



# The Bulletin

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## Annual Special Edition

by Alex B.

The **Bulletin** staff is proud to bring you our second annual special edition, now in blue! On the last page, you can find our first full-year calendar, with all the exciting chapter, lodge, and section events that have been planned for 2023. Please enjoy catching up on lodge news, and we hope to see you at an event soon.



## Looking Ahead

by Tyler O.

Sand Hill Scout Reservation will host this year's spring fellowship, a New England themed weekend from March 3-5. The lodge will recognize new Vigil honor recipients on Friday evening. On Saturday, this event will feature the second annual 'Quest for the Golden Hoof', featuring Chapter vs. Chapter competitions. Though some competitions change every year according to the theme, Vice Chief of Operations Carson C. said, "The classics will always be there: ultimate frisbee, volleyball, tug of war, and of course, bullporidy." The Quest will help us prepare for Section Conference, during which our lodge will be competing with the others across Section E5. There will not be an ordeal or service project held during spring fellowship, rather, there will be a greater focus on fun and lodge business. Elections for the 2023-24 LEC will be held Saturday afternoon. Those who are interested in any lodge positions should speak with the lodge adviser before elections begin. This will be the final lodge weekend of our operating year, and new officers will take their positions at the upcoming lodge banquet. Banquet will be April 29 at the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office in Largo. Aside from being a transition to a new leadership team, this also means Arrowmen can finally complete their event patch set for the year.

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## Looking Behind

by Alex B.

The last lodge event of 2022 was Fall Conclave, which had over 200 members register and almost that many attend. The theme was the American Southeastern states, which included activities inspired by Mardi Gras and a menu which reflected favorite foods of the region. The weekend was also notable for having the highest attendance of any lodge event since 2017. That achievement was celebrated by the LEC as a sign that we have exited the pandemic membership slump in even better shape than we entered it. A few weeks after Fall Conclave, Uh-Tō-Yeh-Hut-Tee hosted the Section E5 Section Leadership Seminar (SLS). Fellow lodges in the state were impressed by our ability to make this event more enjoyable for youth members through modifications to the schedule and the addition of fellowship activities throughout the day. Also in November was the Netapolis Tachquiwi weekend, which worked through the cold rain to give members the best possible experience. In December, the Osceola and Calusa chapters held their joint ordeal weekend which provided the lodge with even more new members. All told, 660 Uh-Tō-Yeh-Hut-Tee Arrowmen paid dues in 2022. The lodge will continue to outdo even that impressive amount in the coming 12 months.

## Chiefly Speaking

by Ryan S.

I am so grateful to every member of our Lodge who helped make 2022 such a great year. We accomplished so many things together in the past 12 months. Our event attendance grew significantly, with the largest Winter, Summer, and Fall, events in our Lodge's history. We brought a huge contingent to the first National Order of the Arrow Conference since 2018. For the first time, our Lodge was named Best All-Around Lodge at the Section E5 Conference, adding to a variety of other awards earned at the Conference. Youth membership has grown over 20% in the last year. These are all things to be proud of, but as we shift our focus to 2023, they should also serve as stepping stones for even greater things to come. As one unified Lodge with a focus on the core ideals of our Order, there are no limits to what we can accomplish together. In the new year, we will focus on continually improving our program at the Lodge and Chapter levels, working to create a culture of success that can sustain itself for years to come. I am so excited to see the new heights we will summit together in 2023.

## Arrowman Spotlight

by Alex T.

In his short time with the Lodge, this Arrowman has gone above and beyond in his commitment to the OA and scouting. Jaymin completed his Ordeal at Camp Soule in 2022 and completed Brotherhood shortly thereafter. He now serves as both the American Indian Activities (AIA) chair and NT Vice Chapter Chief. Jaymin hopes to bring more of an understanding of Native American tradition to fellow lodge members. "Arrowmen will learn the native culture and how life was for native Americans," says Jaymin. He started his scouting journey in elementary school when a local pack did a visit. A few years later, he attended his first summer camp at La-No-Che. This event made him develop interest in Native American traditions such as the pow-wow, which influenced his decision to become AIA chair. Jaymin learned more about AIA at the 2022 NOAC and SLS, and seeks to apply what he found in these trainings to our lodge's future events.

## Adviser's Arrow

by Jeff Renker

Happy New Year Brothers! As we embark on this new year in Uh-Tō-Yeh-Hut-Tee history, we are looking to build further on what we did this last year. This year I challenge all adult members to get at least 2 youth involved in the lodge. The only way we can grow the lodge is by bringing more youth in. They have control over what the lodge is doing and we are here to assist and advise them on their journey. We grew 20% in youth membership in 2022. I want to build on this growth in the years to come, but that only happens with adults assisting the youth. I encourage every adult to help out somewhere; could be for your chapter, a lodge committee, or even behind the scenes helping with registration and lodge communications. Getting involved anywhere will help everyone. Here's to another great year in Uh-Tō-Yeh-Hut-Tee.



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# Chapter Lightning Round

by the Chapter Chiefs. For this issue, each chapter was asked what their New Year's Resolution is for 2023.

## Calusa

The chapter meets at 7:00 pm on the first Thursday of every month at Clearview United Methodist Church. The meeting also has a Zoom option.

Calusa Chapter has had a very successful lodge year so far and is ready to continue their cheerful service. Calusa recently held a joint conclave in December which many youth and adult members helped run smoothly. The chapter is looking to develop all recently inducted members into Brotherhood. Calusa is also proud to report a 100% unit induction rate for the year. The chapter's new year resolution is to be more active on the Lodge level. The chapter wishes everyone a Happy New Year and looks forward to the successes to come.

