

In-Person Winter Banquet Returns

After a one-year hiatus, we were able to enjoy an in-person Winter Banquet this year, albeit with pandemic precautions in place.

More than 80 Arrowmen registered for the event, but an ill-timed ice storm limited attendance to 60 hardy souls. All enjoyed both a silent and live auction, state of the lodge and section update addresses, a recap of 2021's tornado impact on ISR by keynote speaker Jason Biggs, Vigil class recognition, awards and – of course – an excellent meal!

Your lodge's 2021 results:

Membership

- 104 completed Ordeal
- 31 sealed Brotherhood
- 9 kept the Vigil
- 396 members total

Service

- 1,983 hours given back

Section Conclave

- 41 had the time of their life

Lodge Leadership Development

- 20 were inspired to lead

Summer Camp

- 25 achieved Ordeal at ISR

Wenasa Quenhotan achieved THRIVING in the national Performance Measurement Program.



*Top: Lodge Service Award honoree Joe M. Second, third: Founder's Award recipients Joey T. and Jon P. Bottom: Dan W. accepts special recognition for 30 years' service as Lowenau Chapter Advisor. **More Winter Banquet on page 6.***

Letter From the Chief



Hello fellow Arrowmen,

We are at my favorite part of the year, where representatives of your chapters get to go meet face to face with the units in the area and we choose who will be the next to complete their Ordeal! It's election season!

Elections are vital to what we do as a lodge. We always need more young members to keep our brotherhood of cheerful service growing. Who knows, maybe a 2022 Ordeal candidate will someday be the lodge chief! I'm excited to see who our new fall candidates will include.

As always, we couldn't do what we do without the volunteers from all over the lodge, and that's even more true during elections! If you'd like to volunteer to help run an election or two, please contact your Chapter Chief and I'm sure they would love the help. We are also looking to fill some positions on the Lodge Executive Committee, so see the story on page 3. If you are interested in getting more involved on the LEC, go to the lodge website calendar for the next LEC meeting date - and attend!

Yours in Service,
Joe Mathews
Lodge Chief, Wenasa Quenhotan #23

2022 Dues Now Due

It's a new year and that means dues payments need to be submitted. Remember that in order to attend lodge events for 2022, your dues have to be paid. You can head to wq23.org and click on the dues box. Follow the instructions and you will be good to go for all of our awesome 2022 events!

See the Golden Kernel story on page 4 to save money on dues and event fees!

Online payment (and paper forms) are on the lodge website, www.wq23.org. If you prefer paper, 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 Adventures, Section events, OA training and NOAC.
- Remember, you **MUST** be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America to be in the OA.

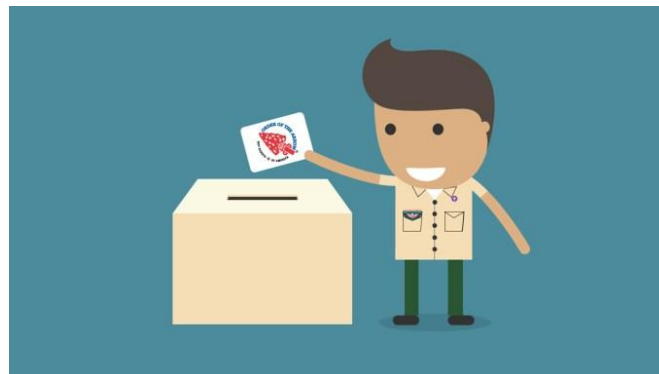
How to Set Up Troop and Crew Elections

Troop Elections: It's when your troop gets new leaders AND it's when our lodge grows in new members. We have begun sending out emails to troops about scheduling their OA Elections for 2022. Be on the lookout for those emails!

If you are a Unit Leader and would like to be proactive, you can contact your Chapter Chief to set up an election (see page 4 to find your Chapter Chief's information). Any questions about setting up your election can also be sent to admin@wq23.org

Lodge Elections 2022

It is also that time of year for our Lodge Officer Elections! Our elections for LEC



positions will be held during Spring Fellowship. We will be electing a new Lodge Chief, Vice Chief of Communication, Vice Chief of Administration, Vice Chief of Program, as well as new Chapter Chiefs.

If you are interested in any of these positions, see page 4 to contact the current Chief, Vice Chief, or Chapter Chief for your district, for information about the prospective position, and how you can get involved before Spring Fellowship (we are always looking for more help).



Golden Kernel a Logical Move for Arrowmen

Many Arrowmen attend all of our lodge's "Big Three" events ... Spring Fellowship ... Fall Fellowship ... Winter Banquet. If that includes you, then the Golden Kernel program can pre-register you for these great events and save you money at the same time.

