



2019-2020 Lodge Guide



TANTAMOUS LODGE ORDER OF THE ARROW

The Order of the Arrow Lodge that serves Mayflower Council, Boy Scouts of America

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Welcome to Tantamous Lodge!

It is with great pleasure we welcome you to Tantamous Lodge, the Order of the Arrow Lodge serving the Mayflower Council.

Tantamous was a prominent Medicine Man, powwow leader, and spiritual leader with land holdings throughout the area now served by the Mayflower Council. A friend of Squanto and the Massachusetts colonists, Tantamous later settled with his family on Nobscot Mountain, within what is today the Nobscot Scout Reservation.

The Owl is the totem of Tantamous Lodge. The owl represents wisdom and intuitive knowledge, which guides us in our present and our future as a lodge. Furthermore, the owl is indigenous to our camps. No doubt every scout has stopped to listen to the call of an owl.

Letter from the Chief

Owen O'Brien, Troop 232 Ashland

It's truly my privilege and honor to serve as the chief of Tantamous Lodge. I'm looking forward to the bright year ahead, where we will be able to burn new trails and leave a legacy. This year's officer team is truly full of potential, and I can't wait to see what we accomplish.



It's important to remember that we're serving today for the scout who will walk through the gates of camp to complete his Ordeal, not just this coming year but for the future. We don't know who he or she is, or what their name is, but the program they will get the opportunity to be a part of will be determined by you and your fellow Arrowmen and what we're able to accomplish together.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns at any point during the year, please don't hesitate to reach out to me via email at chief@tantamous.org.

2019-2020 Officers

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Chapters

Tantamous Lodge is sub-divided into five chapters, each representing the districts of Mayflower Council. The chapters serve as local connection points for the lodge to our Arrowmen. Each chapter has its own officers and advisers, the officers being elected by the youth members within the chapter. Every Arrowman is encouraged to connect to their respective chapter, and attend the monthly meetings, which are typically held at the same time/location as the district roundtable meeting.

Chapter	District	Cities/Towns:
Japeechen	Sachem	Abington, Avon, Braintree, Bridgewater, Brockton, Canton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Holbrook, Randolph, Rockland, Stoughton, West Bridgewater, Weymouth
Ktemaque	Metacomet	Foxboro, Holliston, Medfield, Medway, Millis, Natick, Norfolk, Norwood, Plainville, Sharon, Sherborn, Walpole, and Wrentham
Manomet	Cranberry Harbors	Cohasset, Duxbury, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Hingham, Hull, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Scituate and Whitman
Musketahquid	Post Road	Framingham, Stow, Maynard, Newton, Sudbury, Wayland, Wellesley, and Weston
Taunkacoo	Headwaters	Ashland, Bellingham, Franklin, Hopedale, Hopkinton, Hudson, Marlborough, Mendon, Milford, Northborough, Southborough, Westborough

2019-2020 Calendar

Event	Date	Location
Annual Banquet	January 4	TBD
MBU Concessions	March	S. E. Vo-Tech
Fellowship	April 25-26	Nobscot SR
New England Fellowship	June 12-14	Camp Greenough
NOAC	August 1-August 8	Michigan State University
Ordeal	August 21-23	Camp Resolute
Ordeal	September 11-13	Camp Squanto

Visit Tantamous.org to get the most up-to-date calendar of events!

SCOUTING'S NATIONAL **HONOR** SOCIETY

Performance Measurement Program

In June 2019, the National Committee launched their new strategic plan, a transition was made to a new program to measure lodge performance. There are a small number of requirements and clear benchmarks for lodge achievement. The requirements are consistent with the former JTE to align with your lodge planning.

Membership

The OA has more than 160,000 active members located in lodges affiliated with over 270 BSA local councils. In 2017, Tantamous Lodge chartered 1,090 Arrowmen.

The activity requirements for Tantamous Lodge are unique, as we don't charge dues. To be considered an 'Active Arrowmen', and be re-chartered with the lodge, you simply need to attend one (1) event within 18 months of the charter. The charter is renewed every December.