## Osceola

The chapter meets at 7:00 pm on the second Wednesday of every month at Camp Soule.

Osceola gained six youth and one adult at their ordeal with the Calusa chapter in December. They are very excited for fellowship events in the new year, including one taking place in February. Chapter members should join the remind messaging service for updates about this and other events by texting @osceola89 to 81010. Their new year's resolution is to continue growing membership numbers at chapter events and meetings.

## Pèthakhuwe

The chapter meets at 2:00 pm on the third Saturday of every month via Zoom.

The chapter is ready to continue membership growth in 2023, which will be aided by the ordeal weekend at Flaming Arrow from February 10-12. They worked on logistics for this event at the chapter holiday party at the adviser's house in December. The chapter will also be offering trainings on various subjects during their chapter meetings this year. For 2023, Pethakhuwe's new year's resolution is to increase member retention.

## Service Opportunity

If you are a youth member who enjoys the Order of the Arrow's ceremonies and wants to learn more, the Ceremonies team is looking for more members. Our lodge has a history of excellently performed ceremonies which have been given top scores in both section and national ceremonies competitions. Ceremonies team members can act as principles in the various ceremonies for the Ordeal and Brotherhood process, or simply help with the behind-the-scenes logistics for these events. The Ordeal ceremonies are the first and most memorable interaction new members have with the Order of the Arrow. If you want to be a part of this important lodge function, contact Ceremonies chairman Grant at [ceremonies@uhtoyehhuttee.org](mailto:ceremonies@uhtoyehhuttee.org).



## Elections Coming Soon

by Alex B.

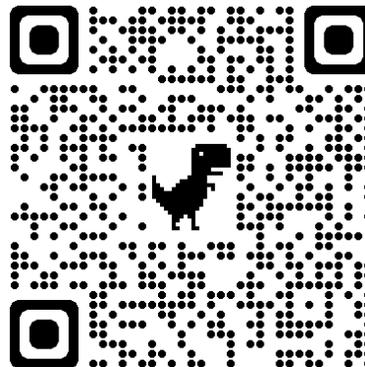
The lodge year lines up roughly with the school calendar; our first event each year is Bull Weekend in early summer, and the last is Lodge Banquet. It is at the Lodge Banquet that lodge and chapter officers begin their term in office. Before this event, however, officers must be elected at Spring Fellowship. Spring Fellowship 2023 will be located at Sand Hill Scout Reservation from March 3-5. Lodge elections take place before each chapter elects their new officers for the year. Any Arrowman who wants to be more involved in the lodge and gain leadership experience should consider seeking approval to run for a position. In order to gain approval for candidacy, email the lodge adviser at [lodgeadviser@uhtoyehhuttee.org](mailto:lodgeadviser@uhtoyehhuttee.org). During the election process, Arrowmen may nominate any lodge youth they feel would do well at the position. The nomination must be seconded, and the nominee may accept or decline to run. Once all nominees have been recognized, each will be asked to give a very brief speech about what they plan on achieving with this position. Voting will take place in multiple rounds, where the candidate with the least number of votes will be eliminated from the pool until only one remains. All youth present at Spring Fellowship will be able to vote for lodge officers. Chapter Chiefs will be elected only by their own chapters. If you are considering running for a position in the lodge but have questions, ask the officer who currently holds that position and they will be happy to answer everything they can. The Order of the Arrow is focused on youth leadership in service, and only youth who exemplify servant leadership can make that ideal be realized.

## Dues Payment 2023

by Alex B.

With the start of a new year, all members of the Order of the Arrow must pay their annual dues. This fee helps keep the program running both in our local area and around the nation. In order to receive communications from the lodge and attend Order of the Arrow events, members must be up-to-date on their dues. To pay your dues for 2023, please visit the following link or scan the QR code opposite.

Link: <https://scoutingevent.com/089-2023OADues>



# Event Registration

## Lodge Events 2023

- January 6-8: Winter Conclave
- February 10-12: Pethakhuwe Chapter Conclave
- March 3-5: Spring Fellowship
- April 14-16: Section Conference
- April 29: Lodge Banquet
- May 12-14: Bull Weekend
- October 13-15: Fall Conclave

Lodge LEC meetings will be the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm on Zoom. Emails with the meeting link will be sent out prior to each month's LEC.

Current medical forms are required for all in-person events.



## Pay 2023 Dues

Pay for annual dues: <https://scoutingevent.com/089-2023OADues>. Or go to [uhtoyehhuttee.org](http://uhtoyehhuttee.org).

If you completed your ordeal in 2023, your dues for this year were already included in your ordeal fee.

## Bulletin Article Submission

If you have a topic you wish to be addressed in next quarter's Bulletin, email the lodge secretary. This includes lodge members you think should be featured in the Arrowman Spotlight, upcoming events, service opportunities, etc. The next edition is to be published at Spring Fellowship.

# Contact Us

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## What Chapter are You?

- Fort Brooke District: Netopolis Tachquiwi
- Lake Region District: Pethakhuwe
- Miccosukee District: Osceola
- Skyway District: Calusa
- Suncoast District: Abiaca
- Thunderbird District: Pethakhuwe
- Timucua District: Pethakhuwe
- Withlacoochee District: Withlacoochee

## Get Involved

Whether you are a youth or adult, have been in the Order of the Arrow for a month or several decades, you always have an opportunity to give back. Go to <https://uhtoyehhuttee.org/lec/> to view our numerous lodge committees and contact information to join.

If you are a youth member (under 21) interested in running for an elected position on the LEB, Lodge elections will be at our Spring event.

Interested in writing for the Bulletin? Contact the Lodge Secretary. No experience necessary. No youth last names will be published as per YPT.

