

A final tribute to our Brother(s).

He who loved the haunts of nature,
Loved the moonlight on the water,
Loved the sunshine on the meadow,
Loved the shadow of the forest,
Loved the wind among the pine trees,
Loved the rushing of great rivers,
Loved the thunder of the mountains,
Loved all nature in its splendor,

Found in nature duty to Man,
Pledged himself to cheerful service,
Serving his fellows and his Master
Pondering that which is our purpose.

Rest Brother, . . .
We've known you well indeed
And now in peace you'll sleep.
You've done your work and done it well

Dedicated to Racoon and Polar Bear



Tecumseh Lodge History Book

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Part 1: Founding the OA

Chapter 1: Inspiration

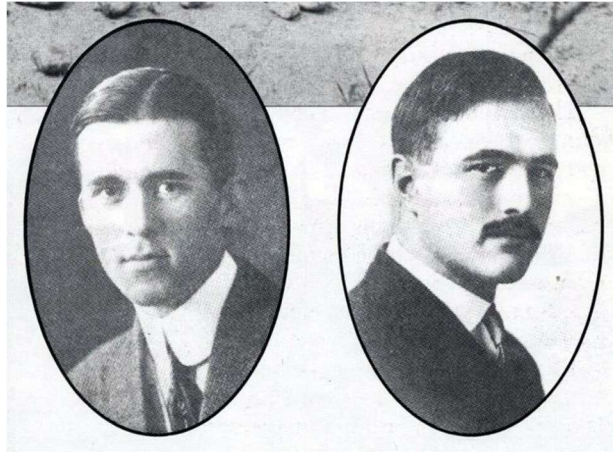
The story of the Order of the Arrow starts 5 years after W.D. Boyce brought tales of the newly founded Scouting program in England back to the United States.

In 1915, **E. Urner Goodman**, a newly hired field executive for the Philadelphia Council, was assigned to serve as director of the council's summer camp at Treasure Island Scout Reservation on the Delaware River. He believed that the summer camp experience should do more than just

teach proficiency in Scoutcraft skills; rather, the principles embodied in the Scout Oath and Scout Law should become realities in the lives of Scouts. Along with his assistant camp director, Carroll A. Edson, he started an experimental honor society to acknowledge those campers he felt best exemplified these qualities, calling the program, *Wimachtendienk*, meaning "Brotherhood" in the Southern Unami language of the local Lenni Lenape tribe.

Goodman took heavy inspiration from the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, and the bonds of brotherhood that he witnessed. His other inspiration was that of Billy Clark, a member of Goodman's troop, Philadelphia's Troop 1. This inspiration was described later as the result of a troop campout. Goodman commented on Clark's actions on a troop campout years later, saying:

"One time during our stay there, one of our [scouts] came with a minor sickness. There was no medicine, no hospital on the island at all. So he had to stay in his tent and he had to be taken care of. Billy volunteered to be our live-in nurse for the two or three days he had to be there. And he did a good job of it."



Goodman and Edson, 1915

Future Updates – we're looking for the following information for updates in the future.

Information about Tecumseh hosting conclave 2018, 2013, 2006

Tecumseh Lodge's COVID 19 response

History of chapters (and their mergers)

Black sheep post #65

Tecumseh Lodge presence at thunder base 2014/2018/2022

Tecumseh Lodge presence at Ohio State Fair

Biography of some longtime members who have passed on.

OA centennial 2015 celebration/ centurion award recipients

Tecumseh Lodge contingents at NOAC's/ summer fellowship?

Tecumseh Lodge contingents at NLS/DYLC

Picture of Tecumseh lodge stone at the summit OA ring

History of the absorption of Nendawen Lodge 618+ history and appendixes of Lodge Chiefs, founders, vigils, etc.

History of the Kentucky counties leaving the council for bluegrass council

History of Vigil signatures on brotherhood sashes

Past popular fellowship themes

Information about Kaniengehaga Lodge Chiefs

Pictures from Katinonkwat, Kaniengehaga, Maka Ina, Shawnee

Biographies of former members from these lodges, and their impact on the lodge

Past Lodge Chiefs of Shawnee Lodge

1983 - Dan Wickerham	1988 - Chris Withrow	1992 - Chris George
1984 - Dan Wickerham	1989 - Chris George	1993 - Ray Blevins
1985 - Dan Wickerham	1990 - Chris George	1994 - Russ Johnson
1986 - Chris Withrow	1991 - Ray Blevins	1995 - Andy Linder
1987 - Chris Withrow		

Past Lodge Chiefs of Nendawin Lodge

1989 - Roger Hornsby (Kootaga 201)	2016 - Noah Clouse	2018 - Cade Buckley
1995 - David McCoy		

Past Lodge Chiefs of Tecumseh Lodge No. 65

1996 - Matt Green	2006 - Nathan Williams	2016 - David Prentice
1997 - J. R. Ramey	2007 - Chase Speaks	2017 - Elijah Scott
		2018 - Reece Sparks / Nathan Williams
1998 - Ross Fenimore	2008 - Kyle Frye	
1999 - Tony Hernandez	2009 - Kyle Frye	Nick - Hubbell
2000 - Tony Hernandez		
2001 - Josh Dillahunt	2010 - Arthur Newlon	2019 - Nick Hubbell
2002 - Matthew Seckel	2011 - Ben Wasmer	2020 - Will Finley
2003 - Joseph B. Fischer	2012 - Michael Osborn	2021 - Will Finley
2004 - Joseph B. Fischer /Nathan Williams	2013 - Dan Mitchell	2022 - Jon Santini III
2005 - Nathan Williams	2014 - Isaac Oberer	2023 - Tyler McArthur
	2015 - Johnny Miller	2024 - Reid Miller

Now, there is a vessel used in hospitals they call a bedpan. And it was time to take that thing to the latrine and Billy, of course, cheerfully took on the assigned visit. However, in going from the tent to the latrine he had a little [fall]. But Billy got up smiling from it all, if you can imagine. Now that's the picture of cheerful service."

Goodman had many other inspirations that contributed to the founding of what is now the Order of the Arrow, but the Gettysburg Reunion and Billy Clark's actions were the driving forces behind Goodman's creation of the OA.

Chapter 2: Wimachtendienk

In the beginning, Goodman's brainchild was hardly an honor society, but rather a camp fraternity. The initial idea behind what would later become the Order of the Arrow was rooted in the desire to create a brotherhood that would bond campers together and encourage them to embrace the principles of unselfish service and cheerful camaraderie. This camp fraternity was more focused on building lasting relationships among scouts and enhancing the experience of camp life, rather than the elaborate recognition structure that would evolve in later years.

The fraternity's first steps were taken at Treasure Island Scout Reservation on July 16, 1915. Two of the Troops on the island had held an election of members. George Chapman, the first Chief of the OA described the event in *The Arrow and the Vigil*, the former newsletter of the OA, as follows:

"In addition to the heavy heat, which often hangs in the valley of the Delaware, there was something else in the air. It was an almost indescribable feeling of expectancy and mystery. Only a very few of those on the island had been taken into the confidence of Goodman and



Treasure Island Ceremonial Grounds

Edson and this was done only to have sufficient personnel to carry out the planned program. So while everyone on the island was aware that Friday night was the big night, few knew exactly what was to take place and all waited with interest and an enthusiasm which was difficult to control.

The day wore on slowly. Ordinary camp activities provided little interest and the camp chores and duties were carried out with a total lack of enthusiasm. By sundown the air was charged with a tense excitement. Something that was to be a vital factor in the lives of uncounted thousands of boys and men was about to be started. The importance of this undertaking was unconsciously exerting a strange influence on those that were present.

The first members were inducted in a manner somewhat differently from the way in which the Ordeal is conducted today. All of the campers, obviously non-members, were witnesses to the induction. As darkness fell, Harry Yoder, who acted as first guide, lined up the campers in single file. In dead silence the campers followed the guide by a circuitous route to the Council Fire.

The path led under a fallen tree and the Council Fire was so located that as the boys approached the fire they had no knowledge of it until they passed under the tree and the Council Fire was suddenly revealed.

The first candidates to be inducted into the organization were Robert Craig and Gilpin Allen.

Chapter 3: The Early Years

Goodman enjoyed much success in the early days of his career as a professional Scouter. Good with people, a gifted writer and speaker and an effective organizer, he knew how to motivate volunteers and staff.

Early on he attracted the attention of national BSA leadership. Only on the job for a year, he and Carroll Edson attended the national meeting as observers. During one of the large sessions, he was pleasantly surprised when Chief Scout Executive Dr. James E. West called on him to describe the success Scouting, and the OA in particular, was having in Philadelphia.

In 1914, World War I had just started, and he was called to the Army, where he became a regimental personnel officer soon before the

Chapter 16 : Lodge Chiefs

Past Lodge Chiefs of Katinonkwat Lodge

1936 - Jake Helm	1957 - James Callard	1977 - Mitch Neff
1937 - Baird Heffron	1958 - Paul C. Redmond	1978 - Richard Dale Hayes
1938 - Baird Heffron	1959 - Pat E. Burr	1979 - Mark A. Youngkin
1939 - Jack W. Folkert	1960 - Ben Rose	1980 - J. William Hug
1940 - Bruce Hullinger	1961 - Gary Reynolds	1981 - J. William Hug
1941 - Ed Hampshire	1962 - George R. Wells	1982 - Carl J. Gavin
1942 - Gerald Gifford	1963 - George R. Wells	1983 - Gary A. Stroup
1943 - Dave Riggs/Richard Tutus	1964 - Jack Howarth	1984 - Gary A. Stroup
1944 -	1964 - Terry Caudy	1985 - Todd M. Hoover
1945 - Don Smart	1965 - Hank Sherf	1986 - Randy Zimmer
1946 - Don Smart	1966 - Larry Grieder, Jr.	1987 - Andrew Madison
1947 - Charles Williams	1967 - Larry Grieder, Jr.	1988 - Todd Michael Horning
1948 - Charles Williams	1968 - Kenny Robinson	1989 - Peter Sanfelippo II
1949 - Fred W. Braithwaite	1969 - Jerry Humphrey	1990 - Larry Jenkins
1950 - James Harding	1970 - Richard A. Ford	1991 - Paul M. Tankovich
1951 - Thomas R. Harding	1971 - Bill Steele	1992 - Richard Hurley
1952 - Kingsley Forrey	1972 - Duane M. Baker, Jr.	1993 - Clinton Arthur Hutchinson
1953 - Donald S. Good	1973 - Donald E. Gallucci	1994 - Jarrod Smith
1954 - John Fox	1974 - Joseph W. Sayre	1995 - James Robert (J.R.) Ramey
1955 - Donald L. Hamilton	1975 - R. Kent Wright	1995 - Jan. 1, 1996 Matt Green
1956 - Donald L. Hamilton	1976 - William L. Evans	

Past Lodge Chiefs of Maka Ina Lodge

1939 - Dick Griesheimer	1963 - Doug Ritchey	1979 - Jamie Watkins
1946 - George Shearrow	1964 - Paul Mochr, Art Stevenson	1980 - Mark Bell
1948 - Ivan Barnes	1965 - Bob Smallwood	1981 - Chris Vaughan
1949 - Blain Jones	1966 - Andy Woehr	1982 - Chris Vaughan
1950 - Ronal Willis	1967 - Doug Swank	1983 - Bruce Overly
1951 - Ronnie Anderson	1968 - Bob Strawser	1984 - Brian Rudie
1952 - Tom Irvin	1969 - Mike Daughters	1985 - Alan Cook
1953 - Art Stevenson	1970 - Ray McKinnis	1986 - Alan Cook
1954 - Andy Kuntzman	1971 - Ed Yarbrough	1987 - Scott Carr
1955 - Andy Kuntzman	1972 - Jim Steele	1988 - Eric Ginter
1956 - Robert Tomastik	1973 - Bruce Richards	1989 - Shawn Kegley
1957 - Robert Tomastik	1974 - Joe Harbarger	1990 - David Miller
1958 - Bill Rice	1975 - Luke Elliot	1991 - David Miller
1959 - Tom Castor	1976 - Randy Zeisler	1992 - Brian Dalton
1960 - Dave Scout	1977 - Bill McKell	1993 - Brian Tomko
1961 - Tim Walters	1978 - Bill McKell	1994 - Jim Berry
1962 - Tom Hildebrand		1995 - Jim Berry

Shawn Perrigo
 Mark Rovick
 Roger Wessell
1999
 Tony Hernandez
 Richard Lohnes
 Dean Gross
2000
 none given
2001
 Mary Smith
 Josh Dillahunt
2002
 Doug Anderson
 Patrick Lewis
2003
 P.K. Kerr III
 Gary Orr
2004
 Joseph B. Fischer
 Rob Fann
 Carl LeFevre
2005
 Kevin Fielder
 Mike LeFevre
 James Ramey

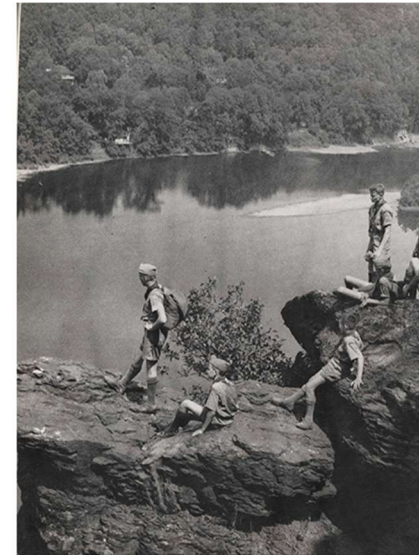
Kyle Frye
 Matt Stickles
 Rich Braessler
2009
 Trever Frye
 Matt Frye
 Ben Wasmer
2010
 Ashton Shuster
 Barbra Burger
 Roy Imel
2011
 Michael Osborn
 Ed Osborn
 Kirk Riley
2012
 Joel Chow
 Kevin McMains
2013
 Alec Kaepner
 Robert Snyder
2014
 Hayden Biedenbarn
 Dan Mitchell

2018
 Nick Hubbell
 Elijah Scott
2009
 Isaiah Hayes
 Roger Kanke
2020
 Will Bartram
 Will Finley
2021
 Cory Falke
 Jon Santini Jr.
2022
 Jon Santini III
 Nancy Peto
2023
 Caleb Hammond
 Kurt Tekaucic
2024

war's end, never going overseas. After returning home in 1918, he helped develop the OA in other councils in the east, while maintaining his new role as Scout Executive in Philadelphia.

