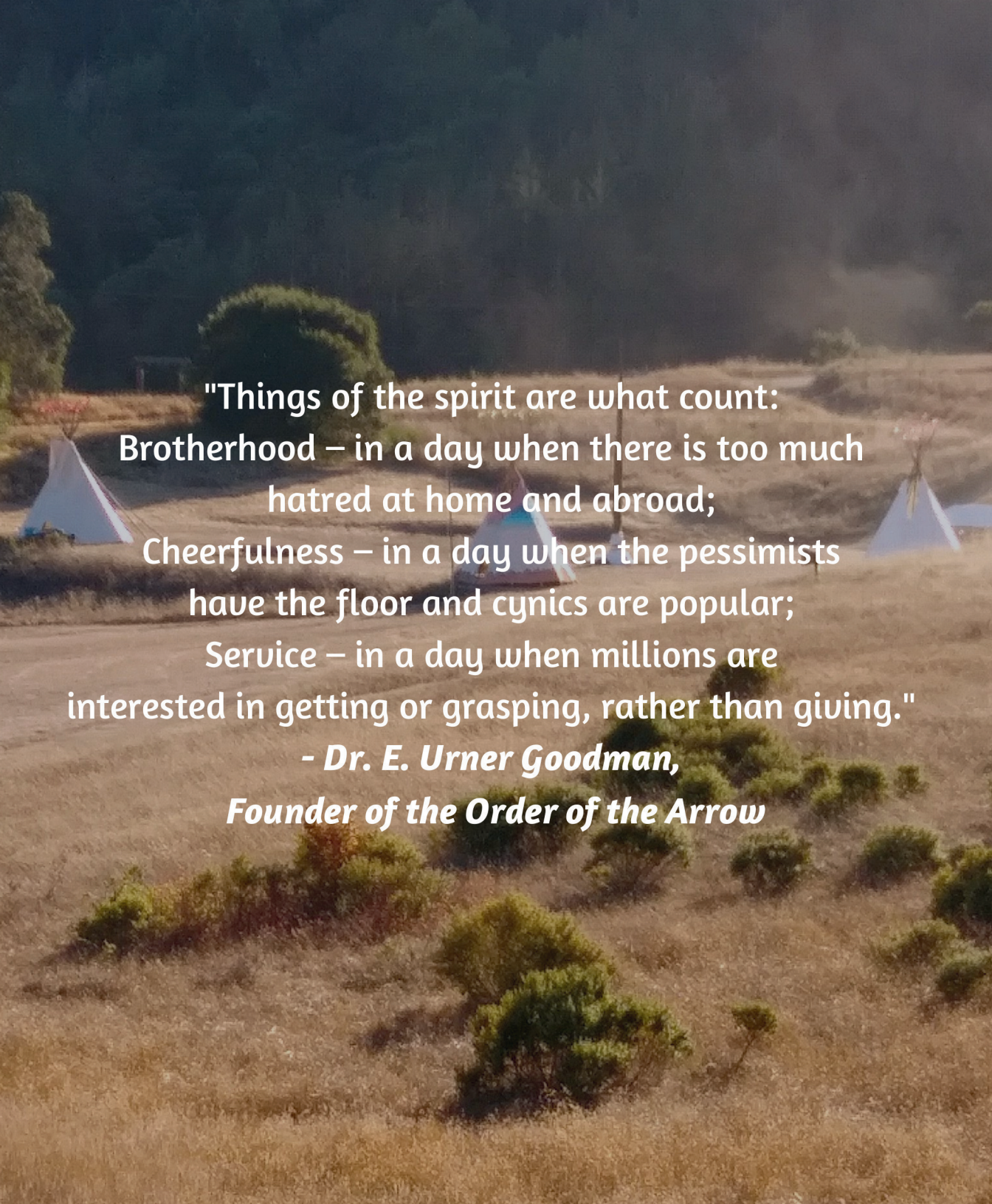




The High Eagle

TALAKO LODGE
MARIN COUNCIL, BSA
SINCE 1958



A landscape photograph showing several teepees pitched in a field of dry, golden-brown grass. The background features a dark, dense forest or mountain range under a dark, overcast sky. The scene is lit with a soft, golden light, suggesting either dawn or dusk. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

"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 BANQUET

Saturday, December 2, 2023

4:00pm

Program

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

ELECTION OF 2024 OFFICERS

We will be electing our 2024 officers.

