



## **2025 Lodge Information Book**

### **Tecumseh Lodge 65**

#### **Order of the Arrow**

Simon Kenton Council

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## **Order of the Arrow Obligation**

I do hereby promise, on my honor as a Scout, that I will always and faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow,  
Wimachtendienk Wingolauchsik Witahemui.

I will always regard the ties of Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow as lasting, and will seek to preserve a cheerful spirit, even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities, and will endeavor, so far as in my power lies, to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.

## **Order of the Arrow Song**

Firm bound in Brotherhood, gather the Clan  
That Cheerful Service brings to fellow man  
Circle our Council Fire, weld tightly every link  
That binds us in Brotherhood, Wimachtendienk.

## **Order of the Arrow Grace**

For night alone that rests our thought  
For quiet dawn that lights our trail For evening fire that warms and cheers  
For each repast that fuels our work  
We give thanks, O Lord.

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## A Message From Your Lodge Chief



Esteemed Members of Tecumseh Lodge,

My name is Bryson Tillman and I'm very honored to serve you as your Lodge Chief for the 2025 year.

I joined Tecumseh Lodge in 2020, my ordeal being on Halloween! Ever since that frigid night alone under the stars I was hooked on the OA. I have served the lodge as Registration Chairman, Lodge Secretary, and as the Vice Chief of Administration. I received my Vigil Honor in 2024 and hope to continue to give back to the OA every day.

This year I want to put a major focus on uplifting our Chair's and Chapters. Our Chairs are the backbone of our lodge and some of our most passionate members! This year I will continue to work to empower them to reach their goals and their vision for their position. The chapters are a unique way for the lodge to meet and build a community on a more local level. Giving our Chapter Chiefs the resources they need to be prosperous will be another objective of mine.

I am incredibly honored and thankful for this unique opportunity to serve as your Lodge Chief! I hope to see everyone at our events this year and please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have.

Yours in WWW,  
Bryson Tillman  
2025 Tecumseh Lodge Chief

# About the Order of the Arrow

## HISTORY

The Order of the Arrow was founded by Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson in 1915 at the Treasure Island Camp of the Philadelphia Council, Boy Scouts of America. It became an official program experiment in 1922 and was approved as part of the Scouting program in 1934. In 1948 the OA, recognized as the BSA's national brotherhood of honor campers, became an official part of the Boy Scouts of America. In 1998, the Order of the Arrow became recognized as Scouting's National Honor Society when it expanded its reach beyond camping to include broader service to Scouting and the community. In 2012 Young Women were accepted to join the Order of the Arrow.

## VISION

To be why Scouts want to stay in Scouting

## MISSION

To achieve the mission of Scouting America through transformative fellowship that ignites limitless Scouting journeys.

## PURPOSE

As Scouting's National Honor Society, we forge lifelong bonds among the leaders in Scouting and:

- Recognize those who exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and, through that recognition, cause others to act in the same way.
- Reinforce a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.
- Create and deliver peer-led, adult-guided, advanced leadership experiences for Scouts and Scouters that positively impact their unit, community, and ultimately our nation.
- Be an integral part of Scouting America and encourage participation in all it offers through units, outdoor adventures, and national events to further the Scouting experience.

## How the Order of the Arrow Is Organized

The Order of the Arrow has three distinct organizational levels, lodges, sections, and regions. Lodges carry out the Order of the Arrow program at the local level and are closely tied with Scouting America Councils. Sections consist of several lodges within a geographic region and Regions in turn consist of Sections within a geographic region of the United States. Lodges, Sections, and Regions each have a distinct set of responsibilities which ensure that the OA program runs smoothly.

At the national level, the Order of the Arrow is governed by the national Order of the Arrow committee. The national committee sets policy, directs the national program of the Order, and broadly manages the organization above the local lodge level. The committee is composed of the national chief and national vice chief (and their immediate predecessors), who are elected annually at the national planning meeting; the chairman, who is appointed annually by the chairman of the national Outdoor Adventures committee; other volunteer members, appointed by the chairman; and two staff members, the director of the Order of the Arrow and the OA specialist.

### Regions

The Order of the Arrow, like the Scouting America, is organized into two geographical regions: Eastern Region and Gateway Region. Each region is led by a youth region chief, a volunteer region chairman, and a region staff adviser. The region leadership helps execute the national program on a more local level, implements the National Leadership Seminar and National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar, provides its member sections with resources, and facilitates communication between local organizations and the national OA committee.

### Sections

An Order of the Arrow section consists of lodges within a geographic area of the region. Each section is led by a chief, vice chief, and secretary, who play a crucial part in making the annual Conclave a success. The section may lead training seminars, promote national programs of emphasis, and provide resources to local lodges. The section chief presides over the Council of Chiefs, attended by delegates of each member lodge.

## Where does Tecumseh Lodge fit in?

Tecumseh lodge is part of **Section E13** in the **Eastern Region**.

During the year we will have two or three functions where we are directly involved with the other Lodges in our Section.



# You And Your Unit

An Arrowman's primary responsibility is to his troop or post. Remember, it was your fellow scouts or explorers who elected you into our noble order, and it is to them that you should devote most of your service. Dr. E. Urner Goodman, founder of the Order, once said, " Let it be remembered that the Order of the Arrow was created to help the unit - to help it present its membership a better idea of the inner qualities of the honor scout camper.