The founders had intended that the first Vigil Honor should be for a youth who achieved an outstanding accomplishment or performed a heroic deed. At the close of the 1915 Treasure Island summer camp season, a small group including Carroll Edson, Harry Yoder and non-member Horace Kern decided that Goodman should be selected for what in 1916 would be called the Second Degree, and today is recognized as the first Vigil Honor. While Goodman initially felt it was a shame that it was not a youth chosen for the honor, the men that selected Goodman were confident in their selection. They felt that the Founder was the most deserving and appropriate selection for the first Arrowman to keep a vigil. The selection of Goodman had the approval of all members of the Order in camp. Non-members at Treasure Island were also pleased with the selection of the popular Camp Director. Goodman himself later recognized the importance of his selection to keep the first vigil.

In August of 1915, E. Urner Goodman kept his vigil on a rocky outcrop overlooking Treasure Island at a place called the "Devil's Tea Table". Goodman left the camp at twilight and Harry Yoder, acting as guide, paddled the two of them across the river. Then the two began the steep climb up the New Jersey embankment of the Delaware River to the Devil's Tea Table. When they arrived Goodman found that a pile of wood had already been prepared for him and the brush had been cleared. Just as Yoder had spent the day of the first initiation on Treasure Island preparing the ceremonial circle for the first ceremony, Yoder had spent the day preparing the trail and the site that Goodman would keep his vigil.



Devil's Tea Table

The name Nuwingi, “The Willing” was given to Goodman by the camp staff because in their opinion he was the most outstanding camper of the 1915 season and deserved this recognition that had been announced at the beginning of the camping season.

It was not until June 1916, when the three levels of membership were officially formalized; Pledge (now Ordeal), First Degree (now Brotherhood), and Second Degree (now Vigil Honor).

On February 1, 1919, Trenton Lodge, located in Trenton, New Jersey of the Trenton Council became the Order’s second lodge. This was the first expansion of Wimachtendienk into another council. News of this novel idea of a fraternity based on cheerfully serving others would spread, until within fifty years nearly every council in the BSA had their own lodge.

In 1921 Wimachtendienk, W.W. (a common way at the time of referring to what we know as the Order of the Arrow) was ready to have a national structure. Patterned similarly to the Freemasons, it was decided that each lodge would become a member of the Grand Lodge. On October 7 and 8, 1921, the first Grand Lodge Meeting, hosted by the Philadelphia lodges Unami and Unalachtigo was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and at their Camp Biddle. These meetings would later become known as National Meetings and are the distant predecessors of today’s NOACs. The first meeting was attended by eight of the eleven known lodges. The use of the term “known” was deliberate in the meeting minutes. Our young Order had spread by word of mouth. In the early days of Scouting it was common for multiple councils/camps to share the same lake. For example, in upstate New York near Tuxedo Park there were more than thirty Scout camps around the Kanohwanke Lakes including council camps for Ranachqua Lodge and Pamrapaugh Lodge. It is still not known exactly which other lodges had formed in these early years, but clearly Goodman and Edson were aware that others had formed and they had no way to contact them. Co-founder Edson was selected to chair the first meeting. During the meeting four committees were formed. One of the committees was formed to frame the Grand Lodge Constitution. Another committee was formed to re-write and provide for further revisions of the ceremonies. Committees were also created regarding insignia and record keeping. Grand Lodge officer elections were held.

Chapter 15 : Founders Award

Awarded in Katinonkwat Lodge

1989

Peter M. Sanfelippo II
James M. Kern

1990

Larry C. Jenkins
Edward J. Howard
Mitchell E. Neff

1991

Paul Tankovich
Keith Jenkins

1992

Richard Hurley
R. Kent Wright

1993

Dan Barr
Kevin Ziegler

1994

Christopher "Doc" Metzger
Rick Smith

1995

Matthew Green
John Birle

Awarded in Maka Ina Lodge

1984

Jeffrey Wyckoff

1989

Brian Rudie

1990

Chris Vaughn

1991

Bernell Valentine
Gregory D. Dearing

1992

Dennis P. Murphy

1993

R. Brian Dalton
Michael R. Elam

1994

Bryan A. Towne

1995

Jim Berry
Brian Tomko

Awarded in Nendawin Lodge

1994

David C McCoy
Gus Morris

2004

Justin Lee Hook

2007

Richard Lee Ritz

2011

Andrew S Dewald
Howard D Dewald

2015

Noah Addison Clouse

Awarded in Tecumseh Lodge

1996

Travis A. Pitts
David Turner
Charles Howard, Sr.

1997

J.R. Ramey
Ron Fisher
Al Hernandez II

1998

2006

Chase Speaks
Rob Fiedler
Randy Methner

2007

Arthur Newlon
Aaron Wyckoff
Greg Speaks

2008

2015

Johnny Miller
Barb Wasmer

2016

David Prentice
Stephen Stern

2017

Will Jones
Paul Post

Timothy J. Mohr (K) - Camper
 Gary A Morrison (K) - Fast Runner
 Michael S. Nethers (K) - Witty One
 Kelly E. O'Reilly (K) - One Who Delights
 W. Neil Prentice (K) - One Who Has Knowledge
 Thomas C. Sturm (K) - Star Seeker
 Loren F. "Nick" Townsend (K) - Warrior
 Jack H. Weatherwax (K) - Determined One
1983
 William Baird III (K) - Swimmer
 Raymond C. Gugel (K) - One Who Thinks Easily
 David L. Ransopher (K) - One Who Flies
 Walter Wolfe (K) - Earnest One
1984
 Mark Gugel (K) - One Who Enlightens
 Jack E. Samuels (K) - He Who Speaks Truly
 Jeff Walker (K) - He Who is Able
1985
 Richard M. Brixner (K) - He Who Looks Beyond
 Christopher Brixner (K) - Diligent One
 David Samuels (K) - Calm Minded One
1986
 Steven G. Harris (K) - Drummer
 Rick Young (K) - He Who Is Concerned
1987
 Matt Reed (K) - He Who Makes Others Happy
 Dwight Rollins (K) - He Who Does Good Work
Nendawin Lodge
1958
 Richard Life (N) - Jolly One
1962
 Robert E Mahn Jr (N) - Eater
1970
 Frank L Grubbs (N) - He Who Makes
1973
 Wilbur Conkey (N) - Bald Eagle
1974
 Mike Fletcher (N) - Proud One
 Dave Hartley (N) - Fast Talker
1976
 Joel Harbarger (N) -
1988
 Charles Eric Riley (N) - Young Deer
1989
 Mark A Echstenkamper (N) - He Who Praises
 Theadore Hicks (N) - He Who Has Good Spirits

Roger C Hornsby (N) - Guide
1990
 Gus Morris (N) -
1991
 Victor A Maxon (N) - Big Rock
1995
 Roger Cecil Hornsby (N) - Guide
 David C McCoy (N) - One Who Encourages
1997
 Paul Chapman (N) - Agreeable Oner
 David Fox (N) - Mountain Man
 Aaron Benjamin Wilson (N) -
1998
 Paul Chapman (N) -
1999
 Ted Swallow (N) - Worker
 Justin L Hook (N) - One Who Is Prepared
 Richard Lee Ritz (N) - Cook
 Richard Maskiell (N) -
 Kieth Morrow (N) - One Who Gives
 R Alexander Conatser (N) - Friend
 Michael Anthony DiBenedetto (N) - Tall One
 Brian Schoolcraft (N) - Different One
 Daniel K Shapiro (N) - Silent One
 Roy Edward Plant (N) - Collector
 Andrew S Dewald (N) - Quiet One
 Howard D Dewald (N) - Patient One
 Jeffery Nutter (N) -
 Noah Adison Clouse (N) - Chief
 George Roback (N) - Fireman
 Cade Buckley (N) -

Chapter 4: Threats to the Organization

In 1922 the BSA was 12 years old. It was still a young organization. To improve the Scout program and to train the professional corps, the BSA held Biennial National Meetings of Scout executives. In September 1922 the Scout executives gathered at the Blue Ridge Assembly near Asheville, North Carolina. During the meeting the Camp Commission released a report that raised concern about fraternal and secret organizations at Scout camps. The unease was understandable. There did exist secret societies at the time that were not in keeping with Scouting principles. Some groups involved cliques, undemocratic principles and even overtly racist foundations. So it was not unreasonable for Scout executives to have apprehension about secret societies operating in their Scout camps. The result was a motion to pass a resolution “that camp fraternities be discouraged in connection with Boy Scout camps”.

The existence of Wimachtendienk was potentially in peril. Goodman was first to rise and be recognized in opposition. He knew the great benefits possible from camp societies and told the assembled executives how a camp fraternity could “further emphasize the Scout principles and ideals in the life of boys.” He cautioned those in attendance that were unfamiliar with such groups to not automatically reject them.

Then Edson rose in defense of our Order. He said “...for some eight seasons now I have been connected with a camp honor society which has proved of such wonderful help in the council where it was first started that it has since been organized in...other cities as well, where it is proving equally valuable. This organization is a service organization, using the form of ceremony and symbolism which has a very definite appeal to the boy and which has proved of great value both in camp and throughout the year in the city in many of the councils of this country promoting Scouting ideals.”

After further motions the original resolution was watered down to the point that it no longer affected the Order. It essentially stated that organizations that were contrary to Scouting were disapproved and even this version barely passed. This potential problem for the Order had been averted.

Following the session at the Scout executive conference, Goodman reported that members of the Grand Council (which would have included Goodman, Edson, Schuck, Carrick and others) met privately with Chief Scout James West. Goodman reported that West told them that he would be glad to see the program develop under his direct supervision, and that he wanted to review the literature and ceremonies. He also admonished that the Order must grow on its own merits. And so it was, the Order would grow on its own merits,

Goodman and the Order had made a most powerful ally. West himself would be inducted in the Order in 1938 and received an inaugural Distinguished Service Award for his role in acknowledging the potential of the Order in 1922.

As a result of actions taken at the 1922 Scout executives Conference Wimachtendienk, W.W. and two other camp fraternities were deemed “official experiments” of the Boy Scouts of America. The other two groups, Tribe of Gimogash and Ku-Ni-Eh were active in as many or more councils at the time as WWW. Essentially, this was the approval that the camp societies could continue to operate. WWW was not a part of the Boy Scouts of America. It was, however, exclusively for Scouts and had a national leadership comprised entirely of professional Scouters.

Becoming an official experiment was the first step of many incremental steps necessary for the Order to become Scouting’s national honor society.

Chapter 5: A National Presence

Our Order chartered its fiftieth lodge on June 17, 1930 when Cherokee Lodge 50 of Birmingham, Alabama received its charter. After taking over eleven years for Wimachtendienk to grow to 25 lodges, the Order had doubled to fifty lodges in just over three and a half.

On August 23, 1933, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt became the first and only President of the United States to be inducted into the Order of the Arrow. The induction took place at Camp Man of Ten Mile River Scout Camp (TMR) and was conducted by Suanhacky Lodge of the Queens Borough of New York City, Greater New York Councils.