YEAR IN REVIEW

Reflect on the accomplishments of the year.

LODGE RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

Honor those who have made 2024 possible.

INDUCTION OF 2024 OFFICERS

Induct the 2024 Lodge Executive Committee.

CLOSING AND SONG

Thank you for coming tonight!!



YEAR IN REVIEW

20

New Ordeal Members Inducted

These new members come from 8 troops throughout Marin Council.

17

New Brotherhood Members

The Lodge had 17 Ordeal members seal their membership by becoming Brotherhood members.

3

New Vigil Members

Last December 3 Arrowmen were selected for the Vigil Honor. Their ceremony was held in April.

38

Lodge Members attended the 2023 G17N Conclave

This year's section conclave was held in September at Soda Springs Mountain Resort.

25

Lodge Members attended the Fall Fellowship

It's not always about service - this year's Fall Fellowship was held at K1 Speedway and In-and-Out.

15

Lodge Members ran the program for the Marin Council Camporee

This service represented hundreds of service hours rendered to the Council.

37

Lodge Members helped unload food at the food bank for SFF

Over 28,000 pounds of food was unloaded providing needed service towards our community.

94

Arrowmen registered with Talako Lodge

The Lodge's members represent 14 different troops and crew throughout Marin Council.

**Congratulations to our new
Ordeal members:**

Nathan Bandouveres
Ruby Cole
Nikolai Fedoroff
Nathan Ferhart
Aurora Garcia
Leo Garduno
Jeffrey Gurrola
Jack Judd
Charlie Malone
Jack Moriarty
Emmet O'Neil
Hayden O'Neil
Sofia Ponce de Leon
Daniel Puente
Griffith Roberts
Alexander Rossi
Lucas Simmons
Akash Sutton
Jack Wein
Kathryn Wentzell

**Congratulations to our new
Brotherhood members:**

Janet Chiu
Kathleen Diringer
Adam Gurrola
Quinn Guyot
Nick Hartung
Colin Judson
Parker King
Nathaniel Lee
Logan Lum
Charlie Malone
Sofia Ponce de Leon
Georgia Stahl-Ricco
Heather Stewart
Will Stewart
Jack Wein
Kathryn Wentzell
Cyrus Wood

**Congratulations to our new
Vigil members:**

Alex Perry
Tanner Spence
Michael "MJ" Andrews



FINAL CHIEF REPORT

It has been an honor this past year to be the Chief of Talako Lodge. Throughout the past few months the Arrowmen have done nothing short of spectacular in performing at the highest level possible.

We've had a jam-packed year with Scouting for Food, Inductions, and two new Fellowships now added to the calendar, from going Go-Karting to bringing 38 people to Soda Spring Ski Resort for Conclave. All of these events could not have been done without the help of an excellent Lodge Executive Committee that gave up many hours to make them the best that they could possibly be.

Exclusively, my time as Chief could not have been better without you, the Arrowmen, who make this Lodge what it is today. Scouting in Marin has grown and flourished under your guidance as role model Scouts, and will continue as long as Talako Lodge is around. I look forward to seeing each one of you help grow this Lodge to be better than ever. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Lodge Chief throughout this wonderful year.

WWW,
Finn Diringer
2023 Lodge Chief



FINAL PROGRAM REPORT

Being Vice Chief of Program for our lodge this past year has been an incredible experience for me. I learned so much about Talako, each troop and crew, and got to know some amazing Scouts. I also got to work with a fantastic LEC who all put in so much work throughout the year, and who all supported each other in our various roles.

While planning the great events that Marin Council puts on every year was far from easy, I gained a new perspective on the OA and Scouting as a whole. Event after event, from the Pinewood Derby to Camporee, I have walked away amazed at our lodge, and you - the Arrowmen. These events couldn't have been nearly as successful as they were without you volunteering your time and energy towards attending and helping out. Some of you helped out at almost every event this year, and although you may think that as an individual you don't make a big difference, I'm so grateful for your support. Without you, Talako Lodge would not be possible.

Thank you to everyone who made this year's events fun and memorable!

*- Helen Perry,
2023 Vice Chief of Program*

FINAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

After my first year on the LEC as Vice Chief of Ceremonies, I thought I knew everything there is to know about leadership. But as I am finishing up my second year as an officer, I've realized that I couldn't have been more wrong. Being the Vice Chief of Membership has taught me many new aspects of leadership, and to me, the most important one was communication. Throughout the year, most of my work was sending emails, whether it be to Cubmasters or Scoutmasters for bridgings and elections, or to fellow Arrowmen for their assistance at events, I learned the skill of good and clear communication.

