NOAC 2024

CU Boulder

SEEK NEW HEIGHTS

Lodge Officer Boot Camp

So you want to be a lodge o icer, huh?

Here’s what you need to know

Learning Objectives

1. Defining what a lodge officer is and its obligations
2. What YOU can do
3. Transitioning to your role

1. Defining Officers

Positions and Obligations

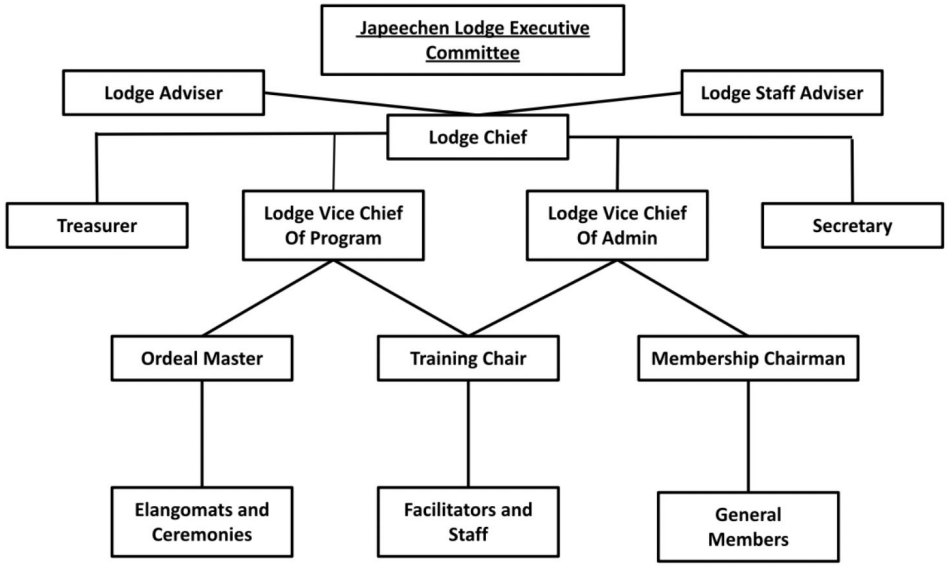
So What Is a Lodge Officer?

"Lodge Executive Committee typically consists of one or more vice chiefs, a secretary, and a treasurer, as well as chapter and/or service area chiefs and operating committee chairmen who are responsible for various aspects of the lodge's program." - Order of the Arrow

