

## Summer Callouts See New Ceremony, Regalia

This summer the lodge carried out their summer callout ceremony for those who have been chosen by their peers to join our organization. If you were there to observe these callouts at summer camp, you might have noticed a few changes.

After some careful consideration and brainstorming, members of our lodge decided to alter the ceremony in a couple ways, to try and help improve the experience. Our lodge sought scripts for callout ceremonies from other lodges, and after reviewing them, decided on a new ceremony. It is shorter while keeping the mystery of our older ceremony.

Along with that change, members of our lodge decided that our regalia needed a change as well. After some research, it was decided that the previous regalia was not exactly matching the regionality of the tribes our lodge is based on, so the regalia was changed to become more regionally appropriate.

Both the shorter ceremony and regalia change were enjoyed by experienced Scouts and scouters who witnessed the ceremony. All feedback on the new ceremony and regalia was positive.



The last aspect of our summer callouts that was different was the “small fire” ceremony, in which the brand new ordeal candidates are invited back to the chief’s fire for special messages.



## Letter from the Chief

Hello fellow Arrowmen,

As a lodge we have had a very exciting summer! I'm very pleased to say that after a long year of uncertainty and change our events are starting to look closer to normal. We had a very successful Summer Ordeal where we inducted 25 new members to our brotherhood. I look forward to seeing their contribution to our lodge and community. We were also able to debut our new and more historically accurate regalia.



There is a lot to look forward to in the coming months. We will be hosting the Red Arrow Rally in September, so come meet new people from all over our section and have a ton of fun -- registration is open at [sectionc3a.org/conclave](https://sectionc3a.org/conclave). We also have our Fall Fellowship in early October. Registration is open at [wq23.org](https://wq23.org)! We are able to provide great service to ISR at our fellowships as well as having a lot of fun. I hope to see you there!

Yours in Service,

Joe Mathews  
Lodge Chief, Wenasa Quenhotan

### Are Your Friends Active in Our Lodge?

We've all seen it before. A Scouting friend had been active in the lodge, but now his/her membership expired because they forgot to pay dues. Now, they want to come to events again.

No problem! Remind your friend to pay current dues to regain full member status.

Online payment (and paper forms) are on the lodge website, [www.wq23.org](https://www.wq23.org). If you prefer paper (and many still do, so it's perfectly fine), deliver paper forms to the Service Center in Peoria or Bloomington. Call ahead for current COVID-driven hours.

### Why pay dues?

- Dues keep our lodge financially strong. The money you pay goes toward many things, including annual recharter fees, inductions, service projects, communication and more.
- Your dues payment keeps you as an active member of the Lodge, which means you can stay involved in all of the opportunities for OA brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.
- Only dues-paid members will receive emailed/mailed newsletters and other information. **Renew soon, or this may be your last newsletter!**
- You must be a dues-paid member to attend OA events throughout the year, like the Spring and Fall Fellowships, Winter Banquet, OA High Adventurer, Section events, OA training and NOAC.
- Remember, you **MUST** be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America to be in the OA.



# Get Ready for the Red Arrow Rally!

Attention Arrowmen! September 24-26 is the Red Arrow Rally, Section C3A's annual fellowship weekend.

The awesome thing about this year's rally is that our lodge is hosting it. Be ready for an adventure-packed weekend with other Arrowmen from Illinois and Iowa, where you will be able to experience fun, fellowship and leadership.

Your section leadership have been hard at work for the past two years planning this exciting event that some describe as a summer camp packed into a weekend. So get ready to "Discover the Treasures of Scouting" at your favorite summer camp in the whole

wide world, Ingersoll Scout Reservation!  
**Registration is at [sectionc3a.org/conclave](http://sectionc3a.org/conclave)!**



## Impact of an Elangomat

Everyone remembers their Elangomat, right? That's the person who escorted you through your Ordeal experience. Slept like you. Ate like you. Worked alongside you.

But being an Elangomat is a lot more than just doing your Ordeal again.

It is a chance for you to lead a group of candidates throughout their Ordeal and induction process, and ensure that they have a fun and enjoyable experience in doing so. As an Elangomat you are one of the first Arrowmen to interact with a new candidate and eventual member.

