

## Spring Fellowship Attendees Provide Service at Camp

Spring Fellowship was a ton of fun! Many Arrowmen came to ISR to provide service to the camp and continue the celebration of the Lodge's 50th Anniversary. The turnout was great! Be sure to join us for our next big event, Fall Fellowship (September 29–October 1).



*Ordeal candidates help get the rifle range cleaned up as part of their day of service (above). Our ceremonialists prepare for the Ordeal ceremony (below).*



*Ordeal candidates help spread mulch to get camp ready for the summer (above). Our drummers provide a fun element to our ceremonies (below).*



## Letter From the Chief

Hello fellow Arrowmen,

As a Lodge, we have had a very productive Spring! I was pleased to be able to see so many in person at Spring Fellowship. Thanks to your hard work, we were able to prepare the camp for summer. We were also able to induct dozens of new Ordeal members.

The Lodge is always looking for people to help and step up into leadership positions! To learn more, attend an LEC meeting, held the first Sunday of each month. See the calendar on [wq23.org](http://wq23.org) for time and location.

Lodge elections are rapidly approaching, so watch your social media for Fall Fellowship registration. Better yet, run for a position by submitting your name to [benragon2007@icloud.com](mailto:benragon2007@icloud.com) for chapter chief or other key leadership positions. Fall Fellowship is our next major event, where we'll elect new leaders and break down camp. Hope to see you all there.

Yours in Service,  
Ben Ragon  
Lodge Chief, Wenasa Quenhotan #23

### 2023 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 2023, **or to be eligible for the Vigil honor**, your dues have to be paid.

Online payment (and paper forms) are on the lodge website, [www.wq23.org](http://www.wq23.org). Follow the instructions and you will be good to go for all of our awesome 2023 events!

If you prefer to complete paper forms, you can download the needed doc from the website, and deliver it to the Service Center in Peoria or Bloomington. Call ahead for current hours if you are going to hand-deliver the form.

### Why Pay Dues?

- To be eligible for the Vigil Honor. Many years, some nominations are **declined due to membership lapse!**
- Your dues payment keeps you as an active member of the Lodge, which means you can stay involved in all of the opportunities in the OA.
- Dues keep our lodge financially strong. The money you pay goes toward many things, including annual inductions, service projects, communication and more.
- 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.

## Meet Your LEC

**Name:** Kyle B.

**Position:** Lawasgoteu Chapter Chief

**Why did you join the LEC?:** “I wanted/needed to stay involved in scouts after aging out, and Jeff Greene had asked for my help. I was more than willing to help out, and soon after I was offered the position of Chapter Chief of Lowasgoteu with Sara Cahill as the Vice Chapter Chief to which we both said yes.”

**Favorite experience in the OA?:** “My favorite experiences have definitely been the OA elections with all the troops within the Chapter, and getting to know the leaders and their scouts.”

**Why others should help on the LEC?:** “Being on the LEC thus far has added very little stress, and has allowed me to do so much more with scouts, and overall is a great time. I highly recommend it to anyone thinking of being a part of the LEC.”



**Name:** Sara C.

**Position:** Lawasgoteu Vice Chapter Chief

**Why did you join the LEC?:** “I want to get more involved in the Lodge and scouts in general. I’m interested in data management and heard they needed help in that department also. Mr. Greene needed help for the role of chief and asked Kyle and I if we would be up to it. We both said yes.”

**Favorite experience in the OA?:** “My favorite experiences so far have been talking with other OA members and listening to their stories.”

**Why others should help on the LEC?:** “It’s been a really cool experience so far for me and I’m already learning a lot. I think if you want to meet new friends and learn more about scouting, then you should definitely help out.”



## Recognition From Spring Fellowship

Be sure to congratulate our newest Ordeal and Brotherhood members the next time you see them!

