



Tecumseh Speaks

A newsletter of Tecumseh Lodge, Order of the Arrow
Simon Kenton Council, Boy Scouts of America,
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Ordeal / Brotherhood Weekend

Camp Oyo, July 23 – 25, 2021

After a very successful event at our first Ordeal / Brotherhood weekend, we are ready for our second Ordeal / Brotherhood weekend at Camp Oyo. We invite you to come down to beautiful Camp Oyo, located in the lush green hills of Shawnee State Forrest to help us provide a memorable event for all our Candidates.

If you are a new Ordeal member who took their Ordeal at Chief Logan in May 2021, you are eligible to attend this event for FREE. When you sign up, use "OA Member who took their Ordeal this year" as your registration type. Unfortunately, we can't offer this to everyone, so those who were already members before that Ordeal will still have to pay.

The cost for members is just \$20.00, but if you register online before July 16, 2021, we will give you a \$5.00 discount making it just \$15.00 for the weekend.

(Bring your swimsuit and a towel to be ready for the "damp" cool-down event in the late afternoon and evening.)

Do You Need to Take Your Brotherhood?

If you took your Ordeal anytime prior to this year and you have not yet sealed your membership in the OA by taking your Brotherhood, what's stopping you? It really not very hard and I can promise you that nobody fails. All we ask is that you learn a few things and demonstrate them to us. Then you can go through your Brotherhood ceremony and show your commitment to Scouting and the Order of the Arrow. This can be done at any of our Ordeal weekends and the cost is just an additional \$20.00 added to the regular cost of the weekend. For this you will receive a new Brotherhood sash and you will have the opportunity to make a personalized Brotherhood totem you can wear around your neck.

SCOUTING'S NATIONAL **HONOR** SOCIETY

Chiefly Speaking

By Will Finley, Tecumseh Lodge Chief



I am very excited to be writing to you all beginning out the season this year. We have some great ideas planned for the year and a full schedule of events compared to 2020 which is an amazing thing to be able to say since all of the cancellations last year. Our lodge has been able to stay strong throughout the pandemic year which is an Amazing feat compared to many less fortunate lodges. That said we have a long way to go and are not achieving the performance level needed in several categories. Luckily this is fairly easy to fix and the only members able to make these changes is you at home. The lodge needs as many youths as possible to help us with our ordeal season this year because we not only have all the newly elected candidates this year but also the candidates that did not complete their ordeal last year to call out. Also due to this influx we could also use another set of ritualists to help out and create a successful and impactful ceremonies team. Remember that those who chose you need you and that all of our events have loads of fun activities to do as well and I will see you there.

I also would like to highlight a couple of news items. Our final ordeal at CLR we hosted recently went amazing and Arrowmen loved being able to give CLR the sendoff it needed from our lodge. CLR has hosted many fellowships, ordeals, and even a section conclave for the OA and will be well remembered with us. I would also like to highlight our lodge vice chief of administration Jon Santini the third who was recently elected section secretary which is a great accomplishment not only for himself but also for the lodge so make sure to congratulate him. Furthermore, I would like to also talk about an upcoming national event which all standing lodge members are invited to and that event being NOAC 2022. NOAC is being held at the University of Tennessee Knoxville next summer and will be loads of fun with patch trading, shows, high adventure, and Arrowmen from across the country. If you are interested in going to NOAC please reach out to myself so we can get you added to the contingent. To wrap up we have some great events coming up so make sure not to miss out on some fun activities like the pool party at Oyo or the redistricting and officer voting at fall fellowship and I am looking forward to seeing you all there!

Advice

By Rob Fanska, Tecumseh Lodge Adviser



I hope things are well with you and your family. I would like to welcome our 56 new brothers that completed their Ordeal at Chief Logan on May 22nd. I also would like to congratulate the 21 members that completed their Brotherhood.

Our next Ordeal/Brotherhood weekend will be July 23rd-25th at Camp Oyo. Plan on bringing a swimsuit and towel to Oyo. The activities team is planning on holding a water event after the Ordeal to help cool you down. You will also need a BSA medical form part A& B if you haven't turned in one this year yet. Please pay attention to the latest Council Covid protocols as these are constantly changing. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me (7@tecumseh65.org).

