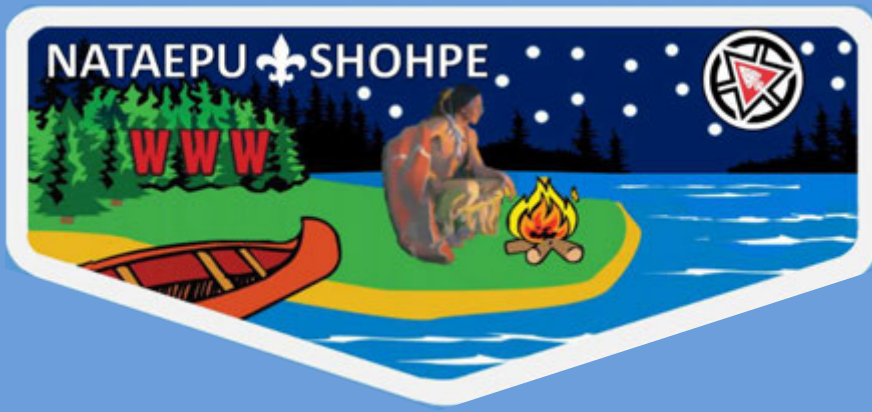




Nataepu Shohpe Lodge

A History of Wimachtendienk,
W. W. in West and Northwest
Michigan over the past 100 years.

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Introduction

At the 2012 NOAC three centennial challenges were given out to each lodge to help memorialize local OA history across the country in the centennial year. The first challenge was a lodge rock, to be placed in a massive fire ring for a centennial fire. The second challenge was a legacy lid, which is a painting that helps too show each lodge's identity over the past 100 years. The third challenge was the creation of a centennial history book to help memorialize the past so we can better see our future.

This document is the centennial history book for 2015 NOAC. To best document the history of Nataepu Shohpe lodge it was decided to break up the history into a few different sections. The first section is a brief intro describing how and why the order was founded. The second section is a brief mention of the highlights of Nataepu Shohpes legacy lodges. Section three features some maps detailing the section conclaves hosted by West Michigan OA lodges; and the fourth section is a chronological history of Nataepu Shohpe, highlighting the most important points from 2011 all the way up to the end of the 2014-15 lodge year.

In the end of the book there is also a listing of our centurion recipients. As time continues more chapters will be added to this book with the hope that in twenty five, thirty or even fifty years the history, traditions, and legends of our lodge will not only understood, but traced back to their origins so they can be passed on to future generations of Arrowmen.

Additional thanks go out to Brandon Sinclair who had a major part in writing the Nataepu Shohpe history, as well as the future historians and Arrowman who have a hand in documenting the next chapters in our lodge history.

Yours in WWW,

Thomas Payne
2014-2015 Lodge Historian



The Wimachtendienk



E. Urner Goodman
Camp Director

In 1915 24 year old E. Urner Goodman was appointed Camp Director of Treasure Island scout reservation, at this time 24 year old Col. Carrol A. Edson was also appointed as the assistant camp director. Both men had been involved with scouting for many years as Scout leaders and saw the importance of making the camping experience the best that it could be. Both leaders spent many hours together in the preseason planning, reading and talking about the upcoming summer, it wasn't until Goodman read a book on honor camping societies that the vision of the order was first seen.

Both men wanted to honor those scouts that best exemplified the points of the Scout Oath and Law. Soon after their plans to start an organization Edson heard a speech by Scout Executive Ernest Thompson Seton about the success of the Woodcraft Indians; upon hearing this it was decided that their organization would be based on the lore and legends of the Delaware Indians. Edson and Goodman put together a simple yet effective ceremony which exemplified many of the points that the ceremonies of 2015 represent. They also put together policies and procedures for their new Organization, many of which are still used today. The most notable procedure involves the induction into the order, both founders found it important for troop members whether they are Arrowman or not, to democratically elect those scouts that are most deserving of recognition.



Carroll A. Edson
Associate Director in charge
of Commissary (1915)

The first ceremony was July 16th 1915, when the first two Arrowman were inducted. In the early years the order grew slowly, but quickly word got out about what the two founders had created in the forests of Treasure Island.

By the 1930's The Wimachtendienk W. W., as it was then called, began to spread to the surrounding councils and camps like wildfire, eventually reaching all states, to the point where regions, areas, and sections needed to be established to properly organize it. As the decades passed, the order has grown and changed, but the original founding principle has not changed, which is to help make the Scout Oath and law spring into action in all parts of the Nation.



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Jibshe Wanagan Lodge 79



Lodge Standard Flap

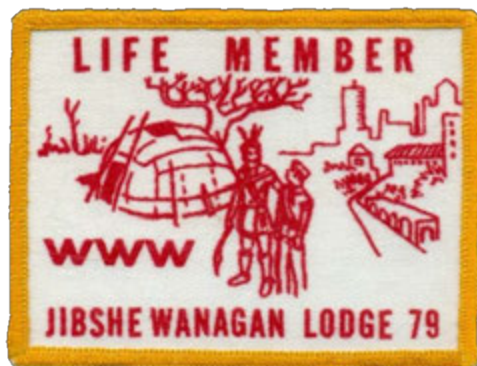
Michigan to have been formed as a tribe. The name Jibshe Wanagan translates to “Our duck shaped lake,” this name is especially significant because the council camp at the time was located on Duck Lake in Muskegon MI. The lodge totem was a flying Duck.

Jibshe Wanagan lodge hosted 4 events per year: The annual lodge Winter Banquet featured food fellowship and entertainment. Fall Conclave featured new officer inductions, presentation of chapter awards, Vigil, Ordeal and Brotherhood inductions; Spring conclave primarily featured service; as well as a lodge fellowship during the summers at the local council camp.

The most active chapter award was created in 1955, and was utilized until 1975 when the lodge merged. The most active chapter award encouraged chapter growth, and for many chapters encouraged continuation of excellence. Part of the requirement for the chapter award was a service project that benefited the community and scouting. In the 20 years that the award was presented, Hopewell Tawakini chapter won it 9 times.



**Lodge Event Patch
1965-1968**



Life Member Patch

To help keep members active and involved with their lodge even if work, schooling or military service may take him elsewhere, Jibshe Wanagan developed a life membership program. This program was an instant success, and encouraged many members too remain active with the lodge after they had become too old to hold a youth position. One of the highlights of the program was the involvement of co-founders E. Urner Goodman, and Col. Carrol Edson.