### Ordeal

Henry A. - Troop 57  
Blake A. - Troop 57  
Rebecca C. - Troop 5050  
James D. - Troop 42  
Josef D. - Troop 42  
Diane D. - Troop 8888  
Chancey H. - Troop 876  
Jonah H. - Troop 920  
Jacob H. - Troop 876  
Tristan H. - Troop 903  
Abigail H. - Troop 265  
Derek H. - Troop 165  
Gerald K. - Troop 1  
William K. - Troop 1  
Landon K. - Troop 91  
Garrett N. - Troop 903  
Kane S. - Troop 57  
Charles S. - Troop 181  
Henry T. - Troop 91  
Elliott T. - Troop 903  
Spencer T. - Troop 903

### Brotherhood

Nathan A. - Troop 1142  
Ron A. - Troop 1142  
Kyle B. - Troop 50  
Sara C. - Troop 5050  
Alexander C. - Troop 1142  
Ed C. - Troop 1142  
Mollie F. - Troop 1178  
Patricia F. - Troop 1178  
Sean G. - Troop 919  
James H. - Troop 65  
Kathrine H. - Troop 8888  
Aiden H. - Troop 62  
Robert H. - Troop 62  
Nickolaus H. - Troop 903  
Gavin J. - Crew 2142  
Tonya J. - Troop 876  
Gwyndlyn K. - Troop 5050  
Alexander L. - Troop 206  
Megan L. - Troop 9903  
Benny M. - Troop 88  
William P. - Troop 42



*More from Spring Fellowship!*





## Lodge Executive Committee Leader Changes

At Spring Fellowship, Ben J. was appointed and confirmed as our new Vice Chief of Program replacing Nick Z. Also David S. is our new Vice Chief of Communication. Congratulations to these youth leaders as they take our Lodge forward.

## Lodge Leadership Development

Lodge Leadership Development, or LLD, is being turned into an overnight event this year! It will be held at Morton Opportunity Club on November 3-4. LLD is a fantastic opportunity for anyone looking to get more involved with the Lodge, or for those who already have leadership roles in the Lodge to gain more experience. Plus, it'll be tons of fun! Watch social media and emails for a registration form closer to the time.



*Fun was had by all at last year's Lodge Leadership Development*

## Here Are Your Lodge Officers and How to Contact Them

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Vice Chief of Communication	David S.	(309) 713-6393	dstevenart24@gmail.com

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Lowaneu	Lowaneu	TBD	TBD	TBD
Crossroads	Mattameechen	Quin H.	(309)-553-6701	quinlanhoward@gmail.com
Wotamalo	Wotamalo	Keslyn R. / Isaac M.	(309) 214-1321 / (309) 241-7414	keslynragon@icloud.com / isaacthomasmler2006@gmail.com

## Wenasa Quenhotan is 50!

In 1973, our Lodge was formed, a merger of three prior Lodges – Kashapiwigamak, of the Creve Coeur Council, based in Peoria; Potawatomie, of the Corn Belt Council, based in Bloomington; and Nee-Schook, of the Starved Rock Council, based in LaSalle. You know what that means...Wenasa Quenhotan is turning 50 this year! Each circular patch in the 50th Anniversary patch set (pictured right) can be earned by attending each major Lodge event (Winter Banquet, Spring and Fall Fellowships), and the larger piece can be bought at the OA trading post at these events. Any leftover patches will be available at the OA trading post as well, so if you missed an event, you may be able to buy the patch at a future event! There's a special Lodge flap (pictured right) to celebrate as well! Watch for it at the trading post at future events.



## Head to Colorado and NOAC 2024

NOAC (National Order of the Arrow Conference) 2024 is approaching quickly. The dates have been announced - July 29 - August 3, 2024. It will be on the campus of the University of Colorado at Boulder. NOAC will be an amazing life time experience with as many as 8,000 Arrowmen from all over the country. The cost estimate right now is unknown but it is a far trip to Colorado which will add to the cost. You can experience this all as a member of the Wenasa Quenhotan contingent with more details to come when they are available.



## Upcoming Events

Here is a list of the upcoming Lodge events that will be happening in 2023.

**NLS / DYLC:** September 8th -10th - Hillsdale, Mich.

**Red Arrow Rally:** Sept. 22nd -24th, 2023

**50th Anniversary Camporee:** Sept. 22nd -24th, 2023

**Fall Fellowship:** Sept.29th - Oct. 1st, 2023

Please go to [wq23.org](http://wq23.org) and visit the calendar to find more information about these events and to sign up. As always, questions can be emailed to [admin@wq23.org](mailto:admin@wq23.org).



