



## Lodge Database

For some time now our lodge has been in need of a more comprehensive base of membership data that can meet the needs of our chapters and lodge leadership. We estimate 75% of our lodge issues are caused by an incomplete, inaccurate, and aging database. Many of these have resulted in limited reporting capabilities, poor feedback, poor communications, and lack luster event attendance during a normal O-A year.

We have embarked on a 3-phase fix in Gathering – Storage – and Reporting.

### Gathering

- **Update Current Membership:** Beginning immediately we are soliciting your help in securing updated information from our current membership. We are asking unit leaders to complete a comprehensive inquiry when registering your troop's OA registration renewal. This will help certify our current roll call.
- **New Member data:** Our unit election teams are being instructed to follow a new form guideline for collecting newly elected scouts. More details on this as elections are scheduled.
- **Participation data:** As arrowman register and attend lodge and chapter events we will request information to better track attendance, service hours, and performance in order to feedback to units, chapters, districts, and our council leadership.

### Storage

- **Lodgemaster Program:** We have adopted Lodgemaster as developed by National Order of the Arrow specific for lodge and chapter use. It is secure and feature rich.
- **Maintaining/Updating/Securing Lodgemaster:** Our direction includes the administration of the data regularly. Once the member roll data is collected we will match with ScoutNet.

### Reporting

- **Our goal** is to develop reports as useful feedback to Scoutmasters, District Camping Chairman, Council Camping Committee, Chapter and Lodge officers.
- Reports promote informative mailings, alerts, and announcements.
- Reports to mark eligibility for Brotherhood, and Vigil consideration.
- Reports that will highlight individual recognition for local and nations awards.

As you can see our Lodge Officers and their Advisors have embarked on a purposeful task to better our lodge and in so doing better our council. Thank you in advance for your help and support.