If you completed your Ordeal in 2020, you are eligible to earn your Brotherhood. Come back to one of three remaining Ordeal weekends and seal your membership in the OA. As part of the program, you will get to make your own totem, work with other members on your requirements and participate in your own service project. Best of all you will be able to talk and eat in the dining hall.

NOAC 2022 will be held July 25th – July 30th at the University of Tennessee. NOAC is guaranteed to be an exciting week. More information is available on the NOAC website (<https://oa-bsa.org/program/events/noac>). You can reserve your spot to go with a \$100 deposit. This can be made through our website. I hope to see you there!

In closing, we are off to a great start in 2021, and there is much to look forward to. We have three more Ordeals coming up and Fall fellowship. I look forward to seeing and talking with you at a future event!

The Gold Arrowman Award

We are excited to announce a new award that is being offered this year to all our members. The Gold Arrowman is an award designed to recognize members that are active in the Lodge and promote the OA in their units. This award is designed to be earned during the course of one calendar year. Recipients of this award will receive a unique lodge flap at our annual awards banquet. In order to receive the Gold Arrowman award you need to complete the five requirements listed below.

2021 Gold Arrowman Award:

Complete the following requirements:

- Attend one Training event (LLD or Forum)
- Do one of the Following:
 - For Ordeal candidates (new members who take their Ordeal in 2021), complete your Ordeal and Serve at one other Ordeal (Elangomat, Kitchen, Ritual, Chairman or Officer/Adviser)
 - For Ordeal members who took their Ordeal prior to 2021, earn Brotherhood and serve at one other Ordeal (Elangomat, Kitchen, Ritual, Chairman or Officer/Adviser)
 - For Brotherhood/Vigil Members – Serve at two Ordeals as an Elangomat, Kitchen help, Ritual team member, Lodge Committee/Chairman or as a Lodge Officer/Adviser
- Attend one Fellowship (Spring/Fall)
- Discuss Opportunities Within the Lodge with an Officer/Adviser
- Talk to your unit about the opportunities within the OA and encourage inactive members to attend a Lodge event

Re-Districting

Tecumseh Lodge Redistricting Impacts

As most of you know already Simon Kenton Council recently approved a proposal to reorganize districts and reduce the number from ten to four. This has far reaching impacts on Tecumseh Lodge within our Chapter structure. Currently each of the ten districts has a unique chapter assigned as is detailed within our Lodge bylaws. The Lodge has formed a redistricting committee to support this effort and ease the transition.

The committee has already met several times to discuss the impacts and plan for the necessary realignment. The plan is to create four new chapters, one for each the new districts moving forward. This will cause several issues including identifying chapter leadership, meeting times/locations, and chapter names. The youth in the Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) approved a proposal at the most recent meeting to create all new names and identities for the reformed chapters.

The Lodge realizes that there is significant historical significance attached to many of the current chapter names. This is a part of our proud history that will not be forgotten. We maintain a website that has much of our history, it can be reviewed at <http://history.tecumseh65.org/>. We are always looking for additional support to maintain and update our website. If you are interested, please reach out to us for more information.

Fall Fellowship will be critical to the redistricting effort and is October 8th – 10th at Camp Lazarus. At Fall Fellowship we will introduce chapter leadership, have our first new chapter meetings, elect officers and rename the chapters. It is critical that we get a large turnout and get everyone's input in this process. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Colin Kovichick (<mailto:4@Tecumseh65.org>) or Rob Fanska (<mailto:7@tecumseh65.org>)

Mystery

2021 Fall Fellowship

“Scouting's Biggest Mystery”