On December 27th 1975 Jibshe Wanagan lodge 79 merged with Nakida Naou lodge 401 to form Nacha Tindey lodge 25 of the newly created West Michigan Shores council.

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Nakida Naou Lodge 401

Nakida Naou lodge formed in September of 1948 when the first members took an ordeal in Muskegon, Michigan at the Timber Trails council's Camp Merritt. From the earliest days of the lodge, members were very interested in creating and maintaining regalia. Dennis Fernley was the first lodge chief of Nakida Naou lodge and served in the position for 3 terms. During which time he also served as the Camp Merritt handicraft director, where he helped many scouts and lodge members make regalia.



First Flap



**Nakida Naou Dance Team
patch**

The most notable part Nakida Naou lodges' history was their award winning dance team. In the mid 1950's Frank Joachimsthaler joined the lodge and taught many of the member's customs and dances that he had learned from an Indian family while he was away at college. The lodge dance team primarily performed during evening callout ceremonies during the summers at Gerber Scout Reservation, but was also known to perform at Cub and Boy Scout courts of honor, as well as Area events and other activities at Camp Gerber. In the late 1950's early 1960's interest in the dance team had gone down, and it wasn't until the mid-1960's that the team started to become very active again. In the mid 60's and early 70's the dance team attended pow-wows in the community, and started competing at various events where many lodge members earned awards for their dancing. The highlight of the dance team's career was at the 1967 NOAC where the lodge ranked in the top seven.

Nakida Naou had a strong pride in their council camp, and as a result developed most of their programs and events around servicing it. The first few years the lodge called Camp Merritt its home, until damage from wild fire caused the council to close the property. In 1950 the Timber Trails Council purchased property surrounding Britton Lake, and in 1951 the property was named Gerber Scout Reservation. From 1951 until 1975 members of Nakida Naou lodge had a hand in building many of the structures and establishing many areas and programs on the property. The most well know area that was created by Nakida Naou is the main camp firebowl located on Britton Lake. The firebowl which is still in use today is dedicated to longtime Ranger and Arrowman Dick Lau;



**Nakida Naou Ceremonies grounds
at Camp Merritt**

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Indian Drum Lodge 152



Indian Drum first patch

Indian drum lodge was founded in August of 1939, when the original twelve members took their Ordeal at Camp Rotary. Kipayshowink 89, one of the first lodges to serve the forests of Northern Michigan, hosted this Ordeal weekend at their local camp, as well as provided the ceremonialists and resources to help this new lodge with its very first steps. Harold Oatley became the first lodge Chief of Lodge 152 and Charles Boyer was Scout executive. The first elected lodge chief in 1941 was Howard Williams, the first Scribe was Richard Loomis. And in 1941 Harold Oatley was made the first Lodge Advisor. The name Indian Drum was selected because of the Edwin Balmer and Edwin MacHarg 1917 book, "The Indian Drum," this book which was very popular in the early 1940's was based on Northern Michigan.

For many years Indian Drum lodge's boundaries covered most of the counties in northern Michigan. This changed in 1971 when a large portion of the lodge's counties were transferred to Kipayshowink and Tittabawasink lodge during the formation of Mischigonong lodge. Indian Drum lodge only had one main summer camp, Camp Greilick, this is where the lodge centered most of its events and activities.

Indian Drum held all events and activities at Camp Greilick, the big event that made Indian Drum unique was Winter Extravaganza. This event was a premiere fellowship opportunity where chapter members competed in competitions, and lodge awards were presented. The longest lasting projects that members of Indian Drum carried out at Greilick was the creation of the Indian Museum, which features a wide range of native American artifacts, and a display of many patches and memorabilia spanning the history of the Order of the Arrow and Camp Greilick. Indian Drum also created a Vigil memorial in central camp. This memorial remembers the many deceased vigil members that have dedicated themselves to the lodge, council and scouting program.



Vigil Memorial

Throughout the early years, 1960's, 70's, and 80's Indian Drum lodge had a great dance and drum program, members competed at the many different Area, Sectional, and National OA events. Indian drum was always well represented at the Section level, often having leadership in many roles including a Central Region Chief. When it came to wining the section coup Indian Drum had a strong sense of pride and spirit amongst members. To help kindle the spirit members played Ma Ma Drum, and called to the aid of lodge Mascot Mr. Steak, and Alfonzo the Deer.



First Flap

In the Fall of 2012 Indian Drum lodge 152 merged with Nacha Tindey lodge 25 to form Nataepu Shohpe lodge of the President Ford Field Service Council.

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Nacha Tindey Lodge 25

On July 1, 1975: the Grand Valley Council merged with Timber Trails Council to form West Michigan Shores council 266. With this merger came the eventual consolidation of the Jibshe Wanagan and The Nakida Naou lodge.

The first preparations for the new lodge happened at the joint 1975 Nakida Naou - Jibshe Wanagan conjoined fall conclave at Gerber Scout Reservation where the lodge transition committee was first established. The first official meeting of Nacha Tindey Lodge was at Coopersville Senior High School on December 27, 1975 during the first annual lodge winter banquet. At this meeting lodge members voted on the governing policies and procedures that went on to define the lodge's identity for the next 37 years of existence.



First Flap



**Members of Nacha Tindey at
section conclave in the early 90's**

The Lennie Lenape name Nacha Tindey translates too Three Fires, this name was fitly chosen because of the historic three fires confederacy that calls the great lakes region its home. Nacha Tindey lodge focused on many different areas to develop the strongest lodge and program that it could. Throughout the 70's, 80's and 90's Nacha Tindey lodge focused on building their administration, lodge, and chapter operations, many section chiefs and officers were elected from Nacha Tindey during this time.

In the late 1990's throughout the end of the lodge, Nacha Tindey switched gears to put many of their efforts on growing their ceremonies and local summer camp, Gerber Scout Reservation. Some of the areas that Nacha Tindey fundraised and built during this period was a new trading post building, regalia building, ceremonies bowl, vigil bowl, and reflection bowl.