*- Mason Chiu,
2023 Vice Chief of Membership*

FINAL CEREMONIES REPORT

Hi everyone! I'm Addison Everage, and for this term I was the Vice Chief of Ceremonies. This has been an amazing year with the Lodge, and I have learned so much, especially the time management aspect of being a leader. There were definitely bumps along the road, but I was so proud of all of the ceremonies teams that performed this term, and I learned as much as any of them. I'm really happy that I got the chance to do this for the Lodge this year, and it was such a valuable experience. I have gotten such a better understanding of the stories and legends of the Lodge, and what it means to be a part of the Order of the Arrow as I was close to the ceremonies all year. This has been an amazing experience that I am so grateful for.

*- Addison Everage,
2023 Vice Chief of Ceremonies*

FINAL FINANCE REPORT

Serving as Talako Lodge's 2023 Treasurer has been a blast! As this was my first year on the LEC I learned a lot about planning, delegating, communicating, and organization. There were definitely some struggles along the way with complicated spreadsheets, but I couldn't have asked for a better LEC and advisers to work with.

Through the successful fundraising efforts from Scout Produce Box and new lodge flaps, our lodge was able to collect significant funds. I am thankful to everyone who helped out with our fundraiser and booth at Conclave. We will be putting this money towards scholarships, so every Arrowmen is able to experience fulfilling events of brotherhood. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve this Lodge, as it has given me countless memories in my Scouting journey.

*- Skylar Lariviere,
2023 Treasurer*

FINAL SECRETARY REPORTS

Having earned my Eagle Scout rank this past year has been an amazing experience, one that accurately culminates my Scouting journey, and one that has taught me the principles of all I have learned along the way. Over the past year, I have met many roadblocks, challenges and new experiences both in and out of Scouting, but the perseverance I have learned to apply to these difficulties thanks to my time as a Scout has made climbing these mountains a little easier. From being on the LEC for the first time, to drafting, proposing and completing my Eagle project, and working hard to stay active in my troop, my Scouting experience has been at its peak, and I am so thankful for the chance to be able to experience it all with a irreplaceable group of Scouts, mentors, and friends.

**- Nicole Everage,
2023 Secretary**

Although my time as lodge secretary was short having started this Fall, I've had a blast working with the LEC and the Lodge. From sending out emails and monthly Council dispatches to running the Lodge Instagram, I have learned a lot about how the Lodge works and what everyone does to keep it running.

Attending events such as Conclave, our Fall Ordeal, and OA Scouting For Food while on the LEC has given me a deeper insight on brotherhood in the OA and in our Lodge. Every single event, I leave with more knowledge and I develop more as a person and as a Scout.

I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know all of you, the amazing Arrowmen, throughout the year. Without you, our Lodge wouldn't be as strong as we are today. With the year coming to a close, it has been a great end to my term, and I couldn't ask for a better LEC and Lodge to spend my time with.

Thank you for having me as your Lodge Secretary, and I can't wait to see how Talako continues to grow and improve in the years to come.

**- Amelia Lee,
2023 Secretary**

FINAL ADVISOR REPORT

Don't worry. The adults are in good hands. The Scouts have got things handled. They get commitment. They all know what a real work ethic looks and smells like. This is the OA, a very special place.

It's been a year now since Kenn Moynihan handed off the Adviser-baton and I've just caught my breath. That's almost enough time to understand the Lodge program he helped build up to be so strong, and Chris Cardinal before him, and Bob Tong before him, and 15 other legendary leaders before them. Each supporting a youth-board of incredible talent and creativity.

Talako is an amazing thing, and I appreciate the efforts of so many leaders, young and old, who have prepared Talako for what it is today, and what it will be tomorrow. Most of all, I want to thank the Scouts who stretch way out of their comfort zone to make Talako happen, and to make it awesome. Most Scouts are drawn to fellowship with other engaged Scouts, which is time well spent. Surround yourself with people who make you better.