1987

Merrill Hickman.(S) - Teacher

Brian Hieneman.(S) - Parent

Chris Withrow (S) - Strong One

1990

Carl S. Fields (S) - Lifesaver

Thomas T. Thompson (S) - Good Natured One

1991

Chris W. George (S) - Black Horse

William Schwamberger (S) - Carpenter

Matthew Taylor (S) - Preacher

James Vanfossen (S) - Bearded One

1992

Marion Harrison (S) - Big Rock

1993

Lynn E. Eberly (S) - One Who Holds Councils

Russell R. Johnson, III (S) - Strong Friend

Ralph Kratzer (S) - Woodcutter

1995

Christopher Dent (S) - One Who Exerts Himself

James F. Rudmann (S) - Younger Brother

Kaniengehaga Lodge

1960

Michael Cochran (K) - Eagle Feet

Richard William Coelho (K) - Duck Feet

1961

Charles Atwell (K) -

Skip Atwell (K) -

Harold "Pappy" Hayes (K) -

1963

Ronald Anderson (K) - One Who can be Trusted

Pat Handly (K) - He Who Does Good for Others

1967

Roger Angevine (K) - Quiet One

Donald Christie (K) - The Friendly One

Edwin E. Clark (K) - Determined One

Charles Dudley (K) - Helper

William T. More (K) - He Who Serves

Kenneth Secrest (K) - Calm Minded One

Aloysius Zellnar (K) - One Who is Alone

1968

Bill Brown (K) - Hungry One

William Butt (K) - Horseback Rider

Michael Dean Cantlin (K) - Little Dancer

Larry Masters (K) - Nurse

Dale Parker (K) - Good Natured One

1969

Henry Klotz (K) - Stone Man

Chip Kobe (K) - Handsome One

Charles Martin (K) - Busy One

Donald Partington (K) - One Who Searches

1971

Larry Buchanan (K) - Bu ck Deer

Randy Carothers (K) - One Who is Ready

Leo Ghilohi (K) - Gardener

Mark Ghiloni (K) - Quiet One

Tim Giblin (K) - Toiling Worker

James P. Glaser (K) - Small One

Kip C. Gunn (K) - Tall One

Charles Holman (K) - Fast Talker

Rev. Kenneth Roach (K) - Hungry Preacher

R. Fred Rose (K) - Teacher

Michael A. Shumate (K) - Little One

Allie M. Snow (K) - Drum Beater

Robert Weaver (K) - Earnest One

1974

William V. Cantlin (K) - Willing One

Daniel Giblin (K) - Farmer

John F. Glaser (K) - Buck

Joseph E. Lebold (K) - Good Natured One

Harlen E. Mitchell (K) - Capable One

1975

Jeff Glaser (K) - Turkey

Lloyd Hinerman (K) - Hard Working One

Jack Sherman (K) - Good Looking One

Tom Wiechel (K) - One Who Creates with his Mind

1976

Mark Thomas Shoemaker (K) - Bookreader

Harry Lee Strong (K) - Guide

Joseph Wayne Thompson (K) - Wood Gatherer

Mark Allen Welsh (K) - Patient One

Jobe Westerfelt (K) - Willing One

1977

Dan Beebe (K) - Collector

Jay Robert Glaser (K) - Dancer

1982

Elmer P. Crothers (K) - Strong Current

Mark Dougherty (K) - One Who Gets Attention

Jeffrey M. Francis (K) - Unlucky One

Clifford H. Kelling (K) - One Who Instructs

Robert L. Mathy, Sr (K) - Busy One

Christopher Vaughan (M) - Friend Who Does Good For Others

1984

Lawrence P. Frick (M) - Diligent One Who Does Good Work

Robert Johnson (M) - Listener Who Comforts

Brent Richards (M) - Excited One Who Delights

1985

Keith A. Barnitz (M) - Reliable One Who Serves

Tom Barnitz. (M) - Determined One Who Sacrifices

David McKell (M) - Esteemed One Who Cures

Bruce Overly (M) - Skillful One Who Instructs

1986

Dave Clark (M) - Friendly One Who Delivers

Mike R. Elam (M) - Worthy One Who Does Good for Others

Dave Frick.(M) - Hard Worker Who Leads

Bruce Knox (M) - Hard Worker Who Creates With His Mind

1987

Alan W. Cook (M) - Companion Who Gives First Aid

Dennis P. Murphy (M) - Reliable One Who is Ready

Walter Ott.(M) - Quiet One Who Serves

Brian P. Rudie (M) - Tall One Who Makes Others Happy

1988

Joey Keating (M) - Hard Worker Who Comes Back

Ed McKell (M) - Servant Who Comforts

John Scott (M) - Teacher Who is Reliable

1989

Tom Hernstein (M) - Mountain Man

Jim Rebman (M) - Determined One Who Comes Back

Terry Waecter (M) - Quiet Cautious One

1990

Eric Ginter (M) - He Who Makes Others Happy

Shawn Kegley (M) - Lively One Who Cares

Jeff Roberts (M) - The Cheerful Quiet One

1991

David Miller (M) - Zealous One Who Decides To Win

Josh Murton (M) - Young Fair One Who Laughs

William Murton (M) - He Laughs at All Times

1992

Daniel Althouse, Sr - (M)Diligent One Who has Heart of Ten Men

R. Brian Dalton (M) - Friendly One Who is a Good Friend

1993

Omar Russell Henry (M) - Brother Who Cares

R. Michael Murphy (M) - Brother Who Does Good Work

Rick Reynolds (M) - Strong One Who Exerts Himself

David R. Scott (M) - Happy One Who Makes Others Happy

1994

James Berry (M) - Determined One Who Delivers

Bryan A. Towne (M) - Trusted Friend

Kenneth D. Yarber (M) - Hard Working Friendly One

1995

Charles E. Bowman (M) - Wise Hiker Who Serves Others

Lee Channell (M) - Useful One Who Speaks Truly

Brian Tomko (M) - Lively Servant of the Lord

Todd Wilson (M) - Quiet One Who is a Hard Worker

Shawnee Lodge**1955**

Dave West (S) -

1958

Robert Fulton Luther(S) - Rawhide

1959

Thomas A. Cook (S) -

Dave Wagner (S) -

1960

Ben Smallman (S) - Speaker of the Mountain

1962

Patrick E. Leonard (S) - Clown

William Lightenheimer (S) - Star

Larken Smith.(S) - Helpful One

1963

Lee Brewer (S) - Calm Minded One

Jamie Donaldson (S) - Little Bear

John Bill McCracken (S) - Strong One

1964

Donovan Boring (S) - Woodcutter

George Hendricks (S) - Joyful One

Leroy Mayne (S) - Good Natured One

Harlan Penny (S) - Gentle One

1968

Jeff Salladay (S) - Drum Beater

1971

Charles A. Brown(S) - Silent One

Charles Powell (S) - Lucky One

Clyde Secrest (S) - Hawk

1973

Carl J. Flanagan (S) - Turtle

Ronald E. Miller (S) - Night Owl

1975

Russell Brewer (S) - Red Elk

Tim Spires. (S) - Gray Fox

1976

David Marshall (S) - Buffalo

Ronnie Miller (S) - Black Fox

Roosevelt's service and support to Scouting had begun long before he assumed the President's customary role of BSA Honorary President. In 1924 Roosevelt led the New York City Boy Scout Foundation and was its president. The New York City Boy Scout Foundation was dedicated to securing a permanent campground that could accommodate the tens of thousands of Boy Scouts in the greater metropolitan New York and surrounding areas. Ten Mile River Scout Camp was a direct result of Roosevelt's efforts. In 1930, in recognition of Roosevelt's dedication to Scouting, the BSA awarded the then Governor of New York the Silver Buffalo Award at TMR.

There was great excitement that the President would be coming back to TMR to be inducted into the Order of the Arrow. National Commissioner Dan Beard wrote to Chief Scout Executive James E. West hopeful of a coveted invitation:

"My dear Dr. West:

What is the dedication over at Ten Mile River Camp? I understand that the President of the United States will be there. It might excite unfavorable comment if your National Commissioner is not invited to attend a function of such national character.

*Hastily yours, Dan Beard
National Commissioner"*

In 1933, the National Council (BSA) after methodical analysis concluded that programs like the OA could enhance Scouting. The OA had been assured that they would become an official Scout program.

Still to be sorted out were issues concerning the structure between the OA and BSA, methods of handling the Vigil Degree, issues regarding Arrowmen that no longer were registered as Scouts and adjustments desired by religious groups.

After many meetings, on June 1, 1934 the National Council voted to approve the OA as one of several new Scout programs. On July 15, 1934 Chief Scout Executive James West welcomed the Order as an official Scout program. There were still issues to be resolved and in the end it was

determined that the National Council would not take over the Order of the Arrow. Instead, as an incremental move, the National Council agreed to charter the Grand Lodge and the structure of the Grand Lodge and local lodges would remain the same. Effective January 1, 1935, the Order of the Arrow became an official BSA Scout Program.

The OA, as a compromise agreed to change parts of their nomenclature (such as Grand Lodge to National Tribe) to satisfy various BSA concerns. Now that the OA was an official BSA program the number of councils desiring to participate increased dramatically. However, this was essentially a stamp of approval, as the OA would not be welcomed by the National Council for another 14 years, in 1948.

With the initiation of Jonito-Otara (later known as Anpetu-We) Lodge on April 5, 1937 the Order reached the milestone of chartering 100 lodges. It took fifteen years for the Order to form the first fifty lodges, the Order had doubled in size from fifty to one hundred lodges in less than seven more years. However, our Order's greatest period of growth was yet to come.

On July 9, 1941, Echokotee Lodge of Jacksonville, Florida became the Order's 200th Lodge. It had taken nearly 22 years for the Order to form its first 100 lodges. The Order added the second 100 in just over four.

Peta Lodge, of Great Falls, Montana became the Order's 300th lodge to charter on June 5, 1945. The Order had spread to roughly half the councils in the nation and the pace of new lodges was still accelerating.

It was announced at the 1948 NOAC that the Order of the Arrow would be fully incorporated into the Boy Scouts of America. In a process that had started in 1921 with the first national organization, the Order of the Arrow had finally realized its most ambitious and desired goal. This announcement was met with some acrimony from Arrowmen concerned about the BSA taking over the Order. While the national OA leadership had been fully dedicated for over 15 years to achieving this goal, many Arrowmen took pride in the autonomy of the Order.

It had happened incrementally. In 1922 WWW was labeled an Official BSA experiment. Starting in 1932 the OA was thoroughly investigated by the BSA and made a Scout program in 1934, effective January 1, 1935. Once an official program the Order grew rapidly. The OA

Schuyler Wavrek - Blacksmithing Otter

Michael Woolum - Worker of Many Jobs

Maka Ina Lodge

1950

Fred May (M) - The Handy One

1957

Andy Kuntzman (M) - Alert One

1958

Wade J. Beyerly (M) - Guide

Dale Gallagher (M) - Faithful Camper

Arthur Stevenson (M) - The Builder

William Wachter (M) - Wise Adviser

1959

Edward Jones Jr. (M) - Friend of the Lodge

William Rice. (M) - Ambitious One

1960

Rolfe C. Bradbury (M) - Counselor

Robert Tomastik.(M) - One Who Follows Through

1961

John Chester Kuntzman (M) - Marksman

Eugene Ritchey (M) - One Who is Skillful

1963

Kent Castor (M) - One Who Encourages

Stanley Ritchey (M) - One Who Speaks Truly

David Stout. (M) - Most Powerful One

1964

Carl Drake (M) - Servant of the Lord

James N. Scott (M) - Farmer

Mark Stevenson (M) - Trader

1965

James McCray (M) - Overseer Who Serves

Douglas P. Ritchey (M) - Witty One

Steve Stevenson (M) - Doctor Younger Brother

Timothy Walters (M) - Fast Talker Teacher

1967

Edwin W. Deering (M) - The Beaver

Sherman Landman (M) - One Who Creates with Hands

William Rittinger (M) - The Swimmer

Andrew Woehr (M) - The Determined One

1968

Robert D. Swank (M) - Hard Worker

Bernell Valentine (M) - Valuable One Instructor

Cyrus B. McQueen (M) - Dancer

Whorley Rodehaver, Jr. (M) - He Who Sees and Makes

Charles Stocklin (M) - One Who Exerts Himself

Robert L. Strowser (M) - Modest One

James W. Wells (M) - Laughing One

1970

Mike Daughters (M) - Talker

Jeff Hayhow (M) - Cordial One

Mike Notestone (M) - One who Holds Councils

Robert Swank (M) - Physician

1971

George Armbruster (M) - Wise One

Steve Brown (M) - Worker

Ben Forshey (M) - Teacher

Sam Weller (M) - One Who Cares

1972

Lester Dickey (M) - Farmer

Tim Forshey (M) - Instructs

Herbert J. McCoy (M) - Busy One

Bill McMillen (M) - Traveler

Jim Steele (M) - Silent One

Joe Walburn (M) - Advisor

1973

Doug Brown. (M) - He Who Goes Swiftly

Mike Schobelock. (M) - One Who Creates with Hands

Jeff Wagner.(M) - Tall One

Edwin Yarbrough.(M) - Wise One

1975

Robert Gallaher (M) - Helpful One

Joel W. Harbarger (M) - Servant of the Lord

William H. Partee (M) - Gray Fox

1978

Luke K. Elliott (M) - One Who Does Good for Others

Michael C. True (M) - One Who Works to Help Others Throu

Randall E. Zeisler (M) - I am Willing to Give Without Return

1979

William Alan McKell (M) - Fast Talker Who Persuades

Ralph E. Poetker (M) - One of Calm Mind Who Encourages

1980

John P. McDonald (M) - Patient Helper

Timothy Poetker (M) - One Who Perseveres

Brett A. Stover (M) - Earnest One Who Exerts Himself

1982

Tony Carter (M) - Quiet, Reliable One

John P. McDonald (M) - Torch Carrier

1983

Brian Knox (M) - Deep Thinker Who Enlightens

Thomas R. Mills (M) - Overseer Who Does Hard Work

Daniel R. Moore (M) - One Who Does Good Work

Chris Prater (M) - One Who Creates With Hand

2016

Ryan Bauman - Camp Chief
 Nathaniel Hannigan - Lightning Tamer
 Will Jones - Quiet Dancer
 Christopher Kanke - One Who Serves In Silence
 Roger Kanke - Kitchen Dweller
 Elijah Scott - Big Man Who Talks A Lot
 Steve Williams - He Guides Lightning
 Alex Wilson - Dancing Scholar

2017

Jon Crawford - Promising Warrior
 Josh Dilyard - Humble Helpful One
 Justin Doss - Music Maker
 Phillip Dunning - Cow Tender
 Dan Iwamoto - Quiet Leader
 Timothy Kanke - Friend To All
 Gary Rector - Night Watchman

Arthur Rentzsch - Axe-Wielding Helper
 Brandon Ridenbaugh - Wise Fabricator
 Cameron Russell - Silent Thinker
 Ed Wiswell - Bearded Leader

2018

Walter Cuddington - Night Owl
 Rob Fanska - Active Builder
 Bill Hammond - Quiet Warrior
 Nick Hubbell - He Who Has Good Hair
 Gabriel Knuth - Running Spiritual Chief
 Jordy Mason - He Advocates Our Cause
 Quinlan Rentzsch - Silently Lends A Hand
 Stephen Russell - Picture Master
 Michael Shearer - Finder Of Information

Phil Smith - Camp Watchman
 Joshua Stern - Ice Walker
 Ron White - Dream Maker

2019

Will Bartram - One Who Leads In Fellowship With One Another
 William Finley - Silent Leader
 Ryan Heighton - Persevering Otter
 Diane Norris - Kind Worker
 Nancy Peto - Mother To A Great Many
 Jeff Wolfe - Reverent Helper

2020

Bill Bartram - He Rides Along With All In Friendship
 Maryann Cheesman - Nurse Who Brings Health
 Zachary Daft - Quiet Leader
 Cory Falke - The Red Bear

Caleb Hammond - True Leader
 Keith Hammond - True Arrow
 Isaiah Hayes - Traveling Brother
 Jacob Hinger - Helpful Camper
 Paul Hoffman - Collector Of Bord Feathers
 Noah Johnson - Rising Bread
 Alan Johnson - Willing Traveler Who Shares Advice
 Jeffrey Nance - Brother Wolf
 Kurt Tekaucic - He Fixed It And Now It Is Better Than Before
 Ryan Thompson - Bald Headed Buffalo
 John Trouten - Willful Assistant

2021

Christopher Conley - Restless Bow
 James Finley - He Who leads For A Long Time
 Sam Hoffman - Coyte At His Head
 Jay Jermann - He Who Is Always Working
 Colin Kovicnick - He Who Enjoys Talking
 Jacob Nance - Brother Eagle
 Kyle Russell - He Who Speaks True
 Nate Sabochick - Mighty Rabbit
 Jon Santini III - Bearded Leader
 Joseph Scott - Wise Man In A Canoe
 Josh Stevens - Skilled Radio Talker

2022

Charlie Johnson - Wandering Mule / Burrow
 Adam Jones - Restless Merchant
 Mike Jones - Helper Among The Rocks
 Tony Kovicnick - Quiet Messenger
 Tyler McArthur - He Who Speaks Well
 Reid Miller - Friendly Small Man

2023

Terry Barr - Healthy Guide
 James Dockter - To Keep Watch of the Corn
 Shaun Hamilton - Story Telling Wippoorwhil
 Gary Jenkins - Talkative Bear
 Charlie McNerlin - Big Buck Who Does Good Work
 Joe Shaluha - Pious Collector

2024

Phil Cox - Broken Rabbit
 Phillip Freeman - Guiding Goat
 Andrea Gonzalez - Fast Buggy
 Jonpaul Kern - Seeker of Friendship
 Cynthia Stevens - One Who Seeks Higher Knowledge
 Roy Niedzielski - Persistent Talker
 Bryson Tillman - Gentle Bull

grew from 43 active lodges at the end of 1934 to 362 active lodges in 1948. The OA had become a true national organization operating in every region of the country.

