

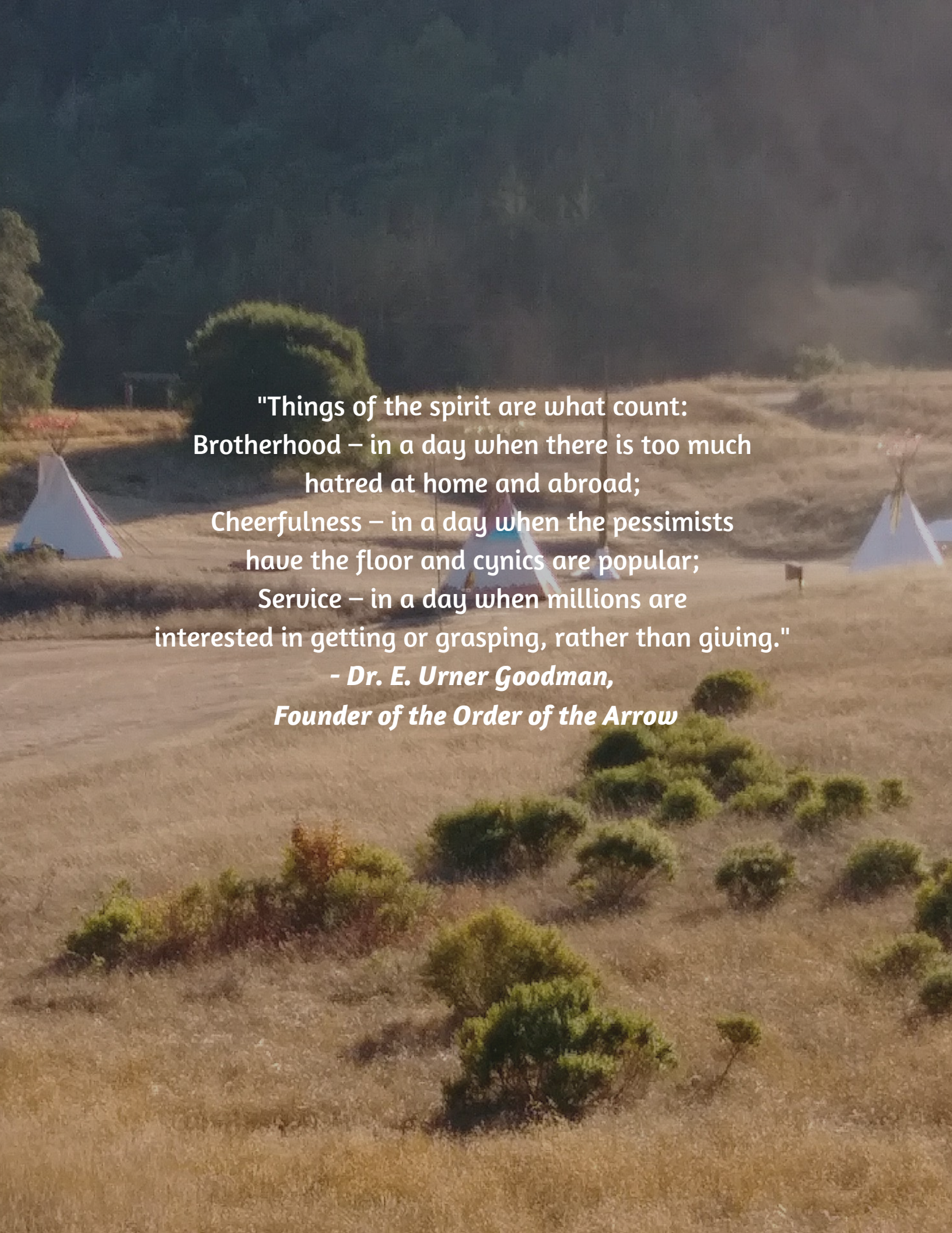


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The High Eagle

TALAKO LODGE
MARIN COUNCIL, BSA
SINCE 1958





"Things of the spirit are what count:
Brotherhood – in a day when there is too much
hatred at home and abroad;
Cheerfulness – in a day when the pessimists
have the floor and cynics are popular;
Service – in a day when millions are
interested in getting or grasping, rather than giving."
- *Dr. E. Urner Goodman,*
Founder of the Order of the Arrow



TALAKO LODGE ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

Saturday, December 10, 2022
5:30pm

Program

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

We welcome all lodge members, their families, and other guests.

