

Readers,

Welcome to the first Tecumseh Speaks newsletter of the year 2022! Enjoy reading the impressive line-up of articles written by our Lodge Leadership. *(You might also want to keep an eye out for something special from the trading post.)*

If anyone has any recommendations for the articles or anything else to include in the newsletter, or would like to write an article, please contact me at 5@tecumseh65.org.

Looking forward to seeing you at LLD,

Cynthia Stevens, 2022 Tecumseh Lodge Secretary

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2022 Lodge Calendar

January 29	Lodge Leadership Development, Council Office
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April 1 - 3	Spring Fellowship, Camp Lazarus
April 29 - May 1	Thunderbase, Ross County Fairgrounds
May 20 - 22	Section E13 Conclave, Fort Steuben Scout Reservation
June 3 - 5	Ordeal / Brotherhood, Camp Falling Rock
July 15 - 17	Ordeal / Brotherhood, Camp Lazarus
July 25 - 30	NOAC, University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN
August 19 - 21	Ordeal / Brotherhood, Camp Oyo
September 16 - 18	Ordeal / Brotherhood, Camp Lazarus
October 7 - 9	Fall Fellowship, Camp Falling Rock



TECUMSEH LODGE
ORDER OF THE ARROW



Chiefly Speaking

Arrowmen of Tecumseh Lodge #65,

I hope you all have been doing well. After a great 2021, I am very excited to see what 2022 has to offer. The 2022 officers and I have been working hard to prepare for this year and help improve the Lodge. We have many different new ideas to implement to help push us further in the right direction.

Our Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) is coming up quickly, on January 29th at the Council Office, starting at 8:00 am. LLD is a great opportunity for all of us to learn, lead, and gain a better understanding of our Order. And all of this comes at no cost, the event is free. Afterward, there will be a Lodge Executive Meeting (LEC) and NOAC Contingent Meeting. Registration can be found on the Tecumseh Lodge Website and the Simon Kenton Council Website.

Later on, after LLD we will be having our annual Lodge Banquet, still at the Council Office and starting at 6:00 pm. We will all be having a nice meal and fellowship with our fellow Arrowmen. After we eat we will be moving on to award recognitions. This event cost only \$20 and please sign up ahead of time to reserve your spot.

As your 2022 Lodge Chief, I am thrilled to see how this year will go. I have faith in all of us to make this year amazing. I hope to see you at all of the events this year, and I hope you all have a great 2022.

Yours in WWW,

Jon Santini III

2022 Tecumseh Lodge Chief



Adviser's Talk

My Brothers,

I hope this message finds you doing well. 2021 was a successful year for the Lodge. We were able to return to a normal schedule and the Lodge achieved a rating of Thriving from the National Organization. This is a testament to the hard work of the Officers and the Advisers in 2021. Please be sure to thank them the next time you see them for a job well done!

The 2022 Lodge officers have been had at work planning the Lodge Leadership and Development (LLD). It is fast approaching on January 29 at the Council Office. This is your opportunity to see what the officers have planned for the upcoming year and receive training on select topics. There is no cost for the event, but we ask you sign up ahead of time so we know how much food to prepare. There will also be a NOAC contingent meeting during lunch. You can sign up today on the website

The annual Lodge Banquet and Award Recognition is scheduled for January 29th at 6pm at the Council office. The cost for dinner is \$20 and the dinner will be catered. Please sign up ahead of time to reserve your space. Immediately following dinner will be our awards reception. We will be recognizing our inaugural class of Gold Arrowmen and thanking those that helped to make the Lodge successful in 2021.

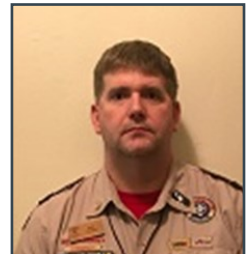
Finally, National Order of the Arrow Conference is coming this summer. NOAC 2022 will be held July 25th – 30th 2022 at the University of Tennessee. NOAC is guaranteed to be a great time for all attendees. Registration is open and we have room to add more participants. See our webpage for additional details. Limited scholarships are available for NOAC, please see me for more details if you are interested in going or require financial assistance.