Here's the math: 2022 fees are: \$20 Member Dues, \$20 Winter Banquet, \$25 each for Spring and Fall Fellowship, for a total of \$90. But **if you become a Golden Kernel, you get all of this at a 10% savings** -- only \$81!

If you're doing Brotherhood, it will add \$15 to your cost, as it always has.

If the odds are good that you'll be attending the 2022 Spring and Fall Fellowships, in addition to the Winter Banquet in 2023, go out to www.wq23.org to become a Golden Kernel online or download the paper form.



Not only will you commit to support the lodge's main events, you'll also get new bling – in the form of a shiny Golden Kernel pin – to proudly wear on your uniform.

Register as a GK today!

Sign up by Spring Fellowship 2022. No transfers or refunds for missed or canceled events.



Tomorrow Begins Today at NOAC 2022

The biggest event of the summer is the 2022 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) at the University of Tennessee. It happens July 25-30, 2022, and you're invited to join the Wenasa Quenhotan lodge contingent!

NOAC happens every two years and is the largest event organized by the OA. Upwards of 8,000 Arrowmen from all 50 states are expected to gather for fun, fellowship and learning while spending a week living in a college dorm...with air conditioning!

Sound like fun? It is guaranteed to be a highpoint of your OA experience! You can look forward to:

- Nightly stadium shows, including live entertainment, laser light shows, appearances by national officers, distinguished keynote speakers and more!
- Meeting and talking with Arrowmen and Scouts from across the country, all gathered together in one place!
- Patch trading like you've never seen before!
- Top notch training, sports and recreation, service opportunities



Estimated cost is \$750 including conference fees, transportation, event patches and other contingent items. Our lodge contingent will travel together and will be housed together during the conference.

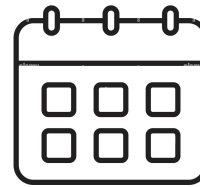
Get the full picture at noac2022.org. Then contact our lodge contingent adult advisors, Matt Lee at 815-875-7880 or aandabooks@live.com and Debbi Draeger at 309-264-9454 or ddraeger22770@gmail.com.

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Section C-3A No More??



To those of you who have not heard, our very own Terry Hendriex is no longer the Central Region Chief. This is because the Central Region no longer existed after December 28, 2021.

There will now only be two regions, the Gateway and Eastern Region. Our lodge and the rest of Section C-3A will be in Gateway Region Section 8 (G8).

All of these changes are being incorporated through Project Magellan. This effort was introduced after it was decided at the national level that having a four region structure was financially and operationally unstable. There will only be two regions, but sections boundaries will remain.

The two region structure will provide continued opportunities for OA youth to lead at the national level while streamlining the OA's structure to focus on the bedrock of our organization, the local level. For more information on Project Magellan, please visit <https://oa-bsa.org/magellan>.

Once again, we would like to congratulate Terry on all of the hard work he and his team have put into the Central Region, including Section C-3A, and all of the effort they put into making the transition to the new structure of our organization go smoothly.

Upcoming Events!

Arrowmen, below you will find a list of all of the upcoming lodge events that will be happening in 2022. You can sign up for all of these events individually, but make sure to check out page 3 for information on our Golden Kernel package and save money when you sign up for all lodge events at once!

April 23-24: Section Onsite Council of Chiefs

April 29-May 1: Spring Fellowship

July 25-30: NOAC 2022 (see page 4 for info)

Sept 16-18: Section G8 Red Arrow Rally

Sept 30- Oct 2: Fall Fellowship

Please go to wq23.org and visit the calendar section to find more information about these events and to sign up for them. As always, questions can be emailed to admin@wq23.org.

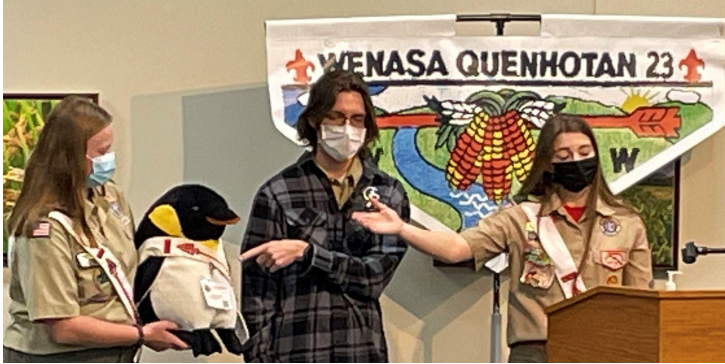
Submit Vigil Nominations Before April 29

Nominations for Vigil Honor are being accepted through 8 p.m. on April 29, 2022, the first day of Spring Fellowship. Nominations can be submitted online (preferred) or using a paper form, both of which are accessible on the lodge website, www.wq23.org.