Come solve Scouting's Biggest Mystery at Camp Lazarus
On October 8-10, 2021

INCLUDING

Fingerprinting Merit Badge

Obstacle course

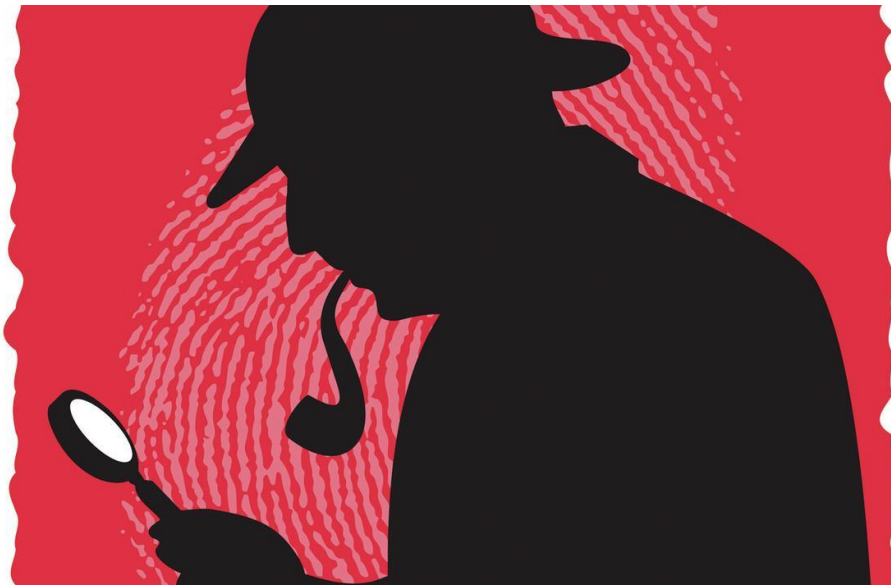
Shooting

Mystery Solving

Competitions

Teamwork activities

And a whole lot more!





FORUM – A Regional Training Event

November 5 – 7, 2021

Camp Lazarus

For many years now, the Sections of Area 4 have come together to host a first-class training experience. With the merger of Sections C4A and C4B a new opportunity arose. Partnering with Section C6B in Western Ohio, Section C4 builds on the legacy of ALTC with its training event, FORUM. Named for the famed Greek Forums of antiquity, this event will provide both training through demonstration and lecture along with a new focus on idea sharing and open discussion.

This will be a great weekend of great training, food and fun for anyone interested in the Order of the Arrow. Plan to join us this November 5-7, 2021 at Camp Lazarus for an exciting weekend of fun, learning and fellowship. Save the date and keep watching our lodge website for more details as they are available.

History Corner – Camp Ro-Fre-La

You may have never heard of Camp Ro-Fre-La, but there's a good chance you've camped there. That's because Ro-Fre-La (short for Rose and Fred Lazarus) is known today as Camp Lazarus. Camp Ro-Fre-La opened in 1925 and was operated by the Central Ohio Council. The first campers arrived on June 27 and the official dedication of the camp took place the next day. The camp was renamed to Camp Lazarus a few years later.

The first induction ceremony for Katinonkwat Lodge 93 took place at Camp Lazarus on July 24, 1936. The ceremony not only included Scouts who had been elected at summer camp that week, but also the members of the former Order of the White Swastika, the honor camper program used by Central Ohio Council before 1936 (and also used by Scioto Area Council at Camp Oyo).

Katinonkwat Lodge was officially chartered by the Order of the Arrow on August 5, 1936, making it the oldest of the lodges that merged to become Tecumseh Lodge, as well as the oldest OA lodge in Ohio.

For more lodge history, check out the lodge's history website at history.tecumseh65.org.



Chapters

CHIEF TARHE - Chief Tarhe District Cole James (Chief) (Adviser)
7:00 PM the second Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church in Lancaster Ohio.

KANIENGEHAGA - Licking District Adam Jones (Chief) Mat Stickle (Adviser)
7:00 PM the first and third Thursday of each month at The Works, 50 S 2nd St, Newark Ohio.
6/20 – Chapter meeting

KATINONKWAT - Tri-Creek District Paul Russell (Chief) Joe Shaluha (Adviser)
7:00 PM the first Wednesday of each month at Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church, 600 W Johnstown Rd,
Columbus, OH 43230

MAKA-INA - Chief Logan District James Wilt (Chief) Barb Wasmer (Adviser)
6:30 PM the first Tuesday of each month - Location varies - Contact your Chapter Chief or adviser.
Throughout the summer we will be helping at CLR Summer Camp

