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Cultivating Your Lodge History

Tools to Sharing Your Lodge's Story

Learning Objectives

- Understand key resources to finding your lodge's history
- Determine which method is best for displaying and sharing your lodge's history
- Understanding how to capture the history you are making in your lodge



You're Making History

- 3 minutes
- Turn to a neighbor
- Spend 1.5 minutes each answering the following question:
 - *How has the OA and/or your lodge changed in the past 5 years?*





Tools & Techniques of the Historian



Centennial Lodge History Books

Dropbox / Lodge History Project / Completed Lodge History Books

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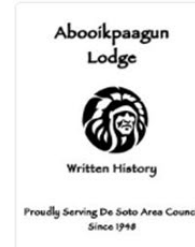
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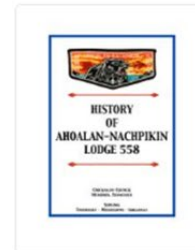
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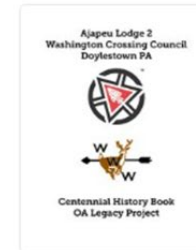
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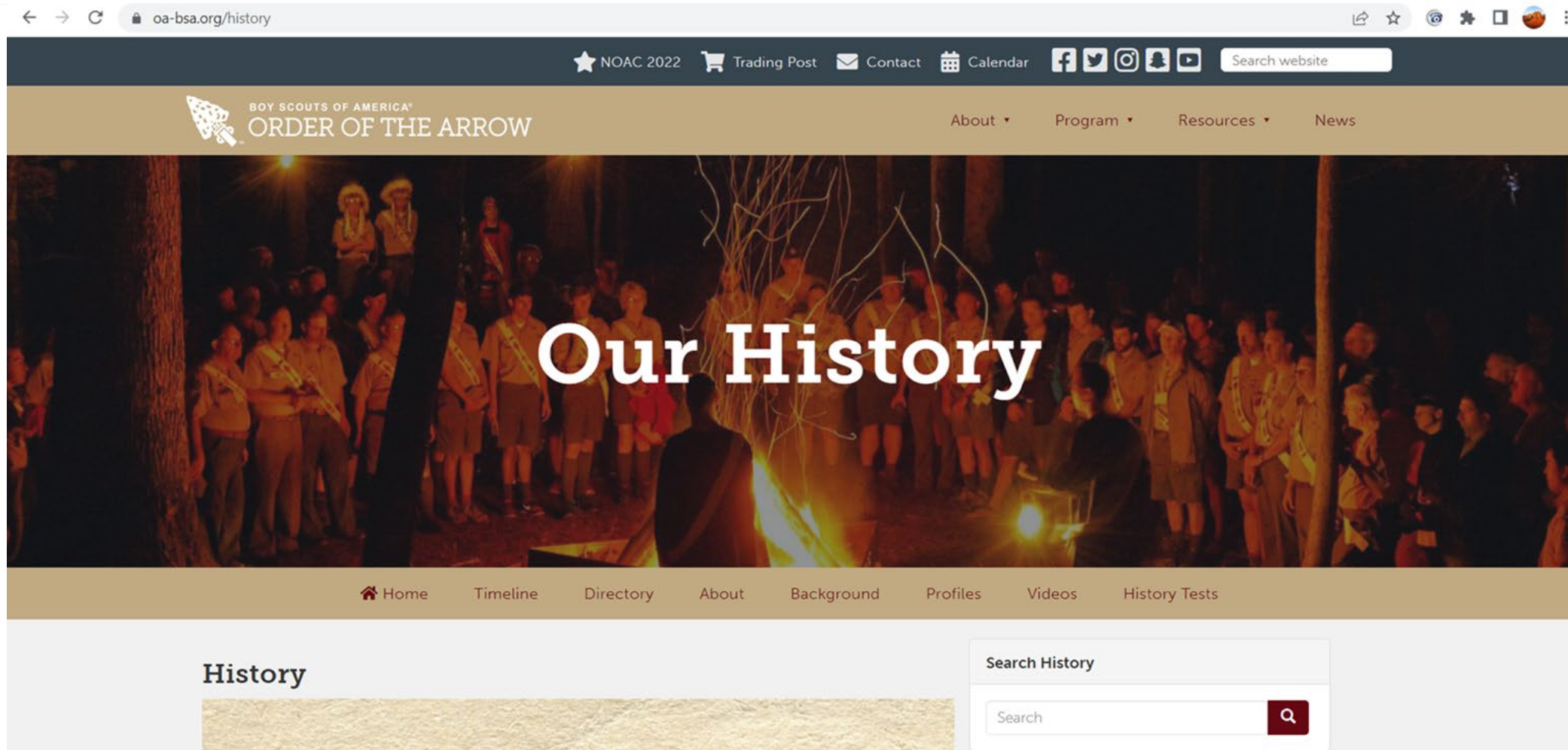
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Lodge Members & Other Historians



