

## *March 2021 Volume 26 Issue 1*

### **Spring Fellowship, LLD and Awards Night**

**Camp Falling Rock  
April 9 - 10, 2021**

Greetings fellow Arrowman, even in this new year with new challenges, we will be holding our Spring Fellowship as scheduled this year on April 9-10 at Camp Falling Rock. This year it will be a little different as we will also be holding our annual Lodge Leadership Development course on Saturday morning and our Lodge Awards Night on Saturday. This will be a jam-packed weekend full of fun activities, team building and great courses full of great information for our newest Arrowmen all the way to our most experienced Scouters and don't worry! We will be making this event as safe as possible by following all CDC guidelines. We can't wait to see you there!

Once again this year we will be starting off with our Covid procedures in place. This means we will be meeting, sleeping and eating outdoors - no cabins! You will need to bring a tent for sleeping and you will probably want to bring a camping chair to sit in. Masks will be required at all times when you are near anyone else.

This event will end on Saturday night so do not plan to stay at the camp until Sunday.

The cost for this event is just \$25.00 but if you register before April 5th you will receive a \$5.00 discount making it just \$20.00 To register visit our Tecumseh Lodge website at <http://www.tecumseh65.org>.

### **2021 Panther Pass**

Pre-Pay for all the 2021 Tecumseh Lodge events held between April 9th and October 10th, 2021, and we will include your 2021 dues for free. The cost for all this is just \$100.00. (If you have already paid your 2021 dues the cost is only \$85.00). Please note: This does not include the Vigil Honor events or FORUM

### **Medical Forms**

To help us better adhere to the procedures of the Council we will now be requiring that everyone attending any Tecumseh Lodge event have a current medical form on file with the Lodge. We will keep these secured in a book for the remainder of the year and we will destroy them at the end of the year. If you wish to have your form returned to you at the end of an event you will be required to bring a new one to the next event.

The form required for this will be the part A and B medical form which is available on the Council website. It will not require a doctor's signature, however if you are a youth it will require your parents signature.

### **New Lodge Officers for 2021**

We would like to introduce our new officers for the 2021 Lodge year.

Lodge Chief - William Finley  
Vice Chief of Administration - Jon Santini III  
Vice Chief of Activities - Cory Falke  
Vice Chief of Chapters - Colin Kovichick  
Secretary - Phil Cox  
Treasurer - Adam Jones



Hello! I am very excited and honored to serve you again this year as your 2021 lodge chief and cannot wait to see everyone at our next event. I wanted to talk a little bit today about 2021 as a whole and the vision all of us officers share for this year and hope that you can become involved in these goals. The year 2020 was

very hard on us as a lodge and had to hold a fraction of the events we normally hold. That said we were very successful given the challenges that the lodge had to face in order to hold safe and effective events. Looking into this year we are very excited to announce that the lodge will be holding all of their regularly scheduled events starting with Spring Fellowship on April 9-11. We are still planning on having no limits on the number of members allowed to attend at one time so all are welcome. The events will be conducted in a safe and fun manner keeping our most important ideals intact. Therefore, there is every reason to come out this year. Spring Fellowship this year will be an interesting one as we will be holding LLD, Spring Fellowship, and an awards event all during the same weekend, so it won't be an event you want to miss! Moving on from those events we will move into an ordeal followed by Conclave. Our ordeals this year we will need to continue following all of our safety precautions and therefore need every member to attend the events and help out because of our need for increased staff. Volunteering is very fun at these events as you are connecting with other Arrowmen and helping to bring in the next generation of Arrowmen. Also, don't forget to put Conclave on your calendar this Spring as it is a very fun event that is comparable to a Thunderbase event but only for OA members.

I cannot wait to see everyone very soon at the Spring Fellowship. See you there!

William Finley



My Brothers,  
I hope you are staying healthy and things are well with your family. Looking back at 2020 we accomplished a great deal under very difficult circumstances. We were one of the few Lodges in the country that held live events.

We managed to hold three Ordeals and keep people safe, which is quite an accomplishment. Looking ahead to 2021 we are planning on holding a full calendar of events. These events will have the same safety protocols in place to keep everyone safe. The protocols include social distancing, sleeping in tents, and medical checks upon arrival. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me (7@tecumseh65.org).

