the world famous T-Rex fossil; the only undisputed print of it's kind in the world. Our guide also spoke of a pterodactyl fossil nearby, but uncertainty of a specific location and our schedule prevented us from hunting it down. The second group also saw many



cool sites, such as the Miner's camp, Crater Lake Camp, and some original parts of the property.

After another late night, we enjoyed a quick breakfast before reaching one of the highlights of the weekend. Namely the 9,003 foot-high Tooth of Time. The trek to the peak consumed all of the morning and continued into the afternoon, longer than anticipated, but hey, some of us aren't

as young as we once were. At the peak we enjoyed the view and our Philmont meals, took some pictures, and then started back down.

The weekend was not all about fun activities and sightseeing, however. Chiefs and advisers alike participated in many training sessions, similar to what one could call a sort of "Region LLD." The sessions were mostly based around the theme "Rush

FELLOWSHIP IN THE MOUNTAINS

Section chiefs stop at French Henry at Philmont

ΩA," a theme picked amidst the traditional fraternity and sorority rush taking place in many colleges and universities at the time. The classes ranged from identifying talent, inspiring motivation, taking accountability, and even simple ideas like how to remember someone's name. Region Chief David Dye and his entire staff of trainers did an excellent job planning and executing the training.

Overall, everyone had a great time. Section W-2N Chief, Gunner Forbus noted, "I learned a lot and have taken that knowledge back to my section. I also really enjoyed getting to know my fellow chiefs." Michael Kintscher (W-3N) said, "The gathering was an amazing weekend, and one of my favorite scouting experiences. It is an opportunity to meet some of the best people in the OA and scouting." As we arrived back at the Denver airport, we had to say goodbye to our new brothers as we broke off to our respective gates and terminals, but while we were sad to go, we knew that new friendships had been created and that we would meet again in a few short months for the National Planning Meeting in Dallas, Texas.

## Educating and inspiring at W-6W Conclave

By Vianney Careaga

The Mustang Contributor

W-6W

The Section W-6W Conclave ended the 2013 Conclave season with a bang. With a 49% increase in Conclave attendance the 2013 Section W-6W Conclave was one of the biggest in the Western Region with 327 attendees. Arrowmen from Nebagamon Lodge, Tiwahe Lodge, Wipala Wiki Lodge and Papago Lodge gathered in Sierra Vista, AZ for this historical event. The theme for the Conclave was "Inspired Youth, Devoted Advisers" with the mission of inspiring the Arrowmen in attendance and emphasizing the role of the adult in the Order of the Arrow. New and innovative programs were rolled out at the Conclave, such as the Cub Scout Conclave Adventure and the Chapter Leadership Summit.

On the Saturday of the Conclave, Cub Scouts and their parents were invited to participate in the Cub Scout Conclave Adventure, a day filled with fun activities for Cub Scouts to engage with Arrowmen from around the section. Cub Scouts had the opportunity to play games, make some Native American Crafts, participate in archery, and most of all interact with Arrowmen. This program seeks to excite Cub Scouts to join Boy Scouts and give them a taste of what to expect when they bridge over into Boy Scouting. As a treat Cub Scouts received a special gift, met with special guests, and were given the 2013 Section W-6W Conclave patch.

The Chapter Leadership Summit (CLS) was another program that was rolled out at the 2013 Section W-6W Conclave. The CLS focused on the further development of the chapter's program, planning, and organization while incorporating innovation. Arrowmen, both youth and adults, in attendance had the opportunity

to engage and exchange ideas with leading members of the Order of Arrow and with other chapter leaders from around the section. The CLS provided crucial information to help better the chapter and it emphasized the chapter's importance within the organization. The chapter, as the local face of the Order of the Arrow, should be receiving more attention and training not only from the lodge, but from the section as well. This program helped shed some light on national best practices from chapters around the country that could be used to improve the quality of the program that the chapters offer to their members.

Arrowmen at the 2013 Conclave had a great time and enjoyed participating in all the fun activities. Training, carnival games, Powwow, Cub Scouts, the dunk tank, and much more were in the spotlight at Conclave. Many out-of-section guests were also in attendance, representing more than eight sections from around the country. 2014 poses another great opportunity for Section W-6W to be innovative and creative in its Conclave program.

The 2014 conclave season will kick off next April. Make sure you check out your own section's conclave!



