



Thank you to our 2024 Lodge Executive Committee:

Helen Perry, Lodge Chief
Skyлар Lariviere, Vice Chief of Program
Mason Chiu, Vice Chief of Membership
Amelia Lee, Vice Chief of Ceremonies
Georgia Stahl-Ricco, Lodge Treasurer
Rupert Atkins, Lodge Secretary

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

Though we snuff their candles as we leave our circle, may these virtues glow more brightly in our hearts, and minds, and actions

~Allowat Sakima, The Might Chief

Thank you for attending

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Talako Lodge Annual Banquet

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Banquet Program

Social Hour and Lodge Officer Elections

Welcome & Introductions

Grace & Dinner

Year In Review

Auction & Dessert

Awards & Recognitions

Instillation of 2025 Lodge Officers

Closing & Song



Congratulations to our new Brotherhood members

Caleb Clifford
Nikolai Fedoroff
Tobias Foster
Leo Garduno
Ryan Ip
Aidan Ring
Donald Stahl-Ricco
Abishek Sundararaman
Benjamin Wentzell
Seth Yee



Congratulations to our new Vigil members

Will Hartung
Robert Lariviere



Our internal program was also incredibly effective. Monthly Lodge meetings were well planned and fun, complete with our June BBQ and pool-day. Ordeals were well attended thanks to that outreach I mentioned before, and well organized from start to end. Ceremonies were heartfelt and impactful, leading to top honors at NOAC and a memorable win at Conclave. Many members stepped forward to brotherhood honor in an impressive way. Conservation projects made a huge impact on our camp.

Talako's Crew 533 did a weekend backpacking trip along the Pacific coast. We bounced on trampolines to blow off some steam, and then screamed on rollercoasters to blow off a little more at some awesome fellowship events. Even the fun stuff is the result of some hard work, effort. And that is what I want to celebrate most of all. No one stands to gain personally from doing this work, organizing Council and Lodge events, it is pure service. To see a group of young people mature enough to take this on and just rock it is inspiring. Who wouldn't want to be around that? I am in awe of our youth, and thank them for a fantastic year.

~ Mr. S
Talako Lodge Adviser

2025 Lodge Calendar

January

14: Lodge Meeting

February

8: Pinewood Derby "Champ Camp" Workshop
11: Lodge Meeting

March

7-9: Klondike Derby Winter Camporee
11: Lodge Meeting

April

1 or 15: Lodge Meeting (due to spring break)
18-20: Spring Induction Weekend

May

13: Lodge Meeting

June

3: June BBQ
14: Flag Day (ceremony at Elks Lodge)

August

19: Lodge Meeting (3rd Tue due to summer break)

September

9: Lodge Meeting
12-14: Section Conclave

October

14: Lodge Meeting
17-19: Fall Induction Weekend

November

8: Scouting for Food
11: Lodge Meeting
30: Elk's Club Holiday Service Project

December

13: Annual Lodge Banquet

Congratulations to our new Ordeal members

Kiran Allidina	Colby Pettus
Nicolas Bal	Dylan Pilling
Jackson Beach	Nicole Rekhman
Kevin Buckley	Aidan Ring
Max Clark	Caius Roberts
Caleb Clifford	Zachary Rossi
Riley Clifford	Carter Sarubbi
Tobias Foster	Jacob Simmons
Riley Gu	Kai Smith
James Hamill	Russell Smith
Keegan Harbison	Jack Stevenson
Ross Howard	Jared Sullivan
George Kennedy	Adithya Sunku
Isaac Kiptum	Marcella Taboada
Eloise Lenehan	Alberto Vides
Zachary Mar-Elia	William Warmby
Ava Marin	Benjamin Wentzell
Jack McCarthy	Tracy White
Charlotte McKay	Seth Yee
Cole Miller	
Cole Murawski	



Treasurer's Reflection

Thank you all for granting me the privilege of serving as your 2024 Lodge Treasurer! When I was elected to this role, I didn't know much about what it truly entailed. However, thanks to Skylar's incredible mentorship, I caught on quickly, and learned a lot of my most valuable knowledge by jumping in and doing.

