

Cub Scouts See OA in Action at Yukon

For the first time, the Order of the Arrow organized and ran the Crossroads District Cub Scout Yukon on January 25. The Mattameechen chapter, with help from some Wotamalo members, demonstrated true servant leadership.

Chapter Chief Joe Mathews and his fellow Arrowmen provided seven stations for the Cubs to enjoy winter weather and learn scouting skills: leatherworking, knot tying, cooking, campfire building, shelter building, model campsites, and first aid.

The event was hosted at Timberpointe Lodge, the site of old Camp Heffernan on Lake Bloomington north of Normal. More than 80 Cub Scouts participated in this year's Yukon. Between the event's stations, and the simple fun of throwing snowballs and making snowmen, they had a blast.



Letter from the Chief

I am pleased to say that our LEC has been working really hard this past year to bring some new ideas to life -- the launch of the Golden Kernel at the Winter Banquet, last year's sustainability initiative, and the making of new ceremony regalia, to just name a few. I believe that despite the current quarantine, this year will be a great year for every Arrowman with all the growing opportunities and events such as Virtual NOAC, Order of the Arrow High Adventure programs, Section C3-A Red Arrow Rally as well as our own lodge events. Be prepared for the awesome events that await you this year, and never forget to serve others with a cheerful smile! Thank you all for being a part of our great lodge!

Yours in service,
Conner Husted

Make Your Life Easier with the Golden Kernel

Now you can pay your annual lodge dues AND register for ALL THREE lodge events (Spring Fellowship, Fall Fellowship, Winter Banquet) at the same time. It's the Golden Kernel program — a quick and easy way to make sure you are set for all of the fun, service, and fellowship of Wenasa Quenhotan lodge. No more multiple online registrations or paper forms or late fees; just one easy payment for an entire year. The Golden Kernel helps keep you active and connected!

Every Golden Kernel member will receive a Golden Kernel pin as recognition for their commitment to the lodge. Wear it proudly to show your dedication to quality lodge events and opportunities for Scouts.

The cost is \$68* (general members), which is the same cost for a general member to register separately for each event and pay annual dues. If you anticipate completing your Brotherhood at any of the events or at summer camp, include an additional \$12 to cover Brotherhood costs.

If you are already a Golden Kernel, thank you! Since Spring Fellowship was cancelled, your fees can be applied toward the Red Arrow Rally (Section Conclave) this fall (if Section fees exceed our event fees, you will need to pay the difference).

Go to wq23.org or contact wqchief@gmail.com for more information or to apply "Spring" toward "Red Arrow Rally."



Earn the Summer Camp Participation Award...

And Make Your Scoutmaster Cry

If your troop will be at ISR this summer, get your SPL and adult leaders to set their sights on the OA Summer Camp Participation Award. Here are the requirements:

- SPL attends all SPL Meetings
- One adult (the same one) stays the entire week
- 60% of your registered 17 and under Scouts stay the entire week. (Sorry, guests don't qualify.)
- Troop has an OA Troop Representative (Leadership position for a lucky Arrowman!)
- All troop Scouts in camp who have completed Ordeal have paid 2020 OA dues.
- Participate in a troop service project while at ISR

Nothing too hard about that, right? OK, maybe keeping the first-years from being too homesick to stay. Or reminding fellow Arrowmen to pay their dues.

But get it all together, and we bet your SM will tear up with pride! (But if it's due to shock, we're OK with that, too!)



Have You Scheduled Your OA Election?

New members are the lifeblood of a thriving lodge. If you are a Troop OA Representative, you and your Scoutmaster should discuss the day when you would like to have your unit's election. Submit that date to your Chapter Chief on the lodge website or contact your Chapter Chief directly. You may also get a call from a chapter representative to set up your election.

Due to stay-at-home orders, the deadline to complete elections has been extended to July 1. Elections can be in person or conducted virtually using Zoom if meetings are not possible for health reasons.

Even if you don't think you will have anyone eligible for election this year, contact your Chapter Chief to arrange a unit visit.

Our future as a lodge begins with unit elections. Get yours scheduled today!

Big Plans for Summer Camp at ISR

Our lodge is making plans for a fun and memorable summer camp for all campers, including OA members! It starts with weekly OA-sponsored activities like an Ice Cream Social where you can meet brothers from other troops, cool off with free ice cream, and tell non-members what the OA is all about. There will also be weekly call-out ceremonies on Wednesdays (Family Night) — this is your chance to shine and set a great example of brotherhood, cheerfulness and service. If your troop is not attending ISR but you still want to come to the call-out ceremony (ceremonialists and drummers are always needed), the dates are: June 17, June 24, July 1 and July 8.

Two Ordeal opportunities: New this year, there will be TWO Ordeal opportunities for Scouts who are called out at camp. One will be June 24-25 and the other will be July 8-9. Details are in the ISR Leaders Guide; watch the lodge website and Facebook for updates. All who complete Ordeal during summer camp will receive the Summer Ordeal patch!

Brotherhood on Thursdays: Brotherhood opportunities will be offered on Thursdays, June 18, June 25, July 2 and July 9. You do not need to be camping at ISR to complete your Brotherhood, you just need to register and be at camp at the specified time in the afternoon. There is no overnight for Brotherhood so non-campers can leave camp after the ceremony.

