

# Smoke Signals

Lenape Lodge 8

November 2025

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## Upcoming Events

### LEC Meeting

- 11/20/2025

### Holiday Bash

- 12/12/2025
- First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield

### Lodge Banquet

- 01/11/2026

### LEC Meeting

- 01/22/2026

### Spring Induction

- 4/10-4/12/2026

## Message from the Chief

Arrowmen of Lenape Lodge:

As an organization, led and operated by youth, everyone is amazed by our adaptability and our shared vision toward the future. Our vision, formed at the outset of this term is clear:

- "a lodge where our Arrowmen feel represented in our lodge community, and through Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service, develop our Arrowmen into better Scouts, better leaders, and ultimately challenge them to be better people."

It is clear through our vision that we must be unified in the embrace of our core values. As we look toward the future of our organization, keep in mind the values we share as Arrowmen. These core values are at the forefront of every change made on the lodge, section, and the national level. As change arises, keep an open mind and look upon them with the adaptability we have shared these past few months.



**Daniel S**  
**2025-2026 Lodge Chief**  
**2025-2026 Section E17 Secretary**

## Got Photos?



If you've taken photos at events and wouldn't mind sharing them, send them to this email:

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## Unit Elections

Unit elections are one of the most important ways our lodge introduces Scouts to the Order of the Arrow and strengthens our membership. For many Scouts, a unit election is their first experience with the OA, so having enthusiastic Arrowmen present makes a meaningful impression. Election team members visit troops, share basic lodge information, and run the election process, helping units stay connected to the lodge and informed about OA opportunities.

This fall, we completed many successful unit visits, contributing to a strong induction weekend. Serving on the elections team is a great way to support the lodge and help welcome future members. If you are interested in helping with elections or visits, we would love to have you join.

Emelia B  
Unit Elections Chair

## Comms/Tech

Do you enjoy photography, graphic design, writing, videography, or technology? The Communications & Technology Committee shares our lodge's story and keeps members informed. We capture photos at events, run the lodge's social media pages, maintain the website, design flyers and graphics, and produce Smoke Signals. We are also beginning to create Instagram reels at Fall Fellowship, adding an exciting new way to highlight lodge activities and build engagement.

This committee is a fun and creative way to get involved, build useful communication and media skills, and support the lodge in a big way. No experience is required, just enthusiasm, ideas, and a willingness to learn. If you are interested in joining the team, talk to the Comms/Tech Chair today!

Alicia S  
Comms/Tech Chair

## Adviser Minute

What a fantastic year it has been. To see the youth of the lodge rise up to the challenges brings great joy to myself and the adult leaders of the lodge. Yes, we were thrown some curve balls (like having to divide into 2 groups to travel to Puerto Rico) but the youth leaders showed the Lenape spirit and professionalism by being able to accept the challenge and succeed. I am constantly amazed with the creativity that is shown by the youth of the lodge when it comes to planning our fellowships and other activities.

As we head into the new year, we as members of the Lenape Lodge need to be prepared to adapt to changes that are sent our way. We might not always agree with them or they might be different but I know that the members of the lodge will rise up to the challenges, and succeed.

- Mrs. Linda Estacio



**Mrs. Linda Estacio**  
**Lodge Adviser**

## Recap!

## Summer Fellowship

From June 6 to 8, Arrowmen gathered at Pine Hill Scout Reservation for a Star Wars themed Spring Fellowship, one of the largest in lodge history. The weekend opened with a spirited campfire featuring costumes, lightsabers, and intergalactic fun.

Saturday included a full schedule of themed training sessions on leadership, social media, staying active in the Order during college, special effects, and Star Wars flight science. In the afternoon, open program offered competition and creativity, highlighted by the Bash where volunteers including former

Lodge Chief Michael Esimio and several guests were slimed, creating a memorable moment for all.

The weekend concluded with a campfire program, cracker barrel, and Sunday lodge business. Spring Fellowship strengthened friendships, encouraged learning, and celebrated lodge spirit.