This year, much of my work as Treasurer happened behind the scenes—managing spreadsheets and processing reimbursements. Yet, I also had the opportunity to engage directly with our LEC to sell patches and merchandise at our Ordeals, stock the store, organize our veggie box fundraiser, design hoodies, and create our Conclave booth with exciting items. Being treasurer has been occasionally challenging, but always rewarding.

The service that I've been able to give and the unwavering support that I've received from our amazing Chief and her LEC has truly made this year a blessing and deepened my understanding of our admonition and what it means to love one another. Thank you all again for this opportunity to serve you, and I look forward to serving you all again in the future!

~ Georgia Stahl-Ricco
Lodge Treasurer

There is a genuine sense of warmth and support that fills this Lodge, and it has been one of the most rewarding aspects of my service. Every event, every meeting, and every moment spent with this group has reinforced how truly special our brotherhood is.

As Lodge Chief, I made it my priority to reflect this sense of kindness, compassion, and loyalty in my leadership. I believe that a leader's role is not only to direct and organize, but also to inspire and encourage the growth of those around them. I hope that I was able to foster an environment where everyone felt valued, heard, and supported. Looking back, I can honestly say I have grown immensely through this experience. I've learned so much about what it means to be a leader, a Scout, and a member of this incredible organization.

As I look ahead, I am filled with optimism and excitement for the future of Talako Lodge and the future of Scouting in Marin. We are building something that will continue to thrive and grow, thanks to the hard work and dedication of each and every one of you. I will always be grateful for the opportunity to have served this Lodge, and for the trust and support you've shown me throughout this journey. Thank you for allowing me to be part of something truly special.

~ Helen Perry
Lodge Chief

Adviser's Reflection

Talako is in great shape, delivering on our Order's new vision statement: "To be why Scouts want to stay in scouting." The strength of fellowship in the Lodge is palpable, magnetic and growing. This past year has involved an unreasonable amount of fun, a ton of hard work, and Talako's future glows ever brighter thanks to some very persistent outreach.

The Council program events we support were each a massive success thanks to our engaged and organized youth leadership and hard-working members. Talako made dozens and dozens of cub scouts think and then smile by designing and cutting blocks of pinewood into derby-dreams in February. Parents (i.e. future adult leaders) were inspired too, and many complimented OA members for their skill working with younger kids.

In March, Talako hosted an outstanding Klondike Derby for around 120 scouts, ran an October Camporee, and unloaded over 30,000 pounds of donations at Scouting for Food in November. OA was also a strong presence at every other Council event, staffing Webelos Woods, day camp and summer camp at Marin Sierra. Cheerful service all year long, showing others what scouting should look and sound like along the way. Those outward facing efforts help sustain the overall programs, and are just vital.

Secretary's Reflection

Serving as secretary for a year was an incredible experience that helped me grow as a leader and communicator. I learned how to manage responsibilities, stay organized, and collaborate with others to keep things running smoothly.

My favorite moments were at inductions, where I was honored to serve as an Elangomat and a member of the ceremonies team. These events were meaningful because I got to help guide new members, witness our lodge grow, and connect with so many inspiring Arrowmen. It's been a year of personal growth and unforgettable memories, and I'm grateful for every opportunity to serve and learn.

~ Rupert Atkins
Lodge Secretary

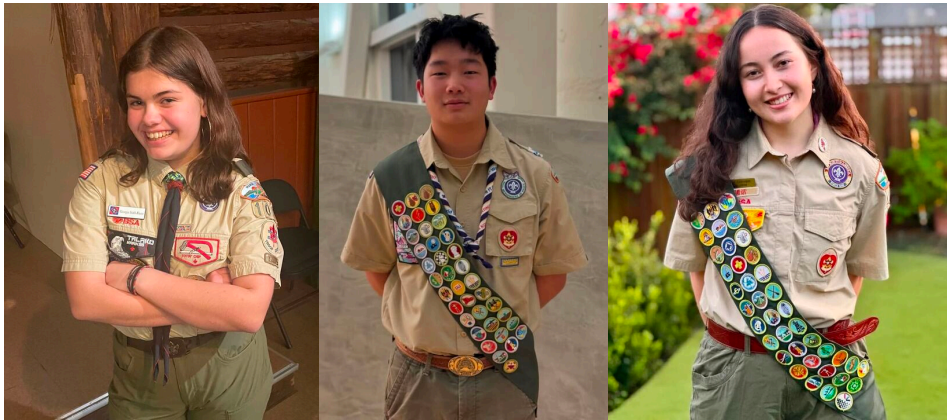


Vice Chief's Reflection

As I end my second year as Vice Chief of Membership, I look back on the lodge's successful year. We brought in over 40 new arrowmen, and had 12 members seal their brotherhood honor. We also went to 6 cub scout packs to assist with bridging ceremonies, and completed 6 projects for Camp Tamarancho.

