



Readers,

Welcome to Tecumseh Speaks Issue #2 of 2022! This newsletter has a lot of information on upcoming events and volunteer/committee opportunities.

In addition, I have a challenge for you! While you read, look closely for this panther picture somewhere in the paper. It will be hiding in plain sight!

Yours in WWW,

Cynthia Stevens, 2022 Tecumseh Lodge Secretary



NOTICE—The July Ordeal change from July 15-17 to July 8-10. Mark your calendars!

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 8 - 10	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

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Chiefly Speaking

Arrowmen of Tecumseh Lodge #65,

I hope you all have been well. The last time we saw each other was at our Lodge Leadership Development and Banquet, where we had many Arrowmen attend with great training and fellowship. Also, all of our chairman for 2022 were approved and I am very excited to see what they all have to offer.



The Leadership Team is hard at work planning an excellent Spring Fellowship for all of you. The 2022 Spring Fellowship is themed after the hit reality show Survivor. We will be having plenty of fun games and events for everyone to participate. All of this fun and fellowship will be happening at Camp Lazarus on April 1st through 3rd. I hope to see you all there!

Later in April, we have Thunderbase. This electric event will be taking place from April 29th to May 1st at the Ross County Fairgrounds. Thunderbase is an event for all Scouts of all ages. The Lodge will be participating with their own building of fun with 9 Square in the Air, parachute games, Chapter information stands, and the trading post with some interesting new patches. Each Chapter will also be performing a call-out ceremony on Friday night. With all of this going on, I am asking for your help with running our festivities. There will be a volunteer sign-up sheet coming out soon. Thunderbase is going to be amazing and I would love to see you all.

Beyond the Lodge, the Section Conclave will be on May 20-22 at Fort Steuben Scout Reservation. And be prepared to bring your "YEEHAW!" for an excellent Wild West themed Conclave. If you are interested in helping out with parts of Conclave go to this [Committee Interest Form](#). There are so many opportunities at Conclave you won't be able to complete them all, so go and do as many as you can.

As the Leadership Team continues, we will be further planning all of our Ordeals for this year. The first of which is on June 3-5 at Camp Falling Rock. The Lodge Executive Committee is planning a lot of new things for the Lodge this year, so stay tuned. This year is looking to be a great year for Tecumseh Lodge. I hope to see you all. Continue having 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. The LLD and awards banquet were held January 29th at the Simon Kenton Council office. Many awards and recognitions from the past year were passed out including our inaugural group of Gold Arrowmen Award recipients. I would like to personally congratulate Cory Falke and Jon Santini Jr as recipients of the Founders award for 2021. Thank them for their hard work and dedication to the Lodge the next time you see them.

Our next scheduled event is Spring Fellowship on April 1st -3rd at Camp Lazarus. The theme for the event is Survivor. The activities team is hard at work planning what is looking to be a fun event filled with excellent activities. Check out the flyer contained in the newsletter for activity details. Registration is now open online, so make sure to register early to avoid the late fee.

Thunderbase 2022 is scheduled for April 29th – May 1st at the Ross County Fairgrounds. We will need volunteers to make this event a success. Each Chapter will be performing a call out ceremony Friday night, afterwards there will be a new member meeting and OA social. Saturday during the day we will be running games, trading post and Chapter booths in the show arena. We will need volunteers to staff these areas. Please contact your Chapter team about helping with the call out ceremony. There will be a sign-up sheet available at Spring fellowship for all the program areas. Thank you in advance for helping to make this event a success.

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, we are at the beginning of another great year filled with great events. I am excited to see what we accomplish this year. Remember to stay safe and healthy and I look forward to seeing you at a future event!

Yours In Service,
Robert Fanska



Event Recaps

Lodge Leadership Development

Jon Santini III | 2022 Tecumseh Lodge Chief

Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) was amazing this year. Held on January 29th at the council office, we had many Arrowmen attend. With the 68 Arrowmen, we went through numerous trainings about the Lodge leadership, rituals, euchre, elections, patches, and even played a fun game. This was one of the most attended LLD in many years and was greatly successful. During lunch of LLD, a NOAC contingent meeting was held where we discussed and chose the designs for our t-shirts and patches. We also held our first Lodge Executive Committee meeting of 2022. Many decisions were made and this year is looking to be a great one. For all of you who did not attend I highly recommend you come to the next one.



Shaun and Noah's Absolutely Extraordinarily Spectacular Jeopardy game!

Lodge Banquet

Jon Santini III | 2022 Tecumseh Lodge Chief



Can you see yourself?

