

Wonderful Turnout at Winter Banquet

Winter Banquet was a blast! We were updated on our Lodge's operations by David S., our Lodge Chief. We also watched a short video of the Lodge's Year in review, Mike G. gave an inspirational speech about the Order of the Arrow, and so much more.



Mike G. speaking on the Order of the Arrow and on what the obligations mean to him.



The Lodge recognized those who received Vigil honors this past year



Olivia T. spoke about events happening in Section G8, our lodge's section



Letter From the Chief

Hello fellow Arrowmen,

I was amazed at the turnout at Winter Banquet! It was a great time of fellowship, learning about the upcoming year, and we had nearly 90 people attend the event. Don't forget to register beforehand next time, though! A large number of the attendees were walk-ins, and it makes it easier to plan events if we know how many people to expect at Winter Banquet and other events.

Looking ahead, our next big event is Spring Fellowship, which will be held May 3-5 at ISR. I can't wait to see you all there! And don't be afraid to tell your OA friends in your Troop about it. I know that in the immediate time after I was inducted, I had some trouble keeping up with everything going on in the Lodge and knowing when events were. You could be just what others need to spark their interest and give them an amazing weekend and future in Wenasa Quenhotan!

Finally, don't forget that election season is upon us. If you haven't already, be sure to remind others in your Troop of this exciting time of year, and be sure that your Troop gets signed up for representatives to come and run the election. I'd love to see as many new Arrowmen as possible this year, and that starts with your Troops and the elections run there! Thank you, and I can't wait to see you all at Spring Fellowship!

Yours in Service,

David S.

Lodge Chief, Wenasa Quenhotan Lodge

Meet Your LEC

Name: Keslyn R.

Position: Elections Chair

Why did you join the LEC?: "I joined the LEC because my mom and brother had brought me to LLD and I got introduced to the group and I decided to join the LEC."

Favorite experience in the OA? "My favorite OA memory was when I was in Ceremonies team and we went and cleared all of the sites as a group."

Why should others help on the LEC?: "I think others should join the LEC and get the experience of learning how to lead a group."



Unit OA Elections are Almost Here!

Troop elections are almost here and we need Arrowmen to conduct them! Talk to your Chapter Chief if you are interested in running a unit election.

Not sure how to get in contact with your Chapter Chief? Check the contact information (page 4). Please consider helping with a unit election and enable our Lodge to grow with future leaders.



Don't Forget, 2024 Dues are Due Now

If you want to continue to receive emails, the Arrow newsletter, and other communications regarding upcoming events, leadership opportunities, and chapter meetings: Pay your dues!

To continue to experience all the Lodge has to offer, you need to pay your dues. Get this off your To Do checklist by visiting wq23.org to pay dues online, or to download a printable form you can take to a council office.

Our Lodge can only be strong if it's membership remains strong!



Who's Eligible to be Elected into the OA?

That's right, it's not just youth that are eligible; it's also adults. However, nominating adults is a little different than it is for youth.

Adult nominations can be made online or using a paper form. The camping requirements for an adult are the same as youth: 15 days and nights of camping during the prior two-year period to the election. An adult is nominated by the unit leader. For an adult leader to be nominated, at least one youth must be elected from that unit and the number of adults nominated must be no more than 2/3 of the number of youth elected. Don't forget to nominate adults too!

As for youth, you must hold the First Class rank and have experienced at least 15 days and nights of camping during the prior two-year period to the election. You must carry a current national membership card and participate in unit events. Your unit leader will be able to approve those who are eligible and provide a list to the current elections team.

Don't forget to nominate. We hope to see MANY new members in 2024.





Show Your Skills with WQ23's Artist in Residence Program

Would you like to design patch sets for the lodge? We need your help!

You will work with the Patch and Promotions Chair and advisor to transform artwork and ideas into real patches. To apply for this program, visit wq23.org and scroll down to find more information and the application form. We are all very excited to see all of the amazing submissions.

Ceremonialist Wanted for Spring Fellowship

Do you want a new view of the ceremonies put on for your fellow Arrowmen? Well, you have the opportunity to join the Ceremonies Team.

WQ23 is looking for people who are comfortable memorizing lines and performing for others. The only requirements are that you have to be at least Ordeal to do the Ordeal ceremony and Brotherhood to do the Brotherhood ceremony. Please reach out to ozric.tharp07@gmail.com about participating in ceremonies.