ELECTION of 2023 OFFICERS

We will be electing our 2023 officers.

YEAR IN REVIEW

Reflect on the accomplishments of the year.

LODGE RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

Honor those who have made 2023 possible.

INDUCTION OF 2023 OFFICERS AND ADVISERS

Induct the 2023 Lodge Executive Committee.

CLOSING AND SONG

Thank you for coming tonight!!

**HAVE A GREAT END OF 2022 -
SEE YOU IN 2023!**





YEAR IN REVIEW

21

New Ordeal Members Inducted

We inducted 21 new Arrowmen at our Spring and Fall Induction weekends.

12

New Brotherhood Members

We had 12 Ordeal members seal their membership in the Order by becoming Brotherhood members.

2

New Vigil Members

Last December, 2 Arrowmen were selected for the Vigil Honor. Their ceremony was held in May of this year. We congratulate them on this recognition.

22

Arrowmen attended the 2022 G17N Conclave

22 members attended this year's G17N Conclave in September held at Camp Lassen.

19

Arrowmen attended the 2022 National OA Conference

We had 19 Arrowmen attend the 2022 NOAC held in Knoxville, TN. There were 17 in our contingent and 2 on staff.

56

Arrowmen registered with Talako Lodge

56 Arrowmen were registered with Talako throughout 2022.

Congratulations to our new

Ordeal members:

Isabella Coaquira
Tomas Diaz
Keely Everage
Diego Gonzalez
Adam Gurrola
Jason Gurrola
Kyle Ingles
Ryan Ip
Parker King
Skylar Lariviere
Nate Lee
Logan Lum
Logan Reed
Georgia Stahl-Ricco
Will Stewart
Abishek Sundararaman
Cyrus Wood
Matthew Zepeda
Janet Chiu
Kathleen Diringier
Heather Stewart

Congratulations to our new

Brotherhood members:

Rupert Atkins
Varun Aruldas
Tomas Diaz
Nicole Everage
Jason Gurrola
Amelia Lee
Natalie Lee
Ted Lee
Ryder Lariviere
Skylar Lariviere
Helen Perry
Logan Reed

Congratulations to our new

Vigil members:

Jamey Schnasse
Nestor Schnasse



FINAL CHIEF REPORT

2022 has been an incredible rebound year for Talako, and tonight is about celebrating our Lodge's success over the last eleven months.

Talako stayed busy this year with events, service projects, induction weekends, unit visitations, bridgings, ceremonies, and a National Order of the Arrow Conference in Tennessee. All of this, and more, took an incredible team of youth Officers and their Advisers to plan and prepare for, but we couldn't pull it off alone. We needed the help of every Lodge member to bring our program to life.

Talako, you delivered in 2022.

I am proud of every one of you for supporting Scouting in Marin through Talako Lodge, and look forward to seeing how you continue to grow and improve as a result of our Order.

*- Jamey Schnasse
2022 Lodge Chief*



FINAL VICE CHIEF OF PROGRAM REPORT

Since I began my term last year, I had few expectations for the Lodge. Though as time passed, the Lodge blew past them in events like Scouting for Food, Klondike, Family Fiesta, Camporee, and Conclave. Many of these events happened because you, the Arrowmen, showed up and devoted your time and effort for others' satisfaction.

Throughout the year I also had an amazing time working with our fantastic LEC members who devoted their time and amazing leadership skills to grow and strengthen the Lodge. With them, I traveled to places like NOAC, where I met new people and discovered new ways to make our events even better than before. As we reached the end of the year I was ecstatic with the improvement in attendance at meetings and the atmosphere of the fellowship that we built up at events.

Overall serving on the LEC and devoting my time to the Lodge was a blast. I learned so many new things and met so many people. Through these experiences, I was able to give back to not only the Lodge but also my troop and community. I also look forward to the year to come and have high hopes that the Arrowmen will strive for even bigger and better things.

