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Winter Banquet Recap

Jan. 7th, 2023

We had an excellent Winter Banquet this year; numerous Arrowmen came for food and fellowship. As usual, officer inductions were a large part of the ceremony. We have a very experienced LEC this year, and it was great to see them enter their roles in service to the lodge. Additionally, we had the pleasure of giving out two Founders' Awards to Donnie Paynter and Ben Peters. Lorelei Beach was honored with the First Year Arrowman Award, and our NOAC contingent leaders won the committee of the year award. Our special guest was Section Chief Carter Stoner, who came all the way down from Valparaiso to address the lodge. It was a wonderful event that furthered our dedication to fun and fellowship. We look forward to more events like it in the future!



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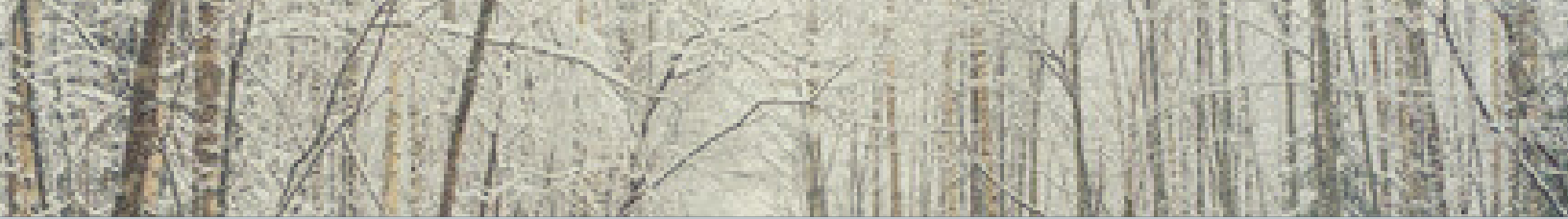
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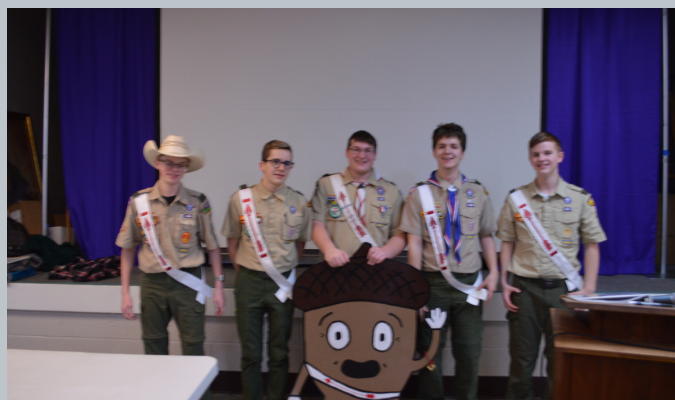
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Your 2023 Officers

2023 Lodge Chief:	Sam Freeman
Vice Chief of Activities:	Simon Connor
Vice Chief of Finance:	Jack Jones
Vice Chief of Inductions:	Ayden Rokicki
Vice Chief of Publications:	Jacob Stoen
Secretary of Recording:	Joshua Robbins



Lodge Chief Address

Kiondaga Lodge,

As we work our way through the new year of 2023, I'm very excited to see what's in store for Kiondaga Lodge. We've already held our Winter Banquet and as successful as it was, the Lodge leadership is already working towards more future fellowship and service opportunities. Our advisors and officers are busy organizing events and getting in touch; our history and tradition depend on the selfless service in these weighty tasks. We seek to preserve these obligations and traditions, as well as continue the great trends set by our LEC last year. The last year was incredible for our Lodge and I – along with the rest of the LEC – seek to take that momentum and lead Kiondaga onward! We would love to see even more elections, even more successful events, and even more bonds of brotherhood. The best quality of the Order of the Arrow is found in the Arrowmen: they are the ones who volunteer to run committees and take time to make our program the best it can be. I encourage all of our Arrowmen to take the initiative. Our strength lies in self sacrifice and leadership. I'll leave you with a quote from our founder, E. Urner Goodman: "He who serves his fellows, is of all his fellows, greatest." Every one of us needs to seek the ability to be that fellow.

In Fellowship,

Sam Freeman
 2023 Kiondaga Lodge Chief
2023chief@kiondaga.org





Rank Up

March 25

Rank Up, hosted by our lodge, has been a wonderful event to share knowledge and serve the council's troops. We'll be helping Scouts through their ranks at Old Ben on March 25th. This time, it will be a single-day event with plenty of training for the Scouts at tools and fire, nature, orienteering, and first-aid. We're really looking forward to serving the troops in our council! Please contact us at RankUp@kiondaga.org to let us know which station you are able to help with, and register at <https://scoutingevent.com/156-OARankUp2023>



Spring Fellowship

May 19-21, 2023

Keep an eye out for Spring Fellowship! One of the flagship events for the year, and it's coming up in May. Make sure to get registered early so you can get to the service, fellowship, and fun! As an Arrowman, you'll be able to earn your Brotherhood honor, help the incoming candidates earn their Ordeal honor AS AN ELANGOMAT, and engage in service.