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

ORDER OF THE ARROW™

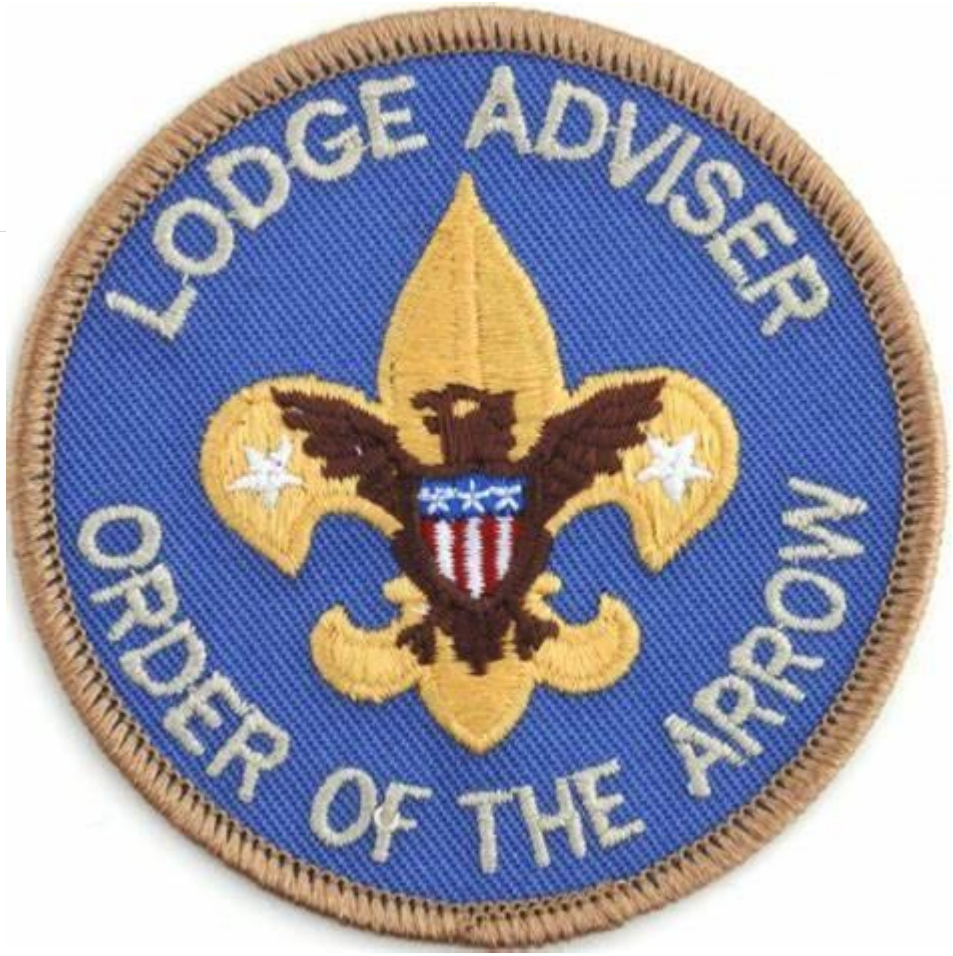
LEC Organization



- Chain of command
- Vice Chief positions and their responsibilities are determined on a lodge-to-lodge basis
- Not mentioned is the use of Chapter Chiefs, especially in large lodges

Adult Roles

- As a youth-run youth-led organization, who makes decisions?
- Adult leadership still plays a pivotal role in the Order of the Arrow
- Youth can (and should) go to adult leadership for mentoring and help when needed
- You can't do everything on your own



What comes to mind when you see this image?

Making Tough Choices

Your decisions should focus on what is best for your lodge

The right decision may not always be exactly what you want to do

2. What YOU Can Do

Making An Impact In Your Lodge

Reaching Out

Don’t be afraid to reach out to your lodge leadership (Officers, Chairs, or even advisors)

Their goal is also to help the OA Thrive and they will often do their best to help you get involved

Finding a Committee

The best starting step to becoming an officer is often to serve as a committee chair

These positions are less intensive and are great for gauging your interest

Examples

- Unit Elections
- Elangomats
- Ceremonies
- Culinary
- Chapter Officers

Learning From Others

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

DEVELOPING YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

SEEK NEW HEIGHTS

NOAC 2024

CU BOULDER

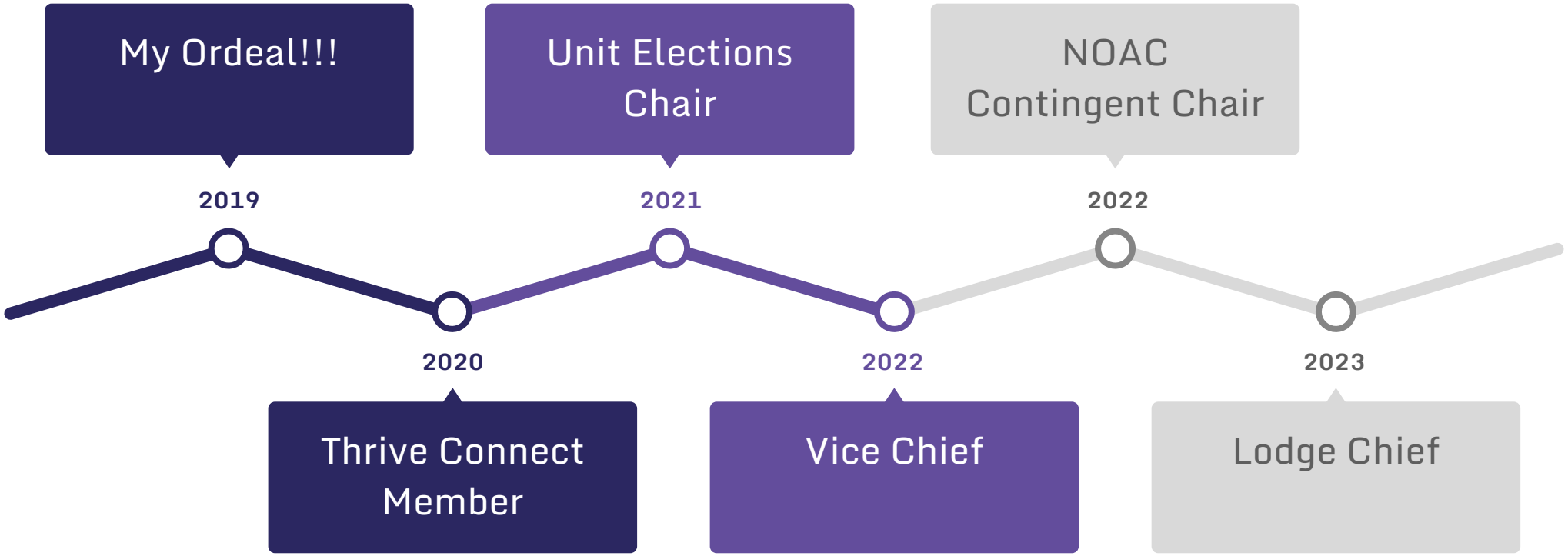
Trust the Process

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
Show up! Continue coming to lodge events after your ordeal (I'm sure all of you have done this)	Find a Committee There are so many opportunities and (idk) within the Order of the Arrow so find one you like and get involved	Reach Out Don't be afraid to reach out to lodge leadership to express your interest in holding a position of responsibility