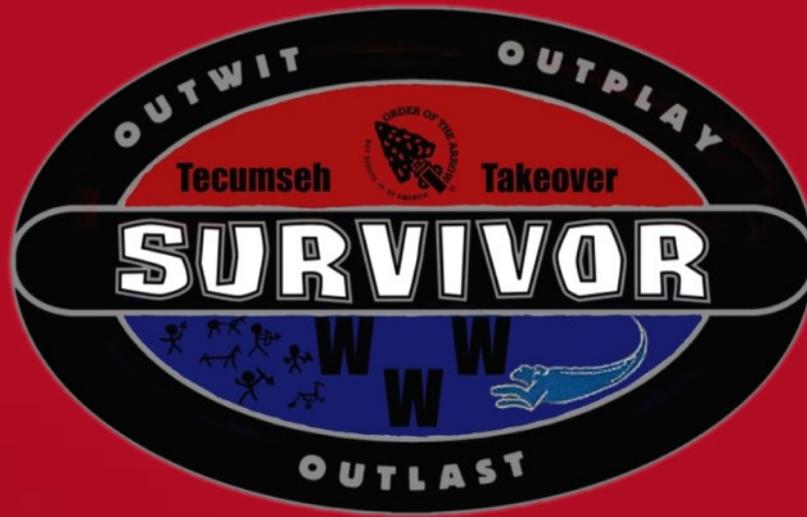
Following LLD we had our annual Lodge Banquet, where 85 Arrowmen gathered to enjoy a nice City Barbeque meal and to recognize members of our Lodge. Notably, six members were called out to receive the Vigil Honor; Adam Jones, Tyler McArthur, Reid Miller, Charlie Johnson, Mike Jones, and Tony Kovinchick. Also, two members were awarded the Founder's Award, Cory Falke and Jon Santini Jr. Please congratulate these individuals. The Lodge Banquet is such a fun time and I hope you all can join us for the next one.

Elections

Reid Miller | 2022 Tecumseh Lodge Vice Chief of Chapters

The 2022 Order of the Arrow Election Season is complete! We had great numbers this year! More details to come! If your Troop/Crew/Ship still needs to have the OA visit and host their election, please reach out to me or your Chapter Chiefs! 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 soon 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.

Thank you so much for an amazing election season!



Spring Fellowship

Camp Lazarus

April 1-3, 2022

Team Based competitions including:

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

Members of the winning team will be taking a 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



Warrior Challenge

Shooting Sports



Highland Games

Fireworks & More!

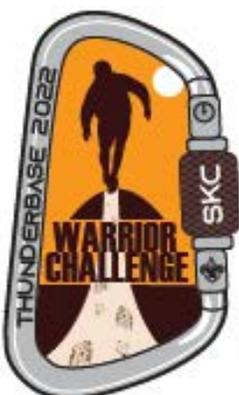
When: April 29, 2022 – May 1, 2022

Where: Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Rd,
Chillicothe, OH 45601

Cost*: Early Discount - \$40 (Ends October 31, 2021)

Regular - \$45 (Starts November 1, 2021)

Activities: BMX Fun Run, Warrior Challenge, 2K/4K, Interfaith Service, and a Service Project to help eliminate world hunger



Want to volunteer? Contact Tom Ross!

Phone: (614)296-0030 Email: Lross@ameritech.net

Scan to register today!



*Cost includes two nights of camping, electric and water at campsites, neckerchief, and "The Final Chapter" participant patch.



Check Out This
Refreshing New
NOAC Fundraiser!

 Only
\$10!



Purchase your set
at Thunderbase

April 29th - May 1st 2022



Conclave2022

Wild Wild West

May 20th-22nd

Fort Steuben Scout Reservation

79601 Simpson Rd, Tippecanoe, OH 44699

Conclave is the largest gathering of lodges throughout Section E-13, Order of the Arrow. At Conclave, all 8 of our lodges will arrive to engage in all aspects of program that an Arrowman would want. We have Inductions and Ceremonial Evaluations (ICE), engaging and interactive shows, fun program and other activities, tailored trainings including a National Officer Keynote, networking and fellowship, and of course patch trading! At this event, we want to provide every Arrowman the opportunity to take something away; either if its fun, better knowledge, or just a nice weekend getaway. Among all of these promises, we will celebrate our organizations mission and purpose and the traditions it has. — Section E13, Order of the Arrow

Want more information? Go to conclave.oa-e13.org.

HELP WANTED

Thunderbase

Come join Tecumseh Lodge at Thunderbase 2022! We will have an OA booth during program time with the Lodge Trading Post, activities like 9 square and parachute games, and Chapter information tables. To make this possible, we need volunteers!