In closing, 2021 was a successful year and I am excited about the direction of the Lodge in 2022. Stay safe and healthy and I look forward to seeing you at a future event!

Yours In Service,

Robert Fanska

2022 Tecumseh Lodge Adviser



Upcoming Events

Lodge Leadership Development

9:00 AM, January 29, 2022

Simon Kenton Council Service Center
801 Kinnear Rd, Columbus, Ohio 43212

LLD is the Lodge annual training session for Lodge and Chapter Officers as well as anyone who wants to learn more about the OA and our Lodge. Here you will learn everything on how the Lodge operates and what it takes to have a successful Chapter. We highly recommend this day of training for all OA Members, especially members who want to be a Chapter or Lodge Officer and OA Troop Reps. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Registration and a light breakfast begin at 8:00 AM at the Simon Kenton Council Service Center and a lunch will be served mid-day. There will also be a NOAC contingent meeting after lunch. A Lodge Executive Committee meeting will immediately follow the training session. This is a free event and all who are interested may attend. We hope to see you there.

[Register Here](#)

Lodge Winter Awards Banquet

6:00 PM, January 29, 2022

Simon Kenton Council Service Center
801 Kinnear Rd, Columbus, Ohio 43212

Tecumseh Lodge will hold our annual Winter Awards Banquet at the Simon Kenton Council Service Center this year. We invite you to come out for an evening of Fellowship, a chance to meet your 2022 Officers and Advisers, to recognize the 2021 Gold Arrowmen, and to help us honor those who have served our Lodge in 2021. We will begin gathering at about 5:00 PM with the Banquet beginning at about 6:00 PM. The awards presentations will follow the meal. The cost for this evening will be \$20.00, and we do ask that you pre-register since this event will be catered and we need to let them know how many will be coming.

[Register Here](#)





Spring Fellowship CAMP Falling Rock April 1-3, 2022

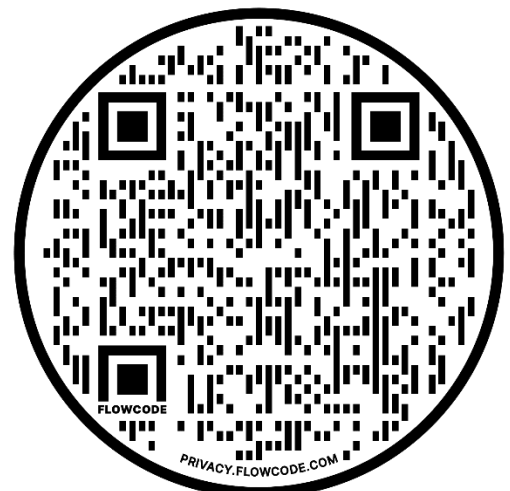
Team Based competitions including:

- Lashing Relays
- Fire Relays
- Red Light, Green Light

Members of the winning team
will be taking home a prize!

**\$2 Off of OA Patches
and Apparel!**

(Not redeemable on food items)
To redeem bring printed coupon
to the 2022 Spring Fellowship
Limit: one coupon per OA member





Get Ready for the 2022 National Order of the Arrow Conference!

University of Tennessee, July 25th – 30th, 2022

NOAC is a national gathering of around 8,000 to 10,000 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.

Registration is open and you can attend for \$700, 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. Limited scholarships are available for those that need them. 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.

Register on the Tecumseh Lodge website and get ready for the experience of a lifetime.

Sign up today at tecumseh65.org



History Corner

The National Order of the Arrow Conference

By Aaron Wyckoff

The first National Order of the Arrow Conference, or NOAC, was held in 1948 at the University of Indiana in Bloomington. The event was officially called the 15th National Meeting, and was only later called the first NOAC when that name was adopted for future national gatherings. Before that time, the national meetings were intended only for lodge and national leaders. The 1948 NOAC was the first time that Arrowmen of all levels from across the nation came together. Since then, NOAC has been held every two to three years, always on a university campus.