OA History Timeline



OA History Timeline – Profiles

Ed Pease

Profile - Ed Pease

Edward Allen Pease, an Eagle Scout, has served the Order of the Arrow and Scouting for many years. Ed was appointed to the **National OA Committee** in 1984 and has held a variety of positions at **National Conferences** and on the National OA Committee. In 1990, Ed was appointed to be Vice Chairman for Finance and in 1993 he became the **Chairman of the National OA Committee** for seven years serving until 2000. In 2012 Ed was recognized for his years of service with the Order's **fifth Lifetime Achievement Award**.



Some of his past positions in Scouting have included, camp staff Director, and Council President, Wabash Valley Council, Associate Lodge Adviser, Section EC-4A Adviser, East Central Region Order of the Arrow chairman and member of the National Advisory Board of the BSA.



As a youth, Ed received the God and Country Award and in **1969, he served as Deputy Conference Vice Chief (DCVC) for Administration at the National Order of the Arrow Conference**. He has been honored as an adult with the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award, the Silver Antelope Award and the Silver Buffalo Award.

As legal counsel for Indiana State University and a former Indiana state senator, he developed a wealth of skills for working cooperatively within the BSA national organization and the Order of the Arrow. **Ed served in the United States House of Representatives from 1997 to 2001.**

His tenure in Congress was defined by significant accomplishments such as increasing Indiana's share of transportation funding, increasing the investment in the US military, saving the historic downtown Federal Building in Terre Haute, Indiana, and serving on the House Judiciary Committee that introduced the Articles of Impeachment for President Bill Clinton.

After leaving Congress, Pease became Senior Vice President of Government Relations for Rolls-Royce PLC North America.



OA History Timeline - Background

First Vigil Honor Certificates

First Vigil Honor Certificates Issued

At the **1938 National Lodge Meeting**, **Thomas Cairns** introduced the idea of presenting a certificate to each Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow (OA). **The National Lodge** approved the idea and gave Cairns the authority to have the certificates printed and presented.

Once the certificates were printed, a certificate was presented to all living Vigil Honor members. Each certificate had the date the Vigil was held. As a result there are certificates with dates as early as 1915 even though they were not printed or distributed until 1938.

The tradition of the Vigil Honor Certificate continues to today. The printed certificate has undergone changes through the years.



Introduction to Physical Displays

1. Start Small
2. Display more than just patches
 - a. Photos, newsletters, uniforms, text
3. Go vertical with your display as you can
4. Involve other historians in your display where appropriate
5. Create posters or presentation boards



Introduction to Physical Displays



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Introduction to Oral History

Formal Interviews

- No Surprises
- Questions are prepared in advance and provided to interviewee
- Names, Dates, and Bio(s) are provided at the beginning of recording