*- Finn Diringer,
2022 Vice Chief of Program*



FINAL VICE CHIEF OF MEMBERSHIP REPORT

I am grateful for the opportunities I have been given over my term as the Vice Chief of Membership to meet many new amazing people, many of which are in this room. Having this position was a great learning experience as it allowed me to travel all over Marin to explore how other units run, and to engage with Scouts from a variety of backgrounds.

Part of the responsibility of my position was to attend troop meetings of units who requested induction elections, and with this opportunity, I was able to meet and welcome dozens of new Arrowmen into the Lodge. Many of these Arrowmen have already taken on leadership positions and have stayed active through meetings and service, and it's amazing to see how they have become crucial parts of our lodge in such a short amount of time.

Having this role as my first Lodge level position was a very beneficial experience, as planning Ordeals and attending events for the LODge made me decide to take the next steps of leadership at the troop level to run for SPL. Being on the LEC this year has been a wonderful experience for me, and it allowed me to engage in parts of Scouting that I would not have otherwise attended, eventually molding me into a better leader, Scout, and Arrowman.

*- Jenna Spector,
2022 Vice Chief of Membership*

FINAL VICE CHIEF OF CEREMONIES REPORT

Over the course of the year, being Vice Chief of Ceremonies has really given me a different perspective on our Lodge and scouting as a whole. From organizing ceremonies meetings to improving on my leadership skills and ability to reach out to others, I learned so much about not only the ceremonies and the values that they reflect, but also what it's like to be a member of the LEC and take lead in our lodge.

A highlight from my year was attending NOAC, where I got to meet Arrowmen from around the country, as well as watch the ceremonies team put on a fantastic Brotherhood ceremony in a national evaluation, which we had spent months preparing for.

Seeing this development of the teams at each practice really made me enjoy my time as Vice Chief of Ceremonies, and I look forward to continuing my leadership in the lodge in the future.

*- Mason Chiu,
2021 Vice Chief of Ceremonies*

FINAL TREASURER REPORT

Back in December 2021, I ran for the Lodge Treasurer position having no idea what an amazing and unique experience it would be. Throughout the year, I was not only able to develop my leadership skills within the LEC, but also engage with and learn more about the Arrowmen that make up who we are as a Lodge. Even though most of my work took place behind the scenes, including balancing spreadsheets, filling-out check requests, and of course selling patches, I always loved attending our events more and seeing you all, our members.

The perpetual excitement for Scouting and helping others in a time of need is what truly made this year extraordinary. Over the summer, when our Lodge had the wonderful opportunity to attend 2022's NOAC, we showed out, bringing a total of 18 delegates to the conference. As Talako's youth contingent lead, I only continued to see the sense of brotherhood and community that our organization strives for day by day.

Our Lodge fundraising efforts throughout the year only continued to exceed our expectations, quickly running out of inventory within weeks of placing new orders. Your support has truly made a difference within our Lodge, and it has been a great honor and privilege to serve as your Treasurer. I can't wait for what 2023 has in store!

*- Ryder Lariviere,
2021 Treasurer*

FINAL SECRETARY REPORT

When I ran for the position of Secretary this time last year, I had no idea just how great of an experience it would be. Being able to see the behind the scenes of all our Lodge meetings, getting to know each person on our amazing LEC, and all our wonderful Arrowmen has given me the opportunity to branch out beyond my own troop, especially when I attended NOAC in August. There wasn't a single OA event this year where I didn't learn something new, and I walked away from each event feeling like I had grown a little as a person.

Each time I wrote, "Hello Talako!" in an email to our Lodge, I was reminded of the amazing community I was addressing - which I have all of you to thank for. Our Lodge may be small, but our numbers are slowly growing, and I can see the progress we have all made as I enter each and every one of your names into the attendance on LodgeMaster. Your presence truly makes a difference in this community, the same way it makes a huge difference in the amount of times I have to remind you to join Slack. I'm so excited to see how this next year will shape our Lodge and what adventures await.

*- Helen Perry,
2021 Secretary*

ADVISER REFLECTION

I need to open with a hearty congratulations for a terrific year! As we come off of what may have felt like an entire decade of challenges due to the constraints and difficulties presented by the pandemic, we strived for normalcy and a return to the sense of community and brotherhood that an Order of the Arrow Lodge represents. I think that we hit this one out of the park and into next year.