Please sign up for a job on [this spreadsheet](#) or at Spring Fellowship. We need at least one person working each station, but two is preferred. If your troop is not attending Thunderbase and you would still like to volunteer, you can register as a volunteer when you sign up!

LINK: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Cu9lIBelnxtSx4139hxAhFVJXfN8OrnQiOJfn_m58Nw/edit?usp=sharing

Section E13 Conclave

Section E13 needs people on committees to plan Conclave! If you are interested in helping with the Conclave shows, trainings, newsletter, midway, or many other committees, [sign up here](#).

LINK: <https://forms.gle/JCkd1DGWxJdLHEWr5>

NOAC - ARC Committee

Matthew Evans | 2022 Tecumseh Lodge Communications Chair

The Activities, Recreation, and Competitions Committee does exactly what it sounds like it does; it is in charge of all of the Activities, Recreation, and Competitions for NOAC. From game shows to video games to ultimate frisbee, ARC does just about all of the fun stuff you can think of for NOAC. The committee is looking for people of all calibers and all backgrounds, so if you just got inducted or are your Lodge Chief or anywhere in between, ARC has a place for you. If one of the committees in specific sounds interesting to you, email the subcommittee leader directly; if you're unsure, feel free to contact our Committee Vice Chief or our Chief of Staff and they'll find somewhere for you.

Lodge Membership Information Form

As we grow as a Lodge and gain members, we want to make sure we have all of the correct information for each Arrowman. There have been instances when the Lodge was not able to contact and Arrowman because their information was not correct in our records. Please fill out [this form](#) to help us with this endeavor!

LINK: <https://forms.gle/ZdhjyT33povRX6RZ8>

*The Activities, Recreation, and Competitions (ARC)
Committee invites you to join us at...*



NOAC 2022

July 25-30, 2022

University of Tennessee

Knoxville, TN

Staff Cost: \$625

What does ARC do?

Here is a small sampling of what we will be offering at NOAC 2022!

Activities:

Escape Rooms
Shark Tank
Game Shows
NOAC Has Talent
Lip Sync Battle
Yard Games

Recreation:

5K
Swimming
Triathlon
Golf
Patch Trading
Video Games

Competitions:

Flag Football
Ultimate Frisbee
Gaga Ball
Basketball
Mascot Mayhem
OA Jeopardy

Interested in learning more?

Contact us!

ARC CVC: Danny Miller - danmilleroa@gmail.com

Activities Lead: Hugh Drinkwitz - paratus34251@gmail.com

Recreation Lead: Silas Cochran - silascochran01@gmail.com

Competitions Lead: Evan Richwalsky - erichwalsky@gmail.com

Chief of Staff: Vikram Krishna - w6pchiefvikram@gmail.com

Lodge Committees

Ritual Team & Elangomats

Tyler McArthur | 2022 Tecumseh Lodge Vice Chief of Administration

Hello Arrowmen,

We are still looking for people for both Ritual and Elangomat; details and further information for ritual will be posted below this paragraph.

First and foremost, I wanted to address that we are well on our way to the ordeal season, and as you know this is the most important time in our lodge for recruitment. If you plan on coming to any ordeals, or are looking for a group to join for ordeals, both Elangomat and Ritual positions are open. The Ritual Team is led by Adam Jones, your 2022 Ritual Chairman, and the Elangomat team will be led by Charlie Mcnerlin. We plan to have our first practice on the 16th of April, and the location is set to be at Camp Lazarus. Any questions or concerns can be brought up and addressed in our GroupMe located in the link below.

Finally, Thunderbase is a large event we have coming up, and I encourage all Chapters to begin coming up with teams of their own considering we will be doing 4 ceremonies at once. This is a large task, and I am well aware of the scale of operation we'll need. So, reference your Chapter Chiefs, as they will be receiving information, and again feel free to join the GroupMe below if you are interested in, or want to be a part of the ritual.

Click here to join: https://app.groupme.com/join_group/85874789/F32aHZtn

New! - Religious Services Committee

Shaun Hamilton | 2022 Tecumseh Lodge Vice Chief of Activities

We have an new Lodge Committee!

The Religious Services Committee Chairmen is a position that will allow us to have a single Arrowmen be responsible for ensuring that all events have engaging and informative interfaith worship services to promote reverence in the Lodge.