Qualities of character, like cheerfulness and service, are hard for a boy or a man to understand in the abstract. They come easier when seen in human life.

The Order was started to help glorify these qualities of the honor Scout Camper in the unit, so that they might be appreciated there, not only during the brief term in summer camp, but through all of the days and weeks of the year."

Let us remember the significance of the Order in the unit - for the unit is our one best hope in Scouting..."

What are your responsibilities in your home unit? You should make sure that your unit maintains an active camping program and that as many members as possible are involved. Be sure your lodge camp promotion team visits your unit at least once a year and that you have an annual Order of the Arrow election. Your unit should help the lodge give service to as many community projects as possible. It is also most important that you keep your unit members informed on current happenings of the lodge and in the local council.

## Order of the Arrow, Troop Representative

Order of the Arrow representatives serve as a communication link between the troop and the local Order of the Arrow lodge. By enhancing the image of the Order as a service arm to the troop, they promote the OA, encourage Scouts to take part in all sorts of camping opportunities, and helps pave the way for older Scouts to become involved in high-adventure programs. They also count as a position of responsibility in your troop.

## Your Relation To Your Unit

Always remember that your fellow Scouts honored you by electing you to the Order because of your Scout Spirit and camping ability. They set you apart as one from whom they expect a great deal. Your experience with the Ordeal should now enable you to give the leadership they want and need. For this reason, your first duty as an Arrowman is to continue and expand your service to your own unit. The success of the Order in your unit mainly depends on what you do individually. Your example of cheerful service in camp and at troop or post meetings is the spark that brings the spirit alive.

By striving to fulfill your Obligation you will not only help your fellow Scouts, you will also gain the experience needed to understand the Brotherhood membership.



# The Journey From Ordeal Membership To Brotherhood

Your completion of the Ordeal sets you on the next part of your long and toilsome journey; at least 6 full months of active preparation for sealing your membership in the Brotherhood Ceremony.

The Ordeal has introduced you to the mysteries of the Arrow. Now, during your service as an Ordeal member, you have ample opportunity to increase your knowledge of the Arrow and make it work for you.

The following gives all the basic information you will need during this important time. Your brothers in the Order also stand ready to help and you should take advantage of their support whenever possible.

## The Challenges of Ordeal Membership

You must meet five challenges before you can enter the Circle of Brotherhood. The first of these you should meet now. The next three require steady effort over a period of many months. The last challenge you must meet after you are satisfied that you are meeting the first four.

- 1. Memorize the signs of Arrow Membership.** Memorize the Obligation of the Order which you received from Allowat Sakima (printed on the back of your membership card). Also, memorize the Order of the Arrow song, the Admonition, the Sign of Ordeal Membership, and the Arrow handclasp.
- 2. Advance in your understanding of the Ordeal.** Gain a thorough understanding of the Ordeal through which you have passed. Obtain a copy of the Manual for the Ordeal, or attend other Ordeal Ceremonies and learn more about what you have experienced.
- 3. Serve your Unit.** Retain your registration in Scouting. During a period of at least 6 months, strive to fulfill your Obligation by continuing and expanding your service to your own Troop or Post.
- 4. Plan for service to your Lodge.** Retain your registration in the Order of the Arrow Lodge and keep your dues paid. Be aware that acceptance of Brotherhood membership involves a pledge of service to the lodge. Develop a concrete idea of how you plan to fulfill this pledge.
- 5. Review your Progress.** When you earnestly feel that you have met the four challenges above, write a letter to the Brotherhood Chairman. In this letter: A. Explain what you think the Obligation means.

6. Describe how you have been fulfilling this Obligation in your troop or post and in your daily life, and how you have used your understanding of the Ordeal to aid in this service.



## The Legend of the Order of the Arrow

Years ago, in the dim ages, In the Valley of the Delaware, Lived a peaceful tribe of Indians  
- Lenni Lenape their name was. Deer and bear, wildcat and panther  
through the forest oft they hunted. On the bosom of the river Peacefully they fished and  
paddled.

Round their busy village wigwams still the chase they nimbly followed. In this state of bliss  
so happy Many moons they lived contented, Springtime blossomed into summer, Summer  
into autumn ripened, Autumn died on winter's bosom; Thus the seasons in succession  
Never ending seemed to pass on.

But, behold, a cloud arising Changed how soon this peaceful aspect. Neighboring tribes,  
and distant enemies, Suddenly disturbed their hunting. Then Chingachgook, aged  
chieftain Of the tribe, made quick inquiry: "Who will go and carry warning Of this dire and  
dreadful danger To all Delawares, our brothers?" But none wished to make the journey.  
Then spoke up the noble Uncas, Worthy son of the old chieftain, "O my father, I am ready;  
Send me on this gracious errand. If we would remain a nation, we must stand by one  
another.

Let us both urge on our kindred firm devotion to our brethren and our cause, Ourselves  
forgetting, Let us catch the higher vision. Let us find the greater beauty In the life of  
cheerful service."