We are currently looking for youth and adults to serve on committees. These positions have responsibility for running one small aspect of the Lodge. This is a great way to get involved and meet other people while serving your brothers. We have a large variety of positions open that can suit your interests. If you are interested in helping out with these positions please contact Will Finley (1@tecumseh65.org) or myself (7@tecumseh65.org).

Unit elections are currently being conducted throughout the Council. This is an important time for the Lodge as our new members are being selected by their units. We have a great team that is working to conduct these elections both in person and virtually based off of how the specific unit is meeting. We have a goal to try to get these conducted by March. If your unit has not been contacted to hold an election or you would like to help conduct elections, contact Colin Kovichick (4@tecumseh65.org)

Our next event is Spring Fellowship on April 9 & 10th at Camp Falling Rock. This event will include several team building activities and games throughout the day. Saturday night we will hold our annual awards ceremony and Vigil callout. If you plan on attending bring a tent as we will not be able to camp indoors. The same social distancing procedures from last year will be in place.

In closing, last year was challenging but we managed to hold three events safely. I am looking forward to 2021 and I think it will be a better year than last year. I look forward to seeing and talking with you at a future event!

Yours in Service,  
Robert Fanska

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# Chapter

# Chatter

## **Mallsannuk Chapter** (Arrowhead District)

Chapter Chief- Reid Miller, [c11@tecumseh65.org](mailto:c11@tecumseh65.org)  
Chapter Adviser - Josh Stevens, [c21@tecumseh65.org](mailto:c21@tecumseh65.org)  
Meetings - 6:00 PM on the last Sunday of the month at Central College Church, 975 S Sunbury Rd

Since fall, the Mallsannuk Chapter has continued to be hard at work. We attended the Ordeal/Brotherhood events in 2020 and had 32 members obtain their Ordeal, despite COVID. Using the new 24-month eligibility guidelines, 28 candidates still need to Ordeal from our 2020 season. We are currently running OA elections and visiting Troops/Crews/Ships both VIRTUALLY and IN-Person, depending what is asked of us. So far, we have 7 new candidates but we are only half-way through the election season. This year's numbers are lower than last year's record amounts, but considering we still have 28 candidates that need to Ordeal, our Chapter is in great shape for a strong future. Chapter Chief Reid Miller designed (in secret) a new pocket patch that will be for sale during IN-Person events alongside the Trading Post. Thanks to Ms Peto for always believing in our vision, Reid created this new patch which is a black arrowhead-shape with the red OA arrow embossed on it. The limited-edition patch sells for \$2, so be sure to look for it at our events. Mallsannuk Chapter is still hosting our OA monthly meetings VIRTUALLY, but have added several game nights; including Among Us and Skribbl.io. Mallsannuk Chapter is looking forward to a great finish to our 2021 OA election season, a great OA event in April and a wonderful summer full of Ordeals/Brotherhoods.

Mallsannuk Chapter Meeting information can be found by joining REMIND at [@oamal](mailto:@oamal)

## **Chief Tarhe Chapter** (Hocking Valley District)

Chapter Chief - Cole James, [c1@tecumseh65.org](mailto:c1@tecumseh65.org)  
Advisor - [c2@tecumseh65.org](mailto:c2@tecumseh65.org)

There will be more information about how your chapter will operate in the coming months. For the meantime, please continue to keep up to date with the lodge emails and pay your dues for the 2021 season! There will be plenty of opportunities for fellowship and camping this year, so stay tuned for more information.

## **Tendeuchen Chapter** (Buckeye District)

Chapter Chief- Noah Johnson, [c19@tecumseh65.org](mailto:c19@tecumseh65.org)  
Chapter Advisor: Kurt Tekaucic, [c20@tecumseh65.org](mailto:c20@tecumseh65.org)  
Meetings - 7:30 PM on the first Thursday of the month at Northwest Christian Church in Upper Arlington.

Since the start of this pandemic, the Tendeuchen Chapter has been holding chapter meetings the first Thursday of the month on zoom. Even in these difficult times we were able to have representation at all four ordeals, and we inducted many new members. This fall we got the opportunity to help set up Monster Mash, and serve the district. Recently we recognized three new Eagle Scouts in our chapter. Noah Johnson, a past Chapter Chief, Caroline White, the current vice chief of program, and Cynthia Stevens, the registration chairman for the lodge. In December, Phil Cox was elected as Chapter Chief of the Tendeuchen Chapter (You can reach him at [Phillipdcox672@gmail.com](mailto:Phillipdcox672@gmail.com)). Finally, we hope to offer callouts at troop meetings, on zoom, or in person meetings.