All these events wouldn't be possible without you arrowmen, from participating in bridgings, visitations, or elections, to staffing our two ordeals, you were all crucial parts in making the year successful. Together we visited 100% of the units in Marin, completing elections for all but two of them. I look forward to serving the lodge for as long as I can, and again, thank you for the support.

~ Mason Chiu
Vice Chief of Membership



Vice Chief's Reflection

This year as your 2024 Vice Chief of Program has been an extraordinary journey of growth, connection, and leadership. From mentoring younger Scouts at the Pinewood Derby to orchestrating events like the Klondike Derby, Spring and Fall Fellowships, and service projects, I've honed my ability to balance meticulous planning with cultivating camaraderie and shared purpose.

One of the most gratifying experiences was spearheading our NOAC contingent to Boulder, Colorado. It was an indelible experience to unite Arrowmen from our lodge for a week of dynamic training, inspiring shows, and fellowship with Scouts from across the nation. Witnessing our group forge bonds, tackle challenges, and proudly represent Talako Lodge underscored why I hold the Order of the Arrow so close to my heart. These moments transcended the events themselves, becoming about the relationships we built and the collective brotherhood spirit we fostered.

Reflecting on the past year, I am profoundly grateful not just for what we achieved but for the amazing Arrowmen who served to make it all possible. It has been an honor to grow alongside such a fantastic group of Arrowmen, and I eagerly anticipate the incredible opportunities that lie ahead for us with the new Vice Chief of Program.

~ Skylar Lariviere
Vice Chief of Program

Chief's Reflection

Serving as your Lodge Chief this past year has been an incredible and deeply rewarding experience—one filled with meaningful memories, personal growth, and countless learning opportunities. From the moment I stepped into this role, I knew it would be both a challenge and an opportunity to give back to the organization that has given me so much over the years. What I didn't fully anticipate, however, was just how much this position would shape me, not just as a leader, but as a person.

One of the greatest privileges of this journey has been the opportunity to work alongside such a dedicated and passionate Lodge Executive Committee (LEC), our talented youth members, and the advisors who guided us every step of the way. Together, we have created a culture of mutual respect, hard work, and shared vision that fueled our success throughout the year.

Representing Talako on a regional and even national level was undoubtedly a challenge at times, but it was a challenge I took on with immense pride. I knew I was representing what I can confidently say, in my unbiased opinion, is the best Lodge in the country. Talako is more than just a group of Scouts; it is a family. And that family has been an unyielding source of support, inspiration, and joy for me, and hopefully you as well.

Vice Chief's Reflection

My name is Amelia Lee and I am the 2024 Vice Chief of Ceremonies for Talako Lodge! My favorite events from this year were Conclave and NOAC (National Order of the Arrow Conference)! I especially loved playing games at the Conclave fair and trading patches at NOAC.

My proudest moment as the Vice Chief of Ceremonies was standing with my fellow arrowmen, listening to how confident and strong our ceremonies teams developed to be. From achieving best team at Conclave to earning Honor Team at this year's National Order of the Arrow Conference, the ceremonies teams have proven again and again what hard work can achieve. And I am very excited to have new ceremonies members joining us!

The fellowship that the arrowmen exemplify shows why each one was chosen by their fellow scouts to join our lodge. Talako provides a warm and welcoming environment that makes me glad to be a part of the OA and Talako Lodge.

As Mr. Schnasse often says, we are a small but mighty lodge. Every time I look around at the end of our meetings, I know he is right. Each and every one of you have helped show that we ARE mighty. Arrowmen, I can't wait to see how Talako will continue to grow, thrive, and improve in your hands.

~ Amelia Lee
Vice Chief of Ceremonies