Keep Pushing

- Odds are, you are going to lose at one time or another
- It’s an unfortunate truth but you can use it to learn on what you can improve to help you moving forward
- Don’t let your failures hold you back!

My Personal Leadership Timeline



3. Transitioning To Your Role

Making It Smooth

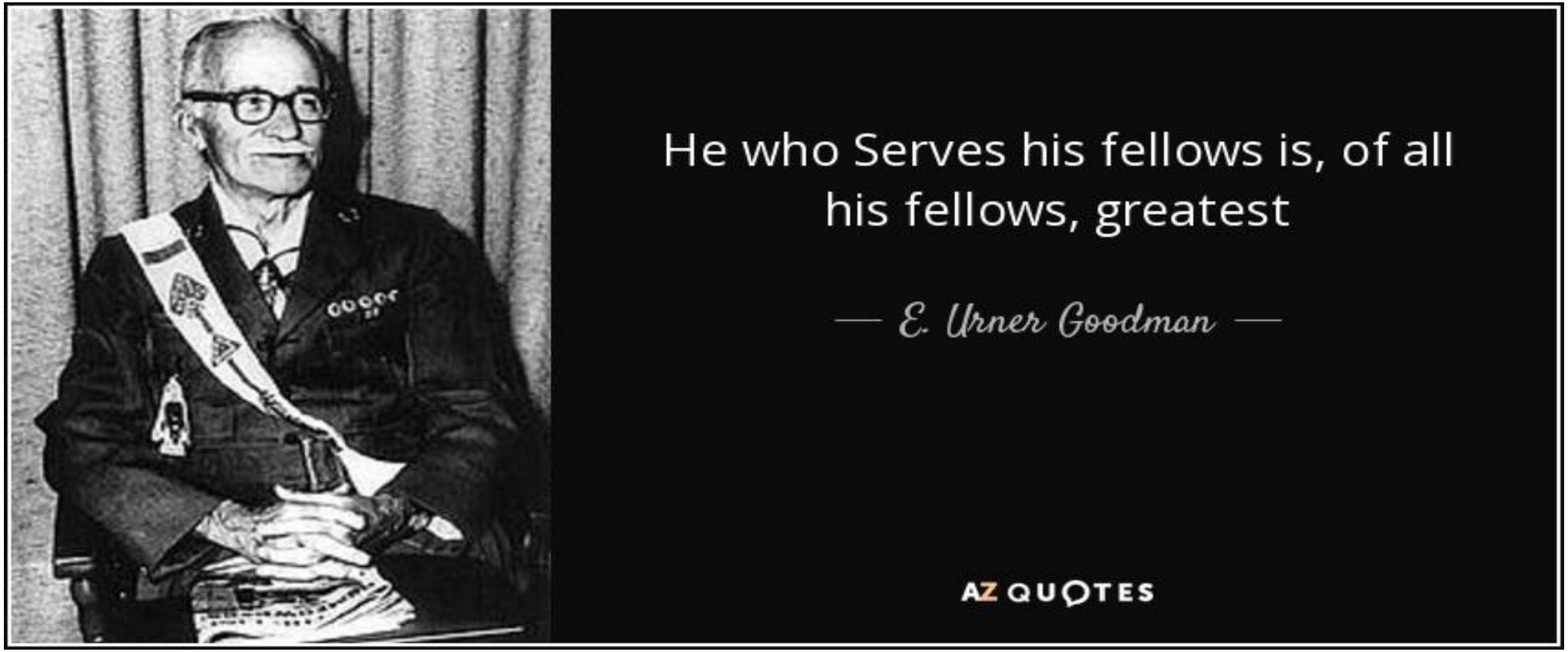
Event Planning

- Offer a variety of different programs
- Make sure there is something for everyone
- Take feedback on the event to see what people did and didn’t enjoy

Communication

- Communication should be constant OUTSIDE of LEC meetings
- A thriving lodge needs a thriving LEC
- There are plenty of different ways to keep in touch

Servant Leadership



Takeaway Challenge

Go home and make an impact in your lodge and if you're ready, take the next step as a leader

Questions?

Thank you!