

Letter from the Chief

April 2019

Dear Brothers,

Spring is coming up, which means we have another great year ahead of us! This year will be a pivotal time in our organization. The OA is hosting the second-ever Hackathon (at the University of Illinois), rebuilding Philmont from the fires, and establishing a Focus initiative nationwide to help Arrowmen all around the country experience what our program has to offer. With Spring Fellowship in May, our Summer Ordeal in July, and Fall Fellowship in October, there are so many ways for you to get involved. We are also welcoming members of Venturing Crews and Sea Scout Ships into our Order. My team and I are going to take the momentum we have moving forward, and bring you a fantastic 2019 with a more fun-filled OA program, better communication, and give back to scouting the same way it has given to us! Already this year we have started a camper scholarship for summer camp, revised our Where to Go Camping book, designed a new website, set our goals for our summer camp program, and put together the largest youth Lodge Executive Committee in years. So what are you waiting for? Come do your part and charge into 2019 right alongside us. Trust me, you do not want to get left behind!

I hope to see you guys around and if you ever need anything, just let us know.

Yours in Friendship,
Terry Hendriex



Register Now for Spring Fellowship

Spring Fellowship is right around the bend for 2019! Lots of fun, new activities have been planned this year. The lodge has arranged for a car smash to take place, along with the possibility of a night zip and other fun. The regularly scheduled cheerful service will also take place, as always, along with the usual high quality ceremonies. Make sure you don't miss out on all the fun, and sign up for Spring Fellowship on our website or from the paper forms in the Scout Offices!



Paper forms also available on our website.

An important announcement: At Spring Fellowship the quartermaster staff will be starting a new sustainability project. The main goal of this project is to limit the OA's negative impact on the environment at the fellowships. To start us on the right path to achieve this goal we will be cutting our trash output at meals drastically. We are asking that everyone to bring THEIR OWN mess kits and there will be dish lines available for you to wash them.

Look for the OA This Summer at Ingersoll

Summer Ordeal — If you are called out this summer you can come back to camp on July 10-11 and do your Ordeal. This will take place starting after the call-out ceremony on July 10 and will continue over the next day. This provides an opportunity for Ordeal Candidates to make their Ordeal if they can't make it to Fall or Spring Fellowships or if they want to get it done sooner so they can begin enjoying all the benefits of OA membership.

Ice Cream Social — To help get the attention of people who aren't yet part of the Order of the Arrow, we are going to hold an Ice Cream Social. We will invite everyone at camp to join us for an ice cream sundae.

Brotherhood Ceremony — On Tuesdays during summer camp, any Arrowman who has completed his/her ordeal no less than 10 months ago, will have the opportunity to complete the next step in the Order of the Arrow, their Brotherhood.

Call-out Ceremony — Any camper attending Ingersoll that has been previously elected by their unit, can get called out to do their Ordeal! Those who get called out can do the Summer Ordeal or participate in their Ordeal at a fellowship.

The ceremony will be done by our Ceremonies team on Wednesday nights.

Camp Participation Award — Do you want something to show for your troop's effort at ISR this year? If so, the Camp Participation Award is just the thing for you. Pay your dues, bring at least 60% of your troop, and complete a few more requirements to earn the award. For the full requirements, check out the Forms section on the ISR website.



Experience Service and Adventure with OAHA

OA High Adventure is an amazing opportunity for Arrowmen across the nation. For just a fraction of the price of a regular high adventure experience, you can attend High Adventure Camps with multiple choices for treks. In OAHA, the first half of your trip is made up of upkeep and improvements to your chosen camp, and the second half will be spent with a crew of fellow Arrowmen also taking part in OA High Adventure. To sign up, go to adventure.oa-bsa.org



Tap Into Your Tech-Self and Solve Problems at the 2019 OA Hackathon

We are proud to announce that registration for 2019 OA Hackathon is now open! The 2019 OA Hackathon will take place at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign on June 26 - 30, 2019. This year, all members of the Order of the Arrow can tap into their tech-self and take part in crafting the future of our Order! Attendees can sign up as a member of three different tracks based on their skill set: Novice, Intermediate, or Advanced. We look forward to seeing members from our lodge attend! Sign up at: <https://registration.oa-bsa.org>

**2019 OA
Hackathon**



Section C3A Conclave, September 13-15, 2019

Saddle up for Service as we join our brothers in the C3A Round Up! This year at Section Conclave we are going to be taking a trip to the Wild West as we have a fun-filled weekend at Camp Loud Thunder. Section Conclave is a great weekend to meet new people, have loads of fun, and try new things! This year we will be utilizing Camp Loud Thunder's amazing shooting sports program, which includes cowboy action shooting and the very first pistol course from the BSA. So come join us September 13-15, 2019, for a fun-filled weekend of shooting, great shows, amazing trainings, fun themed games, and as always, great food. Registration will be open later in the summer at sectionc3a.org.