Off upon the trail they started, Old Chingachgook and young Uncas; And in every tribal  
village Some were found who were quite willing To spend themselves in other's service.  
When at last the fierce marauders Were forced back to their own country And peace was  
declared between them, They who first themselves had offered For the service of their  
brethren, To the places most respected By the chieftain were promoted: For, said he, who  
serves his fellows Is, of all his fellows, greatest!

As a seed dropped by the sower On good soil bears quick fulfillment: So this saying of  
their chieftain In their hearts found glad acceptance And they asked that in some manner  
He should make its memory lasting.

So together fast and firmly Chief Chingachgook bound these warriors In a great and  
honored Order, Into which can be admitted Only those who their own interests Can forget  
in serving others. And so firm must be their purpose So to live that their companions,  
Taking note of their devotion, Shall propose them to the Order, We, therefore, to them  
succeeding To the present day perpetuate The names and tokens of this Brotherhood of  
Cheerful Service Called by Delawares: Wimachtendienk - Wingolauchsik - Witahemui.

## Our Lodge Totem



The legend that is told of the birth of Tecumseh informs us that his father was looking for an omen. At the moment of the child's birth, a green comet, the color of a panther's eye, shot across the sky. Thus he was named, in the language of the Shawnee, Tecumseh. It's meaning "panther crossing across."

To represent this historic leader's birth, we have chosen the form of a panther-shaped comet as our totem emblem. The flap of our Lodge shows the unsomo, or birth sign of the panther streaking across the sky at the moment of Tecumseh's birth.

On all Order of the Arrow patches, the mark of the Fleur De Lis to represent the Scouting America organization is present. The three W's, on all OA patches, stand for the name of the Order of the Arrow in Lenni Lenape, Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui.

# 2025 Lodge Officers

**Lodge Chief**



Bryson T

**Lodge Vice Chief –  
Administration**



Phil C

**Lodge Vice Chief -  
Activities**



Garrett E

**Lodge Vice Chief –  
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James R

**Lodge Secretary**



Lucas E

**Lodge Treasurer**



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	Zachary M.- Chief	Barb Wasmer - Adviser <a href="mailto:barbarawasmer@gmail.com">barbarawasmer@gmail.com</a>
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## 2025 Lodge Committees

Committee	Chairman	Adviser
<b>Chief Committees</b>		
<b>Honors</b>	Cynthia S.	Colin Kovichick
<b>Health and Safety</b>	Schyler W.	Terry Barr
<b>Admonition</b>	Sam B.	Rylee Clift
<b>Admin Committees</b>		
<b>Brotherhood</b>	David S.	Lanny Greenbaum
<b>Ceremonies</b>	Baden W.	Joe Shaluha
<b>Elangomat</b>	Jack B.	Micheal Woolum
<b>Activities Committees</b>		
<b>Food Service</b>	Carter F.	Phil Freeman
<b>Fellowships</b>	Charles L.	Caleb Hammond
<b>Reverence</b>	Joey S.	Alan Johnson
<b>Special Events (Ad Hoc)</b>	Reid M.	Rob Fanska
<b>Chapters Committees</b>		
<b>Unit Visitations</b>	Joe S.	Paul Post
<b>Secretary Committees</b>		
<b>Membership</b>	Jacqueline G.	William Finley
<b>Communication</b>	Mathew E.	David Marty
<b>Registration</b>	Donovan S.	Mike Jones
<b>Historian (Ad Hoc)</b>	Sam G.	Aaron Wyckoff
<b>Treasurer Committees</b>		
<b>Budgets</b>	Madi W.	
<b>Trading Post</b>	Hector G.	Jon Santini III

## Committee Descriptions

**Honors-** Coordinate all affairs related to the Vigil Honor.

**Health and Safety-** Oversee safety at lodge events.

**Admonition-** Ensures that every Arrowman/Candidate feels welcome.

**Brotherhood-** Inducts and guides the Brotherhood candidates at Ordeals.

**Ceremonies-** Maintain the Ceremonies trailer, maintain the gear used.

**Elangomat-** Recruit Elangomats for Ordeals.

**Fellowships-** Help in the planning of the Spring and Fall Fellowships and help plan the Fellowships for the Ordeals.

**Food Service-** Create the menu for events. Prepare the food at events.

**Reverence-** Coordinates all flag ceremonies, meal graces, Sunday morning worship service, and any other time when reverence is needed.

**Special Events-** Advertising, recruiting, and coordinating members for the Section Conclave.

**Unit Visitation-** Assemble the visitation packets for the year and distribute them to the chapters

**Communications-** Prepare all publications of the Lodge; newsletters, social media posts, and the website.

**Historian-** Maintains the Tecumseh Lodge History book. Update's the Tecumseh Lodge History website.

**Membership-** Improve the Lodge through membership tracking and input.

**Registration-** Checks in and out participants at an event.

**Budgets-** Check's the budget progress per event and the general budget. Collect receipts and document expenditures.

**Trading Post-** Ensures the trading post is at all Lodge events.



For a full description of each committee and to volunteer, scan this QR code to get involved

## Gold Arrowman Award



We are excited to announce an award that is being offered to all our members. The Gold Arrowman is an award designed to recognize members that are active in the Lodge and promote the OA in their units. This award is designed to be earned during the course of one calendar year. First year recipients of this award will receive a unique lodge flap at our annual awards banquet. For those who earn it in subsequent years, you will receive a pin to add to the flap. In order to receive the Gold Arrowman award you need to complete the five requirements listed below, get them initialed, then sign and turn in the form.