The OA did have to make some changes to gain full integration into the BSA program. Because of religious objections that had existed for decades regarding the ceremonies everything had to be reviewed and often re-written. Another issue was some members of the OA while elected as Scouts had allowed their BSA registration to lapse. As a BSA run only active members of the Scouts could be active Arrowmen. The OA also had to change some terminology.

There was also an agreement regarding youth leadership. As in Scout troops, leadership positions in lodges and eventually areas and regions would be changed to youth leadership with adult advisers. That however did not affect the national leadership that negotiated with the BSA. The OA would form the National OA Committee and would have their jobs made dramatically easier with BSA supervision. For example, supply problems had beleaguered the OA since the beginning. With the fantastic growth of the Order, it made supplying the local lodges incredibly difficult for volunteer Arrowmen (although many were Scout professionals, this was something they did as volunteers.) Under the BSA, National Supply would take over service to the local lodges. A professional would be provided to the Order to handle the clerical and administrative duties allowing the National OA Committee to focus on other matters such as policy and developing area meetings throughout the Order.

With the coming full integration of the Order into the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), it was decided by the OA National Executive Committee that an Order of the Arrow (OA) handbook was needed. The groundwork had been done in preparation, but it was all contained in letters, pamphlets, and notes from conversations.

The responsibility to edit the first OA Handbook was accepted by J. Rucker Newbery, National Lodge Treasurer, an adult position at the time. Newbery gathered all the materials available and edited them into a proof edition. The content of this proof edition handbook was essentially the Constitution and By-Laws pamphlet, the Local Lodge Manual pamphlet, the Indian Ritual Costumes pamphlet and the Selection of Candidates and the

Ordeal pamphlet. Also included in the proof edition was the “Dramatization of the Legend of the Lenni Lenape” developed by Tomkita Chara Lodge of Wausau, Wisconsin; the song of the Order; articles by H. Lloyd Nelson and George Mozealous; and charts of growth.

Newbery then sent the proof edition to 97 people for their critique. The response was very positive. Newbery used the feedback to re-edit the book, add illustrations and photographs, and prepare the OA Handbook for printing. The goal of the National Executive Committee was to have the handbook printed in time for distribution at the 1948 National Meeting, the first meeting as a fully integrated BSA program.

The first OA Handbook is distinctive because the paperback cover has a simple design using the oversized letters “O” and “A” along with the words "Order" and "Arrow" along with an Arrow. On the inside of the back page the printing code shows that 5,000 copies were printed in August 1948 however that number is in dispute. On the second printing the word "Handbook" appears along the top. A red hardbound edition was also published.

The 1948 National Meeting ushered in a new era. The meeting was held at the University of Indiana, Bloomington, Indiana. This was the first of many national OA gatherings at the centrally located university. So-Aka-Gha-Gwa Lodge served as the host lodge and wore a distinctive neckerchief so all Arrowmen could identify them if in need of assistance.

About 1,200 delegates from 146 lodges were in attendance, both all-time highs. Founder E. Urner Goodman provided the opening keynote address. He noted that the Order now had 362 lodges, over 40,000 active members and more than 100,000 initiates since the beginning. For the first time since 1940 there were classes / discussion groups. 13 of them were offered to the delegates.

Regarding memorabilia, for the first time there was a patch. The silk-screened felt emblem was distributed one per delegate and they could not trade it at the conference if they wanted to eat, because it also served as their meal ticket. There was also a Swiss embroidered staff patch.

The big news at the meeting was the announcement in the great Indiana University Auditorium that the Order of the Arrow would now be

Spencer Shadel - Swift Footed Little Brother
Aston Shushter - True Eagle Heart
Matthew Smith - Quiet Brave in the Shadows

2008

Dwann Allen - Wise Beyond Years
Anna Bingman - Red Headed Woodpecker
Chris Bingman - Wise Warrior
Barb Burger - Cliff Jumper
Dave Burger - Flute Player
Joel Chow - Searcher of Amusing Tales
Josh Cianca - Warrior Who Serves Man
Roy Imel - Gentle Giant
Dwight Johnson - Moccasins without Stockings
Colin O'Connor - Red Haired Sheep Dog
Helen Roe - Mother of Two Eagles
Frank Sanders - Broad Heart
Adam Schneider - Speaks in Circles (Lawyer)
Dan Shannon - Quiet Voyager
Ben Wasmer - Journeys Much, Gathers Much

2009

Matt Blevins - Turkey Hunter
Taylor Davis - Wisdom Giver
Trevor Frye - Laughing Challenge Seeker
Andrew Imel - Brother from the South
Bradley Kiger - Brave with Head in Clouds
Matt Pritchard - Survivalist
Benjamin A. Reed - Dependable Brave with Chin Beard
Tony Reed - Strong Hearted Drummer
Zach A. Rhodes - Warrior of Land and Water
Kirk D. Riley - Gentle Hearted Bear
Robert O. Smith - Busy Mouse
Robert Snyder - Turtle Worker

2010

Nathan Godenschwager - Leader of Dance
Edward D. Osborn - Red Merit Gatherer
Edward D. Osborn, Sr - He who Guides Lightening
Barbara Wasmer - Mother of Three

2011

Dennis Bumb - Patient Spirit
Dante Caldwell - Helpful hands, Gentle Heart
Paul Haberman - He who Ruffles Feathers
Vicky Hacker - Cook who knows no strangers
Tim Kaiser, Jr - Dance Drum Guard
Arie Leffel - One who Honors his Commitments
Jim McMains - Miracle Worker
Kevin McMains - Speaks with Knowledge

Michael Osborn - One who emerges from Shadows
Dan Paregon - Protector of the North
Harold Tim Reed - Speaks to All
Richard Shellenberger II - Flying Eagle

2012

Hayden Biedenbarn - Smiling Musical Bear
Michael Biedenbarn - One who likes to Quench Fires
Alec Kaepfner - Dinner and a Song
Daniel R. Mitchell - Constant Giver
John Pirt II - Maker of Writing Quills
Michael Pirt - Smoke and Mirrors
Isaac Sanders - Works through Others
Joseph Wilkerson - Long Haired Dancer
Stephen Wilson - Wandering Scholar

2013

Clayton Beckham - Wearer of Many Hats
Steve Hacker - One who can't say no
Chris Johnson - Wisdom Speaker
Virgil Johnson - Creek Jumper
Brandon Keller - Still Water Runs Deep
Cody Quillen - Sings Across Rivers
Michael Swaney - Silent Medicine Man

2014

Stephanie Biedenbarn - Talented Little Owl
Caleb Franz - Great White Buffalo
Philip Greer - Big Hearted Worker
Nathan Konik - Swift Gentle Hands
Isaac Oberer - Master of Many Monsters
Lawrence Roth III - He who tends small fires
Alan Wasmer - Travels much Gives much
Dylan Wildman - Strong Silent One
Kevin Wildman - Vibrant Mentor
Chris Wiseman - Seeker of Caves

2015

Cole Biedenbarn - Quiet String Player
Ed Fuentes - Roaring Bear
Alex Hanford - Everybodys' Laughing Friend
Joseph Johnson - Swift Flying Eagle
Johnny Miller - A Leader Who Completes
Paul Post - Patient Teacher
Sam Post - Forest Pants Dancer
David Prentice - Soaring with Music
Jim Prentice - Quiet Wolf
David Simiatis - Master of Wood, Music and Law
Brice Steiner - Quiet Seeker of Knowledge
Wesley Williams - Principal Skin Changer

Doug Wilson - Determined Traveler

Paul Worley - Grasshopper

2001

Tom Buckholz - Brother Wolf

Steve Crissinger - Determined to Leap Ahead

Dennis Gray - He Builds on the Rock

Ryan Gross - Tall Turtle

Patrick Lewis - Talented Owl

Jay Lockard - Wise One Who flies Over Mountains

Matt McKenna - Dances with Hoops

Clarence Methner - Bald Headed Beast

Matt Seckel - Tree Dog

Rick Seckel - Cooking Bull

Jay Tomlinson - Buffalo Who Never Sleeps

Eric Voll - Gentle Heart/Clever Hands

2002

William Bader - Wakes the Sun

James Bowland - Sitting Elk

Casey Bowser - Generous Heart

Jonathan Dunlap - Kingfish

Ron Hansgen - Soft Spoken Woodsman

Jonathan Heberline - Coyote Dancer

Charles Howard, Jr - His Horse Runs Away

Kyle Jackson - Quiet Hunter

Paul Kerr III - Debating Fox

Paul Kerr II - Bearded Thomahawk Thrower

Nancy Orr - Blanket Trader

E. J - Dream Weaver

2003

Mark Anderson - Fleet Footed Fire Starter

Steven Baker - Constant Drummer

James Buckholz - Old Buck

Joseph Fischer - Loyal Handsome Wolf

Daniel Godfrey - Story Telling Owl

Timothy Kennedy - Sits under the Rear End of a Horse

Mike Krotz - Quiet Stargazer

Chad Methner - Quest Seeker

Carol Miley - Mother to All

Tony Obert - Vulger Display of Power

Art Rice - Master Builder

Robert Seckel - Cursing Bush Rat

Thomas Tweedle - Rope Bender

Tyler Wilson - Forgetful One

2004

Matt Carson - Teddy Bear

Justin Dillahunt - Speed Bump

Kevin Fiedler - Playful Otter

Rob Fiedler - Soaring Eagle

Stephen Kerr - Snapping Turtle

Chris Kimbler - Indian Swimmer

Rob Kirkpatrick - Wisdom Giver

Tyler Kirkpatrick - Parable Writer

Mark Rhodes - Quiet Bearded One

Jacob Roe - Goat Trader

Mike Smith - Big One with White Hair

Greg Speaks - Squinting Owl

Herman Taylor - He Who Finds Water

Nathan Williams - Pocket Mouse

2005

Adam Bonifant - Shot Bag or Carrier of Musket Balls

David Bonifant - Friend to All Except Deer

Joseph Brannen - Blue Jay Speaking

Benjamin Fischer - Little Fish Ignoring Authority

David Lucas - Teacher of Shawnee

Andrew Miller - Sly Possum

Dale Reaver - He Studies Life

Josh Roe - Patch Farmer

Chase Speaks - Silent Shrew

Ray Wilson - Talking Otter

2006

Donald Baughman - Wise Pipe Smoker

Noah Coffman - Friendly Hairy Beast (Wookiee)

Robert Darr - Small Angry Warrior

Ina Heath - Mother to many Indians

Arthur Newlon - Big Little Man

Stuart Rhodes - Runs to Fire

Matt Rockford - Crazy Squirrel (Dale)

Mike Rockford - Quiet Squirrel (Chip)

William Roe - Iron Pony Fisherman

Cameron Speaks - Skeeter sleeping with head up

Matthew Stickers - Traveling Chief

Dan Threlloff - White Feather Dancing Chief

Tim Threlloff - Laughing Red Haired Beast

2007

Jonathan Baughman - Blazing Trail Maker

Matthew Frye - He Fights our Battles

Kyle Frye - Reverent Dancer

Joshua Johnston - Quiet Guide

Tommy Sanders - Long Drink

Fred Nickerson - Eagle with Many Feathers

Tom Sanders - Wise Guide

Charles Schneider - Father to Many

completely a BSA program. This was a huge change and a surprise to many delegates.

While the patch and the program all call this event the 15th National Meeting, it is now convention to refer to it as the first NOAC. It is called a NOAC because of the new relationship with the BSA and the elements of the meeting were far more like a modern NOAC than a National or a Grand Lodge Meeting. It was the first gathering to be held at a university, to have more than 1,000 delegates or to have a patch. There was also the presentation of the OA Distinguished Service Award.

Gone was any business meeting of the delegates and gone were elections. The man who would have been the next National Chief instead became the first Chairman of the new National OA Committee. G. Kellock Hale Jr. was installed at the 1948 Meeting as the committee's first Chairman even though his position had not been officially approved.

In August of 1948, Quetzal Lodge (later re-named Wawookia Lodge) in Lewiston, Idaho became the Order's 400th Lodge to charter. Now that the Order was fully integrated as a National BSA program it had spread to more than two thirds of all councils.