During this time much of Nacha Tindeys regalia was redone, and a few new programs, such as the Takachsin were added to not only encourage summer camp attendance among Arrowman, but also to grow interest in the ceremonies team. It was also during this time that the lodge began to perform Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies at camp again. This greatly improved the quality of ceremonies, as well as gave an excellent opportunity for summer long service and camp improvement projects.



Ceremonies Bowl Est: 2005

In the Fall of 2012 Nacha Tindey lodge 25 merged with Indian Drum lodge 152 to form Nataepu Shohpe lodge of the President Ford Field Service Council.



Sections of West Michigan

Since the early 1930's Order of the arrow lodges have been divided into different regions, areas, and sections. The purpose of this is to give Arrowman an opportunity to meet with members of other lodges to share ideas and furthermore grow the organization. While the Biannual National Conference is an opportunity for Arrowman to meet people from all over the country, the success of a smaller event was discovered in 1936 when Owasippe lodge 7 invited members of Tom Kita Chara lodge 96 and Ay-Ashe lodge 73 to a Fellowship in Chicago.

The first Sectional gathering in Michigan was hosted by Mi-Gi-Si O-Paw-Gan lodge 162 at Charles Howell Scout Reservation in 1947. Every year since then there have been sectional conclaves in Michigan.

Section Conclaves Hosted By Jibshe Wanagan Lodge

AREA 7-A: 1951

AREA 7-J : 1958; 1966- Worthy to Wear the Arrow

Area 7-7: 1972- Spirit of the Arrow



Section Conclaves Hosted By Nakida Naou Lodge

AREA 7-A: 1955

AREA 7-J : 1960- Jubilee conclave

Area 7-7: 1974- He Who Looks Beyond

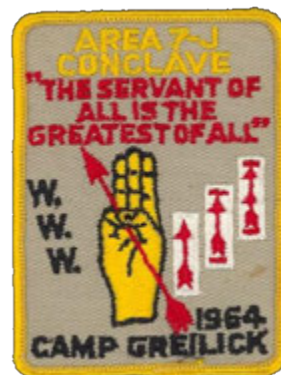
Section Conclaves Hosted By Indian Drum Lodge

AREA 7-J: 1964- The Servant of all is the Greatest of All;

1969- 30th Anniversary of Indian Drum Lodge;

SECTION EC-2B: 1977- Woods, Water and Wildlife; 1982- The Trail Beyond; 1987- Strengthen the Flame; 1992- Fixity of Purpose

SECTION C-2B: 1996- Keep Always our Traditions ; 2002- ; 2008- Outlast the Day



Section Conclaves Hosted By Nacha Tindey Lodge

Section EC-2B: 1979- Service above Self; 1984- Gathered now to Help and Serve; 1989- Test the Bow of Brotherhood

Section C-2B: 1994- Capture the Spirit; 2000- 250 Combined Years of Honor Camping; 2006- Rekindle the Flames of Fellowship; 2011- Rockin' the Section

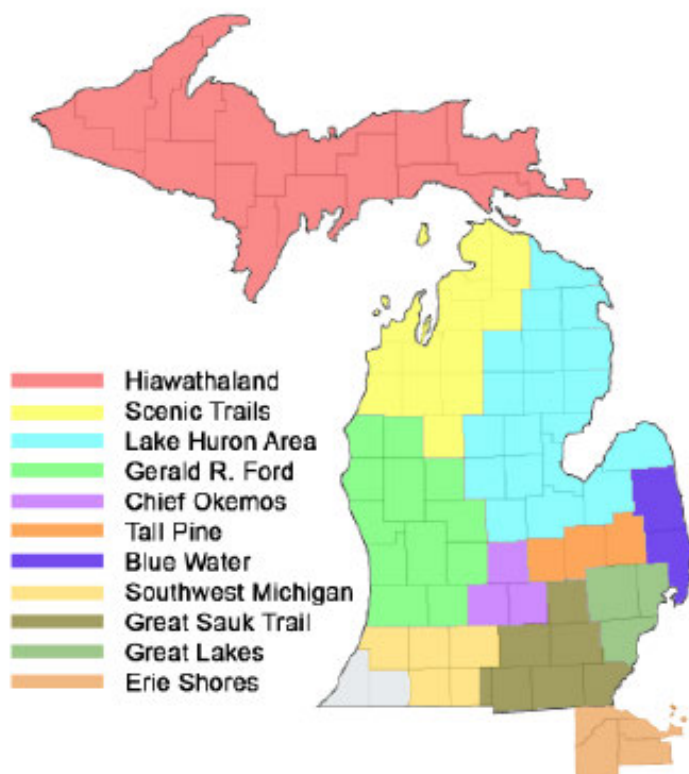


Chapter 1: Creating a New Lodge

In 2011 and in the years just prior, the leadership of Area 2 came upon some common themes which their Scout Councils were facing. With large amounts of decreasing scout activity and large amounts of debt accumulating, they worked as a team to create a resolution. On the date of August 20th, 2011, the Crossroads Recommendation was revised and finalized. Later that year, on November 11th, 2011 the recommendation was presented to each Unit's Charter Representative. In a large sweeping movement, the recommendation was almost unanimously passed. With only the Erie Shores Council (Northern Ohio) and Hiawathaland Council (Upper Peninsula) refusing the recommendation, the other 9 councils commenced into one of the largest Scouting Consolidations in history: the Area 2 Project.

Prior to the denial of the recommendation by the Upper Peninsula and Toledo, there were going to be 5 Field Service Council (see example 2). Making then current President Ford Field Service Council, Scenic Trails and Gerald R. Ford would each have had at least a fraction of their areas in the blue and red areas of the Example 2 map. The red Field Service Council was to be comprised of the past Southwest Michigan Council and a portion of the Scenic Trails Council. The Blue council would have merged with a part of the Lake Huron Area Council, the entirety of the Hiawathaland Area Council, and a portion of the Gerald R. Ford Council.

In the December of 2011, the layout for the merger was provided by the Central Region and National Order of the Arrow leadership. The concept of merging councils but retaining lodge borders was scratched. We were given the guidelines to have one lodge per Field Service Council. The deadline to finalize our foundation was proclaimed as NOAC. At that point in time, we would be presented with our first annual charter.