1. Attend one Training event (LLD or FORUM)
2. Do one of the Following:
  - A. For Ordeal candidates (new members who take their Ordeal in 2025), complete your Ordeal and Serve at one other Ordeal (Elangomat, Kitchen, Ritual, Chairman or Officer/Adviser)
  - B. For Ordeal members who took their Ordeal prior to 2025, earn Brotherhood and serve at one other Ordeal (Elangomat, Kitchen, Ritual, Chairman or Officer/ Adviser)
  - C. For Brotherhood/Vigil Members Serve at two Ordeals as an Elangomat, Kitchen help, Ritual team member, Lodge Committee/Chairman or as a Lodge Officer/Adviser
3. Attend a chapter Event or facilitate two Unit Elections
4. Attend one Fellowship (Spring/Summer /Fall)
5. Discuss Opportunities Within the Lodge with an Officer/Adviser
6. Talk to your unit about the opportunities within the OA and encourage inactive members to attend a Lodge event

# Quality Chapter Award



We are excited to announce the implementation of the new Quality Chapter Award for 2025. We hope that the new program will help the chapters, and by extension the lodge, improve in many of the PMP scoring areas. In order to earn the award, a chapter must complete the following requirements and have a representative turn in a form before Fall Fellowship.

## **SERVICE**

- Execute Three Service Activities
  - \*With At Least One Service Being The Primary Focus Of The Event
- Perform At Least seventy-five Hours of Work Hours

## **MEMBERSHIP**

- Plan And Execute Two Chapter Fellowship Activities
  - \*With A Fellowship Being The Primary Focus Of The Event
  - \*Examples: Chapter Shooting Event, Chapter Banquet, Chapter Campouts
- Have Positive Chapter Activation Growth from the previous year

## **VISITATION**

- Have Positive Visitation Growth from the previous year

## **REPORTS**

- Chapter Participates In At Least Three Tecumseh Speaks Newsletters
- Advertise and recap each of your chapter events on social media
- Chapter leadership attends two district roundtable meetings.
- Be In Good Standing With Tecumseh Lodge

## Other Awards

The Order of the Arrow provides opportunities for its members to excel and be recognized for their accomplishments. These recognitions are provided at two levels of the organization, either at the local lodge level or at the National level. Individual members may be recognized or entire lodges. The awards and honors provided here are standard throughout the organization. Individual lodges may form and provide their own local awards such as “Brother of the Year”, “Most Active Arrowman”, and other achievement awards.

### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD: NATIONAL LEVEL AWARD

The Distinguished Service Award is presented to Arrowmen, youth and adult, who have rendered distinguished and outstanding service to the Order on a sectional, regional, or national basis. The award is presented at NOAC. Fewer than 1,200 Service Awards have been awarded since 1940.

### Section E-13 Active Arrowmen Award: Section Level Award

To recognize and encourage those Arrowmen who actively participate in the program and events hosted and planned by Section E13 over the course of a year. This will be an annual award spanning from Conclave to Conclave. The term for this award is from the end of Conclave through the preceding year’s conclave. Requirements are under the “ documents” tab on the Section E-13 Website: [e13.oa-scouting.org](http://e13.oa-scouting.org)

### Silver Arrowhead Award: Section Level Award

The Silver Arrowhead award is designed to recognize those Arrowmen who have rendered exemplary service over a number of years to the Order of the Arrow on the Section level. The requirements of this award are few and individual’s records of service will be used to select those Arrowmen, who will be recognized at Conclave. The requirements include: Must have given at least two years of exemplary service to the Section, in a leadership or support role (youth and adults are eligible). No more than four Arrowmen will be chosen per Section year, there must be at minimum a 1:1 youth to adult ratio of recipients chosen.

### FOUNDER’S AWARD: LODGE LEVEL AWARD

Introduced at the 1981 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the Founder’s Award recognizes arrowmen who have given outstanding service to their lodge. The award is reserved for an Arrowman who demonstrates that he or she personifies the spirit of selfless service, as advocated by founder E. Urner Goodman and cofounder Carroll A. Edson.

### THE VIGIL HONOR: LODGE LEVEL AWARD

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. Membership cannot be won by a person’s conscious endeavors.

# Vigil Honor

The following brothers have received the Vigil Honor in Tecumseh Lodge, while the full list is long and comprehensive these are the last 15 years of Vigils. Find the full list on our website: [Tecumseh65.org](http://Tecumseh65.org)

## 2010

Nathan Godenschwager - Leader of Dance  
Edward D. Osborn - Red Merit Gatherer  
Edward D. Osborn, Sr - He who Guides Lightening  
Barbara Wasmer - Mother of Three

