The Missing Lynx
2017 Lodge Officers

On October 22, 2016 the members of Toloma Lodge gathered at Camp McConnell in Livingston for a weekend of fellowship and fun as well as the election of our 2017 officers. Your 2017 officers are:

Lodge Chief - Tim Costa

Tim has been an Arrowman since 2012. He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member within the Lakasami Chapter. He will serve as chairman of the Lodge Executive Committee as well as leader of the lodge through the 2017 program year.

Lodge Vice-Chief - Morgan Harrison

Morgan was inducted in 2013. He is an Eagle Scout and Brotherhood Member of the Lakasami Chapter. He will serve as an energetic reminder of cheerful service while assisting the chief in all matters.

Lodge Secretary - Andrew Moses

Andrew has been an active Arrowman since 2015. He is a Star Scout and Brotherhood Member of the Lakasami Chapter. He will keep records of all lodge meetings while overseeing communication throughout the lodge.

These scouts will lead the Toloma Lodge along with our new Lodge Adviser Dan Wilson for the 2017 year. They will be responsible for representing and leading the lodge through such events like Conclave 2017 and the 2017 National Jamboree. We look forward to seeing what you do over the year!

Important Dates and Upcoming Events

Jan. 1st, 2017
Lodge dues are due

Feb 17-19, 2017
Klondike Derby

Apr 21-23, 2017
Section W-3S Conclave

DON’T FORGET TO SIGN UP ONLINE OR SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION FORMS!!

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2016 Award Recipients

The Order of the Arrow has multiple awards used to recognize Arrowman for their service. At the Lodge Dinner the lodge presented both the Founder’s Award and James E. West Fellowship to both youth and adult Arrowman for their service. The lodge also recognized its 2016 class of Vigil Honor recipients who were announced over the summer and awarded in early fall of this year.

In case you missed the recognition dinner here are the 2016 award recipients from the Toloma Lodge:

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to lodge, council, and Scouting. Membership cannot be won by a person’s conscious endeavors. The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position of office.

2016 Class of the Vigil Honor:
Youth
Tim Costa “Helpful Chopping Chief” Kendal Clemens “Speaks Favorably In Whispers”
Zachary Hunsuck “Thinks Outside The Box” Nathan Hunsuck “Quiet Reliable Brother”

Adult
Mark Clemens “Builds and Creates With Hands” Chuck Denny “Brings Cold Air”

The James E. West Fellowship Award is given by the Lodge to honor and recognize a fellow Lodge member who makes a contribution of his/her time to benefit Arrowmen, the Lodge and Scouting. The award is intended to recognize only those Arrowmen who have contributed to the vision, direction, and growth of the Lodge.

The Toloma Lodge was proud to present the James E. West Fellowship Award to:

Tim Long
The Founder’s Award was created in 1981 to honor and recognize those Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to the Lodge. The award is reserved for Arrowmen who demonstrate to fellow Arrowmen that they memorialize in their everyday life the spirit of achievement as described by the Order of the Arrow founder E. Urner Goodman and cofounder Carroll A. Edson.

By petition of the Toloma Lodge the Founder’s Award was presented to:

Kyle Silligman & Andrew Gonzalez

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### Important Reminders!

#### Klondike Derby

The Toloma Lodge is looking for Arrowman to serve on staff at this awesome winter event. This year’s Chairman is Austin Randle and Tim Higginbotham will be returning as adviser.

The first 50 DUES PAYED members to register for staff will receive a free beanie to wear during the event.

To register please fill out the registration form and return it to the Council Office with the $15.00 event fee or register online at [http://www.yosemitescouting.org/programactivities/order-of-the-arrow/51707](http://www.yosemitescouting.org/programactivities/order-of-the-arrow/51707)

Staff registration covers your meals (Friday cracker-barrel through Sunday lunch) and allows you to sleep inside the lodge for the duration of the event.

#### Lodge Dues

It’s time to renew Lodge membership by paying your dues for the year. There are two options for paying your dues:

- **Regular Membership - $12**
  This common membership allows you to attend events throughout the year.

- **Silver Lynx Membership - $85**
  This membership not only allows you to attend events throughout the year but also prepays and registers you for ALL Lodge events throughout the year*.

Being a dues payed member of the lodge allows you to wear your sash, flap, and arrow ribbon as well as attend all order of the arrow functions.

*Although events like Jamboree and Conclaves are on the Lodge calendar They are not Lodge sponsored events. You will still have to pay your registration fee through the normal registration site available.
On December 27th Section Chiefs from across the country gathered in Texas for the National Planning Meeting. Aside from planning operation arrow at the National Jamboree. The chiefs elected the 2017 National officers. They will lead the order through the 2017 year.

Fellow Arrowman,

My name Timothy Costa and I would like to begin by telling you that I am excited to be working with each of you this year as your 2016-2017 Toloma Lodge Chief. I am looking forward to a great year with you all and am hoping to get to know each and every one of you. I would like to thank Dalton McCullough our past Lodge Chief along with the entire LEC for all the work they have put in over the past year to put me in a place to continue their good work and am hoping to expand on the great work that Dalton has done bringing this Lodge into the next century. With the help of Morgan Harrison our vice chief and Andrew Moses our secretary and all of you we can make this a great year and continue to help this lodge grow during this exciting year.

Yours In Brotherhood

Timothy Costa
2017 Lodge Chief