Here Are Your Lodge Officers and How to Contact Them

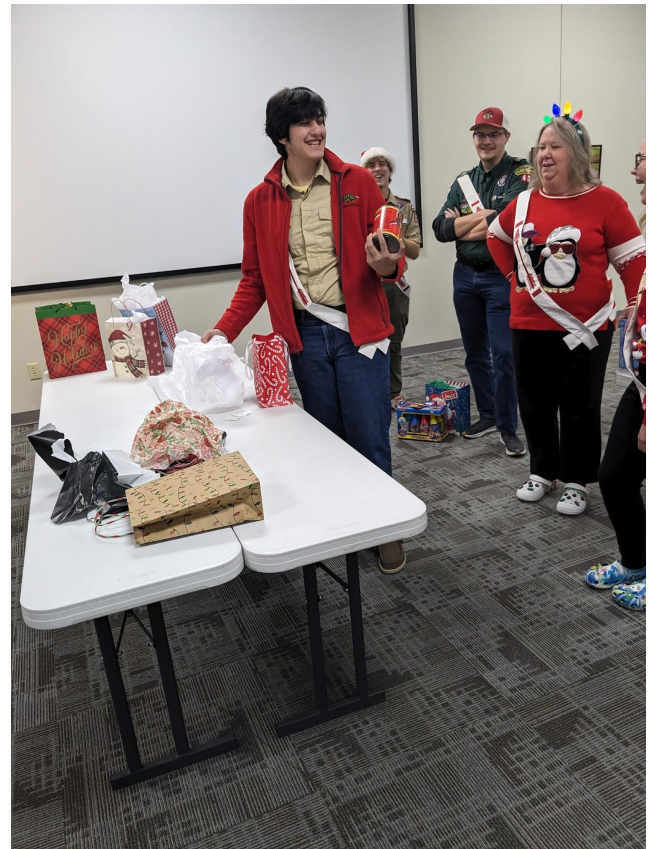
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Why You Should Join the Lodge Executive Committee

The Lodge Executive Committee is a collection of youth and adult leaders who make decisions for the Lodge. We do have opportunities for Arrowmen to step up and joining the leadership team.

If you are interested, feel free to sit in on a meeting and see what goes on. We make many important decision involving the lodge, including changing the bylaws, choosing how to spend the Lodge's funds, and just making sure the Lodge is able to run.



We also do fun things together, such as the white elephant gift exchange we had after the December LEC. Join the LEC and get in on the FUN!



LEC Rotating Locations for Easier Access

To make it easier for current and future LEC (Lodge Executive Committee) members to attend LEC meetings, the locations will now rotate among all four chapters.

So now is a great time to check out the LEC if you are interested. Because when the LEC comes to the chapter you're a part of, we'll be right out your back door!

WQ23's LEC ... is coming to a location near you!

LEC Upcoming Locations

March: Asmark Institute, Bloomington

April: Police Station, Peru

May: TBD

June: United Methodist Church, Mossville

We hope to see YOU at upcoming LEC meetings!
Check wq23.org for more details and upcoming information on the LEC.



Congratulations to our newest Vigil Members, shown at ISR after receiving their honors. From left: Aiden W., Tina M., Collin M., Olivia T., and Ben R.

Vigil Recommendation Forms

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. The way Vigil Honorees are chosen has changed due to national guidance. Now, *all eligible Arrowmen will be considered* by a committee, to avoid Arrowmen slipping through the cracks.

Recommendation forms are available to assist the committee in selecting those you think are worthy. You can recommend Arrowmen online (at wq23.org) or on 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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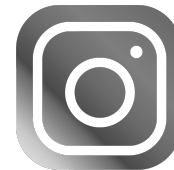
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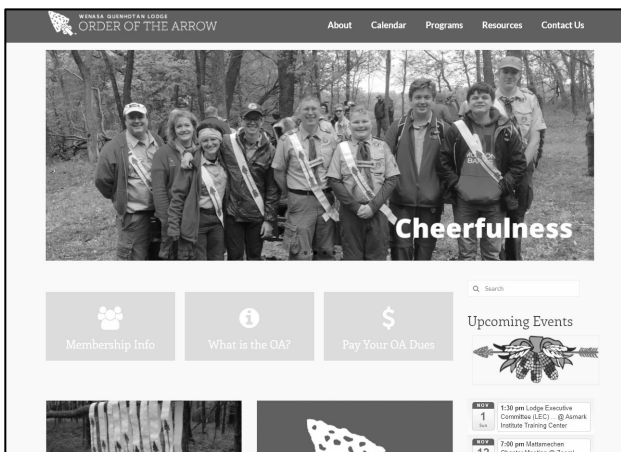


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