## 2011

Dennis Bumb - Patient Spirit  
Dante Caldwell - Helpful hands, Gentle Heart  
Andrew S Dewald (N) - Quiet One  
Howard D Dewald (N) - Patient One  
Paul Haberman - He who Ruffles Feathers  
Vicky Hacker - Cook who knows no strangers  
Tim Kaiser, Jr - Dance Drum Guard  
Arie Leffel - One who Honors his Commitments  
Jim McMains - Miracle Worker  
Kevin McMains - Speaks with Knowledge  
Michael Osborn - One who emerges from Shadows  
Dan Paregon - Protector of the North  
Harold Tim Reed - Speaks to All  
Richard Shellenberger II - Flying Eagle

## 2012

Hayden Biedenbarn - Smiling Musical Bear  
Michael Biedenbarn - One who likes to Quench Fires  
Alec Kaepfner - Dinner and a Song  
Daniel R. Mitchell - Constant Giver  
John Pirt II - Maker of Writing Quills  
Michael Pirt - Smoke and Mirrors  
Isaac Sanders - Works through Others  
Joseph Wilkerson - Long Haired Dancer  
Stephen Wilson - Wandering Scholar

## 2013

Clayton Beckham - Wearer of Many Hats  
Steve Hacker - One who can't say no  
Chris Johnson - Wisdom Speaker  
Virgil Johnson - Creek Jumper  
Brandon Keller - Still Water Runs Deep  
Cody Quillen - Sings Across Rivers  
Michael Swaney - Silent Medicine Man

## 2014

Stephanie Biedenbarn - Talented Little Owl  
Caleb Franz - Great White Buffalo  
Philip Greer - Big Hearted Worker  
Nathan Konik - Swift Gentle Hands  
Isaac Oberer - Master of Many Monsters  
Lawrence Roth III - He who tends small fires  
Alan Wasmer - Travels much Gives much  
Dylan Wildman - Strong Silent One  
Kevin Wildman - Vibrant Mentor  
Chris Wiseman - Seeker of Caves

## 2015

Cole Biedenbarn - Quiet String Player  
Ed Fuentes - Roaring Bear  
Alex Hanford - Everybodys' Laughing Friend  
Joseph Johnson - Swift Flying Eagle  
Johnny Miller - A Leader Who Completes  
Jeffery Nutter (N) -  
Paul Post - Patient Teacher  
Sam Post - Forest Pants Dancer  
David Prentice - Soaring with Music  
Jim Prentice - Quiet Wolf  
David Simiatis - Master of Wood, Music and Law  
Brice Steiner - Quiet Seeker of Knowledge  
Wesley Williams - Principal Skin Changer

## 2016

Ryan Bauman - Camp Chief  
Nathaniel Hannigan - Lightning Tamer  
Will Jones - Quiet Dancer  
Christopher Kanke - One Who Serves In Silence  
Roger Kanke - Kitchen Dweller  
Elijah Scott - Big Man Who Talks A Lot  
Steve Williams - He Guides Lightning  
Alex Wilson - Dancing Scholar

## 2017

Jon Crawford - Promising Warrior  
Noah Adison Clouse (N) - Chief  
Josh Dilyard - Humble Helpful One  
Justin Doss - Music Maker  
Phillip Dunnivant - Cow Tender

Dan Iwamoto - Quiet Leader  
Timothy Kanke - Friend To All  
Gary Rector - Night Watchman  
Arthur Rentzsch - Axe-Wielding Helper  
Brandon Ridenbaugh - Wise Fabricator  
George Roback (N) - Fireman  
Cameron Russell - Silent Thinker  
Ed Wiswell - Bearded Leader

**2018**

Cade Buckley (N) -  
Walter Cuddington - Night Owl  
Rob Fanska - Active Builder  
Bill Hammond - Quiet Warrior  
Nick Hubbell - He Who Has Good Hair  
Gabriel Knuth - Running Spiritual Chief  
Jordy Mason - He Advocates Our Cause  
Quinlan Rentzsch - Silently Lends A Hand  
Stephen Russell - Picture Master  
Michael Shearer - Finder Of Information  
Phil Smith - Camp Watchman  
Joshua Stern - Ice Walker  
Ron White - Dream Maker

**2019**

Will Bartram - One Who Leads In Fellowship With One Another  
William Finley - Silent Leader  
Ryan Heighton - Persevering Otter  
Diane Norris - Kind Worker  
Nancy Peto - Mother To A Great Many  
Jeff Wolfe - Reverent Helper

**2020**

Bill Bartram - He Rides Along With All In Friendship  
Maryann Cheesman - Nurse Who Brings Health  
Zachary Daft - Quiet Leader  
Cory Falke - The Red Bear  
Caleb Hammond - True Leader  
Keith Hammond - True Arrow  
Isaiah Hayes - Traveling Brother  
Jacob Hinger - Helpful Camper  
Paul Hoffman - Collector Of Bord Feathers  
Noah Johnson - Rising Bread  
Alan Johnson - Willing Traveler Who Shares Advice  
Jeffrey Nance - Brother Wolf

Kurt Tekaucic - He Fixed It And Now It Is Better Than Before  
Ryan Thompson - Bald Headed Buffalo  
John Trouten - Willful Assistant

**2021**

Christopher Conley - Restless Bow  
James Finley - He Who leads For A Long Time  
Sam Hoffman - Coyte At His Head  
Jay Jermann - He Who Is Always Working  
Colin Kovinchick - He Who Enjoys Talking  
Jacob Nance - Brother Eagle  
Kyle Russell - He Who Speaks True  
Nate Sabochick - Mighty Rabbit  
Jon Santini III - Bearded Leader  
Joseph Scott - Wise Man In A Canoe  
Josh Stevens - Skilled Radio Talker