1948 NOAC Staff Patch

The OA's founder, E. Urner Goodman, gave the opening keynote address in 1948. A little more than 1,100 delegates from 146 different lodges attended, out of the 362 lodges in existence at that time, and it was announced that the Order of the Arrow was now an official program of the BSA. Also for the first time, the OA Distinguished Service Award was presented to those who had provided outstanding support of the OA at the national level.

NOAC has grown tremendously since 1948. Within a few years, the event averaged 3,000 to 4,000 delegates, and reached almost 7,000 in 1990 for the OA's 75th anniversary. The 2015 NOAC, celebrating 100 years of the Order of the Arrow, far exceeded everyone's expectations by topping 14,000 participants, and thousands more had to be turned away because there just wasn't room. Unfortunately, the 2020 NOAC also set a record – it was the first NOAC ever to be cancelled due to growing health concerns.

This July, the National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held for the 34th time, and it will be another groundbreaking event. For the first time in NOAC history there will be female youth participants, in addition to all of the incredible training, events, shows, swag, patch trading, and fellowship that have been a part of every NOAC since the beginning. There is still time to sign up – talk to a Lodge officer or Adviser today to learn more.

Elections

by Reid Miller, 2022 Tecumseh Lodge Vice Chief of Chapters

The 2022 Order of the Arrow Election Season is underway! Encourage your Troop/Crew/Ship to have the OA visit and host their election! We have over 40 units that our Chapters need to contact and visit. Help us and reach out to each Chapter's Leadership for information on how to assist the efforts to visit all the Units! Unit Order of the Arrow elections need to be completed by the end of February and all elected Scouts, and nominated adults, need to be entered into the spreadsheets for your Chapter and turned in along with the other documentation.

As the election season continues, please reach out if your Chapter needs Lodge assistance. Also, make sure to attend the LEC event on January 29th for further election details and election training. Remember to have a successful Order of the Arrow election, each Unit needs to make an Election Night Reservation, so please encourage Units to NOT WAIT until the last minute to hold their elections.

For questions, comments, suggestions, or concerns regarding the Order of the Arrow elections, reach out to me, Reid Miller, at 4@tecumseh65.org or your Chapter Chief.

HELP WANTED

Ritual Team

For the new ritual team and set up of the ordeal teams, we need a lot of interested people. This is a combined effort among the lodge, and with the new system we're implementing in ritual we can have people with varying levels of interest and experience. For dates, we are considering the first Saturday of the month beginning in March. This is dependent on the availability of participants and could change, but based on schedules currently this is the best way to have 2 practices previous to the beginning of the season and also during the ordeal season. Thank you, feel free to ask me any questions through my email on the lodge website, or ask me in person at our LLD.



2021 Lazarus Ordeal Ritual Team

By Tyler McArthur, 2022 Tecumseh Lodge Vice Chief of Administration
Contact: 2@tecumseh65.org



Lodge Committees

What is a Lodge Committee?

A Lodge Committee is a group of Arrowmen given responsibility for a specific task within the Lodge. Committees are run by Committee Chairmen, who report to the Lodge Officer their committee is under. Committees are a great way to learn about and get more involved in the Lodge.

Who can join?

Anyone who is a registered OA member can be part of a committee, including both youth and adults. Members also range from new Ordeal members to seasoned Vigil members.

How can I join?

There are multiple different ways to join a committee. The easiest way is to talk to or email a Lodge Officer or the Committee Chair. An alternative is to fill out this [Committee Interest Form](#) or find it on tecumseh65.org

Committee Descriptions

Lodge Chief

Honors - The Honors Committee is responsible for electing new Vigil Honor Candidates and helping with the induction process.

Health and Safety - The Health and Safety Committee is responsible for providing safety guidance for activities, making sure first aid kits are restocked for ordeals, helping the health officer at each event collect and process med forms, and informing everyone of who and where to go for first aid and emergencies.