## **Newa Hanna Chapter** (Delaware District)

Chapter Chief: Jonathan White, [c15@tecumseh65.org](mailto:c15@tecumseh65.org)  
Adviser: Bill Hammond - [c16@tecumseh65.org](mailto:c16@tecumseh65.org)  
Chapter email address: [newahannaaoachapter@gmail.com](mailto:newahannaaoachapter@gmail.com)  
Meetings - 7:00 PM on the first Thursday of the month at LDS Church in Powell.

NOTE: Due to COVID-19, we are not meeting right now. We will let Newa Hanna Chapter members know when we will start back at the church.

We want to congratulate all Arrowmen who have completed their Ordeal or Brotherhood in 2020. All Newa Hanna Chapter (Delaware District) Arrowmen are invited to attend our monthly meeting. Once we start meetings back. Come have fun and make new friendships!

Also, if you have not paid your membership dues for 2021, please do so. If you have not paid your dues, you should not be wearing the sash or pocket patch indicating that you are an OA member, until the dues are paid. You can pay your dues online at <http://www.tecumseh65.org/>.

## **2021 Lodge Calendar**

April 9 - 11 Spring Fellowship - Camp Falling Rock  
May 21 - 23 Ordeal / Brotherhood - Chief Logan  
July 23 - 25 Ordeal / Brotherhood - Camp Oyo  
August 20 - 22 Ordeal / Brotherhood - Camp Falling Rock  
September 10 - 12 Ordeal / Brotherhood - Camp Lazarus  
October 8 - 10 Fall Fellowship - Camp Lazarus

## **2022 Lodge Calendar**

April 1 - 3 Spring Fellowship - Camp Lazarus  
May 20 - 22 Ordeal / Brotherhood - Camp Lazarus  
July 22 - 24 Ordeal / Brotherhood - Camp Oyo  
August 19 - 21 Ordeal / Brotherhood - Camp Falling Rock  
September 16 - 18 Ordeal / Brotherhood - Camp Lazarus  
October 7 - 9 Fall Fellowship - Camp Falling Rock

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# Meet Your 2021 Lodge Officers

## V.C Administration

Hello everyone, I am Jon Santini, III. I am an Eagle Scout out Troop 90 in Plain City, Ohio, and a Brotherhood member of Tecumseh Lodge. In the summer of 2021, I will be working as the Handicraft Director at Camp Birch. Outside of Scouting I am a Senior at Jonathan Alder High School and I am very active in Band, enjoy bowling for the JA bowling team and I am a member of the JA Quick Recall team. I am so excited to see what 2021 has to offer and I am proud to be your 2021 Vice Chief of Administration.

## V.C Chapters

Hi! My name is Colin Kovinchick and I am a brotherhood member of the Tecumseh Lodge. I am an Eagle Scout from Troop 101 out of Marysville, Ohio and I currently serve as the assistant scoutmaster for two of the troops from Marysville. I have been the Mwk'alaakwa Chapter Chief from 2017-2020. Along with being Chapter Chief I have been a member of the ritual team for 2 years, a co-chair to the brotherhood chairman, and an Elangomat at many OA ordeals. I have been a member of Tecumseh Lodge since 2017 and plan on continuing my cheerful service to those in the order. I hope I get to meet you at many events this summer! Let's make it a great year!

## V.C Activities

Hey fellow Arrowmen, I'm Cory Falke your 2021 Tecumseh Lodge vice chief of activities. I'm 18 years old and 2021 will be my sixth year in the Order of the Arrow and my second year as a lodge officer. I became an Eagle Scout in 2019 and became a Vigil honor member in 2020. I'm planning on attending college in 2021. I'm super excited for this year and I believe that with this team of officers we can recover from this year and make 2021 one of our best years yet and I can't wait to see you all at our events this year.

## Secretary

Greetings, my name is Phil Cox. I am a life scout from the Tendeuchen Chapter in Hilliard Ohio, and I have the opportunity to serve as the secretary for 2021. My vision for this upcoming year is to bring members back to lodge events. One way I will do this is by being more active on social media to spread information about events. I am very excited to plan, and carry out a successful 2021 year.

## Treasurer

Hello everyone my name is Adam Jones. I am a life scout out of troop 4057 in Newark Ohio and a brotherhood member of Kaniengehaga chapter. I'm your 2021 lodge treasurer. Some other things about me are I work at Roosters, I'm a sophomore at Licking Valley High School. My plan as treasurer is to improve the lodge's budgeting and sell all the old mechanical in the trading post.