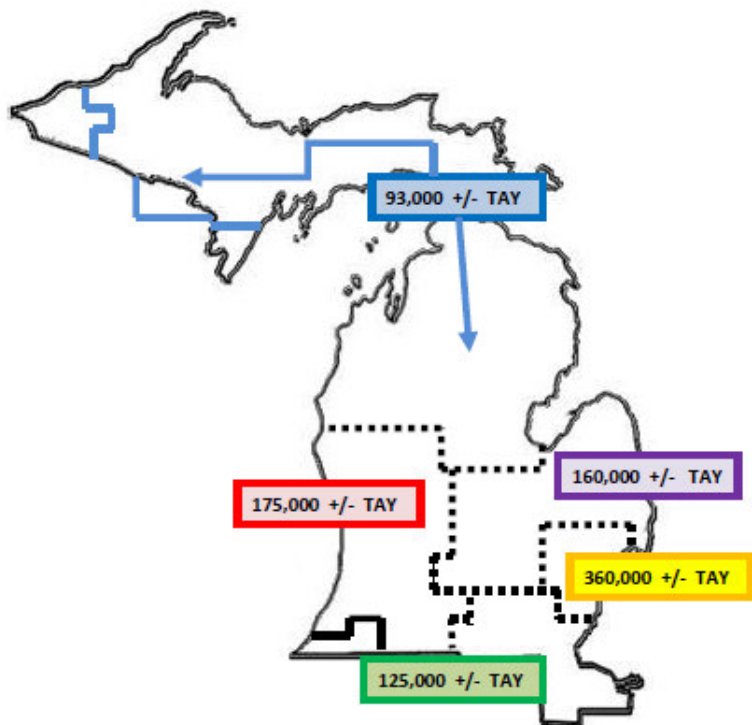
Example 1: This photo is of Area 2 as of 2011, after the 2011 Great Lakes Council merger with the Clinton Valley Council and Detroit Area Councils. But this map was used just before Erie Shores and Hiawathaland Councils left the Area at the end of 2011.



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Recommendation: Model 1000

Approximate Total Available Youth



Example 2: This photo is from the August 20, 2011 Crossroads Recommendation. The projection of five (5) Field Service Councils and lodges would have followed the outlines as above.

In January of 2012, a contingent from the Gerald R. Ford Council Lodge, Nacha Tindey #25 traveled to Camp Greilick to visit the Arrowmen of Indian Drum Lodge #152, whom they were to work with to create a new lodge. From then onwards, the Transition Team met at the following times and locations in 2011:

- January 7th – Camp Greilick, Traverse City (Indian Drum Event)
- February 4th – Lost Lake Scout Reservation, Clare (COC)
- February 11th - Conference Call
- March – Scout Office, Traverse City (COC)
- April 28th – Rota-Kiwan Scout Reservation, Kalamazoo (COC)
- May 11th – Program Kickoff, Big Rapids
- July 21st – Gerber Scout Reservation, Twin Lake
- August 17-19th – Gerber Scout Reservation, Twin Lake (Fall Ceremonies)
- September 21-23rd – Camp Greilick, Twin Lake (Fall Voting)

On top of leading the Transition Team, Indian Drum Lodge Chief Dave Atchison and Nacha Tindey Lodge Chief Matthew Shields had their basic lodge functions to execute. So, they appointed a team to create a proposed foundation for the new lodge. The members of the team and their team responsibilities are below:

Nacha Tindey Transition Team Members

1. Laude Hartrum IV | Transition Team Chairman
2. Lodge Chief Matthew Shields | Identity and Finance Committee
3. Steven Hall | Admin Committee
4. Brandon Sinclair | Program Committee
5. Ryan Amstutz | Admin Committee
6. Derek Stark | Lodge Adviser



Section C2B logo

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Indian Drum Transition Team Members

1. 2011-12 Lodge Chief Dave Atchison | Identity Committee
2. 2010-11 & 2012 Lodge Chief Ben O'Connor | Identity Committee
3. Victor Zakrajsek | Team Member
4. Nick Cobb | Team Member
5. Tom Webb | Program Committee
6. Vicki Riley | Lodge Adviser
7. Nick Killian | Lodge Staff Adviser

Many of the items which the team looked over were: Chapter Layout, Past Lodge Chief authority, lodge flap, lodge name, lodge totem, by-laws, lodge operations manual, event timing and placement, dues, merging bank accounts, future Vice Chief roles, communication plans, and EC meeting timing and placement.

The Nataepu Shohpe Lodge creation was strictly the only Section C-2B merger; all other lodges had to merge with a lodge or multiple lodges from the other side of the area. Although our Section C-2B conclave theme was 'C-2pocalypse' our Arrowmen were filled with anything but 'gloom and doom' feelings. While all other lodges competed in lodge spirit competitions separately, the Nacha Tindey and Indian Drum Lodge contingents 'merged' at Section Conclave. Together, we fought for the C-2B coup stick and won it as "Indi-Tindey." This was the first major step in lodge unification. Considering the timing of the conclave was still a few months before we received our charter, we were doing well.

During the April Transition Meeting at the Section Conclave, the team met up and discussed many items. Primarily we discussed our upcoming Spring Conclave and Spring Fellowship weekends and our lodge identity. Considering that summer camp season was steadily approaching, we wanted things set in place. That way, we could spread the news of the new lodge to the masses, while we have them in camp.



2012 C2B Conclave
Patch



The Indian Drum and Nacha Tindey events were at the separate camps, Gerber and Greilick, on the same weekend. So, we created a small sheet of proposed lodge names to present to our membership at our fellowship weekends. On Friday night, the ballots were handed out and polled. On Saturday morning, Dave Atchison visited Nacha Tindey's event, introduced himself, and proclaimed the name Nataepu Shohpe, with Matt Shields. On Saturday evening, Matt Shields arrived at Indian Drum's Spring Fellowship, introduced himself, and announced the name as Nataepu Shohpe.

Left: Nataepu Shohpe Transition Chief Laude Hartrum IV (left), and 2012 Indian Drum Chief Ben O'Connor (right) posing for a picture after being presented with the first Nataepu Shohpe charter at 2012 NOAC

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During the summer, the transition team planned the two fall events, the Fall Ceremonies and Fall Voting Weekends. During the middle of the Central Region Gathering at NOAC, the Regional Leadership called up our lodge representatives, Laude Hartrum IV and Ben O'Connor, to present them with our first charter. As a committee, it was concluded that the transition team would serve as the Lodge Executive Committee between the time of receiving our charter and voting in our new lodge officers at Fall Voting.