We will also be having the vigil call-out ceremony this spring instead of the fall. Bring the other members from your troop, make sure the candidates have a ride, and be prepared to buy a squishee at the trading post. There'll be plenty of games and good times to be had, so keep a lookout for this Fellowship!





MBU Leader's Lounge

March 11, 2023

At the Lincoln Heritage Merit Badge University, Kiondaga will once again have a lounge area for leaders, parents, and volunteers to relax. There will be some refreshments, snacks, and tons of information about the Order of the Arrow. If you are a member, stop by the lounge, say hi to Acorn Boy, and learn about our upcoming events. If you are a Scoutmaster or Crew Advisor, come grab some coffee and schedule your units OA election so that your scouts are eligible to become Arrowmen! We will see you there.



OA High Adventure Opportunities

There are High Adventure opportunities for all OA members at every one of the National High Adventure Bases over the whole summer. These opportunities include Canadian Odyssey, Ocean Adventure, Summit Experience, Philmont Trail Crew, and Wilderness Voyage. These programs are at a highly reduced price since service is given in return for the amazing experience at these High Adventure Bases. You go to these bases as an individual and are grouped with other arrowmen from across the country to come back with plenty of stories, a new high adventure experience, and lots of friends! To learn more about OA High Adventure Programs, please visit oa-bsa.org/adventure.

OA High Adventure is one of the best programs our organization offers nationally for every single member to take advantage of. There are limited spots left for this summer, so sign up soon!



SECTION CONCLAVE

April 14-16

Section Conclave is coming up soon! With the theme of flannel and flapjacks, we'll be exploring as lumberjacks doing leatherworking, woodcarving, and of course patch trading. We also need to make sure we have strong teams for the annual cornhole and lodge ball tournaments. Watching the ceremony competitions is also always a great place to learn about American Indian Activities (AIA). Finally, we always elect our section officers for the rest of the year at conclave, so make sure you are there to cast your vote!



Conclave will be taking place April 14-16 at Camp Kikthawenund. Section events are always a big deal, and you don't want to miss out on this one. There are also scholarships to attend for free if you were inducted in 2022. Email our Adviser, Wayne Carter at adviser@kiondaga.org, if you are interested in this opportunity.

Register at kiondaga.org/2023conclave to be part of our lodge contingent!



Get Involved in the OA!

There are many ways to get involved in the Order of the Arrow, but perhaps the most influential way you can help locally is within our many lodge committees. Our lodge committees consist of the Rank Up Committee, Communications Team, Ceremonies Team, Elangomat & Brotherhood Conversion Committee, Unit Visitation and Election Teams, Activities Committee, Service Committee, Vigil and Awards Selection, Trading Post Staff, and Special Events Committee.

Express your interest in joining a team online at kiondaga.org/volunteer or by contacting the Lodge Secretary at secretary@kiondaga.org.



Unit Visitation and Elections

Has your troop or crew had their OA unit visitation and election for 2022 yet? If not, contact the Vice Chief of Elections, Sam Freeman, or the Lodge Chief, Andy Hardgrave to schedule one, or get information about completing an election. We are prepared to conduct visits online or in person. To join the OA, a scout must be elected by his or her peers. Check out the revised OA Induction Requirements from the Order of the Arrow at oa-bsa.org/about/membership. Some requirements have changed such as long-term camping and the allowed use of digital camping nights. Schedule your election by emailing us at inductions@kiondaga.org.



2023 Lodge Calendar and Contacts

January 2023

7th - Winter Banquet
22rd - Monthly LEC*

February

18th - OA Adult Gathering
26th - Monthly LEC* (at Methodist Temple)

March

24th-26th - Rank Up
26th - Monthly LEC*

April

14nd-16th - Section Conclave
30th - Monthly LEC*

May

19th-21th - Spring Fellowship and Ordeal
21th - Monthly LEC*

June

25th - Monthly LEC*

July

16th - Monthly LEC*

August (continues)

12th-13th - Summer Fun Fellowship

August (continued)

12th - Vigil Reunion
13th - Monthly LEC*

September

8th-10th - Fall Fellowship and Ordeal
10th - Monthly LEC*

October

21st - Halloween Party (Same Day as
Spook-O-Ree)
21st - Monthly LEC*

November

11th-12th - LLD & Lock-In
12th - Monthly LEC*

December

10th - Monthly LEC*

January 2024

6th - Winter Banquet

**Our Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) meetings, if on the same day of an event, will generally be at the conclusion of the event at the same location.*

The most up-to-date calendar is available at
kiondaga.org/events/.



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