With the integration of the OA into the BSA, reorganization of the national OA infra-structure was necessary. Gone was the old National Executive Committee and in was the new National Committee on the Order of the Arrow. The OA would report to the Director of Camping. That person in 1948 was Wes Klusmann. Klusmann had already served on the old National Executive Committee as the National Council BSA representative. His role would actually be about the same. The National Committee on the Order of the Arrow would be a sub-committee of the Committee on Camping and Special Events.

The OA's representative on the Committee on Camping would be a new position, the OA National Secretary, a BSA paid Scout professional.

The President of the BSA with approval of the BSA National Executive Board appointed the National OA Committee and its Chairman. Committee members no longer would have to stand election at National Meetings. Essentially the National Executive Committee was transferred to the National OA Committee. The initial National OA Committee had 10 members, including the Chairman, each representing one or two of the

twelve Scout regions. Two BSA representatives, Wes Klusmann and E. Urner Goodman would complete the committee. Now that the BSA had assumed complete control of the OA, the leadership of the Order under the National OA Committee would increasingly have fewer Scout professionals. Scouters would now be the ones running the Order.

Chapter 6: Witahemui

Service has been a part of the Order of the Arrow since its founding, but opportunities for service were few and far between until the full integration of the OA in 1948.

The 1950 National Jamboree was held at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, from June 27 to July 6. Delayed by World War II, 47,163 Scouts and Explorers participated in the second National Jamboree with the theme “Strengthen Liberty”.

President Harry S. Truman opened the Jamboree; and Scouts enjoyed a huge fireworks display on the 4th of July with General Dwight D. Eisenhower. Troop dining similar to the 1937 Jamboree was planned, but due to the lack of professional chefs (that were readily available in 1937 due to the depression), patrol cooking using charcoal was introduced. The pattern was also set for the arena shows that have become traditional at Jamborees. The opening show the first night was a historical spectacular showcasing the great events that gained the United States liberty. Construction of troop gateways became a major troop feature. Each troop tried to out-do the troop next to them with huge, colorful entranceways.

The second Jamboree marked the introduction of an OA Service Troop (what we today call the Service Corps). 36 Arrowmen from 15 states were chosen through a special selection process to provide cheerful service at the Jamboree. The purpose of the Service Troop was so Scouts might have a better camping experience. Behind the scenes work of the Jamboree fell to the Service Troop including; distributing internal mail to each section twice a day, traffic supervision and car parking, ushering supervision at the giant arena shows, delivering telegrams and urgent messages, aides to distinguished guests and guide service, stretcher bearers for ambulances, guarding dangerous locations, and many other duties to help make for a

Noah Young - He Who Rolls the Mustang

1997

Richard Braessler - Cloth Trader

Dave Brehm - Chief of the Flock

Edward Erfurt IV - Emerald Eyed Orator

Al Ernest - Striking Hawk

Ross Fenimore - Great Fiddler

Brian Harrison - Seeker of Knowledge

Mark C. Hamilton, Jr - Dedicated Friend to Many

Steve Jackson - Thunder Bear

Brad Kampbell - Soaring Eagle

Charles O'Brien - Vegetable Warrior

Shawn Perrigo - Quiet One Who Creates with Hands

Corey Procise - Burns with Knowledge

Steve Schorger - Story Teller

Nic Sico - Questioning Badger

Randy Slack - Dancing Eagle

Andrae Steward - Sleeping Bear

Shawn Temper - Muskrat in Search of New Ponds

Joe Varney - Bluejay who Speaks Sincerely

James V. Wessell - Rattlesnake Chaser

Roger Wessell - Terrible Noise in the Morning

Andrew R. Young - Flaming Bear

Michael R. Young - Iron Wolf

Joe Yokum - Strong White Oak

1998

Nathan Baker - Quiet Worker

Wes Bowman - Yesterday's Warrior

Jan Berry - Beloved Owl Who Advocates our Cause

Ian Cheesman - Cougar who Sings

Clarence Cherry - Grinning Wolf

Ben Crawford - Singing Bear

Dean Gross - Smiling Medicine Man

Erik Gross - Hard Working Antelope

Alex Henry - Running Wolf Who Grins

Tony Hernandez - Teaching Otter

Dale Karweik - Teller of Long Legends

Eric Karweik - Wise Black Sheep

Ian Kidner - Deep Seeing Medicine Man

Kyle Lewis - Humble Flyer

Richard Lewis - Red Headed Thinker

Richard Lohnes - Polar Bear

Eddie Madison - Rapid Traveler

Eric Neighbarger - Wakes With Water

Jeff Noonan - He Makes A Difference

Gary Orr - Smiling Buffalo

Nathan Rhea - Deep Thinker Who Sings

Jeremy Richards - Brave Heart

Sharon Skaggs - Makes Good Biscuits

Jeff Wittich - Quiet Leader

1999

Aaron Anderson - Startled Buck

Doug Anderson - Iron Hands

Dale Bartow - Friendly Warrior

Jeremy Bayer - Idle Buffalo

Al Belasco - Sings to the Earth

Nicholas Crum - Younger Brother

Josh Dillahunt - Slow Wandering Donkey (Eeyore)

Rob Fann - Loyal Grandfather

Steven Harvey - Master of Knots

Ivy Jean Howard - Kind Hearted One

Patrick Kennedy - Tailgate

Tom Kennedy - Grumpy Bear

Don Noonan - Cheerful Leader of Song and Campers

Jon Noonan - Soaring Hawk

Darren Ohde - Red Neck

Josh Ramey - Rodent

Tim Rice - Quiet Beaver

Kyle Robinson - Dancing Medicine Man

John Sanctuary - Great Brewmeister

Matt Seifert - Deep Thinker

Gary Smith - Lightning on the Water

Linda Thomas - Laden Teepee

2000

Stan Baker - Artifact Collector

Sean Boldman - Spotted Hawk

Kerry Campbell - Walks Softly but is Strong

Page Carr - Mountain Man

Nathan Cheesman - Soft Speaking Scribe

Dan Crum - Gentle Bear

Eric Dahlstrom - Child of the Rock

Eric Elliot - Silent Warrior

Andrew Geiger - Spider Speaking from the Unknown

William George - White Horse

Patrick Hernandez - Grey Squirrel

Rick Konkright - Determined Eagle

Matt Rickey - Reliable Brother

Sue Richards - Wise Woman of the West

Dave Staats - Plays Where Eagles Res

Ben Tomlinson - Northern Trader

John "Les" Watson - Grumpy Camper

Tim West - Night Hawk

Jay Moffett - Determined Elangomat
 Mathew Northrup - Laid Back Leader
 Jarrod Smith - Comfortable Teepee
 Tom Spring - Dedicated Writer and Teacher
 Jon Tallman - He Who Seeks the Spirit
 Dale Tallman - Bald Headed Wonder Worker
 Stephen C. Trapani - Coal Counter
 Dan Zuber - Sand Bagger

1992

Raymond M. Blevins - He Who Speaks for Our Cause
 David Brant - Enthusiastic Nighthawk
 Matt Hammond - Skillful User of Many Talents
 O.R. - Peaceful One Who is a Good Laborer
 Brian Highfield - Medicine Man with Friendly, Quivering Heart
 Arte Hutchinson - Mammoth Bat
 John Huenefeld, Jr - Persevering Snake
 Chris McManus - Crazy Canoe
 Ted Mitchell - Big Rascal
 Derek Olsen - Sword Fighter
 Terry Rader - Teacher of Dancers
 Greg Strohmenger - He Who has Chosen the Correct Path
 Ron Tippet - Bathtub Sailor

1993

James F. Adams - Helpful Bead Worker
 Shawn L. Brehm - Friend to the Indian
 Jonathan R. Castrop - Messy Badger
 Ronald L. Gerlica - Esteemed Worker
 Matthew A. Green - Resourceful Gopher
 David D. Hudler - Thumper
 John W. Huenefeld, Sr - River Rat
 James C. Iler - Keeper of the Rock
 Jeffrey G. Iler - Dancing Chief of the Flint People
 Mark J. Lehmkuhle - Pleasant Rooster
 Robert C. Mouk - Chemist
 Steven J. Rodenbaugh - White Beaver who Undertakes Great Things
 Chad N. Thomas - Good Natured Son
 Timothy A. Tippet - Smiling Quiet Guide
 David L. Turner - Builder of Camps and Fish Shacks
 Aaron Joel Wyckoff - Spoons

1994

John Baker - He Who Rides the Iron Rail
 Shirley Bash - Trail Blazer
 Andrew Brown - He Who Would Heal His Brothers
 Ron Fisher - Wonderful Leather Worker
 Ron Flowers - Bow Hunter

Tom Lehmkuhle - Lightning Worker
 Phillip McCoy - Dedicated Skunk
 Christopher "Doc" Metzger - Fixer of Many Things
 Travis Pitts - Master of Disaster
 Keith Thomas - Grisly Bear
 Matt Tinker - Beaver Master
 Robert Weeks - Hard Working Quiet One

1995

Jared Bader - Otter Dragging Cookpot
 Barb Baker - One from the Land of Fire and Ice
 Jon Batz - He who has seen the Arrow
 Jarrod Crawford - Cave Dweller
 Mike Deeslie - Dance Master
 Mark Edgar - Rope Man
 James Harrison - He who Cooks with Fire
 Alexander Hernandez - Indian Teacher
 Ed Kampbell - Bearded Mole
 Altan Kellar - Ice Warrior
 Chris Lemmon - Evil Artist
 Mike Lehmkuhle - Hoop Dancer
 Matthew Lundquist - Singing Frog
 Don Penfield - Chapter Builder
 James Ramey - Good Natured Smokey One
 Scott Rodenbaugh - Eagle Standing Firm in Mind
 Robert Welch - Well Traveled Terapin
 Doug Zack - Humble Twin

Tecumseh Lodge**1996**

Mike Aldridge - Hard Working Buffalo
 Ted Brown - Calm Minded One
 Glen Carpenter - Long Talker
 Vince Crisler - Mystery Hands
 Jeff Crisler - Walks with God
 Andrew Dunlap - Quiet Raccoon
 Bill Lewis - Brother with Spiritual Power
 Neil Hinton - Wise Eagle
 Greg Neighbarger - He Who Dances Alone
 Bill Neighbarger - Father of Many Dancers
 Jim Pitts - Rain God
 James Robert Ramey - Walks a Lot at Night
 Brian "B.J." - Bringer of Light
 Mary Smith - Mother of Eagles
 Josh Steele - Red Hot Dreamer
 Dave Young - He Makes the Fire Flow
 Jeremy Young - Stands Firm

successful Jamboree. Long hours of service were spent each day with some members missing a meal on occasion to make sure that a hazardous location would not be left unguarded. The first service troop was under the leadership of Scoutmaster and future National OA Committee Chairman Thomas G. McBride.

There was also a gathering of Arrowmen, which attracted 3,500 members of the Order, the largest gathering of Arrowmen of its time. In addition to the Service Troop, Arrowmen from Unami Lodge, the first lodge, served as guides for Jamboree troops touring historical buildings and locations before and after the Jamboree in Philadelphia.

This tradition of OA members serving would only continue to grow. A Service Troop of 18 Arrowmen supported the 1953 Jamboree and a special fellowship assembly was held just for Arrowmen and in 1960, support expanded to two Service Troops.

In 1964, the Jamboree returned to Valley Forge, and from then on the role of the OA at the Jamboree has steadily grown. Participation by the OA had grown to approximately 200 Arrowmen. An OA Pow Wow was introduced that was attended by some 15,000 Arrowmen, and included remarks from both founder Urner Goodman and Chief Scout Executive Joseph A. Brunton to launch the OA's 50th Anniversary celebration that would be concluded at the 1965 NOAC. In 1967, the OA also supported the first BSA hosted World Jamboree by providing service.

In 1973, a total of ten Service Troops were provided to support the two-location Jamboree; and a Jamboree Youth Advisory Committee for the first time was created from OA members.

In 1977, the Jamboree was held north of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, at Moraine State Park. It was at this event that the OA first expanded its role at the Jamboree of handling functions other than an OA Service Corps. The corps itself was composed of more than 100 Arrowmen. OA Vice Chairman Carl Marchetti and Executive Secretary Bill Downs were asked to supervise a youth staff subcamp for the Jamboree. In this new organization, the Order would be responsible for oversight of not only the service corps, but also all youth staff (aged 16 to 20) at the Jamboree. No matter what their program assignment was on site, they would be housed, fed, and provided transportation, recreation, and other services by an OA-led team. This

increased the impact of the Order across the entire Jamboree, as there were 600 to 800 youth staff members at the time. The OA also, this year, presented an exhibit in the National Exhibits area showcasing the Order.

The 1989 National Scout Jamboree saw a significant increase in OA involvement at the Jamboree when several new activities were added to the mix. A five-troop OA service corps (139 Arrowmen) provided invaluable service at the Jamboree, plus an on-site radio station, WBSA, conceived by Mark Chilutti and Angelo Cappelli. For the first time, the Order set up a Native American Indian Village with 45 youth and adults providing a busy program of crafts, skills, and dancing. Finally, the OA conducted a rendezvous in the main arena with over 10,000 Arrowmen in attendance.

In 1993, the OA continued its expanded service to the Jamboree, again held at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. The Native American Indian Village returned with an expanded program, including culture, crafts, and dancing. Jamboree participants completed more than 175 Indian Lore merit badges. The OA once more took on the oversight of all youth staff, providing them with food, housing, Scoutmasters, transportation, and recreation. A new event—the “model campsite,” which demonstrated proper backcountry camping techniques—was led by the Order. The OA show (pow wow) proved to be a huge success with approximately 15,000 Arrowmen attending.

The OA once again expanded its support as the Jamboree returned to Virginia in 1997. With the Service Corps becoming an ingrained component of the event, and the OA Indian Village established as well, two new areas were added: The Outdoor Skills Place (or TOSP), and a new big hit called Odyssey of the Law, an interactive show and video presentation that challenged Scouts to rely on the Scout Oath and Scout Law when making decisions in their lives. The Odyssey of the Law show was one of the most popular attractions at the Jamboree and was attended by 20,000 Scouts and Arrowmen.