High points were: two highly successful Inductions, the Pinewood Derby Workshop, and two highly successful Camping events: the Winter Klondike and Fall Camporee. I'm proud of our challenging Ice Cream Service Project at the Marin County Fair, followed by an exceptional NOAC trip to Knoxville, Tennessee. We gave admirable support to Sections G17N and G17S as a unit for their Conclaves. We decorated the Elks Club bringing the holiday spirit to our Lodge hosts. The apple in our service calendar is Scouting for Food, which is perhaps the most timely and important service we provide annually. And finally a new and very much appreciated event: the Luminaries service project at St. Raphael's for the Marin Symphony. It was a year in which we definitely found our rhythm.

The extra time and effort that our Lodge leadership and members put into our Ceremonies Teams (which shined at NOAC), extra COC support and planning, Elections, Bridgings, and Roundtables, kept Talako in the forefront of the discussion and let our Council leadership know that we are seriously committed to quality service by keeping the Lodge viable and healthy through hard work and a desire for excellence. Talako remains a well-respected and recognized Lodge at the Section, Regional and National level.

As Lodge Chief, Jamey Schnasse has done an excellent job of motivating, managing, and serving this year. Keeping the LEC on target and in step. Not an easy job nor one that can be done without tremendous heart and commitment. In my role as Lodge Adviser, I have been blessed with an amazing, committed, and growing support group of Associate Advisers: Nestor Schnasse, Mark Otavka, Ned Farnkopf, Willy Coronado, Robert Lariviere, Michael Swalberg, and Natalie Lee - with more entering into service. Additionally, the exceptional support we have gotten from the Council office, primarily through Michael "MJ" Andrews, has made our Lodge more effective and helped integrate Talako into Council activities and service opportunities.

The introduction and amazing contribution that young women Scouts have made to Scouting and now the Order of the Arrow can be credited with creating a more diverse and comprehensive program. The addition of these female Arrowmen has made the Lodge and the Ceremonies team better and more balanced. A note though, Talako could not have made the trip to NOAC nor made the strides that we did in the realm of supporting our female Order of the Arrow members without Natalie Lee's support. Fact: we cannot meet in any form without an adult male and female leader to meet our YPT. Natalie's commitment to grow the corps of Female Advisers has given the lodge 3 more women to support our youth, a tremendous feat. We welcome these new leaders: Janet Chiu, Katherine Diringer, and Heather Stewart. With them and the rest of our advisers, we are poised to provide all of our youth with the support they need to keep Talako strong. If you are an adult and have an interest in supporting the Lodge as an Adviser please let us know. (*"It's only an hour a week."*)

ADVISER REFLECTION CONTINUED

Finally, I need to reflect briefly on the honor I have had to advise Talako for the past 7 years as the Lodge Adviser. I haven't done any of this by myself and that's what has made it so unique and fulfilling. I have been blessed with a strong support staff but even more so by the very best and most exceptional Scouts in our Council. Every Arrowman that stepped up to serve the Lodge at the LEC and COC levels has made Talako Lodge better, every other Arrowman that stepped up in support of them helped to make Talako Lodge amazing, the best of the best, and that has made my experience more memorable and special than I could have ever dreamed.

I'm stepping aside to serve at the Section level next year, but with such a tremendous support staff aligned with motivated and exceptional youth led by the steady and thoughtful hands of Mr. Nestor Schnasse and what has to be a motivated and exceptional LEC in 2023, I know that there is so much more that Talako is poised to achieve. Great things are on the horizon.

I've always asked my Chief, "What is it you wish to achieve with this Lodge, what is your vision? How can we made that happen?"