**2022**

Charlie Johnson - Wandering Mule / Burrow  
Adam Jones - Restless Merchant  
Mike Jones - Helper Among The Rocks  
Tony Kovinchick - Quiet Messenger  
Tyler McArthur - He Who Speaks Well  
Reid Miller - Friendly Small Man

**2023**

Terry Barr - Healthy Guide  
James Dockter - To Keep Watch of the Corn  
Shaun Hamilton - Story Telling Wippoorwhil  
Gary Jenkins - Talkative Bear  
Charlie McNerlin - Big Buck Who Does Good Work  
Joe Shaluha - Pious Collector

**2024**

Phil Cox - Broken Rabbit  
Phillip Freeman - Guiding Goat  
Andrea Gonzalez - Fast Buggy  
Jonpaul Kern - Seeker Of Friendship  
Roy Niedzielski - Persistent Talker  
Cynthia Stevens - One Who Seeks Higher Knowledge  
Bryson Tillman - Gentle Bull  
Schuyler Wavrek - Blacksmithing Otter  
Michael Woolum - Worker Of Many Jobs

## Founders Award

The Founders' award was created to honor and recognize those Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to the lodge. The award is reserved for an Arrowman who demonstrates to his fellow Arrowmen that he memorializes in his everyday life the spirit of achievement as described by founder E. Urner Goodman. This is the full list of the Founders Award recipients in Tecumseh Lodge, find the full list on our website: [Tecumseh65.org](http://Tecumseh65.org)

### Awarded in Tecumseh Lodge

#### 1997

J.R. Ramey  
Ron Fisher  
Al Hernandez II

#### 1998

Shawn Perrigo  
Mark Rovick  
Roger Wessell

#### 1999

Tony Hernandez  
Richard Lohnes  
Dean Gross

#### 2000

none given

#### 2001

Mary Smith  
Josh Dillahunt

#### 2002

Doug Anderson  
Patrick Lewis

#### 2003

P.K. Kerr III  
Gary Orr

#### 2004

Joseph B. Fischer  
Rob Fann  
Carl LeFevre

#### 2005

Kevin Fielder  
Mike LeFevre  
James Ramey

#### 2006

Chase Speaks  
Rob Fiedler  
Randy Methner

#### 2007

Arthur Newlon  
Aaron Wyckoff  
Greg Speaks

#### 2008

Kyle Frye  
Matt Stickle  
Rich Braessler

#### 2009

Trever Frye  
Matt Frye  
Ben Wasmer

#### 2010

Ashton Shuster  
Barbra Burger  
Roy Imel

#### 2011

Michael Osborn  
Ed Osborn  
Kirk Riley

#### 2012

Joel Chow  
Kevin McMains

#### 2013

Robert Snyder  
Alec Kaepner

#### 2014

Hayden Biedenharn  
Dan Mitchell

#### 2015

Johnny Miller  
Barb Wasmer

#### 2016

David Prentice  
Stephen Stern

#### 2017

Will Jones  
Paul Post

#### 2018

Nick Hubbell  
Elijah Scott

#### 2019

Isaiah Hayes  
Roger Kanke

#### 2020

Will Bartram  
Will Finley

#### 2021

Cory Falke  
Jon Santini Jr.

#### 2022

Jon Santini III  
Nancy Peto

#### 2023

Caleb Hammond  
Kurt Tekaucic

#### 2024

Robert Fanska  
Reid Miller

## Past Lodge Chiefs

Find the full list of Lodge Chiefs on our website: [Tecumseh65.org](http://Tecumseh65.org)

### Past Lodge Chiefs of Tecumseh Lodge

1996 - Matt Green	2006 - Nathan Williams	2016 - David Prentice
1997 - J. R. Ramey	2007 - Chase Speaks	2017 - Elijah Scott
1998 - Ross Fenimore	2008 - Kyle Frye	2018 – Reece Sparks / Nick Hubbell
1999 - Tony Hernandez	2009 - Kyle Frye	2019 - Nick Hubbell
2000 - Tony Hernandez	2010 - Arthur Newlon	2020 - Will Finley
2001 - Josh Dillahunt	2011 - Ben Wasmer	2021 - Will Finley
2002 - Matthew Seckel	2012 - Michael Osborn	2022 - Jon Santini III
2003 - Joseph B. Fischer	2013 - Dan Mitchell	2023 - Tyler McArthur
2004 – Joseph B. Fischer / Nathan Williams	2014 - Isaac Oberer	2024 - Reid Miller
2005 - Nathan Williams	2015 - Johnny Miller	

# Lodge Bylaws

## Section I Name and Affiliation of Lodge

- A. The name of this lodge of the Order of the Arrow shall be Tecumseh Lodge # 65, W.W.W.
- B. The lodge shall be affiliated with the Simon Kenton Council No. 441, Boy Scouts of America, and shall be under the supervision of the council camping committee and the administrative authority of its Scout Executive.
- C. The totem of this lodge shall be the panther headed comet.
- D. Lodge sashes shall only be worn at Order of the Arrow functions and courts of honor over the right shoulder in accordance with National Policy.
- E. The lodge shall be divided into as many chapters as there are districts and/or Service Areas in the Simon Kenton Council or a lesser number as may be directed by the lodge executive committee.
- F. Each chapter shall come under the supervision of the district camping committee and the district Scout Executive of the districts in which the chapter serves.