- Alicia S



## Conclave

From August 6 to 10, more than thirty Arrowmen from our lodge traveled to Puerto Rico for the 2025 Section E17 Conclave, hosted by Yokahú Lodge 506. The experience began with a tour of Old San Juan led by Emmanuell Vázquez, where Arrowmen explored historic sites such as Castillo San Felipe del Morro and enjoyed the city's famous stray cats.

Over the next two days, members hiked El Yunque, visited Ponce, swam at Cañon Blanco, and relaxed at Crash Boat Beach before heading to Guajataka Scout Reservation for campfire programs, Conclave Cup competitions, and section officer elections. We offer our thanks to Yokahú Lodge for their warm hospitality and memorable program.

- Alicia S



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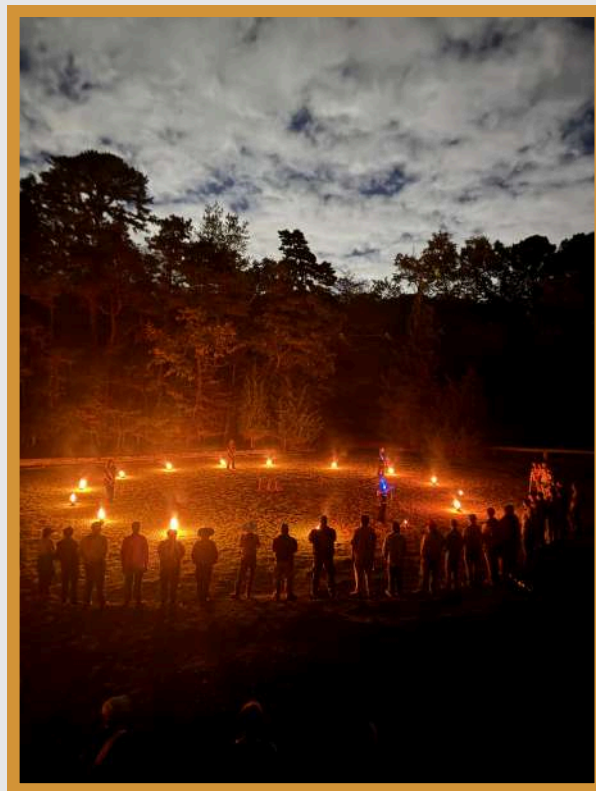
## Fall Induction

From October 10 to 11, Arrowmen gathered at Pine Hill Scout Reservation to welcome one of the largest Ordeal classes in recent lodge history. Prior to the event, the State of New Jersey announced a state of emergency effective Saturday night, leading the lodge to shorten the event for safety while still preserving the full induction experience.

Friday evening included the candidate hike and Pre Ordeal Ceremony, followed by fellowship time. Saturday featured service projects, Brotherhood conversion, and early Ordeal ceremonies. Ceremony teams and volunteers adapted smoothly to the revised schedule and ensured meaningful experiences for all candidates.

Despite the shortened timeline, every Ordeal and Brotherhood candidate completed their journey. The weekend demonstrated resilience, teamwork, and strong leadership across the lodge.

- Alicia S



## Welcome New Ordeal Members!

Alia M	Gabriel C	Justin M	Ryan C
Anthony J	Hannah F	Laura H	Ryan M
Avalina K	Hugo C	Leonard H	Scott M
Brett B	James P	Lindsey H	Sean G
Cameron K	James K	Louis V	Shannon W
Christopher P	Jamie C	Luka C	Teresa F
Connor W	Jignesh P	Matthew L	Thomas M
Daniel S	Jonathan M	Matthew H	Trevor K
Dennis F	John C	Meredith J	Valerie M
Duane F	Joshua S	Ricky C	Wyatt H
Elliot D	Josiah C		

## New Brotherhood Members!

Carmelo C	Jaideep L	Leonardo F	Sundiata A
Carter T	Joseph J	Maya S	Zach S
Dominic P	Leonardo F	Rylan R	



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