It is a rewarding experience as you build a special relationship with a group of Arrowmen. Plus, as a bonus, you get a \$20 coupon to the trading post. How awesome is that!

Want to give it a try? Contact Olivia Tharp at [oliviatharp@gmail.com](mailto:oliviatharp@gmail.com).



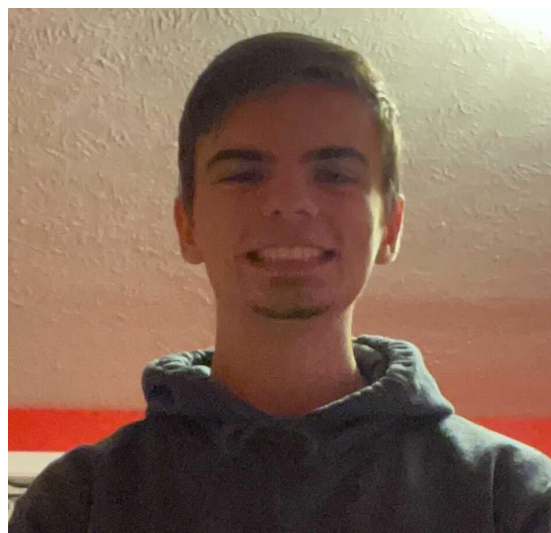
# Meet Your Lodge Executive Committee (LEC)

Logan Lareau is our Vice Chief, Communications, and he recently spoke to *The Arrow*.

**Arrow:** What is your home troop and what is your current rank? **Lareau:** I am currently a Life Scout in Troop 957 from Hudson.

**Arrow:** Didn't you recently complete your Eagle Project? Tell us about it. **Lareau:** My Eagle project was building shelving for an animal shelter located in Bloomington. We had about 10 helping out and, thankfully, everything went pretty much according to plan. The beneficiary was very happy, which was the best part!

**Arrow:** What is one of your favorite Scouting experiences? **Lareau:** My best camping story is cliff jumping while white water rafting at The Summit, Scouting's high adventure camp in West Virginia. Being in the wilderness with my friends was the perfect experience.



**Arrow:** What is something that people may not know about Logan Lareau? **Lareau:** I would say most people don't know that I am working to become a paramedic, and am currently a volunteer firefighter/EMT.

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# Congratulations to Our Summer Ordeals

Adrian A.	Troop 79
Joe A.	Troop 912
Nathan B.	Troop 919
Kyle B.	Troop 996
Alivia C.	Troop 1155
James C.	Troop 64
Tucker D.	Troop 744
Sheamus D.	Troop 225
Owen F.	Troop 206
Kyle M.	Troop 1102
Sophia M.	Troop 1155
Conner M.	Troop 352
Bo N.	Troop 18
Collin O.	Troop 744
Keslyn R.	Troop 265
George R.	Troop 2007
Dakota R.	Troop 1155
David R.	Troop 1122
Hudson S.	Troop 64
Riley S.	Troop 1102
Cole S.	Troop 744
Marcas S.	Troop 79
Tim S.	Troop 912
Casey W.	Troop 2007
Oliver W.	Troop 956

## When Am I Eligible for Brotherhood?

Good question! We hope all who complete their Ordeal will also consider advancing to Brotherhood to gain a deeper understanding of the purpose of the Order of the Arrow within Scouting.

To become a Brotherhood member, you must fulfill the following requirements:

- Six months of service to your unit as an Ordeal member.
- Registered active membership in Scouting.
- Registered active membership within Wenasa Quenhotan Lodge

Brotherhood also includes an awesome updated sash! If you will be eligible at our Fall Fellowship, be sure to register for YOUR Brotherhood ceremony!

## What's Next?

First thing – Congratulations! Your fellow Scouts elected you because you're seen as a true Scout. Someone who lives up to Scouting's high ideals. Someone who really enjoys and understands what Scouting is all about.

There is SO MUCH still waiting for you to discover. And there's no better place to dive into it than Jumpstart for new Arrowmen. Go to [www.jumpstart.ou-bsa.org](http://www.jumpstart.ou-bsa.org).

Be sure to have your OA Handbook nearby; it will help you log in.

Contact your Chapter Chief (see page 4) for more info. They can let you know of upcoming events and more fun you can have in our Lodge.