To become a member of Tantamous Lodge, you must:

- Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Have experienced 15 nights of camping while registered with a troop, crew, or ship within the two years immediately prior to the election. The 15 nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of at least five consecutive nights of overnight camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. Only five nights of the long-term camp may be credited toward the 15-night camping requirement; the balance of the camping (10 nights) must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps of, at most, three nights each. Ship nights may be counted as camping for Sea Scouts.
- At the time of their election, youth must be under the age of 21, and hold one of the following ranks corresponding to the type unit in which they are being

considered for election: Scouts BSA First Class rank, the Venturing Discovery Award, or the Sea Scout Ordinary rank or higher, and following approval by the Scoutmaster, Crew Adviser or Sea Scout Skipper, be elected by the youth members of their unit.

- Adults (age 21 or older) who meet the camping requirements may be selected following nomination to and approval by the lodge adult selection committee.



Trading Post

Tantamous Lodge maintains a trading post with apparel, patches, and more. The trading post is available at all lodge events. All proceeds go towards lodge program enhancements. Accepted payment methods include cash & credit cards.



Fundraising

Tantamous Lodge regularly hosts fundraising events at council events including Merit Badge University. We frequently require additional manpower at these events, so please don't hesitate to sign-up to help! All proceeds go towards lodge program enhancements.

Service

Providing cheerful service is a major part of the Order of the Arrow. We strive to provide service to the council and their camps, and the communities which we're a part of. Service projects include landscaping, painting buildings, food drives (pictured), and more!



Ceremonies

The ceremonies in the Order of the Arrow play an important and meaningful part in bringing new members up to speed on our order, giving Brotherhood candidates greater insight into our purpose and honoring those chosen for the Vigil Honor. No matter which level of membership the ceremony is for, a well-rehearsed and carried out ceremony makes all the difference to those the ceremony is meant for.

Lodge Ceremonies

Tantamous Lodge conducts lodge ceremonies during the ordeal, brotherhood, and vigil candidate process. Volunteers from the lodge ceremonies team perform these ceremonies.

If you're interested in joining the ceremonies team, please email our vice chief of inductions at inductions@tantamous.org.



Public Ceremonies

From January-March of each year, we accept requests for Cub Scout crossover and Arrow of Light ceremonies. To submit a request, please visit our website, Tantamous.org, during the specific timeframe. We also conduct Eagle ceremonies, which can be requested by emailing inductions@tantamous.org.

Elections

Unit Elections must be requested through Tantamous Lodge. Elections are to be conducted by an OA Representative from outside of the unit, and you must have approval/coordination with the lodge leadership. This allows all unit OA members to vote and follows the guidance from National Order of the Arrow concerning how to run unit elections.

Elections outside of a council camp

If your unit is not attending either Camp Resolute or Camp Squanto during the summer camping season, you may request a unit election. To submit the request, visit [Tantamous.org](https://tantamous.org), and select 'Request a unit election'.

Once your request is received, we will do our best to put together a team for your election. Please keep in mind: Tantamous Lodge serves all of Mayflower council, so we may not be able to accommodate every original request. Please submit your requests as early as possible.

Elections at a council camp

If your unit is attending either Camp Resolute or Camp Squanto, please do not request an election outside of camp. Elections are conducted at camp and coordinated by the respective camp chief. More information will be presented at the scoutmasters meeting on the Monday of your respective camping week.

Callouts

Callouts are conducted weekly (on Thursday nights) during the summer camping season at Camp Squanto. We're working to incorporate this program into Camp Resolute. If you're interested in learning more, please contact the vice chief of inductions at inductions@tantamous.org. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate unit-level ceremonies.

Ordeals

Boy Scouts who were elected into the Order of the Arrow by their unit must complete an Ordeal within one year, in order to become a member of Tantamous Lodge. If a candidate does not attend an Ordeal within one year, then the candidate must be re-elected by their unit. A candidate can only complete his Ordeal in Tantamous Lodge.

Attached to the guide are letters given to ordeal candidates and their parents.

Ordeal Registration

Once a candidate has been elected to the OA, he must register for an Ordeal weekend. In 2020, we'll have two Ordeal weekends. Registration for these weekends will be available on Tantamous.org. Please Register as soon as possible, as registration for all lodge events closes on the Monday preceding the event.