INSPIRING THE FUTURE Arizona Cub Scouts try their skills at archery during Conclave

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Distinguished Service Award is given to those individuals who provide outstanding service to the Order of the Arrow at the Section, Regional, and National levels.

But, there have only been 908 recipients since the awards conception in 1940.



# W-5S revamps Section Leadership Retreat

By Zach Herzog  
The Mustang Staff Writer

Section W5 South hosted its first annual Section Leadership Retreat (SLR) this year. The weekend long training was held in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, and led Lodge officers through three training events centered on the topic of empathy in leadership. Trainers welcomed participants from Ha-kin-skay-a-ki Lodge, Mic-o-say Lodge, and Tahosa Lodge. In order to generate new ideas and fresh discussions, the lodge leaders were mixed into three teams. Teams

participated in discussions on three different training topics including Activities, Administration, and Communication. Each of the three training events was also supported by a “challenge” requiring the team to apply skills learned throughout the day. Each challenge was judged by the Section leadership, which includes Dillon Giles, Chief; Vince Vasina, Vice Chief; and Ashton Albright, Secretary. The event culminated in the section’s first “Admonition Race.” Using the same skills learned in trainings, and reinforced through the challenges, the teams raced around Glenwood Springs solving puzzles and putting their leadership skills to the test in the ultimate scavenger hunt. After deciphering the code and learning that the W in “Project W” reminds us brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service are all extensions of empathy, the retreat ended with a fun filled night at the world famous Glenwood Hot Springs! Section W-5S plans to continue running retreats with the goal of advancing leadership skills across the Section. They are proud to report a successful start to their new SLR program.



**GATHERING OF CHIEFS** W-5S Leadership holds a forum with members of their section

## REGION TRADING POST

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The Western Region online Trading Post is ready for all of your holiday shopping needs!

It’s almost the holiday season and that means its time to start asking yourself what you want to add to your Christmas wish list. Sure a new super awesome tablet might be high up on that list, but don’t forget to check out the Western Region Trading Post before you get too fancy!

Last spring the Western Region Trading Post underwent an overhaul, that means all NEW gear for 2013. And now, you don’t even have to attend a region event to check out the trading post. Everything can be found online at [western.oa-bsa.org](http://western.oa-bsa.org) so go check it out!

And no matter what you might be looking for, chances are we have it. Cool t-shirts, check! Sick Bumper stickers, oh yeah! And of course, the ever popular West is Best sunglasses will be sticking around! In fact, this winter, we challenge you to “go west” with your wardrobe. Show your support for the west with your sunglasses, t-shirt, shorts, and did we mention boxers too? Yep, we’ve really got it all. So check it out now!

## Letter from the Editor

If you have had a chance to browse through the pages of this newsletter, you surely noticed some differences from the previous editions of *The Mustang*. Apart from an aesthetic overhaul, we on the newsletter staff have made it our mission to provide interesting and important information to our readers. The purpose of any newspaper is first and foremost to inform its readers about the most important information happening right now in the region. This is exactly what we strive to do at *The Mustang*.

*The Mustang* staff set out several weeks ago seeking the most interesting and important stories happening in the region. And we’re going to continue to do this work for the years to come. As we kick off this new and improved newsletter, we will constantly be adding staff, digging into new parts of the region, and providing you with the most important and interesting information you need to be an informed member of the Western Region.

With this in mind, we’ve been working to come up with a solid way to provide our readers a way to understand what we strive to accomplish. So, I would like to unveil the mission and purpose of the Mustang newsletter for you today:



Ryan Jones

“It is the mission and purpose of *The Mustang* newsletter to provide the most accurate and relevant information to the members of the Western Region through dedicated staff that go above and beyond to discover this information and write articles in a clear and concise way with the help of dedicated adult advisers.”

*The Mustang* staff have worked long and hard to bring you this first edition of the new newsletter, and I genuinely hope you enjoy this edition, as well as the future editions of the newsletter.

Yours in Service,

Ryan Jones  
*The Mustang* Editor-in-Chief

# LEGACY LID PROJECT



[www.oa-bsa.org/legacyproject](http://www.oa-bsa.org/legacyproject)

Join the country in celebrating the Order of the Arrow’s centennial by submitting your legacy lid!

At NOAC in 2012 every lodge was given a centennial crate to prepare for the 100th anniversary celebration. Now, take that lid, follow the instructions on the website above, and submit your lid before the end of the year.