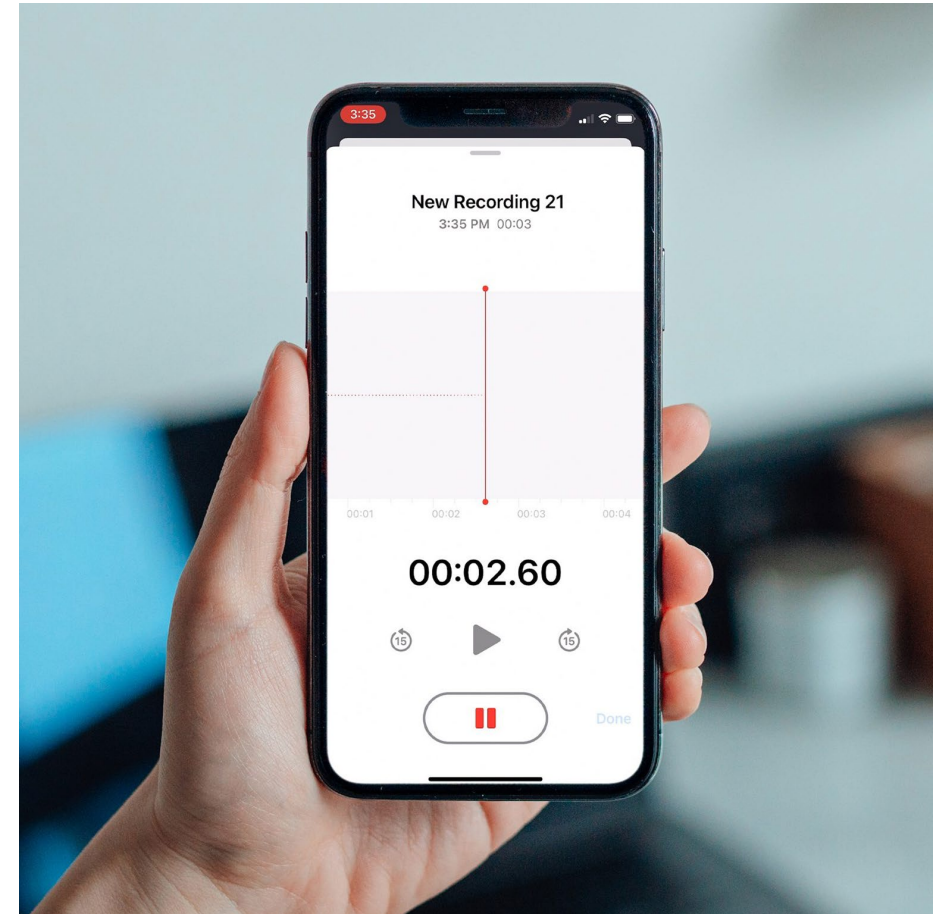
Informal Interviews

- Raw reactions to questions - learn as you go
- Be quick on your feet
- Prepare for more pauses, laughter, and less formal responses
- Generally shorter
- More conversational



