

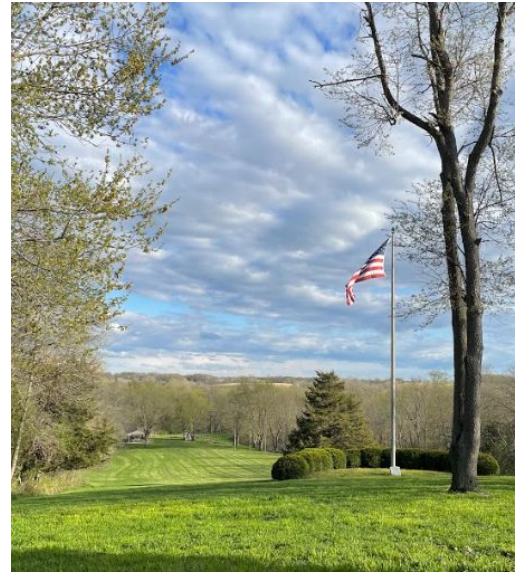
## Arrowmen Spring Into Action at ISR

Wet Spring winds blew across Ingersoll for much of our Fellowship, but that did not stop our cheerful service! A total of 112 Arrowmen contributed more than 600 hours of service to get ISR ready for summer camp.

From sweeping dust, mites and mice (!) out of buildings, to swimming pool preparation (special thanks to Scout Exec. Ben Blumenberg for his labors in the deep end), to the everlasting job of clearing tornado tree damage, sounds of industry rang all through the camp.

Our Ceremonies Team celebrated 43 Arrowmen who underwent Ordeal, achieved Brotherhood, or received Vigil honors. It was a great weekend!

*See more Spring Fellowship photos inside.*



# Letter From the Chief



Hello fellow Arrowmen,

I am so excited to begin a new term as Lodge Chief with the Lodge! I was previously Vice Chief of Program, so I have a lot of experience dealing with events and how they work. I would like to congratulate everyone who was elected and anyone who did their Ordeal, Brotherhood, or Vigil at this past Spring Fellowship.

During my term as Lodge Chief, I will be getting more Chapter activities going to encourage fellowship opportunities outside of Lodge events. I believe this is important because having Chapter events in your area will promote the Order of the Arrow as well as offer a chance for others who may not have had the connections to the lodge previously.

I can't wait to see what this next year has to offer!

Yours in Service,  
Olivia Tharp  
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, **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 2022 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.



## Ordeals Complete

High fives to our newest Brothers!

Andy B. - Troop 903  
John B. - Troop 74  
Ivan C. - Troop 40  
Elijah C. - Troop 52  
Alexander C. - Troop 1142  
John H. - Troop 903  
Allison H. - Troop 1957  
Michael H. - Troop 1957  
Megan L. - Troop 9903  
John M. - Troop 200  
Ian M. - Troop 1068  
Michael P. - Troop 74  
Joey P. - Troop 200  
Jackson S. - Troop 333  
Lucas T. - Troop 91  
Liam T. - Troop 919  
Kaleb T. - Troop 200  
Aiden H. - Troop 62  
Robert H. - Troop 62  
Jonathan K. - Troop 919  
Nick K. - Troop 919

## So you finished your ordeal, what's next?

First thing – Congratulations! Your fellow Scouts have 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.oa-bsa.org](http://www.jumpstart.oa-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.



## Lodge Elections See New Leaders Installed

As at every Spring Fellowship, WQ23 held elections for new officers and chapter chiefs. Some Scouts took on new positions, others have moved on from the LEC. We thank them for their service to our lodge! In the meantime, reach out and congratulate your brothers who have stepped up to serve!

(Pictured at left)

Lodge Chief - Olivia T. (Second from L)  
Vice Chief, Admin - Ben R. (third from L)  
Vice Chief, Program - Nick Z. (far R)  
Vice Chief, Communications - Ben J. (L)

Chapter Chiefs:

Lawasgoteu - Carson S., Trey S. (asst.)  
Mattameechen - Henry R.  
Wotamalo - Keslyn R., Isaac M. (asst.)  
Lowaneu - TBA



# NOAC is a BIG Deal!

The biggest event of the summer is rapidly approaching! The 2022 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) will be hosted at the University of Tennessee on July 25-30, 2022. Time is running out to register for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

NOAC is the largest event organized by the OA. Upwards of 8,000 Arrowmen from all 50 states are expected to gather for fun and fellowship while 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!
- Patch trading like you've never seen before!
- Top notch training, sports and recreation, service opportunities and much more.

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](http://noac2022.org). Then contact our contingent leaders, Matt Lee at 815-875-7880 or [aandabooks@live.com](mailto:aandabooks@live.com) and Debbi Draeger at 309-264-9454 or [ddraeger22770@gmail.com](mailto:ddraeger22770@gmail.com).

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## Aged Out Scouts Can Attend Jambo

The 2023 Jamboree is approaching quickly! This once-in-a-lifetime event will be held from July 19-23, 2023, at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia.

This really is a unique experience where you will have the opportunity to meet people from across the country and the world, enjoy all of the high adventure programs that the Summit offers, patch trade, concerts, merit badges, and so much more! There are even special service opportunities for OA members. This is a highly coveted event to attend, so if you are interested, be sure to sign up ASAP!

If you were originally supposed to go in 2021 but have since aged out, there is an opportunity for you! If you are still interested and want to have another chance to attend this amazing event, exceptions are currently being made for 18-20 year olds! If you are interested, register now at the National Jamboree website at [jamboree.scouting.org](http://jamboree.scouting.org).