If you are interested in joining the religious services committee or ritual team, becoming an elangomat, or joining any other committee, contact the officer associated with the committee or complete this [Tecumseh Lodge Committee Interest Form!](#)



History Corner

The First Ordeal Ceremony

By Aaron Wyckoff



The first Arrowmen were inducted into the Order of the Arrow on July 16, 1915, on Treasure Island. While no written records remain of the exact ceremony used, we do know that it was different in many ways from today. Among other things, the entire camp gathered to watch the induction, there were only two principals, the Chief of the Fire (portrayed by E. Urner Goodman) and the Vice-Chief of the Fire (portrayed by Carroll A. Edson), and the candidates who had been elected went through three steps.

First, each candidate was told to reach his arms all the way around a large tree, but the tree was so large that it was impossible. One of the principals then linked hands with the candidate, and together they encircled the tree easily. This represented brotherhood.

Second, each candidate was instructed to scale a very steep bank along one side of the council fire without help. After they failed, they were then told to scale it again, this time with the help of one of the principals. This represented service.

Finally, each of the candidates were given bundles of small dry twigs to add to the council fire. As they did so, the flames grew higher and brighter. This represented cheerfulness.

While our Ordeal ceremony today is no longer the same, it continues to represent the core values of our founders and our organization, and which have never changed.

Chapter Updates



Ahsënike

Chapter Chief: Isabelle Stowe | c5@tecumseh65.org

Chapter Adviser: Mat Stickle | c6@tecumseh65.org

Our last Chapter meeting was February 17 at The Works in Newark. Our next Chapter meeting will be on March 17, also at The Works in Newark. We are still looking for volunteers to work our booth at Thunderbase, so please contact Matt Stickle or Isabelle Stowe if you're interested. We are going to start having meetings at different locations every month, so please make sure to check where future meetings will be held.

Kittan Wewoapisak

Chapter Chief: Caleb Hammond | c3@tecumseh65.org

Chapter Adviser: Barb Wasmer | c4@tecumseh65.org

The Kittan Wewoapisak Chapter most recently met at Grace United Methodist Church in Waverly on February 27th, 2021. Our meeting involved much discussion regarding Thunderbase and upcoming Chapter and Lodge Events, while the meeting concluded with call out team rehearsal and game room time for others members. Unit OA Elections have been held across our large Chapter territory in Ohio and Kentucky with a total of 29 youth and 5 adults being elected into the order. Plans are in the works for our Chapter Booth at Thunderbase (which will involve Ski!) as well as Callouts at Thunderbase. Be sure to join our Chapter's Facebook Group ("Kittan Wewoapisak OA Chapter") and opt in for Remind Messages (text @oakittan to 81010 to opt in for Remind Messages via text). Current plans involve holding a Chapter Meeting during a Cracker Barrel at Spring Fellowship at Camp Lazarus (April 1st- 3rd). A Chapter Cleanup will be held at the Chillicothe Service Center and in Yoctangee Park in Chillicothe on April 9th. Two service projects will also be held at Camp Oyo, with the first planned for March 19th. Chapter Meetings will generally be held on Sunday Afternoons in Waverly on to be announced dates. We hope to see many members present for upcoming activities!



Pilsit Alunsa

Chapter Chief: Charlie Johnson | c7@tecumseh65.org

Chapter Adviser: James Finley | c8@tecumseh65.org

Since we have last reported, we have participated in Native Americans dances at Maple Fest. We worked on March 5th and the 12th performing dances to Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts participating at Maple Fest from 10am to 3pm. During this event, we got to learn more about Native American culture from how they danced, what they did during dances, and what the importance of these dances were to them. After this we plan to finish working on our chapter totems and planning for our tap out ceremony at Thunderbase. Our chapter leadership includes Charlie Johnson as chapter chief, Elle Harrold as vice-chief, and Christian Uhrig as our chapter secretary.

If you are interested in going to chapter meetings, they take place on the first Thursday of every month at the Resurrection Lutheran Evangelical Church (3500 Main St Hilliard, Oh 43026) at 7 pm. We will talk about upcoming events with the Order of the Arrow and start planning other events that we can do as a chapter.

Kishahtèk

Chapter Chief: James Reynolds | c1@tecumseh65.org

Chapter Adviser: John Trouten | c2@tecumseh65.org



Kishahtek has completed our unit visitation. We were able to reach 80% visitation, reaching our goal we made as a chapter at the ACT conference. We would not have been able to do this without our active members who took time out of their nights and troop meetings to help assist in conducting visitation and elections.

We also selected our chapter totem, the Salamander. Cynthia Stevens did a fantastic job designing it.

We most recently met on Sunday, March 6th, when we had a mini fellowship. Our next meeting will be at Spring Fellowship, and then after that, our meeting will be at Thundebase. We are aiming to have a fellowship in the fall, after we have had all of our inductions weekends.



2022 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