

## What an AMAZING Spring Fellowship!

That was the feeling expressed by many who attended our lodge's latest gathering. And we couldn't agree more!

Of course, pandemic restrictions that either limited or outright prevented prior gatherings had everything to do with the appreciation all felt at finally being able to gather together again (following existing protocols, of course). Has it ever felt so good to work together, serving our beloved camp, so Scouts like us can have an awesome summer camp experience?

By the numbers:

- 128 registered for Spring Fellowship
- 24 Ordeals
- 17 Brotherhood
- 3 Vigil

Breaking up the meal times into two smaller, safer groups allowed for the members of each group to get to know each other better, and camp still benefited from *(continued, page 4)*



*This fellowship saw the debut of our new regalia! Vibrantly colored and impressive to witness, the regalia has been researched to depict tribes indigenous to our area.*



*Among the many service projects tackled was the very overdue cleaning and reorganizing of our own shed, home to ceremonial regalia and more. Yay!*



# Letter from the Chief



Hello Wenasa Quenhotan!

First off thank you very much for your support and for choosing me as your Chief for the next year. I look forward to bringing my ideas and goals for how we can collectively improve our lodge and the experience of our fellow Arrowmen.

I would love to hear hearing what you all have to say and you're ideas for the future of our lodge so keep your eyes open for future opportunities to be heard. Also if you'd like to be more involved in our lodge please consider attending a Lodge Executive Council meeting. Everyone is welcome! I look forward to seeing you there! As always more information can be found on our website.

[www.WQ23.org](http://www.WQ23.org)

Yours in Service,

Joe Mathews  
Lodge Chief  
Wenasa Quenhotan

## Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is

We've all heard that crude way of saying "to give or spend money to support something we've been talking about." But do you wear an OA flap patch on your uniform? Do you identify yourself as a Vigil / Brotherhood / Ordeal member? If so, that's your "mouth" saying you believe in the OA and what it stands for. So please pay your dues to help your lodge remain fiscally sound.

Online payment (and paper forms) are on the lodge website, [www.wq23.org](http://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.

# OA Youth Leaders and Adult Advisers Can Spark the Leader Within (Yourselves)

WQ23 leaders--youth and adult--should seriously consider attending the Central Region's National Leadership Seminar (NLS) and Developing Youth Leadership Conference (DYLC). Both you AND our lodge will benefit!

NLS is a weekend conference on the skills and attributes of leadership. It is intended primarily to enhance the leadership skills of the Order of the Arrow's key youth and adult members as they seek to improve their services to the Boy Scouts of America and the greater community. The weekend format is designed to complement the longer, more detailed Wood Badge and National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) Programs. Near the end of

the seminar, participants make a contract with themselves to apply the skills studied in the seminar on projects in their lodge, council and community.

DYLC is a weekend conference focusing on the skills and attributes of effective lodge advisers. It is intended primarily to enhance an adviser's knowledge of and connectivity with the OA's strategic plan, program and resources, while emphasizing personal skills that are essential to the development of effective youth leadership, and ultimately, the OA's service to the council.

The Friday evening through Sunday lunch formats make it easy for travelers to get to and from the event. If you're interested, talk to Mr. Fishel--he can let you know if others from WQ23 are already planning to attend so you can carpool with them!

Available NLS/DYLC dates:

**Kansas City, KS, May 21 - 23**

**Grass Lake, MI, Oct 15 - 17**

Details at <https://central.oa-bsa.org/nls/>



## Our Newest Vigil Honorees

Our heartfelt congratulations to our three newest Vigil members, who earned this high level of recognition and distinction over years of service. Kudos to Owen Jones, Austin St. George and Adam Brown. Well deserved!



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getting all the items on Ranger Biggs' list (also split into two parts) done and polished for the beginning of the summer season.

To cap off the weekend, successful elections heralded in a new set of leaders, motivated in large part by the enthusiasm that our Region Chief, Terry Hendriex, brought to the new member induction, and the can-do attitudes of the new officer candidates.

And the food! We need to heap praise on the Quartermasters, who rose to the occasion with food that almost outshone the sun!

On the whole, this Fellowship made up for many of the challenges COVID has presented the Lodge over the past 12 months. We are set to have another great year in WQ23 as we grow and deepen our service to the Lodge and Council.

**Event patches:** A error by the patch company caused Spring Fellowship patches to be delayed. Everyone who registered for the event will receive their patch in the mail.

## Hail to the Chief (and all Lodge Leaders)!

Welcome! Congratulations! Thank you!

What more needs to be said of the youth who stood for Lodge leadership elections at Spring Fellowship? While we thank our past officers for their service, it's great to see these Scout step forward and say, "I will serve. I will lead."