Vice Chief of Administration

Elangomat - The Elangomat Chairman is responsible for the creation of an elangomat team and the utilization of the people within the team they create. The chairman is also responsible for the organization of elangomats and maintaining the use of elangomats throughout the entirety of the service hours. In addition to application skills, the chairman is responsible for recruitment and maintaining a consistent number of elangomats.

Brotherhood - The Brotherhood Chairmen is responsible for the development of a smooth and efficient Brotherhood experience that makes people enjoy and want to continue in the OA, while also assisting in other activities pertaining to ordeals and fellowships.

Ritual - The Ritual Chairman is responsible for the creation of the ritual team and leaders that will help create the new ritual hierarchy system. Ritual Chairman is a position designed to give advice, share experience, and delegate the different responsibilities held by other members on all of the ritual teams. Overall, the chairman's largest and main focus is on developing a skilled and capable ritual team for all 3 ceremony blocks; Pre-ordeal, Ordeal, and Brotherhood.



Vice Chief of Activities

Food Service - The Food Services Chairman is responsible for ensuring that food is prepared and ready to go and that there is youth assistance in the kitchen on all of our events.

Fellowships - The Fellowships Chairman works on the two large fellowships in order to ensure a fun and engaging opportunity for the Arrowmen. This position works closely with the Vice Chief of Activities in ensuring the preparation of all of the events including the activities at the end of the ordeals.

NOAC (Ad Hoc) - The NOAC Chairman is the go-to youth on the planning and execution of the trip to NOAC.

Dance Team (Ad Hoc) - The Dance Team Chairman is the focal point of the dance team and helps to make sure that we have a team of dancers everywhere that it is needed.

Vice Chief of Chapters

Membership - The Membership Committee supports the Chapters' efforts to maintain and increase Arrowman membership. The Membership Committee helps the Chapters plan events and maintain Arrowman involvement within the Chapters. The Membership Committee is in direct communication with each Chapter Secretary for Chapter attendance and for assistance with event planning and guided information.

Elections/Visitation - The Elections/Visitation Committee supports the Chapters and the Lodge by performing the Unit elections to induct OA Candidates. The Elections/Visitation Committee attends each Unit's Order of the Arrow election during the beginning of each year and performs the informational session prior to their Unit Election. During the rest of the year, the Elections/Visitation Committee will attend Unit meetings to continue to provide the Units with OA information, OA event happenings, and keeping the OA front and center with each Unit.

Secretary

Communication - The Communication Committee handles all of the Lodge communications, including the newsletter, social media, website, emails, and anything else the gets information out to the Lodge.

Registration - The Registration Committee checks in attendees to events. During Ordeals, the committee supplies the Ordeal candidate attendance sheet and also play a role in correcting personal contact information for members.

Historian (Ad Hoc) - The Historian Committee records events that have happened in the Lodge in the past as well as the present. The committee develops the Lodge History website, collects historical objects, documents events through pictures and recaps, and creates an end-of-year yearbook summarizing what happened in the Lodge in that year.

Treasurer

Budgets - The Budgets Committee oversees the budgets and informs the lodge leadership team on the budget breakdown for each event. At the end of the event, the committee tracks and reports the actual amounts spent and the committee's effect on the overall budget. The committee also keeps track of the budgets and spending of each Chapter from a Lodge perspective.

Trading Post - The Trading Post Committee makes sure at least one member of the committee is available to help set up, run and tear down the trading post. The trading post is open around meal times and free time at every Lodge event. The committee also helps design new patches and the trading post coupons for the newsletter.



Chapter Updates



Kìshahtèk

Chapter Chief: James Reynolds | c1@tecumseh65.org

Chapter Adviser: John Trouten | c2@tecumseh65.org

After the 2020 chapter merger, Delaware, Darby Creek, and Arrowhead districts have merged to create the new Chapter Kìshahtèk, which translates to Northern Lights! We conducted our Chapter elections at the Fall Fellowship and elected a new Chapter Chief James Reynolds, Vice Chief Schuyler Wavrek, and Secretary Jack Shepard. Along with our new youth leadership, we have a new Chapter Adviser John Trouten.