## Section II Requirements and Procedure of Membership

- A. The requirements for membership in this lodge are as stated in the current national policy of the Order of the Arrow.
- B. Procedure for the Ordeal shall be as stated in current national policy of the Order of the Arrow.

## Section III Lodge Administration

- A. The officers of this lodge shall be lodge chief, vice chief of administration, vice chief of activities, vice chief of chapters, lodge secretary, and lodge treasurer; these are elected officers and officers must be under 21 years of age for their entire term of office.
- B. The officers of each chapter must include chapter chief, chapter vice-chief, and chapter secretary. The office of chapter treasurer is optional. These are elected officers and must be under 21 years of age for their entire term of office.
- C. Lodge Officers shall be elected at the Fall Fellowship, which shall be held before January 1. Chapter Officers shall be elected after the Lodge elections, but before January 1. The terms of all officers, chapter and lodge, shall be from January 1 to December 31.
- D. The executive committee of this lodge shall be composed of the six elected officers, lodge committee chairmen and their advisers, chapter coordinators and their advisers, chapter chief and adviser of each chapter, all past lodge chiefs under 21, the lodge advisers, a member of the council camping committee, the Scout Executive and the Staff Adviser.
- E. The lodge and chapter advisers shall be appointed by the Scout Executive in consultation with the related camping committee chairmen.
- F. The Lodge Chief shall appoint, with the approval of the Lodge Executive Committee, the following standing committee chairmen and such special committees as may be required from time to time. All chairmen shall be under 21 years of age for their entire term of office, and shall be directly responsible to the lodge chief.

Honors

Brotherhood

Ritual

Elangomats

Standing Committees

Unit Elections

Budget

Trading Post

Food Services

Health and Safety

Communications

Registration Membership

Fellowships

G. No person shall have more than one vote on the lodge executive committee even if they hold more than one voting position.

H. If the lodge chief resigns or is removed from office, the lodge vice-chief of administration shall become the new lodge chief within 10 days of his resignation or removal, subject to the approval of the lodge executive committee.

I. The lodge chief shall appoint any vacancies in any lodge office or committee chairmen within 15 days of their resignation or removal. Any new appointees shall be subject to the approval of the lodge executive committee.

#### **Section IV Lodge Meetings**

A. The executive committee of this lodge shall hold at least seven meetings a year.

B. Special meetings of the lodge executive committee or the lodge as a whole may be called at the pleasure of the lodge chief with the approval of the Scout Executive or by the Scout Executive.

C. Each meeting of the lodge shall be opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Obligation of the Order of the Arrow.

D. Members of the Order, 21 years of age or over, shall have no vote in any decisions of the lodge. Adult Arrow members shall serve as advisers to officers and committee members.

### **Section V Dues and Membership**

A. There shall be a candidate induction fee approved annually by the lodge executive committee which shall be payable at the time of registration. For such fee, each new member shall receive:

1. A membership card with the current year's dues paid
2. An Order of the Arrow sash
3. A lodge pocket flap
4. An Order of the Arrow handbook
5. A certificate of their Ordeal completion
6. Food and program materials for their ordeal weekend
7. A lodge plan book containing general information about the lodge

## Tecumseh Lodge Calendar

Event	Location	Date
<b>2025</b>		
Ordeal / Brotherhood	Camp Falling Rock	April 25 – 27
Lazarus Centennial	Camp Lazarus	May 2-4
Section E13 Conclave	Camp Falling Rock	May 16 – 18
Summer Fellowship	Mammoth Caving Adventure	June 1-7
Ordeal / Brotherhood	Camp Oyo	August 8 – 10
Ordeal / Brotherhood	Camp Lazarus	September 5 – 7
Fall Fellowship	Camp Falling Rock	October 3-5
Forum	Camp Lazarus	October 31 – Nov 2
<b>2026</b>		
Lodge Leadership Development	Council Office	January 31
Lodge Banquet	Council Office	January 31
Spring Fellowship	Camp Lazarus	March 20 - 22
Ordeal / Brotherhood	Camp Falling Rock	April 24 – 26
Oyo 100 <sup>th</sup>	Camp Oyo	May 1 - 3
Section E13 Conclave	Camp Arrowhead	May 15 – 17
Summer Fellowship	TBD	June 7 - 21
Ordeal / Brotherhood	Camp Oyo	August 7 – 9
Ordeal / Brotherhood	Camp Lazarus	September 11 – 12
Forum	Camp Lazarus	October 30 – Nov 1

## **Section E-13 Conclave and Forum**

Conclave is a fellowship gathering of all arrowmen in the E-13 Section, to meet new people and have fun! The camp which it is hosted at rotates each year. This year's Conclave is at Camp Falling Rock, hosted by Tecumseh Lodge in Newark. Takhonek is set to host Conclave in the spring of 2026.

