



# The Whale's Tale

Conclave 2016

Saturday Morning Edition



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Section W-1N, Order of the Arrow

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## Welcome to Conclave 2016!

After 17 long months of waiting since our last gathering, the day has finally arrived! Months of planning have gone into preparing for what will be the farthest-north Conclave held in the nation this year! With that, we have much in store for you: shows, training sessions, fellowship bashes, cracker barrels, patches galore, amazing food, special guests, and activities beyond what you could possibly imagine! We hope you enjoy what we have put into this event, and we hope it provides a memorable experience for years to come.

This publication is the Whale's Tale, the official Section publication. It'll be distributed several times throughout the event to keep you updated on what's next, what's changed, and give you an opportunity to remember what you've done. All attendees are welcome to submit photos or articles: simply stop by the Communications office or find a Communications Staff member to submit your ideas.

The Section W-1N Council of Chiefs warmly welcomes you to Conclave 2016!

## Chief's Welcome

*Trip Jackson, 2015-2016 Section W-1N Chief*

Brothers,

First off, allow me to welcome you to Camp Gorsuch here in beautiful Chugiak, Alaska. I hope you enjoyed last night's opening show to kick off our big event here.

A lot of planning has gone into this event, it being in Alaska, everything we knew about event planning has been tested. That being said, we've prepared many classes, events, activities, and games to keep you entertained until our departure. Now, I'd like to make the same plea as I made last year, I urge you to participate in any activity that even slightly interests you! Attend that class that'll teach you how to better program in your home chapter or how to portray Kitchkinet. And please, pursue the Uncas Award; it'll put you right in the thick of Conclave. *From here on out, it's up to you to enjoy yourself as much as possible!*

Yours in Brotherhood,

*Trip Jackson, 2015-16 Section W-1N Chief*

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## A Look Ahead...

*Saturday Schedule in brief*

9AM: TWU Training Sessions

12PM: Lunch and VIA Luncheon,

1PM: Activities Open

1PM: Ceremonies Evaluations

2PM: Degree Applications Due

2PM-3PM: *Meet the Man*

2PM-4PM: Silent Auction

3:30PM: Candidate Meeting (see pg2)

4:50PM: Flag Ceremony and Dinner

6PM: Activities Open

8PM: **Section Annual Business Mtg.**

8PM: Adviser Forum

9:30PM: Saturday Night Show

10:30PM: Polar Bear Fellowship

11:30PM: COC Meeting

## Are You Ready to SURGE?

*Levi Casto, Dean: Teaquan Wask University*

A new class has been added to Teaquan Wask's College of Lodge Leadership! The *Strengthening Units through Really Great Elections (SURGE)* class, covering special elections for LDS troops is taught by National Committee Member Terrel Miller. Designed to train leadership for better outreach to LDS units, the SURGE class is essential for elections and unit visitations of all types! Come visit Dan's Palace during the second training session to see this spectacular presentation!

### So you want to be Chief?

*Are you planning on running for Section Chief, Vice Chief, or Secretary? Here are some things you should know:*

- You must be under the age of 21 until September 17, 2017.
- You must have a letter from your Council Scout Executive (or designee) submitted to Section Adviser Mr. Johnson (12lawsteve@comcast.net) by noon today.
- There will be a candidate meeting today at 3:30 at the Dining Hall that you should attend.
- You must be present at the Section Annual Business Meeting tonight at 8:00 PM tonight in the Dining Hall. You should be prepared to speak.
- You must be nominated by your Lodge's designee.

*Best of luck to all candidates!*

### Meet the Special Guest!

Joining us at Conclave this year is the **2016 National Order of the Arrow Vice Chief Tyler Inberg**. Tyler was elected as the National Vice Chief in December of last year after serving as the Section W-15 Chief, our neighbor to the south! As a member of the Wauna La-Mon'tay Lodge in Portland, Oregon, Tyler has attended many Conclaves around the country — however, this is his first in Alaska! He has also served on the staff of several National Leadership Seminars, as well as serving on the leadership team for the 2016 national event, *NEXT: A New Century*.

Tyler will be with us all weekend and he is ready to meet the members of Section W-1N! Feel free to talk with him about his experiences wherever you find him— lunch, the bouncy house, or the bathroom (okay, maybe when you get out of the bathroom).

You can also meet Tyler today at 2:00 at Dan's Palace. He'll be joining several other special guests on stage at *Meet the Man*, the place for all your questions for him. This is also a great opportunity to get his signature for your Uncas Award!

This weekend, we are also lucky to have several other guests joining us, including a Lodge Chief and Section Adviser. If you see someone from an unfamiliar Lodge, feel free to say hi!

### Get Active with Activities!

*Nathan Lee, Activities CVC*

This weekend, you'll find various activities to get you involved with Conclave! Let's see what's in store this afternoon and tonight:

- Our obstacle course open between lunch and evening flags, as well as after dinner. Come race your friends — old and new!
- A dunk tank will be dunking our Section Officers, Lodge Chiefs, and Special Guests! Try your hand at getting them soaked!
- Test your skills with shooting sports — enjoy throwing knives and .22's *at no cost* at the Shooting Sports area!
- Looking to stay inside? Check out the Dining Hall to play board games and watch *Star Wars*.
- Climb the tower! The climbing tower will also be open for your enjoyment!
- The waterfront will be open for your "refreshing" enjoyment of swimming and boating!

### Welcome New Arrowmen!

Are you new to the OA? Well, welcome to your first Section Conclave! This weekend will be filled with endless activities, games, trainings, patches, and new friends! We hope you enjoy your time here.

Conclaves are always an inspirational place — many current leaders of the OA have been inspired by their Conclave experience to further their involvement in the OA. We hope it does the same for you!