## NLS This Fall

Calling all aspiring leaders! The National Leadership Seminar for the Order of the Arrow is coming to Michigan from September 8 to 10. This prestigious event is your chance to enhance your leadership skills and make a lasting impact in your community.

Hosted by a team of experienced mentors, the National Leadership Seminar provides an immersive experience that will empower you to become a more effective leader. Through engaging workshops, interactive discussions, and hands-on activities, you'll gain invaluable knowledge and practical tools to lead with confidence.

No matter your background or level of experience, this seminar welcomes participants from all walks of life. Whether you're a seasoned Arrowman or just beginning your journey in the Order of the Arrow, you'll find inspiration and guidance to take your leadership abilities to new heights.

The National Leadership Seminar goes beyond theory. You'll have the opportunity to apply your newfound skills in real-world scenarios, collaborate with like-minded individuals, and learn from successful leaders who have made a significant impact in their communities.

But it's not all work and no play! Amidst the intensive learning, you'll also have the chance to connect with fellow participants and forge lasting friendships. Engage in team-building activities, bond over shared experiences, and enjoy the natural beauty of Michigan's scenic surroundings.

If you're ready to unlock your leadership potential and become a catalyst for positive change, mark your calendars for September 8-10 and join us at the National Leadership Seminar in Michigan. Don't miss this transformative opportunity to grow as a leader and make a difference in your community.



## Red Arrow Rally

Join us for an unforgettable adventure at the Red Arrow Rally, hosted by Timmeu Lodge! This thrilling event will take place from September 19 to 21 at the scenic Camp C.S. Klaus. Get ready for three days filled with fun activities that are perfect for all ages. Whether you're young or young at heart, there's something for everyone at the Red Arrow Rally. Embrace the spirit of competition and test your skills in exciting games and challenges. From friendly team sports to thrilling individual competitions, you'll have the opportunity to showcase your talents and make lasting memories.

But the Red Arrow Rally isn't just about competition—it's also a chance to unwind and connect with nature. Explore the beautiful surroundings of Camp C.S. Klaus, enjoy serene moments by the campfire, and take part in engaging workshops that encourage creativity and personal growth. Also don't forget to check out the waterfall!

Don't miss out on this incredible event! Mark your calendars for September 19-21 and join us at the Red Arrow Rally. Together, let's create an unforgettable experience.



*Last year's Vigil Honorees enjoy a light-hearted moment at the Winter Banquet, as they struggle to pronounce their Native American Vigil names.*

## Submit Vigil Nominations

Nominations are open for the Vigil Honor for 2024. The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to Lodge, council, and Scouting. If you know someone who meets the qualifications for this honor please nominate them online or using a paper form. Both of these can be found on the Lodge website ([www.wq23.org](http://www.wq23.org)). Paper forms should be delivered to either the Peoria or Bloomington Service Centers, or mailed to Vigil Nominations, W.D. Boyce Council, 614 NE Madison Ave., Peoria, IL 61703.





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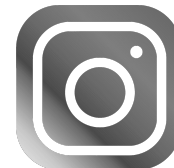
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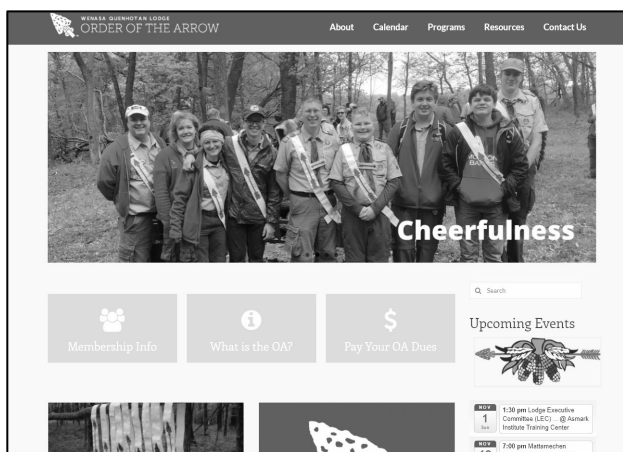


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