



Tecumseh Speaks

A newsletter of Tecumseh Lodge, Order of the Arrow
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Camp Lazarus, September 10 – 12, 2021

After successful events at our first three Ordeal / Brotherhood weekends, we are ready for our last Ordeal / Brotherhood weekend for 2021 at Camp Lazarus. We invite you to come out to our busiest Ordeal, at the Council's busiest camp to help us provide a memorable event for all our Candidates.

If you are a new Ordeal member who took their Ordeal in 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 by September 6, 2021, we will give you a \$5.00 discount making it just \$15.00 for the weekend.

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 excited to be over halfway through our ordeal season this year. Thus far the season has been going extremely well. We have seen pretty good numbers at our Fellowship and Ordeals, welcoming new brothers into our organization. That said we still have several events left for you this year including a final upcoming ordeal. This upcoming ordeal at Camp Lazarus will need your help because of the increased attendance. There are many places to become plugged in and find some new friends in. Following the Camp Lazarus ordeal, we will be hosting Scouting's Biggest Mystery at Camp Lazarus in October, during our year ending Fall Fellowship. The fellowship will not only be loads of fun with our events, but will also be very important because of the new chapters. If you have not heard our chapters have now condensed into four, and at the fall fellowship we will be picking new names and leaders for each chapter putting a mark onto our Lodge's history. In light of how influential the next few events will be I hope to see you there.

At the beginning of August, the Lodge Advisor and I had the opportunity to travel to Philmont for the National Council of Chiefs (NOCC). At this event we both had a blast with not only fun activities but a slew of training sessions. At the NCOC we spent a lot of time going over a variety of things like preparing for mergers, thinking about how to plan events differently, the Magellan project, BSA financing, integrating a new generation of scouts, and lots of great ideas and general networking from other lodges and national leadership. After the event we immediately started to implement some of the ideas picked up from the NCOC, with many more changes on the horizon. Feel free to ask me about the National Council of Chiefs at our next weekend! I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our next event and can't wait for the fellowship with our new brothers.

Advice

By Rob Fanska, Tecumseh Lodge Adviser

I would like to start off by congratulating our new brothers. During the Falling Rock ordeal we had 32 candidates complete their Ordeal and eight others earn their Brotherhood. Those that attended also had a great time on Saturday evening with the Fellowship activities.

Our final Ordeal/Brotherhood weekend of the year is quickly approaching on September 10th at Camp Lazarus. We will need many people to assist with service projects, leading candidates, and volunteering in the kitchen in order to run a successful event. Also, if you completed your Ordeal in 2020, you are eligible to earn your Brotherhood. Registration is now open, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Fall Fellowship is scheduled for October 8th – 10th at Camp Lazarus. It is important that we get as many attendees at fall fellowship as possible. In addition to Lodge officer elections, we will have joint meetings of the new chapters. At these meetings the new chapter names will be selected. Come attend and be a part of writing the next chapter in the history of Tecumseh Lodge.

If you are interested in running for a Lodge officer position in 2022 you will need to fill out a Lodge Officer agreement form. These forms can be picked up from me or printed off of our Lodge website. A completed Lodge Officer Agreement is required in order to run for an office in 2022.

Finally, National Order of the Arrow Conference is coming next summer. NOAC 2022 will be held July 25th – 30th, 2022 at the University of Tennessee. NOAC is guaranteed to be a great time for all attendees. Registration is open and we have room to add more participants. See our webpage for additional details.

In closing, we have several exciting events and initiatives coming up in the Lodge. Stay safe and healthy and I look forward to seeing 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, get them initialed, then sign and turn in the form.

Complete all five of the following requirements:

_____ 1. Attend one Training event (LLD or Forum)

_____ 2. Do one of the Following:

_____ A. 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)

_____ B. 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)

_____ C. 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

_____ 3. Attend one Fellowship (Spring/Fall)

_____ 4. Discuss Opportunities Within the Lodge with an Officer/Adviser

_____ 5. Talk to your unit about the opportunities within the OA and encourage inactive members to attend a Lodge event

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

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**

Fingerprinting Merit Badge

Obstacle course

Shooting

Mystery Solving

Competitions

Teamwork activities

And a whole lot more!

INCLUDING



This October 8-10th come join us at Camp Lazarus to help us solve Scouting’s Biggest Mystery during this year's Fall Fellowship. You will be able to solve the big mystery by completing an obstacle course, rifle shooting, team building activities, and so much more! The cost for this full weekend of fun and fellowship is only \$25, but if you register on-line by Sunday, October 3rd, you will receive a \$5.00 discount making the cost just \$20.00. And remember, if you are a new member who took your Ordeal this year (2021), this event will be free for you.

As well, come get your voice heard as we will also be holding Officer elections for 2022. All youth members will have a vote. Finally, with the redistricting of Simon Kenton Council, we will also be creating completely new chapters for our Lodge. Come be a part of Tecumseh Lodge history and help us name our four new chapters. We can't wait to see you there!



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 – Camps

There have been a dozen or more camps related to Tecumseh Lodge and its predecessors, we are hoping to gather all the information we can on them. This is just a partial list and we are working on a more complete one, so if you know of other camps that have been involved with our lodge or the Lodges we have merged with, contact Aaron Wyckoff and let him know.

- Burroughs
- Ro-Fre-La / Lazarus
- Oyo
- Mingo
- Ophir Falls
- Falling Rock
- Chief Logan Scout Reservation
- Greenhills / LeVeque Scout Reservation
 - Buckeye
 - Longhorn
- Otter Run
- Madison Lake
- Rad-a-wood

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



Chapters

By Colin Kovinchick, Vice Chief of Chapters

Next month, there will be changes coming to the way chapters are going to be working in our lodge. As you may already know there are four new districts in the Simon Kenton Council North, South, East, and West. This means that Tecumseh Lodge must follow suit with these changes. With that, the LEC has decided to scrap the current chapter names and have the four new chapters decide on all new names and leadership. If you would like to be a part of history and help decide the new names for the chapters, please come to the fall fellowship at Camp Lazarus, October 8-10. I hope to see a big turnout and can't wait to see what everybody comes up with!

Current 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 Stickles (Adviser)

7:00 PM the first and third Thursday of each month at The Works, 50 S 2nd St, Newark Ohio.

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.

MALLSANNUK - Arrowhead District Reid Miller (Chief) Josh Stevens (Adviser)

6:00 PM the last Sunday of the month at Central College Presbyterian Church

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

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

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



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