# Chapter

# Chatter

## **Weski Nimat Chapter** (Ohio Valley District)

Chapter Chief- Charlie Johnson, [c21@tecumseh65.org](mailto:c21@tecumseh65.org)  
Chapter Advisor - James Finley, [c22@tecumseh65.org](mailto:c22@tecumseh65.org)  
Meetings - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM,  
Location of OA Meetings: First Presbyterian Church,  
4227 Broadway, Grove City 43123

Over the pandemic our chapter Weski Nimat has been affected due to the pandemic but have been pushing through and have been working hard to make this a successful year. We have worked as hard as possible to make sure that we can participate in our meetings and have had good turn out on online meetings. We have been working on chapter elections and doing elections with troops. We have worked hard at teaching people how to contact troop leaders and have worked out methods to help boost overall lodge membership and help out getting more ordeal candidates. We are now working on A camporee with the district and going to help promote and encourage more younger scouts to want to be a part of the OA and to start to participate in the OA. With this maybe we can boost attendance in meetings and have more enthusiasm with being in the OA.

We would love to have more people attend the meeting because then we can have more of a group dissection and have more of a positive influence in the chapter and lodge as well. In case you are wondering, our meetings take place the first Thursday of every month and will be on Google meet 7 to 8 PM. If you need any information or help contact our chapter adviser [jfinley273@gmail.com](mailto:jfinley273@gmail.com) or our chapter chief [clj051104@gmail.com](mailto:clj051104@gmail.com).

## **Shawnee Chapter** (Tecumseh District)

Chapter Chief- Caleb Hammond, [c17@tecumseh65.org](mailto:c17@tecumseh65.org)  
Advisor - Jeff Frisby, [c17@tecumseh65.org](mailto:c17@tecumseh65.org)  
Meetings - Camp Oyo during the Tecumseh District roundtables.

We will be hosting the Spring Camporee at Camp Oyo on April 23-25. Our OA chapter will be providing staff for the Camporee and its events. Please come and help run the event for the other Scouts.

## **Katinonkwat Chapter** (Tri-Creek District)

Chapter Chief- Paul Russell, [c7@tecumseh65.org](mailto:c7@tecumseh65.org)  
Adviser - Joe Shaluhua, [c8@tecumseh65.org](mailto:c8@tecumseh65.org)  
Meetings- 7:00 PM on the first Wednesday of the month at Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church, 600 W Johnstown Rd.

Tri-Creek's Cub Scout Camp Director is looking for OA volunteers to help staff its Twilight Camp the week of June 7-11 in the evening. Some of the stations needing help will include archery, BB guns, first aid and possibly walkers for dens. Contact Joe Shaluhua if you are interested [c8@tecumseh65.org](mailto:c8@tecumseh65.org). Please consider volunteering so the Cubs in our District can enjoy a great week of camp!

## **Maka Ina Chapter** (Chief Logan District)

Chapter Chief- Darren Runyon, [c9@tecumseh65.org](mailto:c9@tecumseh65.org)  
Advisor - Barb Wasmer, [c10@tecumseh65.org](mailto:c10@tecumseh65.org)  
Chapter Meetings - 7:00 PM on the first Thursday of the month. The location varies so contact your Chapter Chief or Chapter Adviser for the location.

At our Chapter meeting this month, we will hold elections for chapter officers. One of the big things we are working on right now is unit elections for OA candidates. We are currently in contact with units to see if they have any eligible youth and adults. We hope to see you when we do elections for your unit.

Please attend the Spring Fellowship April 9-10th at Camp Falling Rock if you are available. As well, we will be holding service events to clean up Octangee Park in April and the Chillicothe scout office in May. These will be great events to give back to the community through service. Finally, please sign-up for the Ordeal at Chief Logan on May 21-22. As this is scheduled to be the last Ordeal hosted there, we would really like to have a big turnout from Maka-Ina chapter!