We meet at Camp Lazarus on the first Sunday of every month at 2:00 pm where we conduct our business and have a little fellowship during our meeting.

We are currently in the process of conducting our Chapter elections and have had success so far getting a lot of candidates elected. We have almost all of our troops scheduled for elections and are looking forward to seeing all the new candidates get into the lodge and into our Chapter! If you have any questions feel free to reach out to our leadership or to a meeting!

Kittan Wewoapisak

Chapter Chief: Caleb Hammond | c3@tecumseh65.org

Vice Chief of Administration: Gary Jenkins

Vice Chief of Program: Alden Fredrick

Communications Coordinator: Zach Daft

Chapter Adviser: Barb Wasmer | c4@tecumseh65.org

The Kittan Wewoapisak Chapter most recently met at the Pike County YMCA on Sunday, December 12th, 2021 for a pool party/ planning meeting and gift exchange. The meeting consisted of the election of vice chiefs for the year as well as much discussion regarding the ongoing activities of our new larger Chapter. Unit OA Elections should be completed by February 28th. If your unit has not been contacted regarding elections, please contact Caleb Hammond, Gary Jenkins, or Barb Wasmer (740-352-6221) as soon as possible. Many Chapter related events are upcoming, including Thunderbase with a Chapter display and call outs!

We hope to see a large attendance at our next meeting, which will be held at 3pm on Sunday, February 27th, 2022 at Grace United Methodist Church in Waverly.

Ahsënike

Chapter Chief: Isabelle Stowe | c5@tecumseh65.org

Chapter Adviser: Mat Stickles | c6@tecumseh65.org

We meet at 7:30 pm on the third Thursday of every month at 50 S 2nd St, Newark, OH 43055 in downtown Newark, we also have a zoom meeting at the same time for those unable to attend. If you would like the zoom link, please email Mat Stickles.

The Chapter Chief is Isabelle Stowe, the Chapter Vice-Chief is Adam Jones, and the Chapter Secretary is Jacob Hinger. Mat Stickles is the Chapter Adviser, the Assistant Adviser is Daniel Pargeon. At the time of writing, we are preparing for the Klondike Derby that we are running for the Daybreak District. This event is open to all units and is shaping up to be the biggest one of the Ahsënike Chapter. After Klondike is finished, we are going to start planning activities for the Chapter that will occur later in the year; if you would like a say in the upcoming events, you can give your input at a meeting.

We will be performing a call-out ceremony on April 29th at Thunderbase. We will need Chapter members to make it a good call-out ceremony. We will also need members to help with the Chapter display at the event.

Pilsit Alunsa

Chapter Chief: Charlie Johnson | c7@tecumseh65.org

Chapter Adviser: James Finley | c8@tecumseh65.org

Since our Chapter was formed, we have already held a fellowship. The fellowship was on January 14th through the 16th at the Exchange Lodge in Camp Lazarus. During this event, we got to know our Chapter better by having watched movies, played video games and board games, and worked on service projects for the camp. After the weekend, we are more familiar with our Chapter and able to work better together. Our Chapter Leadership includes Charlie Johnson as Chapter Chief, Elle Harrold as Vice Chief, and Christian Uhrig as Chapter Secretary.

If you are interested in going to Chapter meetings, they take place on the first Thursday of every month at the Simon Kenton Council Office at 7 pm. We will talk about upcoming events with the Order of the Arrow and other events that we can do as a Chapter.

2021 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, 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: _____

Have You Paid Your 2022 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 2021, 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 2022).



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 2022 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.

2022 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 2021 dues may renew by paying \$15.00.
- Tecumseh Lodge members who are not current with their 2021 dues may reinstate their membership by paying \$20.00