MALLSANNUK - Arrowhead District Reid Miller (Chief) Josh Stevens (Adviser)
6:00 PM the last Sunday of the month at Central College Presbyterian Church
6/27 – Chapter meeting, 7/25 – Chapter meeting

MWK'ALAAKWA - Darby Creek District Kyle Russell (Chief) John Trouten (Adviser)
7:00 PM the first Thursday of each month at the Plain City Presbyterian Church, 231 East Main Street, Plain
City, Ohio
7/8 – Chapter meeting

NEWA HANNA - Delaware District Jonathan White (Chief) Charles "Bill" Hammond (Adviser)
7:00 PM the 1st Thursday each month at the LDS Church in Powell, 450 N Liberty, Powell, Ohio

SHAWNEE - Tecumseh District Caleb Hammond (Chief) Jeff Frisby (Adviser)
Meets at Camp Oyo during the Tecumseh District roundtables.

TENDEUCHEN - Buckeye District Noah Johnson (Chief) Kurt Tekaucic (Adviser)
7:30 PM the first Thursday of every month from 7:30-8:30 pm at the Northwest Christian Church,
1340 Fishinger Rd., Upper Arlington, Ohio
*Tendeuchen Chapter has nothing new to report, we plan to attend all upcoming ordeals helping with
Elangomats, Ritual, etc. Until then we will be doing a shooting event at Lazarus June 3rd. There is no meeting
in July. Contact Noah if you have questions. Follow us on Instagram at Tenduchen_chapter.*

WESKI NIMAT - Ohio Valley District Charlie Johnson (Chief) James Finley (Adviser)
7:00 PM the 1st Thursday each month at the First Presbyterian Church, 4227 Broadway, Grove City
*In the month of May we have been working to help and promote the Section and Lodge. We have been
promoting conclave and trying to get more people to go there and boost up representation for both our
chapter and the lodge. We have also been promoting the last Ordeal that was held at Chief Logan Reservation
and that the troops should go there and that the ordeals should take their brotherhood. With this happening
we have had more representation of the chapter at these events and we will continue to promote lodge events
and encourage more active Arrowman promote these events. With this we hope to see more people show up
to chapter meetings and have more representation in the lodge.*



Get Ready for the 2022 National Order of the Arrow Conference! University of Tennessee, July 25th – 30th, 2022

NOAC is a national gathering of Arrowmen from nearly every Lodge in the nation. Once every couple of years, we get together for six days of fun, adventure, and learning. If you choose to go, you will find a large selection of activities ranging from Native American dancing and regalia to scuba and snorkeling. The best thing is YOU get to choose what you want to do and when you do it. Some of the great activities at NOAC include:

- Live stage shows
- Hundreds of training sessions on leadership at all levels in Scouting, Native American interests, performing ceremonies, high adventure activities, conservation, and much more
- Meet the Man events with the OA national officers, national committee, and others
- Adventure Central, with dozens of outdoor ideas and challenges (plus free swag!)
- Individual and team athletic competitions against other lodges from across the nation
- Ceremony competitions
- Patch trading, patch trading, and more patch trading
- Native American dancing and drumming competitions
- The OA Museum
- Founders Day, where lodges from all over set up games and displays of their local highlights
- And tons more!

While at NOAC, you'll be staying in the university dorms, sleeping on real beds and using real indoor restrooms and showers. Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner will be served in the university cafeterias where they do the cooking and the cleaning – all you have to do is return your tray.

The cost this year will be \$650.00, which includes your National NOAC fees, exclusive Tecumseh Lodge NOAC shirts, special NOAC Lodge flaps, a pizza party during our trip, transportation there and back again, and more. Additional Lodge flaps are available at a reduced cost for Lodge contingent members, so you can join in with the patch trading which will be abundant at the event.

We need to place our reservation with the national office in October, and that means we need you to sign up now! A \$100 deposit paid by October 1st will hold your spot – the rest of the money won't be due until December, 2021. After that the price increases by \$50.00 to \$700.00. Register on the Tecumseh Lodge website, and get ready for the experience of a lifetime.

Sign up today at tecumseh65.org

Have You Paid 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 in 2020, your Ordeal fees included your dues through the end of that calendar year. 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.

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