*From left: Vice Chief, Administration Ben R.; Vice Chief, Program Olivia T.; Vice Chief, Communications Logan L.; Lodge Chief: Joe M. (who looks suspiciously similar to Ethan T. in this photo!).*



*From left: Lowenau Chapter Chief Philip G.; Wotamalo Chapter Chief Elliott M.; Mattameecheen Chapter Chief Rolan S.*

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# Congrats to These Arrowmen

## Ordeal

|                |            |
|----------------|------------|
| Mikah A.       | Troop 166  |
| Munkhbat C.    | Troop 40   |
| Nico C.        | Troop 200  |
| Christian C.   | Troop 57   |
| Samuel C.      | Troop 57   |
| Jack C.        | Troop 166  |
| Aidan D.       | Troop 797  |
| Owen D.        | Troop 166  |
| Ryan D.        | Troop 166  |
| Christopher F. | Troop 40   |
| Adam G.        | Troop 166  |
| Eric G.        | Troop 166  |
| John G.        | Troop 797  |
| Karac H.       | Troop 166  |
| James H.       | Troop 797  |
| Aidan H.       | Troop 57   |
| Jacob H.       | Troop 166  |
| Aiden K.       | Troop 1122 |
| Andrew K.      | Troop 181  |
| Elliott M.     | Troop 86   |
| Phillip O.     | Troop 166  |
| Scott R.       | Troop 1122 |
| Davey M.       | Troop 57   |
| Jackson V.     | Troop 57   |
| Grant Z.       | Troop 919  |

## Brotherhood

|             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| Kelly B.    | Troop 166  |
| Collin B.   | Troop 1055 |
| Andrew D.   | Troop 912  |
| Mitchell D. | Troop 912  |
| Andre G.    | Troop 86   |
| Gavin H.    | Troop 1055 |
| Michael H.  | Troop 1055 |
| Brandon H.  | Troop 918  |
| Michael H.  | Troop 912  |
| Logan L.    | Troop 957  |
| Ben R.      | Troop 65   |
| Theresa S.  | Troop 1091 |
| Rolen S.    | Troop 957  |
| Olivia T.   | Troop 627  |
| Noah W.     | Troop 797  |
| Wyatt W.    | Troop 1056 |

## Vigil

|               |             |
|---------------|-------------|
| Adam B.       | Troop 155   |
| Owen J.       | Troop 957   |
| Austin St. G. | Council 318 |



## Earn the Summer Camp Participation Award

Wenasa Quenhotan lodge has a special award for units that attend summer camp at Ingersoll Scout Reservation. The Summer Camp Participation Award is given to those units that meet these requirements: The Senior Patrol Leader of the unit must attend all SPL meetings while at summer camp; at least one adult leader must stay with the unit the entire week; 60% of scouts registered with the unit must attend must stay at camp the entire week; the unit must have an Order of the Arrow unit representative; all scouts in the unit who are members of the OA must have their dues paid; and the unit participate in a service project while at camp.

The Summer Camp Participation Award--a patch for each member of the unit and a ribbon for the unit flag--will be awarded if these requirements are met. An out-of-council unit may earn this award if they complete the first three requirements listed, and the unit completes a service project while at camp.

Find the related form at [wq23.org](http://wq23.org), under Resources, then Forms/Files.

# We'll Soon Be Following the Beat Of a Different Drum

Every time our Drum & Dance Team performed in recent memory, they benefited from the generous loan of a fantastic drum, personally owned by two Lodge brothers. This "beat for free" scenario let us accumulate funds to buy our own drum ... someday.

THAT DAY HAS ARRIVED! The LEC recently took delivery of our very own drum, which will be first heard during summer camp callouts.

The drum was made by Tribal Spirits Music, based in Quebec, Canada. It's 32 by 17 inches, took three weeks to make and the hide is made of moose. More info about Tribal Spirits Music can be found at <https://tribalspiritmusic.com/about-us/>

## Callouts and Ordeal at Summer Camp

In addition to the Summer Camp Participation Award (see separate article), Wenasa Quenhotan is planning OA activities for Arrowmen each week of summer camp at ISR.

There will be call-outs on Wednesdays (they will look a little different than in the past due to health restrictions) and an Ordeal opportunity is planned Wednesday (evening) and Thursday, July 7 and 8.

Scouts called out any week of camp will be eligible to participate in the Summer Ordeal. Watch the lodge website for details on how to register.

WQ23's Drum and Dance Team are looking for volunteers interested in drumming for ceremonies and possibly for songs later down the road. If interested, contact Aaron Shaffer at [ashaffer.email@gmail.com](mailto:ashaffer.email@gmail.com).



# OA Offers Discounts to BSA High Adventure Bases?

Scouts BSA's high adventure programs are once-in-a-lifetime opportunities that offer unforgettable memories. The only catch? Trips to one of the four high adventure bases (Summit, Sea Base, Northern Tier and Philmont Scout Ranch) can be very expensive.

That's where the OA comes in. Being in our lodge grants you many benefits, like going to a high adventure base for a fraction of the normal price!

On an OA high adventure program, you go to the base for two weeks. The first week, you work closely with the staff and others from across the nation doing cheerful service for the base, and the second week you do a trek you customize yourself. The work is fun, and the trek is better.

Not many people could say that they have watched the Northern Lights from a canoe, hiked mountains, scuba dived in the Florida Keys, or went white water rafting in West Virginia.

Programs for this summer begin as early as June 2, with the last program available being August 4. Visit <https://oa-bsa.org/high-adventure> for more information on the OA High Adventure opportunities.



## Red Arrow Rally Is Coming



The Section C-3A Red Arrow Rally is scheduled for September 24-26, 2021, at Ingersoll Scout Reservation.

That's right, we are hosting Arrowmen from across eastern Iowa and Illinois as they "Discover the Treasures of Scouting"

at a weekend packed with fun, training and fellowship at our beloved ISR.

Mark your calendar and look for registration info coming soon!

## Patches? We Need Your "Stinkin" Patches!

Turn that box of old patches and memorabilia into a memorable OA experience for the youth in our lodge.

Contact Matt Lee about how you can donate items to include in future Youth Subsidy Auctions. Contact him at (815) 875-7880 or [aandabooks@live.com](mailto:aandabooks@live.com).





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