Example 3: Artwork for the 2012 Fall Events “Split Patch.”

As an incentive to attend both Fall Events, the transition team created a ‘split’ patch. In order to get both sides of this first “lodge flap” you must attend both events (Example 3). All leftover flaps were burned. The first patch was given out on Saturday night of the Fall Ceremonies Weekend at Gerber Scout Reservation. The left side of the patch, with the drum and the chieftain, was given to each participant. The second patch was given out on Saturday night of the Fall Voting Weekend, following the Lodge Officer elections. The right half of the coordinating photo, with the three fires and name ‘Nataepu Shohpe’ was given out at that point in time.

The first ordeal and brotherhood class happened at Gerber Scout Reservation at the Fall Ceremonies Weekend. However, the first Vigil Honor Class was in 2013, due to the nomination process occurring in January. During the year of 2012, Vigil Honor Ceremonies either occurred prior to the merger or at the Fall Ceremonies weekend.

At the Fall Voting Weekend, the lodge designed and voted on the first Standard Flap, our Field Service Council strip, and a new Takachsin totem. They also elected their 2012-13 Lodge officers, at the Fall Voting weekend.

Once the new elected officers began their term, the transition team suggestions and work was tweaked, adopted, or set aside. The chapter proposal didn’t get finalized or continued until the end of the first year of the lodge and the idea of the proposal faded with the conclusion of the first lodge chief’s two terms. The by-laws, as proposed by the Transition Team were adopted almost as they were given to us. Once the first group of elected officers began their term, the Lodge Chief and Vice Chief of Administration made a few revisions before approval.

One of the largest strengths of the Transition Team is that the members remained active. From assisting at their local camp, to attending lodge events, or event running for a lodge office, the retention of the lodge creation leaders was successful. The first Lodge Chief, Vice Chief of Administration, Vice Chief of Inductions, and Lodge Treasurer were all members of the team.

One of the largest downfalls of the Transition Team was that there wasn’t approval or installation of the ideas discussed and approved. Therefore, some of our conversations weren’t perpetuated into the Lodge structure. But, all the conversations helped build upon our brotherhood, regardless if the policy and procedure became custom in Nataepu Shohpe.

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Photo Below: This photo is from the May 5th Section C-2 Gathering. This picture has most transition team youth. From left to right: Laude Hartrum IV, Ryan Amstutz, Tom Webb, Ben O'Connor, Brandon Sinclair, Dave Atchison, Matthew Shields, and Nick Cobb.



Photo Below: This photo is of the last Nacha Tindey Chief, Matthew Shields (right) and the 2011-12 Indian Drum Chief, Dave Atchison (left).



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Chapter 2: Year One 2012-2013

The first Lodge Executive Committee year began once the new officers were elected at Fall Voting. Each chapter could place up to 10 votes in this election. At the time of the merger, there were 8 chapters total. 4 chapters were from legacy Nacha Tindey and 4 were from legacy Indian Drum. The first lodge officers are listed below and by city:

2012-2013 Lodge Officers

- Lodge Chief | Brandon Sinclair – Rockford
- Vice Chief of Administration | Ryan Amstutz – Whitehall
- Vice Chief of Inductions | Victor Zakrajsek – Cadillac
- Vice Chief of Program | Tyler Cobb – Traverse City
- Lodge Secretary | Joseph Amoros – Hudsonville
- Lodge Treasurer | Nick Cobb – Traverse City



Photo Above: This photo was taken Sunday morning of Fall Voting Weekend, where Lodge Chief Brandon Sinclair installed the lodge's first set of officers. From left to right we have: Brandon Sinclair, Victor Zakrajsek, Joseph Amoros, Ryan Amstutz, Nick Cobb, and Tyler Cobb.

Immediately following camp clean-up the first Lodge Executive Committee Meeting was conducted at Camp Greilick. The main topic of discussion was the installation of chairmen and the date of a Strategic Planning Weekend. The LEC concluded on a date in mid-October. In attendance to the first Strategic Planning Meeting were chapter chiefs, lodge officers, and those who had stepped up to become lodge chairmen for the first year of the lodge (see example 4).



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Example 4: This photo was taken Saturday evening of our first Strategic Planning Weekend. Back row from left to right: Randy Siegersma, Robert Silvernail, Cliff Wagner, Derek Stark, Ron Willet, Sue Palma. Middle rows from left to right: Tyler Cobb, Mark Gutowski, Nick Cobb, Joseph Amoros, James Tomasewski, Brandon Sinclair, Victor Zakrajsek, Ryan Amstutz, Lucas Sweet. Crouching from left to right are: Robby Lamie, Will Miller, and Josiah Moralez

The first year events resulted in a September Strategic Planning Weekend, October COC, December Camp Service Meeting within the Section, a January Winter Celebration (same as COC weekend), a March LLD, an April LLD, and the Spring Gathering event.

In the later years of legacy Indian Drum lodge, they performed Winter Extravaganza events, annually. This is when Arrowmen would come to Camp Greilick, spend the weekend in cabins, play football in the snow, board games in Besser Dining Hall, broomball on Rennie Lake, and relax. Saturday evening would be the banquet, where Arrowmen would come and visit to watch award presentations. In the later years of legacy Nacha Tindey Lodge, they would partner with the Doric Lodge of Masons and hold a one day evening. Both of these banquets had the same purpose, to recognize Arrowmen and reward them.

Our first Winter event concluded in a Winter Celebration, where we mixed the concept of both events. On Friday night, Arrowmen arrived at the cabins of Camp Albright and got situated for ga-ga ball, video games, and games in the snow. On Saturday, Arrowmen performed service for a brief amount of time, and the Vigil committee convened to vote on the 2013 Vigil class. Later that night, everyone traveled down the road to Ferris for the Winter Banquet.

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Above: Advisor Derek Stark presenting Ben O'Connor with the Founders award

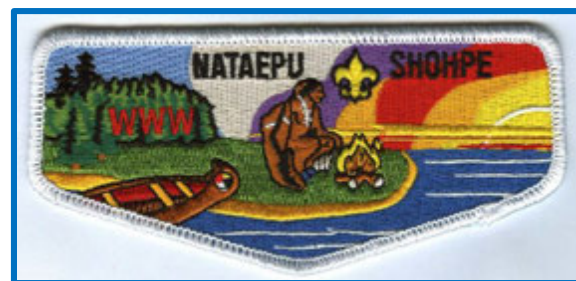
Due to shortness in planning, the Arrowmen of the Year Award and Honor Arrowmen award recipients weren't chosen and recognized at that banquet. However, our first Founders award recipients were recognized. They were: Ben O'Connor, Laude Hartrum IV, Steve Heitmeier, and Cliff Wagner.