In 2001, the OA again made significant contributions to the National Scout Jamboree. Scouts continued to visit the OA Indian Village to learn about dancing and crafts and to try some authentic American Indian food. The big show in 2001 was called Scoutopia. After the success of Odyssey of the Law, which was funded by the OA, the BSA’s Jamboree leadership

Manny Flowers - Humorous Friend
 Martin Hafey - Smiling Songleader
 Rich Haines - He Who Packs More Than He Can Carry
 Joe Hess - One of Tradition
 Todd M. Hoover - He Who Counsels Younger Brothers
 Tim A. Hughes - Calm Minded One
 Donald L. Lambert, Jr - He Who Sings
 Gary A. Stroup - Zealous Chief
 Fred Winchester - Willing Helper

1985

Ted T. Bishop - Star Gazer
 Thomas R. Bishop - One Who Perseveres
 Charles E. Brant - He Who Speaks A Good Word for Us
 Paul Jason Dixon - Little One With Great Heart
 Charles E. Howard, Sr - He Who Loves the Earth
 James E. Howard - Strong and Silent One
 Lee A. Peters - He Who Follows Many Paths
 Alan G. Lefevre - He Who is Never Out of Humor
 Richard J. Polentz - Large Wild Duck Who Lends a Hand
 Jeff Schneider - Willing One Who Leads
 Bret A. Whitaker - Fisherman of Many Waters
 Randy D. Zimmer - Imaginative Communicator of Many Visions

1986

Jack Blais - To Speak With Thought t
 Steve Blais - Fancy Dancer
 Richard A. Briggs - Servant of the Young
 Richard J. Counter - Bearded One With Great Insight
 James Decker - Friendly One Who Feeds His Brothers
 Mel Ezzo - Brother of Unforeseen Actions
 Robert Heinlein - Man of God
 Mike Todd - Keeper of the Union

1987

Mark Beluscak - Like Minded Brother
 Jason Cooper - Friendly One who Jokes in Three Languages
 Chris Evans - Brother with Hidden Wisdom
 Larry Evans - He Who Cannot Grow Corn
 Todd Michael Horning - Clever Warrior
 Edward J. Howard - One Who Labors for the Good of All
 John Irwin - Brother Who Never Forgets
 Mike Lefevre - Happy Faced Warrior
 Joseph McNemar - Protector of the Innocent and Young
 Charles E. Nance, Jr - Drum Beater
 Ron R. Nicks - He Who Prepares for Tomorrow
 Earl J. Redmond - Willing Worker of Many Words
 Brian E. Stroup - He Who Lives as One Who can Be Trusted
 William Tankovich - Unbroken Will

Cletus (Pete) Todd - He Who is Prepared to Help Others

1988

George Blais - Yellow Haired Life Saver
 Ben Brace - Dedicated Teacher
 Doug Braden - Youngest Eagle
 Robert Wayne Cumberledge - Leader of Many Paths
 Craig Larrimer - He Who Overcomes Misfortune
 Ray Mullins - Great Campmaster
 David Phelps - Long Distance Runner
 Richard Phelps - He Who Counts
 Robert Phelps - Proud Father
 Peter Sanfelippo II - Cheerful Teacher
 Ithel 'Buck' Slack - Large Male Deer

1989

Doug Bailey - He Who Reaches Forth His Hand to Many
 Robert W. Briggs - Reliable Leader and Friend
 Dwight Conkey - The Happy Chef
 Warren Conkey - Moose Who Teaches Younger Brother
 George Collins - Chief Canoe Teacher
 Bruce Farris - Loyal One Who Sails by His Visions
 Red Fleming - Dedicated Volunteer Who Gives his time for Others
 Richard Hurley - Brother Who Serves Others
 J.P - Drum Beater Who Serves
 Keith Jenkins - He Who Thinks His Own Mind
 Larry Jenkins - He Who Never Sleeps
 Jim Mills - He Who is There to Build Anew
 Doug Moody - Fire Maker
 Gus Michael Morris - He Who Is Prepared
 Kevin R. Webb - Friendly Leader of Many

1990

Chris Brace - Restless Hiker of Many Trails
 Albert Cherascot - Athletic Warrior With Angry Eyes
 Andrew Sammler - Dedicated Eagle Who Can Be Trusted
 Rick Smith - Iron Horse
 Paul Tankovich - Dedicated Friend and Worker
 Kevin Ziegler - Large Cheerful Polar Bear

1991

Matt Ackerman - Surprised One
 Larry Bair - He Who Sees Clearly
 Dan Barr - Well Dressed Timely One
 Pete Devore - Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
 Dave Edelblute - Morning Singer
 Jason Henry - He Who Sleeps With Joy
 Robert Hudler - He Who Takes the Shortest Path
 Jay Milliser - Happy Climber

George R. Walker - One So Sincere

1978

Lester Ashbrook - Patched Woodcutter

Andrew L. Baker - Strong Willed Leader

James J. Coleman - Understanding Counselor

Goble J. Estep - Friendly Adviser of Younger Brothers

William B. Hillegass - He Who Speaks Well

Douglas W. Johnson -

James M. Kern - Dedicated Friend

Gary J. Lichtenstein - Confident One

Sanford J. Lichtenstein - One Who Kindles a Flame with Others

Zale Maxwell - Bee Keeper

Jeffrey M. Sillick - He Who Does Dirty Work

Jeffrey A. Spencer - He Who Holds His Brothers Together

W. Eric Stocker - Capable Leader Who Looks Beyond

Larry L. Whitaker - Great Bearded Bear

Mark A. Youngkin - Silent Runner

1979

Robert Adamsen - Bull Shooter

Mark S. Bryner - Unbending Oak

Louis N. Carswell - Humble Leader Who Overcomes

Scott E. Gordon - He Who Swamps Canoes

Joseph A. Henry - Experienced Camper

Jerald Morrow - Lightfoot

Walter A. Myles - Beaded Counselor

Gary W. Phelps - Little Screaming Eagle

Thomas Sedor - Stone Faced Dancer

Jerry Sheridan - One With Great Spirit

Fred Van Almsick - One Who Gives His All

Gary W. Whitmer - Determined One Who Keeps his Promise

1980

Charles W. Adams, Jr - He Who Understands Young Men

C. Christopher Adams - Clown

Darryl L. Betz - Rabbit Trader

Joseph C. Curmode Jr - One Who is difficult to Deal With

Herman N. Feasel - Lake Digger

J. William Hug - Quiet Leader

Michael Metersky - Right Fist

Carl A. Russell - He Who Makes Rainy Weather

David Schumick - Different One

Dwayne E. Sigman - Youngest Brother

William C. Thalgott - Servant of the Lord

Rudy A. Touvell - Fire Quencher

1981

Joseph Azbell - Camp Watcher

Jack L. Barley - Silent Counselor

William S. H - One of Many Councils

David B. Betz - Impatient One Who thought It was Great

Carl J. Gavin - Young Bearded Buck

Edward L. McClure, Jr - Wrong Footed Dancer

Brian J. Miller - Quiet One Who finds His Own Way

Donald F. Morrow - One Who Works With Many

Wayne A. Schmidt - He Who Rides Invisible Horses

Philip H. Spohn - Bald Headed Story Teller

Randall H. Staggs - Sweet Trader

Judd W. Weis - Third Eagle

1982

Oscar Bickerdt, Sr - White Oaks Teacher

Brian Bryner - Guitar Man

Mark D. Copley - He Who Moves Swiftly

Morgan Copely - Steady Helper

Todd M. Copley - Flying Eagle

Thomas Dixon - True Speaker

William Drenton - Teacher

Thomas Freundlich - He Who carries Canoes Easily

Thomas Steve Hahn - Tall One Who Travels Alone

Ken Marshall - Blue Moose

Robert L. Mathy, Jr - Trader

Phillip W. Merriman - False Son

Steve Miller - Patient Counselor

John Poray - Gentle One Who is Known

Joel Weis - Busy Brother

1983

J. Michael Asebrook - One Track Mind

Anton C. Baker - One Who Speaks From the Heart

Brian K. Baker - Dancing Eagle

William A. Baker - Mentor

Terry J. Boyden - Elder of Ten

Harold M. Hoover - Gentle Speaker

Ronald B. Knipp - One Who Gives Gladly

A. Carl Lefevre - Beast

Thomas O. Martin - He Who Teaches Many

Daniel J. Roberts - Great Speaker

Michael L. Rose - One Who Labors Willingly

Michael Shonk - One Who Thinks Quickly

Raymond H. Spohn - He that Searcheth Knowledge

1984

Keith Bowers - Quiet One Who Serves

Hovey Cowles - Concerned Bearded One

Jean-Marc Cowles - Silent One Who is Prepared

Robert F. Dean, Jr - Guided One Who Gives Without Expecti
Return

built the cost of Scoutopia into the budget, along with strong support from the U.S. Marine Corps.

By the time 2005 rolled around, the OA was very active throughout the Jamboree. TOSP continued with great success and registered its largest turnout since it was started and Twelve Cubed, an interactive show run by the OA, was another huge success offering an air-conditioned indoors experience to tens of thousands of Jamboree goers.

And at the 2010 National Scout Jamboree and celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the BSA, the OA once again was an integral component, preserving its rich tradition of serving others while providing an invaluable experience to all who attended. A total of over 600 Arrowmen served in a variety of capacities. PACEsetters (Personal Accountability and Commitment to Excellence) was a new addition to the Jamboree and the “show” in 2010 was called the Mysterium Compass, which presented five different acts of the “your life is like a compass” experience. Scout’s started their Mysterium Compass experience by entering a “Vault” that included a spectacular display of historical Scouting and OA memorabilia.

Jamborees are not the only place that Arrowmen can serve, however. The Order went trekking beginning in 1985 as Scouting’s “honor camper society” took on the pinnacle of high adventure – Philmont Scout Ranch with the first of two OA Philmont Treks. Over a four day period as part of the National Planning Meeting held in Euless, Texas, in December 1984 the Section Chiefs selected five trek vice chiefs and laid the foundation for the first OA Trek to be held Aug. 11-20, 1985, with an anticipated 1,200 trekkers. Besides the selection of the Trek Vice-Chiefs, the theme was chosen – “Ponder That Which Is Our Purpose” and the patch was designed.

Some 1,182 Arrowmen took part in a series of four-day treks held in two sessions over a 10-day period of time. After a typical Philmont shakedown and orientation Arrowmen hit the trails. Along the trail OA staff members called “purpose developers” met the trekking Arrowmen and led informal discussions on selected subjects. Arrowmen also participated in an all-day rendezvous held at Cimarroncito, Miranda and twice at Beaubien. Participants received a special OA Trek version of the iconic Philmont

Arrowhead patch, which continues to be given to OA Trail Crew participants today.

Chapter 7: Recent Years

Recently, the OA has reached many milestones. Just 5 years after serving at the 2010 National Jamboree, which commemorated the 100th anniversary of the BSA, the OA held the 2015 Centennial NOAC, which commemorated the 100th anniversary of our Order. From August 3-8, Arrowmen from around the country gathered together to celebrate at Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan. Over 15,000 Scouts and Scouters attended to experience a wide variety of events to celebrate the first century of the Order and kick off the second century of service.

The centennial NOAC introduced two defining features: the conference theme of “It Starts With Us” and the conference wide game, Spark. Guests were challenged to create tomorrow with action today, just like a ripple effect, during their 100 hours at the conference. Each guest received a Spark device and could share contact information with others by touching the devices together, symbolizing a “High Four.” Over 6,661,572 Spark interactions were documented.

The centennial NOAC encompassed several highlights. NOAC shows introduced the Centennial Fire, a keynote address by BSA President Dr. Robert Gates, and the #DareToDo service campaign. #DareToDo challenged Arrowmen to complete simple acts of service for the next 100 days while posting them on social media. The signature training session was entitled “The Secret to Ruling the World.”

The Hub, a central activity area, encompassed rock-climbing walls, ArrowTour, inflatable obstacle courses, Adventure Central, and the Centennial Festival. Another highlight, the Legacy Display Tent displayed hundreds of completed lodge legacy projects – history books, painted lids, and engraved rocks.