Alertness to the needs of others is the mark of the Vigil Honor. It is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to lodge, council, and Scouting. Membership cannot be won by a person's conscious endeavors.



Winter Banquet Brings People, Penguins Together



Top: Look, it's people ... indoors ... together! Thanks to the Asmark Center for their continued support of our lodge. Lower left: The section team, Zuzu H., Joey T. and Olivia T. present Waddles the Penguin. Lower right: ISR Ranger Biggs recounts the damage and recovery from the 2021 tornado.



Don't Forget Adult Nominations

Remember to nominate adult Scouters for membership in our lodge. Nominations can be made online, via the Inductions Module of Lodgemaster or using a paper form under Resources/Forms/Files on wq23.org. Nominations are due May 21, 2022.

To recommend an adult, a unit must hold a youth election and elect at least one youth. The number of adults nominated can be no more than two-thirds of the number of youth elected, rounded up where the number of youth candidates is not a multiple of three.

The camping requirements for adult nominees is the same as for youth: 15 days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period before the election.

Positive Tornado Impact

We are all very thankful that no one was injured by the June 18 tornado that struck our camp, nor in the extensive cleanup effort led by our many volunteers. But would you be surprised that the twister actually had a positive impact on ISR?

According to Ranger Biggs, the camp's advance warning of the tempest was thanks to Camp Director Bill Maddox's personal storm-tracking software. Due to its obvious benefit, our council has now purchased similar software for use at ISR, to help warn of future storms.

In addition, the council is already at work planning the purchase and installation of storm shelters to give additional protection to campers. An exact installation date is not yet known.

Meet Your LEC (Lodge Executive Committee)

We recently asked LEC member Ben Ragon to take a few moments to talk to *The Arrow*.

Arrow: What is your home troop and rank?

Ragon: I am a part of Crew 1791, Troop 86, and Troop 65. I am an Eagle Scout in the Troop and Pathfinder in the Crew.

Arrow: What is your current position on the LEC and what do you do? **Ragon:** I hold the position Vice Chief of Administration and I am in charge of finances, budgeting, membership, and taking minutes at our LEC meetings.

Arrow: Do you have any projects you are currently working on or goals for the future of the lodge? **Ragon:** I am currently working on ideas for the 50th anniversary of our lodge and finding a scholarship to help individuals who struggle with funding for summer camp.

Arrow: What is your favorite, or funniest scouting memory? **Ragon:** My favorite moment in Scouting was NYLT because it taught me so much and helped me become the person that I am today.



Council, Lodge 50th Anniversaries Approach

On April 30, 1973, the W. D. Boyce Council came into being. It was formed after the merger of the Starved Rock Area Council (serving Ottawa and environs since 1926), the Creve Coeur Council (serving the Peoria area since 1929) and the Corn Belt Council (serving Bloomington-Lincoln and more since 1937). Wenasa Quenhotan was formed at the same time as the new council.

That means 2023 will be our council's/lodge's 50th anniversary. And what is the lodge going to do to celebrate? We're a youth-led organization, so much of the answer will be decided by you – the youth of WQ23.

Youth of our lodge, you are invited to step up! Please join the Anniversary Committee to decide how WQ23 will commemorate the upcoming anniversaries. Send an email to admin@wq23.org to let us know you are interested in making a difference.

Broken Arrow

With reverent affection, we remember an Arrowman recently lost.

Bob Clark - January 13, 2022

If you know of others, please contact us at admin@wq23.org.





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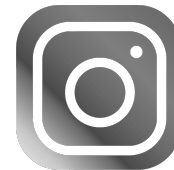
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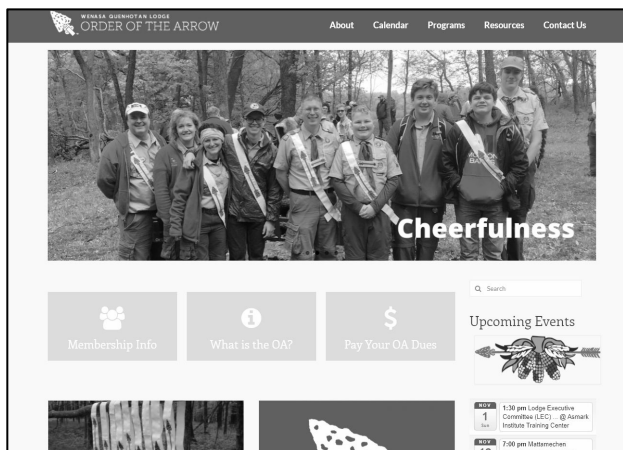


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