Additional recognitions at the banquet included: Robert Silvernail and Jarrod Blundy who were awarded the Lodge Advisors award for their work on the unit elections database; and William Miller was awarded the lodge chiefs award for his revitalization of Japeechen Nischa Sipo chapter. Following awards was the official unavailing of the new Takachsin totem, Lodge Flap, and Council Shoulder Patch.

The first Spring Gathering event was held at Camp Greilick just two weeks after the Section C-2 Conclave at D-Bar-A. Ordeals weren't offered at the event, as we hadn't discussed inductions outside of summer camp. On Friday there were brotherhood and vigil callout ceremonies. On Saturday following the brotherhood ceremony, the Honor Arrowmen of the year recipients were announced, they were: Mark Gutowski, Josh Lange, Lucas Sweet and James Rademaker. The Lodge Executive Committee had decided to make lodge elections in the spring and installations in August.

With more people getting interested in Nataepu Shohpe Lodge, more people ran for lodge office. The 2013-14 officers were elected, they were:

- Lodge Chief | Brandon Sinclair – Rockford
- Vice Chief of Admin | Joseph Amoros – Hudsonville
- Vice Chief of Inductions | Jarrod Blundy – Ionia
- Vice Chief of Program | Gerrit Emaus – Petoskey
- Lodge Secretary | Robby Lamie – Grand Rapids
- Lodge Treasurer | Josh Lange – Boyne Falls



Above: First Nataepu Shohpe Flap

Many of the lodge events were compared to past legacy lodge events. When doing this, we noticed that many of the programs we offered had lower participation, although our membership grew from 1200 or 400 to a total of 1600 Arrowmen.

The lesson learned from that year was to keep meetings face-to-face, meaningful, and fun. With our newly created lodge of 25 counties, we needed to be expedient and we needed to communicate effectively. At the end of this year, going into the next one, we started doing more weekend-long Lodge Executive Committee gatherings. This boosted comradery and our ability to truly enjoy each other's company and work.

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Chapter 3: Year Two 2013-14

The Fall Ceremonies event in August marked the date of our lodge's first Vigil Ceremonies. The Fall Ceremonies event occurred at Gerber Scout Reservation. Section C-2 leaders came and assisted in the vigil process, helping us get on our feet, from never doing a Vigil Ceremony.

The Vigil Class of 2013 is as follows:

William Askevich, David Bialik, Nate Blue, Stephen Brown, Brad Dahlstrom, William Fries jr, Brit Nora Gauthier, Keith Goldberg, Chris Grandy, Jim Grissom, Robby Lamie, Mike Lange, William Miller, Thomas Payne, William Payne, Jim Rademaker, Brandon Sinclair, Benjamin Thompson, Rich Wackerle, Evan Wittenbach

September 13 marked the weekend of the Strategic Planning Weekend. This second year, the meeting was at Camp Tapico, in Kalkaska. During the weekend, each chairman presented their goals for the year, what they see their job as, and who they could work with. We did a hike around camp, met some of the camp's service group, the Buckskinners, and we provided service to Tapico.



Example 5: This photo was taken Saturday evening of our 2013 Strategic Planning Weekend. Back row, left to right: Michael Carley Sr., Tony Melton, Linda Hendricks, Nathan Westenburg, Ian Betterly, Ron Willett, Jim Rademaker, Nick Capell, Alex Hoffmann, Bruce Fowler Jr., Steve Heitmeier, and Dave Miller. Middle row, left to right: Ethan Ross, Evan Wittenbach, Gerrit Emaus, Joseph Amoros, Brandon Sinclair, Jarrod Blundy, Josh Lange, Robby Lamie, and Mike King. Crouching, left to right: Noah Tutt, Josiah Morales, Brian Jones Jr., Thomas King, Mark Gutowski, and Thomas Pavne

2013 started setting the pace for Nataepu Shohpe Lodge. With a foundation now created, there was nowhere to go but onwards and upwards. The Lodge Executive Committee became full with chairmen and chapter chiefs were now representing their chapters at Lodge Executive Committee meetings. They were also representing the Lodge Executive Committee at their chapter meetings. However, chapters still didn't begin with organizing chapter events outside of roundtable nights.



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In efforts to serve each camp equally and efficiently, the 2013 Lodge Executive Committee created 5 main lodge events: Winter Banquet (January or February in Grand Rapids or Big Rapids), Spring Gathering (April at Camp Greilick), Spring Conclave (May at Gerber Scout Reservation), Summer Conclave (August at Camp Greilick), and Fall Conclave (October at Gerber Scout Reservation). Also, in efforts to offer more Ordeal ceremonies, make better rounded ceremonies teams, and hold ordeals throughout the year, ordeal inductions and brotherhood conversations were now offered at all lodge events (besides Winter Banquet).

In February of 2014 the lodge hosted Winter Banquet at the Masonic Temple in Grand Rapids. At this event Lee and Anne Billingsly as well as leadership from the Rockford area Dance and Drum crew performed and talked about Native American drumming, dancing, and customs. Afterwards were award presentations. Evan Wittenbach Nick Capell and Jim Hughes received the Honor Arrowman award. Alex Hoffman received the youth Arrowman of the Year award for his work with the lodge website and lodge administration. David Miller received the Adult Arrowman of the Year award for his work with updating and maintaining the lodge database and records; and Jarrod Blundy, Steven Hall and Martin Burg were presented with the Founders award. Following awards presentations lodge advisor Derek Stark gave his final lodge address, and welcomed Steve Heitmeier as the new lodge advisor.



Above: (from left to right) Brandon Sinclair, Jim Hughes, Evan Wittenbach, David Miller, and Alex Hoffman



Above: 2013-14 Section Chief David Ware, swears in 2014-15 Section Chief Brandon Sinclair

In late April of 2014 the lodge held a new event Spring Fellowship at Camp Greilick. This event went ran very well, but due to snow and competition from Section Conclave and Spring Conclave in the next few weeks, attendance was not as high as anticipated. It was decided that the next lodge year the event will be retired but not forgotten.