### Broken Arrow

With reverent affection, we remember an Arrowman recently lost.

**Ralph Kroehler - April 5, 2022**

If you know of others, please contact us at [admin@wq23.org](mailto:admin@wq23.org).

### More Spring Fellowship photos ...

*The "Circus Tent" goes up as the pool cleaning solution goes down the drain, all to ready ISR for summer camp.*



## Upcoming Events

Here is a list of the upcoming lodge events that will be happening in 2022.

**June 23 - 24:** Ordeal at ISR

**July 7 - 8:** Ordeal at ISR

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

**Sept. 16 - 18:** Section G8 Red Arrow Rally

**Sept. 30 - Oct 2:** Fall Fellowship

**Jan. 7, 2023:** Winter Banquet

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).



## Brotherhoods Sealed

The next time you see these Brothers, slap 'em on the back - they sealed their Brotherhood!

Evan A. - Troop 627  
Korey A. - Troop 627  
Aidan C. - Troop 165  
Kayla G. - Troop 1957  
Will H. - Troop 903  
Ginger H. - Troop 912  
Isaac M. - Troop 627  
Laura P. - Troop 8888  
Scott R. - Troop 1122  
Carson S. - Troop 88  
Trey S. - Troop 1  
Stephen S. - Troop 1102  
Anita B. - Troop 333  
Alex D. - Troop 292  
Sophia M. - Troop 1155



## Vigil Kept

Our lodge recognized the exemplary service of Debbie Johnson with the Vigil Honor at Spring Fellowship. Here, she receives a personal token of esteem from other Vigil members, as her guide, Dan Wilcoxon, looks on. Congratulations, Deb!

## How to Earn the Summer Camp Participation Award

If you are attending summer camp with your unit this summer, did you know the OA offers an award for units that participate the most at summer camp?

If you are interested in learning more about this award, be sure to check out the information on the Lodge website under Resources / Forms/Files / Summer Camp Participation Award.

Some requirements include having all scouts who have been inducted to have up to date dues paid and the troop having an OA Troop Representative. If you or your troop is interested, make sure they meet these requirements before summer camp!

## Summer Callouts, Ordeal Return to Summer Camp

Our Lodge will have a big presence at Ingersoll Scout Reservation this summer for camp! Every Wednesday at camp our ceremonialists will conduct a callout ceremony.

The Lodge will also offer two Ordeal opportunities during summer camp. They will be conducted on Thursdays - June 23 and July 7. Make sure to let those who are eligible in your troop know that if they are called out they may participate and complete their Ordeal while at summer camp!

If you are interested helping out with the callout or the Ordeals, be sure to contact Camp Chief Olivia Tharp at [oliviatharp@gmail.com](mailto:oliviatharp@gmail.com).

## Rewards of Being an Elangomat

By Kris Reuter

I feel to be asked to be an Elangomat is an honor because it means I have proven my commitment as far as always having a smile no matter the task at hand and promoting cheerful (and fun) service.

The best experience during own Ordeal in 2019 (along with my son!) was my Pre-Ordeal ceremony. While attending the ceremony, the neighboring coyotes yipped in the background, making this even more magical for us all. The evening was rather chilly and we woke to heavy frost. It rained most of Saturday, but it didn't seem to matter to most of us! We worked alongside one another, silently, and I used the entire day to push my own limits and dive into some self-reflection.

I used my 2022 Spring Fellowship Elangomat experience to revisit and recharge my own strengths and weaknesses, all while helping make it a great experience for my Ordeal clan.

I would encourage anyone eligible to become an Elangomat to do so. You can encourage those youth who have completed their Ordeal to move forward, gain their Brotherhood, and make our lodge stronger.

Being part of the OA is pretty special for me as I do my best daily, in and out of Scouting, to exemplify the Scout Oath and Law. I feel Scouting has made me a better person at home, work, and in my everyday life.



*Kris Reuter, Troop 206, pictured in his natural habitat ... serving new Arrowmen as their Elangomat. To learn about serving as Elangomat, contact the Vice Chief of Program. Contact info on page 4.*



*More from Spring Fellowship ... Ordeal candidates rise and "shine" after a night spent under Ingersoll's stormy skies. But Saturday proved sunnier than predicted, and all their stress was forgotten over an Ordeal Dinner featuring bacon wrapped meatloaf! Welcome to WQ23!*



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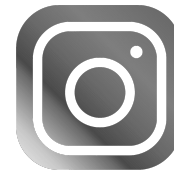
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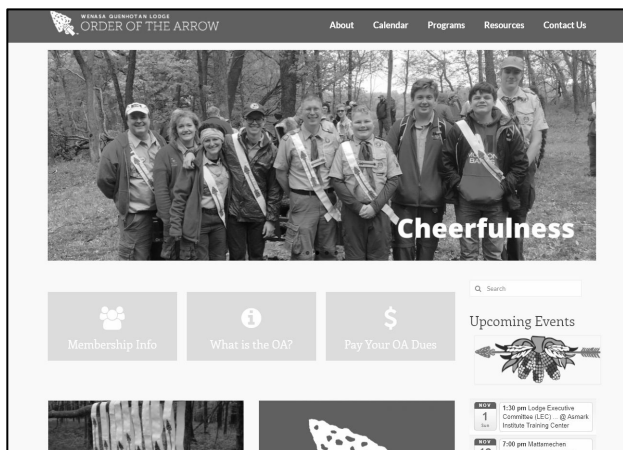


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