# Chapter

# Chatter

## **Kaniengehaga Chapter** (Licking District)

<http://www.kaniengehaga.org>

Chapter Chief - Adam Jones - [c5@tecumseh65.org](mailto:c5@tecumseh65.org)

Adviser - Mat Stickle, [c6@tecumseh65.org](mailto:c6@tecumseh65.org)

Meetings: 7:00 PM the first and third Thursday of month at  
The Works, 50 S Second St, Newark

As winter weather hits Licking County, Kaniengehaga Chapter has been quite busy, with fixing up our meeting place, klondike derby (which was a success!!), Troop Elections, and planning chapter fun activities. Klondike as mentioned above was an astounding success despite the current situation, with 14 patrols and 12 troops attending and enjoying the event. We are currently preparing to help park cars at the local "Knap-in" at Flint Ridge, and other fundraising events that keep our chapter running.

## **Mwk'alaakwa Chapter** (Darby Creek District)

Chapter Chief - Kyle Russell, [c13@tecumseh65.org](mailto:c13@tecumseh65.org)

Adviser - John Trouten, [c14@tecumseh65.org](mailto:c14@tecumseh65.org)

Meetings - 7:00 PM on the first Thursday of the month at  
Plain City Presbyterian Church, Plain City

We generally have our meetings on the first Thursday of each month, which coincides with our district roundtable. We need more people in attendance at our meetings, so if you could contact either myself or Mr. Trouten, we could add you to our chapter Slack, and you would get notifications for our meetings. We have an email list that also can serve as a meeting reminder. We are looking to start having in person meetings soon as soon as we are sure it is safe to do so, so be on the lookout for a notification on that. It will likely coincide with the first in person roundtable as well, however we are still looking into it.

Out of our 18 units, 10 are having elections this year, most are completed as of today. Just a reminder that if you were eligible last year and never completed your ordeal then you are still eligible this year to complete your ordeal.

We encourage everybody who can to attend our virtual meetings for the time being, and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

## **Did You Know We Now Have A New Historical Website?**

Aaron Wyckoff has worked hard to create a Tecumseh Lodge Historical Website. Here you will find out how we started, what our roots are and what Lodges and organizations have combined to make us what we are today. You can find all this at <http://history.tecumseh65.org>.



TECUMSEH LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW

# *It's Time To Pay Your 2021 Tecumseh Lodge Dues*

To maintain your membership in the Order of The Arrow and Tecumseh Lodge you need to pay your dues each year. If you are not a dues paid member you lose the right to call yourself a member of the Order of the Arrow. If you are not a member of the OA you also lose the right to wear the Lodge Flap or other symbols or patches for the OA. You must be registered in a Simon Kenton Council Scouting unit to be a member of Tecumseh Lodge.

## **When Do I Need To Pay My Dues?**

Our Lodge year is from January 1st to December 31st each year so your dues need to be paid at the beginning of each calendar year.

## **I'm a Newer Member - Weren't my dues included in my Ordeal fee?**

If you took your Ordeal during this year (in 2020) your Ordeal fees included your dues through the end of the calendar year in which you took your Ordeal. You would next need to pay your dues at the beginning of the next calendar year (in 2021).

## **How Can I Pay My Dues?**

You can pay your dues several ways:

By Mail - by using the dues form below this article

On Line - Go to our Lodge Website at <http://www.tecumseh65.org/> and click on the "Pay Your 2021 Dues" button.

In Person - You can pay in person at any lodge event or at our lodge booth at the University of Scouting

## **I have not paid my dues for a long time, how can I become a member again?**

If you have not paid dues for a while it's easier to join again than you think. Just fill out the form as completely as possible, pay \$20.00 and we will re-instate you.

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## *2021 Tecumseh Lodge Dues Form*

Make all checks payable to Simon Kenton Council, BSA and mail them along with this completed form to:  
Simon Kenton Council, BSA, 807 Kinnear Rd, Columbus, OH 43212

Name in Full \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Boy Scout ID# \_\_\_\_\_ *This will be a 7 or 10 digit number found at the bottom of your BSA Troop ID card.*

Scout Registration \_\_\_\_\_  
District / OA Chapter Unit Type Number

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street City State Zip

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(If different from above) Number and Street City State Zip

e-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year Area Code and Number Area Code and Number

Ordeal Date \_\_\_\_\_ Brotherhood Date \_\_\_\_\_ Vigil Honor Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(If exact dates are unknown at least put in the year - Only use the Brotherhood and Vigil Honor spaces if applicable)

Amount Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Please note the dues amounts below)

- Tecumseh Lodge members who paid their 2020 dues may renew by paying \$15.00.
- Tecumseh Lodge members who are not current with their 2020 dues may reinstate their membership by paying \$20.00