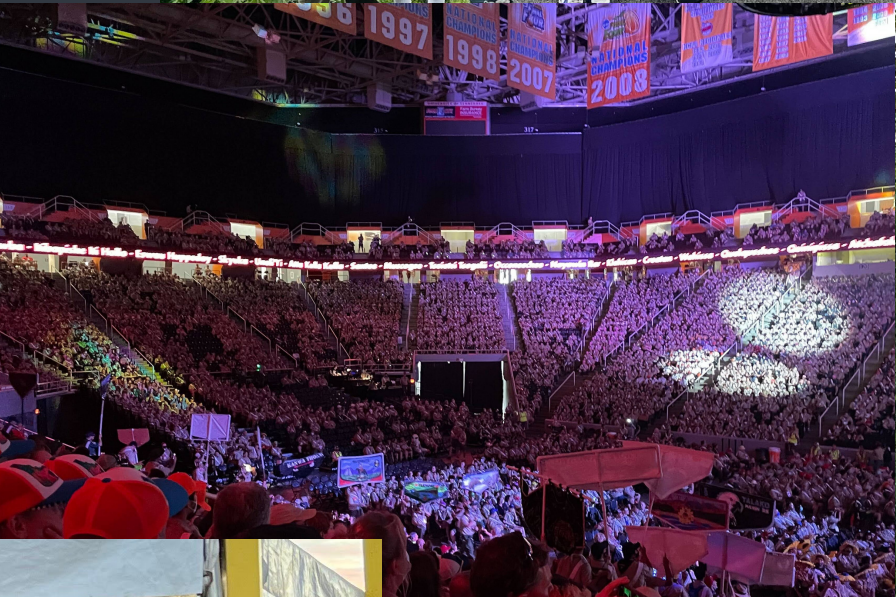
I ask all of you to ponder this question today, "How can I best be of service to that vision?"

Talako Lodge has always been what we make of it whenever we meet, whenever we serve, wherever our hearts beat steady and in sync, like a drumbeat, calling us to service for the betterment of Scouting and the rest of our community.

Thank you one and all-
Kenn Moynihan
Lodge Adviser
2016 - 2022







2023 LODGE CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 1/10/2023 Lodge Meeting Elk's Lodge
- 1/28/2023 Code Red Location TBD

FEBRUARY

- 2/11/2023 Pinewood Derby Workshop Camp Tamarancho
- 2/14/2023 Lodge Meeting Elk's Lodge

MARCH

- 3/10-12/2023 Klondike Derby Camp Marin Sierra
- 3/14/2023 Lodge Meeting Elk's Lodge

APRIL

- 4/3/2023 Lodge Meeting Elk's Lodge
- 4/21-23/2023 Spring Induction Camp Tamarancho

MAY

- 5/9/2023 Lodge Meeting Elk's Lodge
- 5/19-21/2023 Family Fiesta Camp Tamarancho

JUNE/JULY

- 6/6/2023 Summer BBQ & Pool Party Elk's Lodge
- 6/29-7/5/2023 Ice Cream Service Project Marin County Fair

SEPTEMBER

- 9/12/2023 Lodge Meeting Elks' Lodge
- 9/15-17/2023 Conclave Location TBD

OCTOBER

- 10/10/2023 Lodge Meeting Elk's Lodge
- 10/20-22/2023 Fall Induction Camp Tamarancho

NOVEMBER

- 11/11/2023 Scouting For Food Marin Food Bank
- 11/14/2023 Lodge Meeting Elk's Lodge
- 11/26/2023 Elk Lodge Decorating Elk's Lodge

DECEMBER

- 12/2/2023 Annual Lodge Banquet Location TBD

Thank you all for attending this evening and supporting the Lodge throughout 2022. We are excited to see you in 2023!

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**WE THANK THE  
2022 LODGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

**Jamey Schnasse, Chief**  
**Finn Diringer, Vice Chief of Program**  
**Jenna Spector, Vice Chief of Membership**  
**Mason Chiu, Vice Chief of Ceremonies**  
**Ryder Lariviere, Treasurer**  
**Helen Perry, Secretary**  
**Alex Perry, Immediate Past Chief**

**Kenn Moynihan, Adviser**  
**Nestor Schnasse, Program Adviser**  
**Ned Farnkopf, Membership Adviser**  
**Mark Otavka, Ceremonies Adviser**  
**Robert Lariviere, Finance Adviser**  
**Michael Swalberg, Administration Adviser**  
**Michael "MJ" Andrews, Staff Adviser**  
**Michael Dybeck, Chief of the Fire**





“Friends, the ones  
who chose you, need you.  
Who among you now is ready?  
Who will go upon this journey?”

*- Allowat Sakima,  
The Mighty Chief*



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