The Goodman-Edson Observatory (GEO) [NOAC museum] was the largest and most attended! The entrance featured NUWINGI - The Willing, a film inspired by E. Urner Goodman’s selection as the first Vigil Honor member. The GEO displayed a fascinating array of exhibits, artifacts, and

Donald E. Gallucci - Capable One
 Michael N. Hampson - Gentle One
 Roger P. Jones - Preacher
 John G. L. - He Who Loses Men
 Clark L. Lindsay - One Who Aids
 Walter J. McCracken - Seeker of Good
 Ward D. McCracken - Teacher
 John Mitchell - Concerned One
 Frank R. Morgan II - Builder of Men
 James B. Muhlbach - Modest One
 Junior R. Shahan - Believer
 Ora M. Thompson - Calm Minded One
 Paul D. Woosley - He Who Likes to Talk
 George F. Young - He Who Takes Care of Business

1973

Robert D. Badgeley - Always Teaching
 Bruce S. Barlow - Happy Dancer
 Darwin Bingham - Little Money Man
 Gary Bulman - Be Prepared For Rain
 Robert A. Fetters - Overseer
 David S. Northrup - Busy Printer
 Kenneth Robinson - Elder Brother
 Glenn B. Sampson - One Who Helps Along the Trail
 Joseph W. Sayre - Studious One
 David E. Shank - One Who Builds Floats
 Joseph H. Shields, Jr - Quiet One
 Joseph H. Shields, Sr - Woodcutter

1974

Peter M. Bernays - Disciplinary
 Greg C. Cattrell - Puppy
 William E. Cody, Jr - Hungry One
 Warren E. Cousins - Adviser
 Ken W. Dockter - One Who Teaches Swimming
 Glenn A. Glassner - He Who is Cheap
 Gerald D. Lewis - One Who Chops Wood
 Rick C. Matthews - Sure Footed
 Joseph W. Partee - Wiseman
 Michael W. Partee - Owl
 William H. Schafer - He Who Gives First Aid
 William J. Vohs - One Who Has a Big Heart
 Eugene Wilson - Bachelor Farmer
 Richard Kent Wright - Raccoon

1975

Mark Blanco - Mountain Goat
 Howard Cattrell - Buzzard
 Bill Evans - He Who Waits For Dark

Dean Greifenstein - Organizer
 Eric Hunley - Smoking
 James Mickle - Toot
 Ted Parke - The Path Finder
 Richard Rorapaugh, Sr - Northern Dancer
 Bruce Sampson - Dancing Moose
 Walt Sampson - Competitive One
 John Schneider - Happy Camper
 James Sharkey - Helper With Spirit
 Harold Standiford - Oink
 Mark Strain - Big Money
 Jay Weis - Flaming Bush
 Rick Weis - Noisy Sleeper

1976

Richard A. Burgert, Jr - Lifesaver
 Richard A. Burgert, Sr - Lightning Bug
 Dan Buck, Jr - He Who Disappears
 Steven Lee Clayton - He Who Stands Firm
 Charles Dersom - Animal Keeper
 Neville Fluck - He Who Covers the Top of the House
 Frank Goodell, Jr - Putt-Putt
 Donald D. Lewis - He Who Sells Goods to His Friends
 Richard L. Ludwick - Mad Dog
 David W. McKinniss - He Who Comes Back
 Robert Dale McClure - Masked Marvel
 Jeffrey A. Myers - Traveling Interpreter
 Gilbert R. Powell - Necessary Evil
 Darwin Sigman - He Who Paddles in the North Woods
 David Sigman - He Who Borrows Signs
 David Thomas - Running Moon

1977

Eric R. Bertlesen - He Who Leaves The Road
 David T. Daniels - Tobacco Man
 David Gallucci - One Who Likes To Talk
 Andre J. Gelpi, Jr - Honorable Money Man
 Kenneth Grooms, Sr - Camp Builder
 Richard D. Hayes - He Who Speaks Very Little
 Patrick W. Henry - Peace Maker
 Timothy K. Knilans - Little Big Bear
 Lester P. Lush - Red Eagle
 Donald L. Mack, Sr - Lone Survivor
 Werner L. Margard - Servant of Youth
 Mitchell E. Neff - Medicine Man
 Lawrence R. Reams - He Who Persists
 Jeffrey A. Salyers - He Who Delivers Messages
 William L. VanAlmsick - He That Walketh in the Woods

Peter B. Mason - Worker
 Herman R. Poulton - Sure One
 Richard C. Sample - Hopeful One
 Robert E. Schneider - Friendly Leader
 Thomas M. Solt - Willing One
 Tennyson Williams - Physician
 Richard L. Zimmerman - Valuable One

1967

J.H - One Who Leads Many
 Joseph A. Burch - Thoughtful One
 Judd Clover - One Who Thinks Easily
 Lawrence H. Forsythe - Diligent One
 Joseph Humphrey - Mild One
 Vance Leonard - Bald Headed Canoeer
 Malcolm Mills - Elder Worker
 John W. Renick - Red Bird
 A. Alton Smith - Generous One
 Gary Lee VanArsdale - Spirit Builder
 Terry L. Wagner - One Who Returns
 Jeff Wise - Quiet One

1968

Jerry Cook - Crooked Beak
 William G. George - Little Canoe
 Jerry J. Humphrey - One Who Exerts Himself
 Robert G. Meade - To Be Wise
 E. M - A Wood Badger
 David Alton Smith - Reliable One
 Thomas A. Zeak - Traveler

1969

Willis W. Anderson - Swimmer
 Robert J. Bartholomew - He Who Delivers
 Dean Bright - Grown Up Lad
 Roger J. Day - He Who Looks For Stars
 Thomas Douridas - Strong Tree
 Richard Allen Ford - Happy Servant
 Robert F. George - Skillful Fisherman
 John Larabee - Teacher of the Young Bu ck
 Robert T. Monroe - Helpful One
 David M. Moore - White Oak
 John Bruce Mower - Willing Beaver
 John Bruce Mower Sr - Old Servant
 Steve A. Nyers - Walker
 Marcel F. Page - Big Father
 Chelsie A. Rhodes - Cook
 Dennis Russell - Nature Teacher
 Paul E. Schneider - Bald Eagle

Mark Schwartz - He Who Persuades
 Lauren D. Secoy - Canoe Chief
 William Steele - City Chief
 John H. Walters - Diligent Servant
1970
 Major G. J - Wicked Guide
 Paul R. Bigley - Honored Leader
 Randall W. Bush - One Who Calls Me From Far Side of River
 Richard Dahlman - Enjoyable Servant
 Kenneth E. Glen - Teepee Dweller
 Roy E. Graves - He Who Giveth Life
 Raymond A. Graham - Chief Crook
 Robert A. Hague - One Who Searches for a Lasting Peace
 James E. Hale - One Who Tells Straight Stories
 Mark H. Lafollette - Imaginative Dancer
 Lawrence A. Langstaff - One Who Perseveres
 Earl L. Myers - A Guardian of the Fire
 Paul R. Schneider - One Who Creates with the Hands
 Earl W. Schwartz - Tired Bear
 Gregory E. Straight - Knowledgeable One
 Lawson H. Walker - One Who Serves in the Autumn of His Y
 Steve A. Wellbaum - Unseen Diligent Worker

1971

David B. Allmon - To Be Quiet
 Michael R. Anderson - Rock
 Charles W. Fleck - Powerful One
 James Franklin - Long Knife
 Dr. Nicholas R - Honored Servant
 Steven E. Graves - Shepherd
 Frank L. Haley - To Hold Counsel with Many
 Joseph S. Harris - Wise Man
 John M. Hill - One Who Talks Too Much
 James P. Kranek - Man in the Woods
 Robert P. Laux - He Who Is His Own Master
 Michael D. Rausch - I Tell Somebody
 Richard D. Rorapaugh - One Who Goes So Far
 Charles J. Taylor - He Who Treats Someone Generously
 Henry L. Walker - He Who Follows His Father
 Charles H. Whitfield - The Great Pumpkin

1972

Duane M. Baker, Jr - He Who Has Good Spirits
 Ralph E. Brown - Fast Talker
 Gary A. Cook - Big Brother
 McLain Davis - Distant Camper
 David L. Evans - Accomplished One
 Alfred R. Gallucci - Able Leader

paintings starting from the Order's beginnings at Treasure Island and continuing to its next century at the Summit Circle.

After nearly 100 years of use, the Treasure Island Ceremonial Grounds were in disrepair for much of the 21st century. Seeing this, the National OA Committee decided to move as much of the original grounds as possible to a new location that the BSA had just purchased, Garden Ground, or more commonly known by Scouts as the Summit Bechtel Reserve.

On the evening of August 2, 2014, the national Order of the Arrow committee, key volunteers, and members of the OA national staff, attended the dedication ceremony of the Summit Circle, the OA's new home at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve. Set on two acres of flatland authorized by the President of the Boy Scouts of America, the Summit Circle was designed to be a quiet place of reflection for Arrowmen and all Scouts. It will serve as the national Order of the Arrow ceremonial grounds, and house the relocated Treasure Island ceremony ring, the one in which our Order was founded.

Nearly 100 participants attended the Summit Circle dedication ceremony. It was the highlight of a weekend's worth of events dubbed The Advance! Prior to the start of the ceremony, participants were led to the site where they were met by Arrowmen who then gave them a stone taken from the original ceremony grounds at Treasure Island. Participants were then asked to follow a serpentine path lit by 15 flames each highlighting a historical image from the Order's rich past. Upon arriving at the dedication site, participants were placed in semicircular rows facing the ceremonial fire.

The Order's 2014 national officers conducted the ceremony. The national chief and vice chief were in uniform and wearing the national bonnets. The four region chiefs wore ceremonial attire, with two wearing black robes and two dressed in American Indian regalia. The ceremony included an original test of Ordeal membership, as well as a symbolic construction of the fire ring at the site. The creation of the symbolic fire ring was accomplished when participants placed their stones around the triangular fire ring bearing the words, Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and

Service. The national officers then distributed candles and molded necklaces to the participants. The necklaces were in the shape of an arrowhead, each containing a piece of rock from Treasure Island Scout Reservation. The necklace was designed to symbolize the OA's transition to its new home at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. The ceremony concluded with the singing of the OA song.

Chapter 14 : Vigil Honors

Katinonkwat Lodge

1938

Robert H. Heistard - My Brother

1940

J. Howard Kautz - The Wise One

1946

Roman V. Eyerman - Curly Headed

1948

Frank A. Hess - Leader

John Shover - The Energetic One

Donald Smart - Trustworthy One

James H. Stai - The Helper

1953

C.J - Benefactor

William D. Thompson - Persistent Hunter

1955

James J. Brown - Perseverance

Donald S. Good - Leader

Joseph W. Rieger, Jr - Helper

1956

David Coleman - The Example

David Forry - The Healer

Don Hamilton - Serious One

Bruce Penn - Faithful

Stanley B. Roak -

1957

Robert L. Christian - Woodsman

William B. Sanford - On The Watch

1958

Myron Bridge - Night Dancer

Bruce Burns - To Be Proud

1959

Paul Redmond - To Make Good

Thomas O. Yates - Strengthener

1960

Daniel D. Dickey - Energetic Man

Jerry A. Gill - Little Chief

George R. Wells - Inexhaustible

Billy L. Yerian - First in the Dance

Leroy E. Zimmer - He Who Opens the Trail through the Woods

1961

Fredric N. Masters - Counselor of People

Richard E. Moseley - Strong Worker

1962

Cy I. Chapman - Capable One

1963

John D. Birle - He Who Looks Beyond

Walter M. Davis, Jr - One Who is Able

William Geiger - Hard Worker

Thomas C. Hughes - Honorable One

William E. Hauge - Loyal Advisor

James F. Hampshire, Jr - One Who Instructs

Robert F. Newcomb - Far Sighted One

Gary Reynolds - Active One

Watt E. Weston - Honorable Brother

David A. Wright - Able Comrade

Victor Young - One Who Creates with Hands

1964

Albert F. Alspaugh, Jr - One Who is Recommended

Gary Alspaugh - Dancer

Daniel Bennington - Listener

William Cassell - He Who Does Good for Others

Terry Caudy - Helpful One

George Crow - He Who Endures Pain

Carl R. Fisher - Capable One

William S. Hague - Swimmer

John Howarth - One Who Has Authority

Larry Hoye - Accomplished One

Jonathon A. Long, Jr - One Who Assists

Daniel N. McCarthy - He Who Makes

Mike Mullin - Loud Speaker

David Murday - Counselor

Thomas E. O'Brien - One Who Creates with Mind

Marcel Page, Jr - He Who Serves

Richard L. Sample - Willing One

Melvin R. Watrous - One Who Exerts Himself

1965

Charles E. Bright - One Who Is Not Deterred

John N. Clover - Knowledgeable Camper

Tom Drumm - Inquiring One

Larry Grieder, Jr - Smiling Leader

Tom Keffer - Smart One

Bruce Murday - Modest Leader

Bruce Wisecarver - Skillful One

1966

Ted Stephen Gatsch - He Who Makes

Joseph S. Geiger - He Who Helps Prepare Food

Paul W. Handle - Camper

Tom W. Holliday - One Who is Ready

Chapter 13: Modern Times

In addition to the Section Conclave, Tecumseh Lodge has supported C-5B/C-4B/E-13 for more than twenty years by hosting the Area Leadership Training Course (ALTC) at Camp Lazarus every November. In 2018, ALTC was renamed to FORUM, and it now brings Arrowmen from Cleveland to West Virginia. It still meets at Camp Lazarus to this day.

Tecumseh Lodge has consistently sent a contingent to the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC), even prior to the lodge being formed.

In 2021, the Simon Kenton Council reorganized their districts, condensing them from 11 down to 4. The new chapters are: **Kishahhtëk** (Northern Lights), which is on the northern side of Columbus and correlates with the Polaris District; **Pilsit Alunsa** (Pure Arrows), which is the majority of Columbus and correlates with the Gateway District; **Ahsënike** (People Among the Rocks), which stretches from Newark to Athens and correlates with the Daybreak District; and **Kittan Wewoapisak** (Great River Watchmen), which encompasses the southern part of the council including Portsmouth and Flatwoods, KY, and correlates with the Frontier District.

After nearly 10 years of using the same standard flap that was first introduced in 2013, the lodge voted to use another design. Created by Baden Wagoner, with contributions from Phil Cox, the new standard lodge flap of Tecumseh Lodge 65 contains references to previous patches while staying true to our unique totem, the comet-shaped-panther. Containing 12 stars that represent the 12 points of the Scout Law, the new image of our lodge was approved at the 2022 Fall Fellowship.

Part 2: The Precursor Lodges

Chapter 8: Katinonkwat Lodge 93

In the early 1930s, Robert H. Heistand arrived in Columbus to assume the role of Scout Executive for the Central Ohio Council. Heistand was already a member of the Order of the Arrow at the time, having been inducted as a member of Pohopoco Lodge 44 in Allentown, Pennsylvania. While there is no written evidence to confirm that Heistand was the driving force behind establishing the Order of the Arrow in central Ohio, there seems to be little doubt that his experience with the organization and desire to expand it were instrumental in the creation of Katinonkwat Lodge.

Heistand's dedication to the OA extended beyond Katinonkwat Lodge. At the 13th National Meeting in 1940 he was elected National Treasurer during the Order's 25th Anniversary. Due to the war, there would not be another National Lodge Meeting until August 1946, by which time Heistand had moved to Baltimore Area Council (in 1942), where he revived a fading Nentico Lodge. In 1946, he was elected National Chief, the last adult to hold that title.