Brotherhood

Once an Arrowman has been a member of the Order of the Arrow for six (6) months, they are eligible to seal their membership by completing their Brotherhood. When registering for the weekend, please select 'Brotherhood Candidate'.

Vigil

Once an Arrowman has been a Brotherhood member for two years, they are eligible for the Vigil honor. Each year, a nomination committee meets to select those deemed worthy of the honor. To submit nominations to this committee, please use the form on Tantamous.org. Vigil candidates are called out during the annual banquet.

Communication

External communication to lodge members is vital in Tantamous Lodge. To accomplish this, we utilize several methods – we have an electronic mailing list, updated website, and active social media channels.

Website

All lodge resources, information, and registration links are updated on our website which can be accessed at Tantamous.org. If you have any questions regarding the content on the website, please contact our vice-chief of communications at communications@tantamous.org.

Social Media



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eNews

Tantamous Lodge maintains an electronic mailing list to communicate with our members. All Arrowmen are automatically subscribed after completing their Ordeal. To be added to our list, please email communications@tantamous.org.

Camp Promotion

Part of the OA's mission is to encourage long-term camping. If you're interested in receiving a presentation on the Mayflower Council camping facilities, please email chief@tantamous.org.

Program

Scouting events wouldn't be what they are without an exciting program. A huge part of the Order of the Arrow is fostering an environment of fellowship between its members. For that reason, we have an entire leadership team devoted to assembling the best program possible. Registration for all events is available on [Tantamous.org](https://tantamous.org).

Fellowships

Tantamous Lodge hosts two yearly fellowship events. Often, the weekends have themes which tie everything together. The primary purpose of a fellowship is to encourage Arrowmen to meet and connect with other Arrowmen from the lodge. Fellowships are open to Arrowmen of all honor levels.



Banquet

Each winter, Tantamous Lodge hosts our annual banquet. At the banquet, we present awards, and callout a new group of vigil candidates. There's also a guest speaker, and plenty of great food!

Lodge Leadership Development

After our lodge leadership is selected, we host a lodge leadership development workshop where we identify lodge weaknesses and deliver trainings to improve them.

Section NE-1 Conclave

Conclave (gathering of the tribes) is a weekend of fun and Fellowship. Each year, one lodge from Northeast Region Section 1 serves as host lodge for the event. This year, Abake Mi-Sa-Na-Ki Lodge of the Cape Cod and Islands Council will host Conclave the weekend of June 12-14, 2020 at Camp Greenough in Yarmouthport, MA.

Join Arrowmen from all around New England who will attend this event for a weekend of Fun, Food, and Fellowship. Events include waterfront activities, COPE, shooting sports, outdoor challenge games, OA museum, patch trading, and much more! Each night will feature a full show and a cracker barrel second to none. If you are lucky, you might even get VIP seating for the show! The service lodge prepares all meals. Let's show the rest of the section who the best lodge is! If you have never attended an area event, don't miss this great opportunity for a weekend of exciting fun.

The cost of the weekend includes all the food, swag, fun for the entire weekend, and travel to the event! The lodge will be organizing group travel.

To register, visit Tantamous.org!

National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is the premier event of the Order of the Arrow and is Scouting's second-largest national event. Over 10,000 Arrowmen from across our nation gather for an inspirational and unforgettable experience full of fellowship, training, adventure, and fun!

During NOAC, Arrowmen will participate in a six-day conference that includes top-notch training sessions, cool recreational opportunities, evening shows full of theatrics and special effects, and exciting programs.

The 2020 NOAC will be held from August 1 – August 8, 2020 at Michigan State University in Lansing, Michigan. Arrowmen can travel to NOAC with a contingent from their lodge, or as a staff member supporting the thousands of Arrowmen attending in the conference.

Registration is open for Arrowmen on a first come, first accepted basis. Each Scout expressing interest in attending NOAC must make a \$250 deposit at time of registration. To register, visit [Tantamous.org](https://tantamous.org)!

The cost to attend NOAC is approximately \$1,500. This cost includes registration fees, transportation to and from Michigan State University, room, meals, and more! Please note: Post-event extended payment plans are available!

Tantamous Lodge's tour schedule includes; Cedar Point Amusement Park, Michigan Science Center, attending a Detroit Tigers game, and more! Questions? Email chief@tantamous.org!



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