Learn Leadership at NLS

NLS is an amazing course that is offered by the Order of the Arrow. Not only will you be able to learn more about leadership in the OA, but you will learn how to better fulfill your position on the LEC or any leadership position that you might have in your life. NLS is very similar to NYLT. Really, the big difference is that NYLT helps you become a better leader in your troop, while NLS helps you become a better leader within your lodge. My personal experience at NLS was a lot of fun. All of the different sessions were interesting, and made you want to listen and learn. I also got to meet a lot of really cool people from all over the Central Region, including the National Chief Anthony Peluso and the Central Region Chief Will Coots. The entire experience is something that I will never forget! Being able to meet all of these awesome people, and learning how to become a better leader in the OA, really inspired me to want to do more within the lodge. I hope that a lot of you are interested, and will take this great opportunity to attend the National Leadership Seminar! If you are interested, please reach out to us through our website to see the upcoming dates, or to answer any questions you may have. **The next NLS opportunity is October 25-27, in St. Louis.**



Vigil Nominations are Due at Spring Fellowship

The mark of the Vigil Honor is the alertness to the needs of others, an unusual awareness of the possibilities in a variety of situations, and going above and beyond in their contributions to the positions they hold in the Lodge, OA, Scouting community, or Scout Camp. Any dues paying member who you feel fits these requirements and has been a Brotherhood member for at least two years, is eligible to be nominated. This can be done at any time on the Lodge's website. Nominations must be submitted by Spring Fellowship to be considered for 2019. <http://wq23.org/nominate-a-brother-for-the-vigil-honor>



2018 Founder's Award Recipients



Chase Carter and Scott Fishel were the 2018 Founder's Award recipients. Chase is a member of Troop 140 in Peoria. He has been a member of the LEC for the past 3 years and is currently the Vice-Chief of Communications. Chase's favorite part of the OA is the ceremonies and he has been part of the ceremonies team both for Fellowships and summer camp for the past three years. Scott is a member of Troop 178 in Morton where he used to be the scoutmaster and in now an assistant scoutmaster. Scott is currently serving as Lodge Advisor and has previously served as Communications Advisor, and has been involved in the LEC in one way or the other

for 4+ years. Scott's favorite part of the OA is the opportunities it gives Scouts to "serve their fellow man" and to develop their leadership skills. The OA is designed to engage Scouts in a worthwhile brotherhood of like-minded individuals and give them the chance to grow, lead, and have fun. It introduces friends and experiences that are not available in your local troop.



2018 Lodge Service Award Recipients

Terry Hendriex and Jim Howard were the 2018 Lodge Service Award recipients. Terry is a member of Troop 142 in Clinton. He has served on the LEC as the Vice-Chief of Program and is the current Lodge Chief and Section Vice-Chief. Terry's favorite part of the OA is all the fun he gets to have at all the events and Terry loves that he gets an opportunity to give back to the organization that has helped him so much. Jim is a member of Troop 957 in Hudson. He has previously served in the LEC as Lodge Advisor and Quartermaster Advisor and is the current Recognition Advisor. Jim's favorite thing about the OA is the awesome ceremonies put on by our youth.



Scheduling Your Unit Elections

We want you! To schedule your troop/crew election with your scoutmaster of course! The deadline is coming soon. **No elections will be held after May 3.** So act fast and sign up on the Wenasa Quenhotan website or contact your Chapter Chief.

<http://wq23.org/schedule-unit-elections-now>



Founders and Service Award Nominations

The **Founder's Award** is bestowed once a year to two individuals; one adult, one youth. Those who are nominated and selected have a history of living the ideals of the Order of the Arrow in their everyday life, have been and are currently active in the lodge, and whom you reasonably expect to remain active with the Lodge, so as to serve as shining examples of cheerful service and dedication to Scouting and the Order of the Arrow.

In addition, the **Lodge Service Award** is awarded to one individual once a year who has been an outstanding member in going above and beyond in their role in the Lodge Executive Committee. They also live up to the ideals of the Order of the Arrow in their daily lives, and will remain active in the Lodge.

Eligible members can be nominated at any time on the Lodge's website. Submit your nominations now!

Upcoming Events

Section Onsite Council of Chiefs April 14-15, 2019

Spring Fellowship May 11-13, 2019

Summer Ordeal July 10-11, 2019

Section Conclave September 13-15, 2019

Fall Fellowship October 4-6, 2019

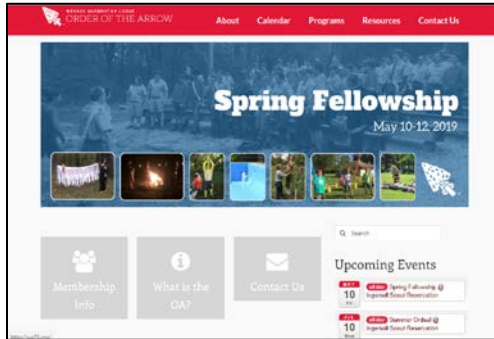
Central Region NLS/DYLS..... October 25-27, 2019

Check out all events on our Lodge Calendar — <http://wq23.org/calendar>



The Arrow is Back!

Welcome to the first edition of the new Arrow! That's right, we're bringing it back. We hope to publish the arrow quarterly to keep everyone up to date on the Lodge. Our Lodge has been making a push to be more environmentally friendly so we will be implementing an opt-out for a paper version of The Arrow starting with the next issue. If you choose to opt out you will no longer receive a paper version and will instead receive an email with a link to The Arrow on the new WQ23 website.



Check out the new Lodge website!

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