Katinonkwat Lodge was formed in the summer of 1936, when members of the Order of the White Swastika (previous camp fraternity) were inducted as charter members, along with campers from that season. Katinonkwat Lodge was the first Order of the Arrow lodge officially organized in Ohio. Cuyahoga Lodge 17 was initially planned in 1924, at which time a number was reserved for it, but was not actually chartered until 1955. The first induction took place at Camp Lazarus on July 24, 1936. The lodge received its first charter on August 5, 1936, from what was then called the Grand Lodge of the Order of the Arrow.

The reasons for selecting the lodge's name are not known. According to a circular published by the Smithsonian Institute's Bureau of American Ethnology in 1915 and again in 1926, katinonkwat is a Huron word meaning "heart's desire." The circular was published specifically to provide possible Indian names for organizations and camps, and it is entirely possible that it was from this source the name was selected.

The Katinonkwat Lodge totem was the thunderbird, known by the affectionate nickname "George." The thunderbird had previously served as

translates as "Shooting Star" or "Panther across the Sky," and refers to the panther-shaped comet or shooting star that was said to have been seen when he was born.

As with the name and totem, it was also decided to select a new number for the lodge. The lodge asked for the lowest available number. Just two years prior, Tseyedin Lodge 65 in Southern Indiana had merged, leading to the number 65 being given to Tecumseh. Matt Green served as the first Lodge Chief for Tecumseh Lodge and Dave Turner as the first Lodge Adviser. J. R. Ramey, who was instrumental in helping to guide the formation of the new lodge, served as its second Lodge Chief.

With the merger of councils, Tecumseh Lodge now served a much larger area than any of the previous councils, as well as several camps: Camp Lazarus, Camp Falling Rock, Chief Logan Scout Reservation, Camp Oyo, the LeVeque Scout Reservation, and Camp Otter Run. Otter Run is a primitive and mostly undeveloped property on perpetual loan from Honda in Marysville, so needed little attention, but Ordeal and service weekends were regularly scheduled at each of the other camps, as many as five Ordeals a year, in addition to occasional work days. In the late 1990s, Simon Kenton Council sold the LeVeque property, though it retained use of the Camp Buckeye portion for several years afterwards and Ordeals were still held there until about 2000.

In March of 1997, there was considerable flooding in southeastern Ohio. The Spring Fellowship that year was revised at the last minute and turned into a service weekend to assist with flood relief in Jackson County.

Shortly before the 1996 merger took place, Katinonkwat, Shawnee, and Maka-Ina Lodges became part of Section C-5B (which later became Section C-4B, and later became Section E-13), encompassing eastern and southeastern Ohio, along with most of West Virginia and small parts of Virginia and Kentucky. Tecumseh Lodge has hosted the C-5B/C-4B/E-13 Section Conclave several times, having hosted in 1998, 2004, 2013, 2018, and 2025.

Chapter 12: The Merger

On January 1, 1994, three councils (Central Ohio, Chief Logan Area, and Scioto Area) merged to form the Simon Kenton Council. Each of these councils had its own lodge of the Order of the Arrow, but for a variety of reasons, these lodges did not merge at the same time as the councils. Nevertheless, it was clear from the start that there was no way the new council was going to continue to operate three lodges. A merger had to take place.

A number of Arrowmen, both youth and adults, came together for two years to establish the details of the new lodge. Many hard lessons learned during the absorption of Kaniengehaga Lodge by Katinonkwat Lodge in 1987 were still fresh in their minds. They realized that despite Katinonkwat's significantly larger size, the only equitable solution was to create a completely new lodge: new name, new number, new totem, new traditions.

J. R. Ramey, a former lodge chief of Katinonkwat Lodge and still a youth member, took the lead. He spent many hours traveling to see the other two lodges in action and to meet with their leaders. Despite the commitment to ensure equanimity, there was still a great deal of resistance from all sides. However, the merger had to occur.

On January 1, 1996, Tecumseh Lodge 65 was created, taking the place of Katinonkwat, Maka-Ina, and Shawnee Lodges.

The lodge was named for Tecumseh, a famous leader of the Shawnee tribe who lived in Ohio. It is an interesting (and some say deliberate) irony that the name was selected. Tecumseh was an enemy of Simon Kenton, a famous frontiersman for whom the council was named. The two faced one another in battle several times, including during the Battle of the Thames in which Tecumseh was killed.

Originally, the totem of Tecumseh Lodge was not a panther, but rather the Scioto River itself, because it connected the 3 lodges that were merging. The first patch issued by Tecumseh Lodge depicts this, as well as Tecumseh overlooking the new territory.

This totem did not last long. After just 1 year, the panther-shaped comet was selected as the lodge's totem because Tecumseh's name

the totem for the Order of the White Swastika at Camp Lazarus (and possibly Camp Burroughs).

The first Lodge Chief was Jake Helm, who had also served as the last Chief of the Order of the White Swastika at Camp Lazarus.

There is some disagreement over who was the first Vigil Honor member of Katinonkwat. According to long established lodge oral history, the first Vigil was Roman Eyerma, inducted in 1946. However, the lodge has records of two earlier Vigils: Robert Heistand in 1938 and J. Howard Kautz in 1940. As discussed earlier, Heistand was already a member of the OA before arriving in Ohio. National records clearly indicate that he received his Vigil in 1938 at the national meeting as a member of Lodge 93. Given a proven earlier induction in the lodge, how was Eyerma considered the first Vigil? There is no clear answer. Two likely possibilities exist: either he always said he was first and after a couple of decades everyone believed him because no one could remember otherwise; or he was the first person to be inducted as an Ordeal member in Katinonkwat to receive his Vigil. This second scenario is entirely plausible, given that Heistand was definitely inducted into the OA in another lodge, and no information is yet known about Kautz.

During the first ten years of the lodge, elections were done each week at summer camp with inductions performed at the end of the week. In 1946, the lodge shifted to performing unit elections annually before the summer camp season instead.

By 1962, the lodge membership had grown to around 500 Arrowmen. It was decided at that time to adopt the chapter system, generally with each district having its own chapter.

Throughout the 1960s, the lodge continued to grow, reaching nearly 1000 members at times. As the lodge expanded, so did its service to the council's camps, including the newly established LeVeque Scout Reservation (at first called Greenhills, and opened around 1962). The lodge also regularly held Ordeal weekends in support of non-Scout camps during this period, such as Camp Ki-Y-Ro. In 1968, the lodge hosted the Area 4C Conference at Camp Lazarus. Members Robert Schneider and Lawrence Forsythe served as Chief of Area 4-C in 1966 and 1968, respectively.

In 1973, the lodge's rules and bylaws saw a major overhaul, including a change to a system of five officers, and to having committee chairmen appointed by the Lodge Chief rather than elected by the entire lodge. Throughout the 1970s, the lodge continued to make major renovations to the council's camps, including the installation of a new water system at Camp Lazarus.

In 1976, the lodge was one of about ten across the nation to receive the Order of the Arrow's 60th Anniversary Bicentennial Award, which it won for its display on the life of Ohio Indians of the early 1800s at the Ohio State Fair. By the end of the 1970s, the lodge had published its first "Where to Go Camping" book and its first lodge planbook, as well as hosting the EC-6A Section Conclave at Camp Lazarus in 1979.

In the 1980s, the lodge gained a dominant role at the council's Boy Scout summer camps, with more than half of the camp staff being OA members, and close to half of the lodge's officers and chairmen were camp staff members. In 1982, the lodge saw a significant change to its induction process as it implemented the Elangomat clan system. In January of 1983, the lodge voted to donate \$2000 to the council's camp development fund to rebuild the chapel at Camp Lazarus in memory of Vigil Honor member and former Council Vice President for Camping, Robert P. Laux. Work was finished during the 1984 Ordeal season.

In 1987, Licking County Council merged into Central Ohio Council, and Kaniengehaga Lodge 420 was absorbed into Katinonkwat Lodge. There was a lot of ill will during this process, as Kaniengehaga lost its name, number, and totem. While this hurt the lodge in the short term, the lessons learned during this time were well-remembered and kept firmly in mind throughout 1994 and 1995, as the lodge faced another merger...

Part 3: Tecumseh Lodge 65

conflict in the lodge for a number of years, it brought with it valuable lessons that would help make the merger of Katinonkwat, Maka-Ina, and Shawnee in 1996 a little bit smoother.

Arrowmen in the Licking District have operated as the Kaniengehaga Chapter ever since their merger until 2021. They now operate as part of Ahsënike Chapter.

Chapter 9: Shawnee Lodge 109

Shawnee Lodge 109 was formed in 1938, just two years after the formation of Katinonkwat Lodge in the Central Ohio Council. There can be little doubt that it was a close connection between the two councils, including scouts from Scioto Area Council attending summer camp at Camp Lazarus, which led to the rapid spread. The first induction was performed in July 1938 at Camp Oyo by members of Katinonkwat Lodge.

Like its northern neighbor, many of the initial members of Shawnee Lodge had already been inducted into the Order of the White Swastika at Camp Oyo or Camp Lazarus. We don't know the exact number, but it is agreed that of the original Shawnee Lodge charter, over 110 were previously members of the Order of the White Swastika. They, together with those scouts inducted in 1938, formed the original nucleus of the lodge.

Shawnee Lodge was named for the Shawnee tribe of Indians who once lived in the area. Its totem was a deer, though often only the head was used on their patches and other designs. Throughout its history, the lodge has been an integral part of Camp Oyo, which has remained continuously open for nearly a century now.

The main base of operations for Shawnee lodge was a water tower at Camp Oyo. Tapouts would take place on Wednesday nights during summer camp, and the principles would walk from the water tower to the parade field after dinner.

From 1938 to 1944, Shawnee Lodge also maintained a chapter based out of Camp Mingo, located west of Chillicothe. In 1944, that area split away from the Scioto Area Council to form the Chief Logan Area Council. Two years later, with the assistance of their Brothers from Shawnee, a new lodge was formed at Camp Mingo: Maka-Ina Lodge 350.

In addition to the Order of the Arrow, Camp Oyo continued to use another honor camper system that had been in place for years, the Motawk. The Motawk program was aimed primarily at younger campers, For several years, earning Motawk recognition was a prerequisite to be considered for the OA in Shawnee Lodge, along with being at least 14, having attended 2 years of summer camp, and a \$1 event fee for the induction.

Lodge 109 was also highly regarded for its dance team. It is unknown when it started, but it was in full swing by the 1970s. With membership of over 30, the Shawnee Dance Team, or as it was later known, Uncle Charlie's Indian Dance Team. "Uncle Charlie" was the nickname of the ceremonies advisor, an attorney from Portsmouth named Charles Asa Brown.

Shawnee inducted its first Vigil Honor member, John Kaltenbak, on October 18th, 1952. The lodge would go on to host the Area 4-G Conclave in 1972 and EC-6A Section Conclave in 1977 and 1987, all at Camp Oyo.

Chapter 10: Maka-Ina Lodge 350

Although the Maka-Ina Lodge was not formed until 1946, the Order of the Arrow had already been active in the area since 1938.

Scouting first arrived in Chillicothe in 1911, when Ross County Council was established. In 1925, the men who were the driving force behind scouting in the area had moved away, and the council was no longer able to support itself. In 1926, Ross County Council merged into Central Ohio Council, but due to a lack of leadership and financial problems brought on by the Great Depression, scouting virtually vanished from Ross County until the end of 1930. Ross County left Central Ohio Council in 1935 and joined the Scioto Area Council in 1936.

In 1938, the Shawnee Lodge of the Order of the Arrow was formed, with chapters at Camp Oyo near Portsmouth and Camp Mingo near Chillicothe. Many area scouts were inducted into Shawnee Lodge at this time. In 1944, Ross, Pike, Jackson, and Vinton counties left the Scioto Area Council to form the Chief Logan Area Council, and two years later the council's Arrowmen formed the Maka-Ina Lodge, with the first induction of new members taking place in 1946. George Shearrow served as the first Lodge Chief. Instead of making their own chapters, members of the newly formed lodge instead voted to have a "Camp Promotions" committee, which would fulfill the responsibilities of a chapter such as holding unit elections.

Their tapouts were done during summer camp on parents night, where they would paddle canoes filled with "braves" and the 4 principles across the lake, lit by torches. Maka-Ina held two inductions per year, a Fall

Ordeal in September, and a Spring Ordeal in May. The Spring Ordeal often assisted with getting camp prepped for summer camp.

Most of the youth summer camp leadership dating back to the 60s also held leadership positions within Maka-Ina. After the lodge merger in the 1990s, they continued to have a good relationship with the local Maka-Ina Chapter, but most OA members during that time were not fond of the forced merger, as they saw it as nothing more than Katinonkwat, with a new name and number.

Chapter 11: Kaniengehaga Lodge 420

Kaniengehaga Lodge was the last of the four lodges in Tecumseh Lodge's history to be formed, and was not established until 1949. The Licking County Council had previously used a different honor society, the Tribe of Gimogash, but this was not a camping society, and there is no evidence that it was still active in the 1940s, nor that any of its members were inducted into the Order of the Arrow.

The lodge's name comes from the Mohawk language and means "People of the Land of Flint." It was chosen because of the nearby presence of Flint Ridge, a very important source of high-quality flint to the Native Americans throughout the region.

Kaniengehaga Lodge existed as a lodge for only 38 years, but during that time it provided considerable service to Camp Falling Rock and to scouting in Licking County Council. In addition to supporting the camp, the lodge also organized and ran many camporees and Cub Scout events for the council. Kaniengehaga Lodge was presented the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award in 1970 and 1976.

Kaniengehaga inducted its first Vigil Honor recipients, Michael Cochran and Richard W. Coelho, in 1960.

Mike Netters was elected to serve as the EC-6A Section Vice Chief for the 1979-80 term. Robert Mathy II served as Section Chief in 1983-84.

At the EC-6A Section Conclave in 1987, Kaniengehaga Lodge was absorbed by the much larger Katinonkwat Lodge. This caused considerable resentment among its members, as they lost their name, totem, and many of their traditions, while Katinonkwat gave up nothing. While this created