Our Conclave theme this year, *The Circle is Now Complete*, will guide you through this weekend. It means something different to everyone — it could be about our next century of service, or about returning to an Alaskan Conclave.

Whatever it means to you, we hope you enjoy! Your Section leadership is here and happy to help with anything you need. Our goal is to make an OA event to remember! If you have anything you want to know, we are here for you!

## Make Sure to Explore our Auctions!

Mac Richards, Auction CVC

The Auction Committee is accepting any and all donations of patches or other OA or scouting memorabilia from youth or adults! Youth donating 10 or more items or adults donating \$50 or more will receive a special edition Conclave pocket patch. Additionally, anyone spending more than \$300 dollars to the Auction will receive the special large donor back patch.

Want to get some cool items? The Silent Auction will take place from 2-4 in the dining hall with a youth-only section and a Live Auction from 6-8 in the dining hall. After the silent auction, we'll be auctioning off two mystery bags as well in a youth-only Live Auction!

## Special Events

This weekend's schedule includes several events that one might refer to as *special*. Here's a sneak peak at what out of the ordinary things you can look forward to today:

**Chapter Chief Breakfast:** Chapter Chiefs (or designees), join us for a special breakfast on Saturday morning. You'll find some special breakfast items waiting for you, as well as our special guests ready to inspire you! Grab your breakfast and hear on out to the porch.

**VIA Luncheon:** Are you new to the Order within the past year? Then you are a *Very Important Arrowman* and are invited to this special event. Meet the National Vice Chief and other special guests, learn more about our Order and how you fit in, and (most importantly) enjoy **free food!** Join us at Dan's Palace for this affair.

**Meet the Man:** Who's the man? Go find out! Rumor has it, it could be Tyler Inberg, the 2016 National Vice Chief of the Order of the Arrow, charged with leading out organization to the next century of service. Join us Dan's Palace to *Meet the Man* and ask our special guests for their deepest, darkest secrets.



## Opening Show in Review

Tonight's opening show was a hit! We met our two MC's W-1N Kenobi and Darth Gold Loops who used the force to guide us through our first show of the Conclave. Let's remember some of the highlights:

- We met the planners of this event — Council of Chiefs, consisting of our Section Officers and Conclave Vice Chiefs.
- We reviewed our knowledge of *Star Wars*.
- We discovered who was most intelligent in the entire Section through *Jeopardy*. Let's just agree that it wasn't any of the contestants, or either of the Trip Jacksons.
- We noted the similarities between *Star Wars* and the Order of the Arrow by distinguishing between Lodges and Planets. Again, none of the Tri[ Jacksons seemed to have any idea what was happening.
- We defeated the Sith Lord, somehow, and W-1N Kenobi reminded us of our plans to find the next Section Jedi.
- Our CVC's *proclaimed* some very important things!

## MOOSE SIGHTING CONTEST

Send in your photos of any moose you see this weekend! The best photo will win a *special prize!*

## Posting on Social Media this Weekend?

Make sure to use the Conclave hashtag: #CUinAK to share your experience with all those at Conclave and back at home!

# #CUinAK

## Section W-1N Officers

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## The Whale's Tale

The Whale's Tale is the official publication of Section W-1N, Order of the Arrow. It is published quarterly and three times at the annual Conclave.

The mission of The Whale's Tale is to keep all Arrowmen in Western Washington and Alaska advised of upcoming events and other Section News.

All members are encouraged to submit articles for publication.

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## Uncas Award

Are you a fan of patches? What about awards? What about awards in the form of patches? Who isn't?! Make sure you complete the Uncas Award! Check out the last page of the booklet you received in your check-in bag to see the requirements. There are a number of signatures you've got to get from each program area, and you must turn in your Degree Application by 2PM! Once you've got everything signed, bring it over to HQ to receive your patch.

Not only does completing the Uncas Award get you a free Conclave patch (*now in green!*) but also gets you to meet the whole Section, and be a part of the greatest events of the weekend!

## Welcome to Camp Gorsuch!

*Andrew Arsenault, Nanuk Lodge Chief*

On behalf of the Nanuk Lodge, welcome to Camp Gorsuch and Conclave 2016! I hope you had a wonderful and pleasant trip here and are ready for an exciting weekend! We are very grateful you made the trip and we are excited to serve as the Conclave Host Lodge this year!

This weekend at Gorsuch, there's a lot to explore. Our climbing tower will give you sweeping views of camp and our waterfront, right on Mirror Lake, will play home to a number of things for you to do: boating, swimming, and the Polar Bear Plunge — named after our Lodge totem!

Speaking of bears, make sure to find our mascot, Nanook, visiting the various activities at Conclave all day! Also, make sure to check out Scott's Field for some of my favorite activities — ultimate Frisbee, and obstacle course, and even Section leadership (and myself) in the dunk tank! Finally, don't forget the ranges, open during our activity times, and show your skills.

Love good food? You'll enjoy this weekend — our team and our chef has put together some amazing meals for you to enjoy!

Again, thank you for joining us in Alaska and welcome to Conclave! We hope you enjoy your time here (feel free to spend plenty of money in the trading post, too!). Have a great Conclave, Section W-1N!

## Fuel Scouting's Adventure at Jambo 2017!

After a record-setting national conference in 2015, the Order of the Arrow will again seek to make history with Operation Arrow at the 2017 National Scout Jamboree. Operation Arrow staff members will support the jamboree program by joining one of three primary OA program areas: the Service Corps, the Trek Guides and the Indian Village.

Head to [oa-bsa.org/jamboree](http://oa-bsa.org/jamboree) to learn how you can #FuelScoutingsAdventure with Operation Arrow 2017!