At Section Conclave, our two-term Lodge Chief was elected as the 2014-15 Section C2 Chief. Brandon Sinclair was then asked to resign from Lodge Chief in the next 30 days, therefore making Joseph Amoros, the Vice Chief of Administration the Lodge Chief until Summer Conclave in August.

Two weeks following the Section Conclave, Spring Conclave was carried out. Joseph Amoros and his Executive Committee executed the event, with Ordeals and Brotherhoods on Friday into Saturday.

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The 2014 Vigil class was called out Friday of Spring Conclave; they were: Joseph Amoros, Carl Bos, Richard Conklin, Kevin Goldberg, Mark Gutowski, Austin Hendricks, Jim Hughes, Thomas King, Josh Lange, David Miller, Rudy Moralez, Patricia Schemmel, Nathan Westenberg

On Saturday, Nataepu Shohpe members gave service to Gerber in the morning and did trainings in the afternoon. After dinner, the lodge elected officers for its third year. The 2014-15 officers elected were:

- Lodge Chief | Stephen King – Grand Rapids
- Vice Chief of Administration | Nick Capell – Traverse City
- Vice Chief of Inductions | Mark Gutowski – Traverse City
- Vice Chief of Program | Eryk Feala – Beulah
- Lodge Secretary | Alex Hoffmann – Grand Rapids
- Lodge Treasurer | Josh Lange – Boyne Falls

While Stephen and his EC began to make preparations for the upcoming lodge year newly inducted lodge chief Joseph Amoros carried out his duties by overseeing the lodge in the summer and finishing up his bylaws proposal which he began earlier in the year as the Vice chief of administration. This By Laws proposal which passed at the 2014 August executive committee meeting helped to solidify many items that were either restrictive or missed by the first executive committee.



Swearing in of the 2014-15 lodge officers at Summer Conclave,
From left to right: Mark Gutowski, Josh Lange, Stephen King, Nick Capell, and Eryk Feala

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Chapter 4: Year Three 2014-15

The Third lodge year started on Saturday night of Summer conclave when Joeseeph Amoros swore in Stephen King as the current lodge chief following the Ordeal ceremony. Summer conclave which was a very successful lodge event had many activities and programs planned some of which the lodge had not done before including an open water front for swimming and boating, as well as open shooting sports. Summer conclave was also the first event where 2015 NOAC fundraising took place.

In October the lodge hosted its first October fall conclave at Gerber Scout Reservation. This event had similar activities as previous lodge events, but was also the first event where chapters had to perform in a spirit competition for the coup stick. Japeecheen Nischa Sipo chapter won the fellowship competition and was awarded the coup on Sunday morning.

After conclave in August the lodge year had a little bit of a rough start, the annual Strategic planning meeting was cancelled due to unforeseen events, and was instead replaced with a November LLD at the Walker Scout office. While the trainings sessions were effective at the LLD, the lodge learned that a weekend campout is more effective for training and building fellowship among members.



Above: First Flap in NOAC 2015 fundraiser series



Above: Lodge members singing the OA song during the closing of winter banquet

In January of 2015 at the 2015 winter banquet the youth of the Rockford Dance and Drum crew led by Ceremonies chairmen Tyler Penrod performed many Dances and songs that they had spent countless meetings learning. Following the performance, were address' by the lodge leadership and presentation of awards. Tyler Penrod, Noah Tutt, Eryk Feala, Jason Neid, James Rollins, and Pam Schemmel received the Honor Arrowman award. Mike Lange for his dedication to the

council and lodge, and Charles Rodgers for his work on the Spring and Summer Events were the Arrowman of the year award recipients. The 2015 Founders award recipients were Thomas Payne, Jim Hughes, and Tony Stachowiak.

In Spring Nataepu Shohpe got the honor of hosting not only its first, but also the Centennial Section conclave at Gerber Scout Reservation. Section Chief Brandon Sinclair helped organize and plan this event with the assistance of the other section officers. This conclave featured many activities and events, ranging from centennial celebrations, Historical discussions, leadership trainings, lodge and chapter development trainings, dancing, Ceremonies trainings and much more.

In the afternoons there were many fellowship opportunities that allowed every member of the section too bond through brotherhood, some of the activities were patch trading, tug of war, ceremonies competitions, ultimate Frisbee, leather branding and more. The Section conclave show ended Saturday with a Vigil rededication, and an opportunity for everybody to relive the Ordeal ceremony as one massive section.



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The 2014 – 15 lodge year ended with Spring Conclave at Gerber Scout Reservation, on Friday of the event there were ordeal, brotherhood, and vigil callouts.

The 2015 vigil class is as follows: Alex Hoffman, Nick Capel, Tyler Penrod, Charles Rogers, Thomas Plett, James Rollins, Ed Mealoy, Jenn Betz, Clyde Sinclair.

Activities on Saturday included setting up for national campschool and a hockey themed obstacle course. Former Hockey players visited on Saturday afternoon to talk about their career, as well as give a few pointers on shooting a hockey puck for the Chapter shoot out. Saturday evening ended with lodge elections and the first performance of the new brotherhood ceremony. At the Sunday morning executive committee meeting the lodge approved an Elangomat/ Nimat program, than inducted the lodge 2015-16 lodge officers.

2015 – 16 lodge officers

- Lodge Chief | Mark Gutowski – Traverse City
- Vice Chief of Administration | Nick Capell – Traverse City
- Vice Chief of Inductions | Tyler Penrod – Rockford
- Vice Chief of Program | Eryk Feala – Beulah
- Lodge Secretary | Micheal Carley Jr. – Traverse City
- Lodge Treasurer | Matthew Novak – Rockford



2015-16 Lodge Executive Committee: Steve Heitmeier, Micheal Carley Jr., Tyler Penrod, Mark Gutowski, Nick Capell, Eryk Feala, Matt Hogg

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Centurion Award Recipients

In the Winter of 2014 Nataepu Shohpe Lodge was given the honor of selecting 13 Centurion Award recipients. This award is bestowed by the National Order of the Arrow committee and is a one-time recognition associated with the OA Centennial. The award is intended to highlight “Hometown Heroes” – Arrowmen who have meaningfully contributed to the forming, maturing and ongoing operational excellence of their local Council Lodge, and who, in doing so, inspired others to follow in their footsteps.