## Nominate NOW for Year-End Awards

Every year, one Scout/Scouter receives our Lodge Service Award and two (one youth and one adult) receive the Founder's Award. Both are great honors, you can see a description of both on our site at [wq23.org/awards-and-recognition](http://wq23.org/awards-and-recognition).



But why wait until the end of the year to nominate someone? You see them working for the lodge all year, right? Nominate them now, or anytime.

# We Need Many Hands at Fall Fellowship 2021



## READY TO HELP

### Powering Youth With Leadership Skills

If you want to become more involved with the Lodge, or think you are ready to step up to the responsibilities of a leader, then LLD is for you! This year's Lodge Leadership Development course is perfect for those who want to lead, but do not think they have the necessary skills, or would like to become more comfortable with leading.

The LLD will be held at Ingersoll Scout Reservation on August 21, 2021. This event is open for LEC members, as well as ALL Arrowmen, adults included. This is a great opportunity to either obtain a new set of skills, or maybe give your brain a refresher course on leadership. Watch for details and register ASAP!

What happens at a Fall Fellowship? Cheerful service to our beloved camp, and FUN!

This year's event will be held at ISR on October 8-10. Registration is available at [wq23.org](http://wq23.org). You should receive an email when registration opens up.

This fellowship could be your chance to do something new and fun. Our #1 job is to dismantle summer camp (it's way more fun than that sounds!). Or, if you haven't been an Elangomat before and you don't know exactly what that means, turn back to page 3 to find out more information.

All Arrowmen should attend. Many hands make for light work ... and more FUN!

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# Meet Your Lodge Executive Committee (LEC)

Olivia Tharp is our Vice Chief, Program, and she took a few minutes to talk to *The Arrow*.

**Arrow:** What is your home troop and why did you get into Scouting? **Tharp:** My unit number is 1627 out of East Peoria. I got into Scouting because my brothers and cousins were in it and I also had previously enjoyed the activities that Scouting provides.

**Arrow:** Just what does the VC, Program do?

**Tharp:** I plan events, such as fellowships in the spring and fall. I also look at the feedback from events and adjust for the next event.

**Arrow:** What do you hope to accomplish?

**Tharp:** I hope to have more attendance for events by making them better advertised and introducing new members to the Order of the Arrow in a better, more in-depth way.

**Arrow:** What are your interests outside of Scouting, and your future plans? **Tharp:** My interest outside of scouting are playing sports, reading and music. And my plans for the future are still undecided but definitely to continue working with the OA and Scouting.



## NOAC is Headed to Knoxville in '22

What's a NOAC, you ask? The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is the flagship national Order of the Arrow event. It is held every two years at a major university campus and is typically attended by as many as 8,000 Arrowmen from all 50 states. It is second only to the BSA National Jamboree in size and scope. Our largest conference was in 2015, attended by more than 15,000 Arrowmen to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow. We expect at least 6,000 Arrowmen to attend in 2022.

NOAC will be held July 25 – July 30, 2022 at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. UT Knoxville also hosted the 1977, 1992 and 2000 national OA conferences.



The W.D. Boyce Council contingent is forming and registration information will be available soon. HOLD THE DATE!





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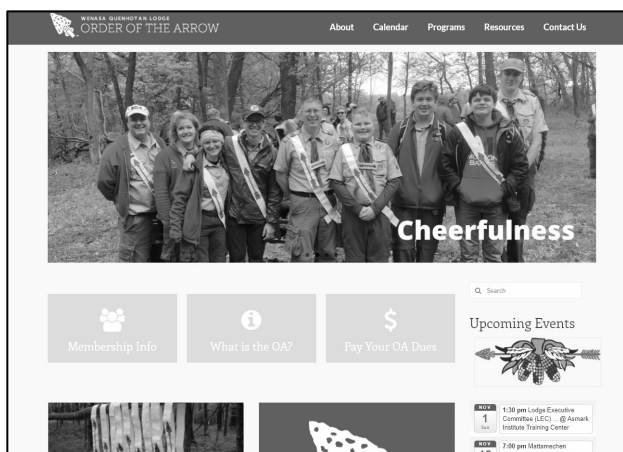


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