Forum is the Section E-13 training event, it focuses on giving arrowmen the opportunity to share new ideas with other lodges in the section to improve their lodge. Tecumseh is fortunate to host Forum at Camp Lazarus each November.



# **SECTION E13**

## **ORDER OF THE ARROW**

## Eastern Region NLS/ DYLC

The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is a weekend conference that focuses on the skills and attributes of leadership. The program enhances the leadership skills of the Order of the Arrow's key youth and adult members as they seek to improve their service to the Scouting America and the greater community.

The Developing Youth Leadership Conference (DYLC) will strengthen an adviser's capacity to develop youth leadership within the lodge and chapter. Conference topics will include learning how to promote resilience, foster a growth mindset, provide constructive feedback, and create a life-long mentoring relationship.

These programs are offered several times a year in various locations throughout the region. Scheduled dates can be found on the [oascouting.org](http://oascouting.org) website.



## National Order of the Arrow Conference

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is the premier national event of the Order of the Arrow. They are typically held every two years unless a conflict exists. NOACs are always held on university campuses. All NOACs have had at least 1,000 attendees and as many as nearly 15,000. In 2024 the Tecumseh Lodge was fortunate to send a contingent of 40 arrowmen to the University of Colorado Boulder from July 29th- August 3rd. The next NOAC is in 2027 and hope to see you there.



## **Order of the Arrow High Adventure**

The Order of the Arrow, in its focus on service, has five high adventure programs at the national level that focus on conservation. These programs occur at the five national high adventure bases that Scouting America own. They are open to youth aged 14 to 20, with specific ages and health requirements varying by program, and are available at a substantially lower price than other programs at the base. They each include a period of service and a trek period during which the participants get to plan their own routes and experience the best of the bases. For further information contact your Lodge Chief.

### **TRAIL CREW**

This two-week expedition at Philmont is literally a mountaintop experience. Blaze new trails during a week of service. Then experience Philmont and the OA like never before.

### **WILDERNESS VOYAGE**

Experience the wilds of Wilderness Adventure. Explore the waterways of the north woods. Rebuild centuries old trails and live the virtues of the OA.

### **CANADIAN ODYSSEY**

OA service goes international in the Ontario wilds. Embark on the odyssey of a lifetime, transcending borders and the spirit of the Order.

### **OCEAN ADVENTURE**

Explore tropical waters while performing conservation projects in the Florida Keys.

### **SUMMIT EXPERIENCE**

Explore the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve and provide service to the New River Gorge National River. Experience rafting and kayaking while building bonds of brotherhood.

# Tecumseh Lodge Dues

To maintain your membership in the Order of The Arrow and Tecumseh Lodge you need to pay your dues each year. If you are not a dues paid member you lose the right to call yourself a member of the Order of the Arrow. If you are not a member of the OA you also lose the right to wear the Lodge Flap or other symbols or patches for the OA. You must be registered in a Simon Kenton Council Scouting unit to be a member of Tecumseh Lodge.

## **When Do I Need To Pay My Dues?**

Our Lodge year is from January 1st to December 31st, so your dues need to be paid at the beginning of each calendar year.

## **I'm a Newer Member - Weren't my dues included in my Ordeal fee?**

If you took your Ordeal within the last year, your Ordeal fees included your dues through the end of the calendar year in which you took your Ordeal. You would next need to pay your dues at the beginning of the next calendar year.

The calendar year is from January 1st to December 31st.

## **How Can I Pay My Dues?**

You can pay your dues several ways:

Online - Just click on the "Pay Your Lodge Dues" link on our website.

In Person - You can pay in person at any lodge event or at our lodge booth at the University of Scouting.

## **I have not paid my dues for a long time, how can I become a member again?**

If you have not paid dues for a while, it's easier to join again than you think.

Just fill out the form as completely as possible, pay \$25.00 and we will reinstate you.

## **I know someone who would like to transfer into Tecumseh Lodge from another lodge, how can they do it?**

All they need to do is click on the "Pay Your Lodge Dues" link on our website and follow the instructions for transferring. They can also fill out the paper dues form and send it in along with as much information about their previous membership as they can gather, and we can transfer them into Tecumseh Lodge. We will contact their previous lodge to confirm their membership. The cost is only \$25.00. They must be registered with a unit in Simon Kenton Council to be a member of Tecumseh Lodge.

To pay your dues, visit the Tecumseh Lodge Linktree:  
[linktr.ee/tecumseh65](https://linktr.ee/tecumseh65) or use this QR code to go directly to the dues  
payment.



If you want to get involved in a committee fill out the Google form at the link  
below.



## When Asked the Question, “Why do you come to Order of the Arrow events?”

“I go to OA events for the diverse community that makes friendships and fellowship more meaningful.”

“I go to OA events because I enjoy meeting new people outside my troop.”

“I go to OA events for the opportunity to grow as a person and a leader.”

“I go to OA events to spend time with others who have similar interests to me, that others do not have.”

“I go to OA events because of the amazing qualities they provide to youth to become great leaders and use what they have learned from Scouting America and apply it in the OA.”

“I go to OA events because it not only helps me learn the basics of leadership skills but also gives me an opportunity to make friends from not only our local area but also across the nation and the world.”