The service of these Centurion Award recipients spans the decade’s long history of the Order of the Arrow in West and North West Michigan, including all of our legacy lodges. Among them are great Scout Leaders – scouts and scouters, professionals and volunteers, chiefs and advisers whose leadership and example have built and sustained Nataepu Shohpe Lodge (through its predecessor Lodges) and whose continued service has inspired others. It was a tremendous challenge for our Centurion Selection Committee to nominate and select (as we were permitted by the National OA committee) just thirteen brothers out of our 80+ year Lodge history for this National OA Centennial Award – there were so many more Brothers that were equally worthy of this recognition! We are blessed to have a rich tradition of great Order of the Arrow leadership and service in our communities.

The President Ford Field Service Council and Nataepu Shohpe Lodge are proud to recognize the following brothers with the National Order of the Arrow Centurion Award:

Laude Hartrum IV – nominated as a Youth

Called out 2007, Troop Representative 2007-2012, Chapter Chief 2011, Lodge Merger Transition Team Chairman 2011-2012. Many point to Laude and his inspiring leadership for the rapid and smooth transition of the two legacy lodges to the new Nataepu Shohpe Lodge.

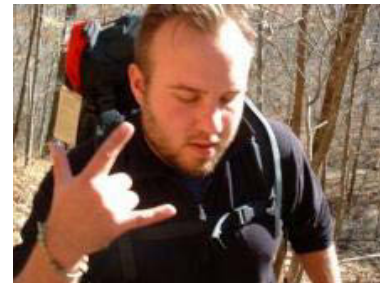


Eric Verhaar* – nominated as a Youth

Twice elected Lodge Chief. Camp nickname “Elmo”. Lodge OA ceremonialist extraordinaire from 2005 to 2009, his talents as a speaker, leader and regalia maker were beyond normal. His name and camp name are fixed to the Gerber Scout Reservation OA regalia building. *Eric Verhaar passed away in 2009.

Nickolas “Nick” Killian – nominated as a Youth

Twice elected Lodge Chief served as a ceremonial team member and leader, dance team member, and longtime member of the Camp Greilick camp staff, ultimately becoming the camp Program Director and then its Camp Director. Section Vice-Chief and Section Service Award winner. His example of OA leadership and service has been a strong force in mentoring many other Scouts to become active on the camp staff and in the Lodge.



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Ryan Kriesch – nominated as a Youth

Lodge Chief. Lead OA Executive Committee to develop the Takachsin Lodge Recognition Totem to promote stronger camp staff involvement and encourage all brothers to strengthen their ties of service, leadership and fellowship in our Lodge. Sales of Takachsins have significantly contributed to the Lodges many service and financial “gifts” to the council and camp.

Patrick “Pat” Parker – nominated as a Youth

Twice elected Lodge Chief, Pat’s youth leadership in his Troop, his Chapter and Lodge, and as a long standing member of the Camp Greilick camp staff, set him and his continued volunteer Scouting and community leadership apart. Past Council President of Scenic Trails Council.



Bradley “Brad” Stachowiak – nominated as a Youth

His leadership example as a camp staff member thru serving in EVERY OA ceremonial role – he is the only brother to have earned EVERY Takachsin Lodge Totem service bead -all twelve of them. His Lodge service example included leadership as a ceremonial team leader, Vice chair of service (a role he really excelled at) and vice chair of administration.

Richard “Rick” Williams – nominated as a Youth

Twice elected Lodge Chief. Rick was also active with Section leadership and service roles. Served five summers on camp staff service at Gerber Scout Reservation. As a part of our Lodge leadership of the 1990’s and since has greatly influenced and guided our Lodge with his example of service to God, Country, and Others.



Larry K. Bogart* – nominated as an Adult

OA member and adviser for nearly 30 years. Chapter Advisor 1983- 1993, Lodge Trading Post Advisor 1993 – 2006. Actively supported the Section Trading Post for many years, Vigil Re-dedication ceremony coordinator. *Larry Bogart passed away in 2014

Russell Kolski – nominated as an Adult

Guardian of the history for the Order of the Arrow in West Michigan. Known for his continuous behind the scenes support of OA – routinely leading large complex service projects. Former Council Camping chair, member of Properties committee, Camp Visitation/NCAP team member, and statewide chair for Cub Scout Resident Camping.



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Derek Stark – nominated as an Adult

Derek Stark was turned to in the Summer of 2010 to guide Nacha Tindey Lodge through the dramatic loss of its Lodge Advisor. His spirit of leadership, service and cooperation was vital to recovering from that sudden loss, and to the merging of the two Lodges that formed the new Nataepu Shohpe Lodge in 2012.

Michael D. Sulgrove – nominated as an Adult

inducted 1974; Supreme Chief of the Fire 1997-2013. Mike transformed Gerber Scout Reservation by integrating the Order of the Arrow into the summer camp programs and the use of the Order of the Arrow to develop future camp and OA Lodge leadership and professionals for the Scouting program. Under Mike's mentorship, Nacha Tindey Lodge grew almost 100%. Ceremonies at Gerber Scout Reservation take place in one of the finest ceremonial rings in the country thanks to Mike's leadership. His legacy within Nataepu Shohpe Lodge will be the development and implementation of the vision that the Order of the Arrow can and should be the center of any quality summer camp program.



Robert C. VerDuin – nominated as an Adult

Lodge Chief, Publications Adviser for more than 10 years, Administrative and Event Registration adviser for the lodge, developed Excel based database for administration that was used until Nacha Tindey adopted Lodgemaster as its administration tool. Supported Section C-2B for many years in administration and events – and continues to attend service weekends with his troop and grandsons – he continues to be an asset to our lodge through his advice and guidance!

Lon Waterman – nominated as an Adult

Chapter adviser 1990-1994, Lodge Advisor 1994 – 2003. The service and leadership example that Lon provided as our Lodge Advisor is precisely the one that every following Lodge Advisor has tried to live up to since his term. His skills as a craftsman, his dedication as a Scout leader, his superb leadership as Lodge Advisor and his passion for great Scouting has left a real mark on our Council, Gerber Scout Reservation, and Lodge.



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