Talako usually gathers around some sort of service. Many hands make light work and a far bigger impact. For example, Talako collected over 28,000 pounds of food during Scouting for Food which made a huge difference in our community. Some Scouts went further and volunteered a week later to distribute food to nearly 300 families through the Marin Food Bank and made a huge impression on other volunteers and program-patrons doing so. These young adults are just awesome.

Some Scouts are drawn to ceremonies to welcome new members or mark important moments in an awe-inspiring way. It takes a huge effort to prepare. This year was no exception with a very strong ceremonies team at ordeals and our section conclave competition. Every Scout who participates in ceremonies comes out bolder, stronger, and a larger version of themselves. It never fails, and the transformation is so fun to witness. Time and time again.

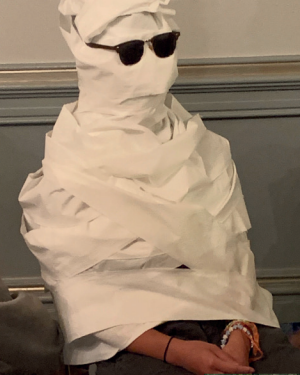
A few Scouts are drawn to administration and leadership, roles that lead to real-world experience with event planning, communications, budget and finance, recruitment, and management. These roles are also stepping stones to roles of eater responsibility at the section, regional, and national levels, which can lead to life-changing opportunities. This group

is our core and gets near the center of Scouting at a young age.

Our LEC is strong and actively inspiring the next generation of leaders to take on the important work of Talako Lodge in our Council and in our community in the future. So, I can say with confidence in this my annual report, the adults are in good hands. The Scouts have got things handled.

WWW,
Nestor Schnasse
Lodge Adviser







**Thank you all for attending this evening
and supporting the Lodge throughout 2023.
We are excited to see you in 2024!**

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**WE THANK THE  
2023 LODGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Finn Diringer, Chief**  
**Helen Perry, Vice Chief of Program**  
**Mason Chiu, Vice Chief of Membership**  
**Addison Everage, Vice Chief of Ceremonies**  
**Skylar Lariviere, Treasurer**  
**Amelia Lee, Secretary**  
**Nicole Everage, Secretary**  
**Jamey Schnasse, Immediate Past Chief**

**Nestor Schnasse, Adviser**  
**Ryan Moynihan, Program Adviser**  
**Ned Farnkopf, Membership Adviser**  
**Willy Coronado, Ceremonies Adviser**  
**Mark Otavka, Ceremonies Adviser**  
**Robert Lariviere, Finance Adviser**  
**Natalie Lee, Administration Adviser**  
**Michael "MJ" Andrews, Staff Adviser**  
**Michael Dybeck, Chief of the Fire**

# 2024 LODGE CALENDAR

## JANUARY

- o 1/9/2024 Lodge Meeting Elk's Lodge
- o 1/27/2024 Code Red San Rafael LDS Church

## FEBRUARY

- o 2/10/2024 Pinewood Derby Workshop Elk's Lodge
- o 2/13/2024 Lodge Meeting Elk's Lodge

## MARCH

- o 3/9-11/2024 Klondike Derby Camp Marin Sierra
- o 3/12/2024 Lodge Meeting Elk's Lodge

## APRIL

- o 4/2/2024 Lodge Meeting Elk's Lodge
- o 4/20-22/2024 Spring Induction Camp Tamarancho

## MAY

- o 5/14/2024 Lodge Meeting Elk's Lodge
- o 5/17-19/2024 Family Fiesta Camp Tamarancho

## JUNE/JULY/AUGUST

- o 6/4/2024 Summer BBQ & Pool Party Elk's Lodge
- o 7/29-8/3/2024 National OA Conference Uni. Colorado, Boulder
- o 8/20/2024 Lodge Meeting Elk's Lodge

## SEPTEMBER

- o 9/10/2024 Lodge Meeting Elks' Lodge
- o 9/13-15/2024 Conclave Camp Royaneh

## OCTOBER

- o 10/6/2024 Lodge Meeting Elk's Lodge
- o 10/18-20/2024 Fall Induction Camp Tamarancho

## NOVEMBER

- o 11/2-3/2024 Fall Fellowship TBD
- o 11/9/2024 Scouting For Food Marin Food Bank
- o 11/12/2024 Lodge Meeting Elk's Lodge
- o 11/24/2024 Elk Lodge Decorating Elk's Lodge

## DECEMBER

- o 12/7/2024 Annual Lodge Banquet Scout Hall, Mill Valley, CA





“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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