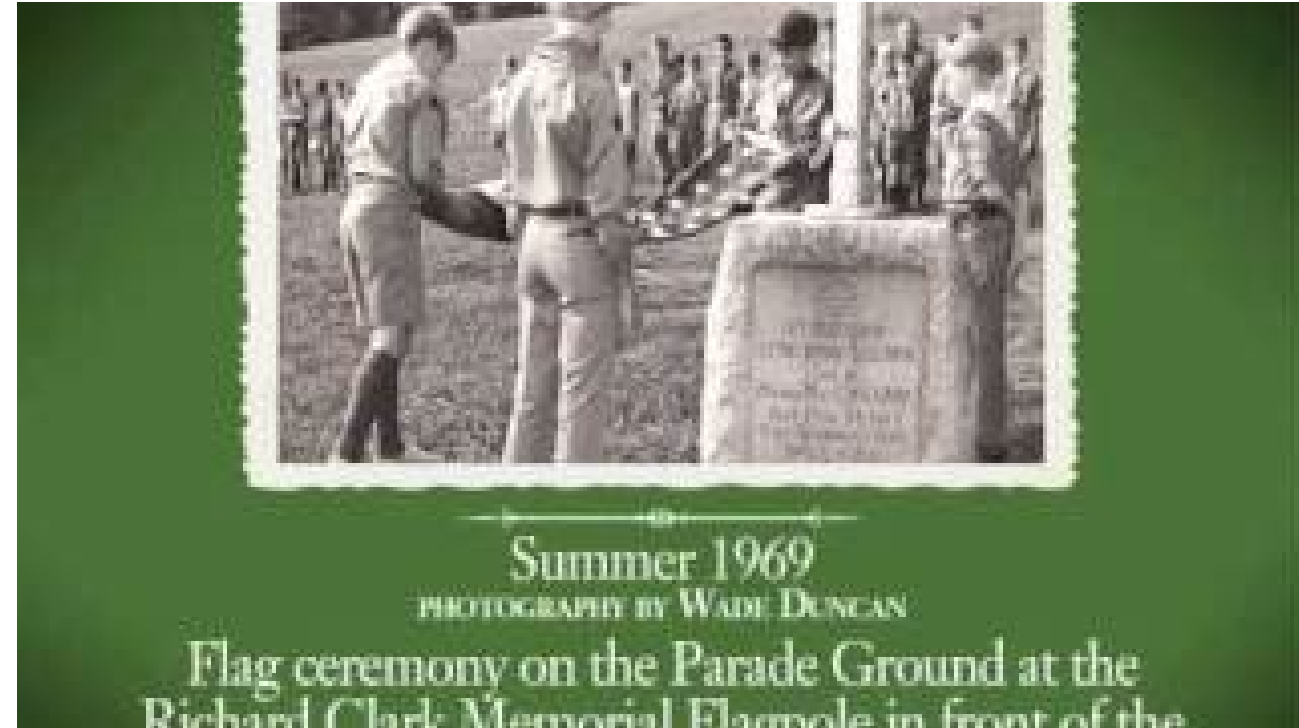
Introduction to Oral History

- No need to be an expert
- No need to use fancy equipment
- Oral histories are fundamental to passing down stories from generation to generation
- With modern technology - have become very easy to facilitate



Introduction to Digital Displays

- Great way to get started working as a beginning historian
- Take photos
- Record videos
- Keep a lodge blog
- Develop a website
- Social Media
- Formal Digital Displays/Archives



Introduction to Digital Displays

Websites:

<https://nentico.org/history/memorabilia/>

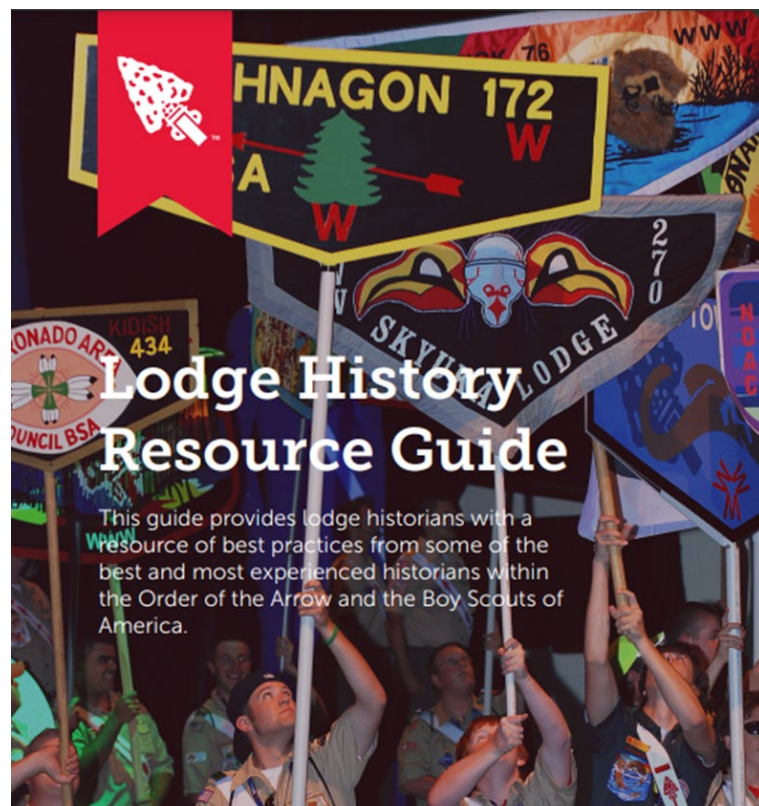
<https://www.wahissa.org/about/lodge-history/>

Omeka:

<https://mooreab.omeka.net/>



Lodge History Resource Guide



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Takeaway Challenge

Empower yourself to “observe and preserve” your lodge’s history by taking concrete steps when you return home to your lodge.