Camp Participation Award: Again this year our lodge will offer the Camp Participation Award, which recognizes troops with an active and visible presence at summer camp. Every member of the troop can earn a special Camp Participation patch and the troop will receive a ribbon. Details are in the ISR Leaders Guide and on the lodge website.

Ask the Camp Chief! Remember, the go-to guy at camp for anything to do with the OA is the Camp Chief. We will be announcing very soon who that person will be.

See you at summer camp!



The One Thing You Can Do for Ceremony Attire Changes

Starting this year, attire worn by ceremonialists during the official Order of the Arrow ceremonies will change. Don't worry – American Indian attire is still preferred.

Lodges are asked to depict the American Indian tribes native to their area, rather than attire matching stereotypes advanced by media. Research conducted by our Ceremonies Team, guided by experts at the McLean County Museum of History, has resulted in new regalia for Kichkinet, Nutiket, Meteu and Allowat Sakima. Each is based on actual attire worn by Sac and Fox tribesmen, as seen in late 19th century photos.

Now this regalia needs to be made. So, the Ceremonies Team is asking you to volunteer to make ONE piece of regalia. Materials will be provided; all we ask for is your time and effort to create ... one roach ... one set of armbands ... one choker ... or one of several other needed elements. If every active Lodge brother volunteers, we'll have new regalia in no time!

To volunteer, contact Ceremonies Chair Adam Brown at ajbrown.bsa@gmail.com / (309) 657-1833 or Ceremonies Advisor Gary Ohler at gary_ohler@msn.com / (309) 275-2706. They will help you select an item and get the materials to you.



Red Arrow Rally Coming to ISR

The council of chiefs is the section's planning committee for the Red Arrow Rally (Previously Section Conclave). They've started meeting to plan for this year's Red Arrow Rally held at Ingersoll!

The pictures above and below are from the most recent meeting at the RMS lodge at Ingersoll. They all had a great time planning events during the day, and bowling with the Central Region Chief after dinner. Be sure to attend the Red Arrow Rally September 25-27, 2020!

Virtual NOAC is coming!

The National Order of the Arrow Conference has been cancelled due to health concerns. But you can still get a taste of the excitement and fun of NOAC at the **Virtual NOAC, coming in August**. Details of this unique online experience are still being worked out. It is sure to offer many opportunities for fun and fellowship from the comfort and safety of your home.

Watch for details coming soon!

Great Lodge Friends Earn Founder's and Service Award

This year's recipients of the Founder's award are Terry Hendrix and Trudy Coleman.



Terry Hendriex

What got you involved in the OA?

My unit leaders made it an expectation and helped me get to events. Once I got to the events I saw how much fun it was after doing my Ordeal.

How has being in the OA impacted you outside of scouting?

The leadership it has given me is what made me realize what I would like to pursue as a career.

What is your favorite experience you've had in the OA?

Order of the Arrow High Adventure at Philmont. Spending two weeks at Philmont doing conservation work for one, and trekking for the other was amazing.

Trudy Coleman

What got you involved in the OA?

Helping others.

How has being in the OA impacted you outside of scouting?

Scouting is my life ever since I had my son. My son and grandsons are all part of the program.

What is your favorite experience you've had in the OA?

When I went through my Vigil. It was the most rewarding experience. Mother nature and God really spoke to me, and the weather was terrible but I didn't give in. It impacted me and my love of scouting.



Lodge Service Award Honors a True Leader

This year's lodge service award was presented to Owen Jones.

Owen Jones

What got you involved in the OA?

After I did my Ordeal, I did sash-and-dash actually. But, after some encouragement from my Scoutmaster and others in my troop to complete my Brotherhood two years later, I finally did my Brotherhood at Summer Camp that year. In my Brotherhood letter, I expressed a desire to get more involved in the lodge, partly because my troop mates were also getting involved, but also because I wanted to make some small difference in the lodge in solidifying my membership. So, as I promised in my letter, I served as an Elangomat that Fall Fellowship, and from there I became the Inductions Chairman.

How has being in the OA impacted you outside of scouting?

Being in the OA has taught me a lot of valuable lessons about leadership and helping out even when I don't want to, which has had huge benefits to my life outside of the OA. I think I've gotten to learn servant leadership better than most through my involvement, and I'll carry those lessons with me for the rest of my life.

What is your favorite experience you've had in the OA?

My favorite experience would have to be either the OA night zip, or running back to the ISR dining hall one night in the pouring rain after a ceremony.



Upcoming Events

Virtual NOAC(Dates and details to be announced)

Red Arrow Rally (formerly Section Conclave)..... September 25-27, 2020

Fall FellowshipOctober 2-4, 2020

All upcoming events can be found on our Lodge Calendar: <http://wq23.org/calendar>





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Stay Cheerful, Be Helpful While Stuck at Home!

The last couple of months have been crazy with cancellations, virtual school, no sports, no band, social distancing and isolation from your friends. These are times that test the resolve of Arrowmen to live by the Obligation and be cheerful in service to others “even in the midst of irksome tasks...” We will all get through this together! You can do your part by being helpful, friendly and kind whenever and wherever you can. Stay strong! We’re looking forward to being together with you all again soon! **WWW**

Check out the lodge website!
www.wq23.org