

PURPOSE OF THE ORDER OF THE ARROW

 To recognize those campers – Scouts and Scouters – who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and by such recognition cause other campers to conduct themselves in such a manner as to warrant recognition

 To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit

 To promote Scout camping, which reaches its effectiveness as a part of the unit's camping program, both year-round and in summer camp, as directed by the camping committee of the council.

 To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

OUR VISION FOR AMANGAMEK-WIPIT

As a part of Scouting's National Honor Society, Amangamek Wipit Lodge is an integral part of the council's program. Our service, activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults are models of quality leadership development and programming that enrich and help extend scouting around the Washington D.C. Area.

For 55 years Amangamek Wipit has honored those scouts who "Best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives" with membership in the OA. This recognition provides encouragement for others to live these ideals as well. We will provide ways and means for members of the OA to do more to assist their units and districts, and help them succeed in doing so.

With support of our vision as a part of Scouting's National Honor Society and an integral part of the council and every troop, Amangamek Wipit will further increase our service to scouting!

AMANGAMEK-WIPIT

Serving The D.C. Area Since 1952

LODGE #470



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HISTORY OF THE LODGE

Amangamek Wipit Lodge of the Order of the Arrow was founded in 1952 by Jack Obermeyer of Ranachqua Lodge and Ralph Lutz of Unami Lodge. The first Lodge Ordeal weekend was coordinated by Nentico Lodge at Camp Roosevelt. Since that time Amangamek Wipit has grown to over 4500 members making it one of the largest OA lodges.

Amangamek Wipit has been the home of 9 Section/Area Chiefs as well as the 1990 Northeast Region Chief and the 1999 National Vice Chief. 18 Recipients of the National OA Distinguished Service Award have come from Amangamek Wipit. The Lodge has been a National Standard Lodge 5 times and Honor Lodge 15 times and a Quality Lodge 10

ELIGIBILITY

To become a member, a youth must be a registered Boy Scout or Varisty Scout and hold the First Class rank. He must have experienced 15 days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period prior to election. The 15 days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the BSA. The balance of camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short term camps. Following approval by the Scoutmaster or Varsity Team Coach, Scouts are elected to seek membership in the Order by their fellow unit members. Then, after completing an Ordeal experience, they become members of the Order of the Arrow

ORDEAL MEMBERSHIP

The induction process, the Ordeal, is the first step toward full membership in the OA. During this period the member is expected to strengthen his involvement in the unit and encourage the scout outdoor program.

BROTHERHOOD MEMBERSHIP

After 10 months of service as an Ordeal member and fulfilling certain requirements, a member may take part in the Brotherhood ceremony, which further emphasize the ideals of Scouting and the Order. Completion of this ceremony signifies full membership in the Order of the Arrow

VIGIL HONOR

After two years of service as a Brotherhood member, and with the approval of the National OA Committee, a youth or adult Arrowman may be selected to be recognized with the Vigil Honor for outstanding service to scouting, their lodge, or the OA. This honor is limited to not more than one Arrowman for every 50 member's registered with the lodge each year.



CHAPTERS

An OA chapter consists of Troops within a geographic area of the Lodge. In Amangamek Wipit the Chapter's follow the same boundaries as scout Districts. The purpose of the chapter is to conduct Ordeal's and Brotherhood conversions, and to provide service to the District, the Lodge, and the Council.

AREAS

Amangamek Wipit is organized into six Areas. These Areas follow the same geographic boundaries as the Council's Service Areas. Each Area consists of 4-6 chapters. The purpose of an Area is to assist its chapters in working together in planning and carrying out lodge and council events.

LODGE

Amangamek Wipit Lodge #470 helps the local council provide a quality Scouting program through recognition of Scouting spirit and performance, youth leadership development, adventurous programming, financial support, and enhanced membership tenure.