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Friends,

Happy New Year! Your lodge youth leadership has been working hard to make the upcoming year successful for Tecumseh Lodge. We are especially excited to celebrate the 30th anniversary of our lodge this year. Read more about our history in the history corner section of this newsletter. Read and enjoy this Issue of Tecumseh Speaks.

Yours in Service,

Phil Cox | 2026 Lodge Secretary

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## 2026 Lodge Calendar

[January 31 : Lodge Leadership Development – Council Office](#)

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March 27-29 : Spring Fellowship – Camp Lazarus

April 10-12 : Ordeal / Brotherhood – Camp Falling Rock

May 1-3 : Ordeal / Brotherhood – Camp Oyo

May 15-17 : Section E13 Conclave – TBD

Jul 19-31 : Summer Fellowship – National Jamboree

August 14-16 : Ordeal / Brotherhood – Camp Lazarus

September 11-12 : Oyo 100th Celebration – Camp Oyo

October 9-11 : Fall Fellowship – Camp Falling Rock

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# Chiefly Speaking



Esteemed Members of Tecumseh Lodge,

My name is Garrett Emond, and it is an incredible honor to serve our community as your 2026 Lodge Chief.

I first joined the Order of the Arrow and Tecumseh Lodge in 2021. My Ordeal weekend at Chief Logan Reservation during the “Last Hurrah” before the camp was sold. That weekend left a mark on me I’ll never forget. Standing beneath a sky bright with the Milky Way, I felt something ignite. That moment fixed my heart on the Order of the Arrow and the values it represents.

Since that first night, I’ve had the privilege to serve our lodge in many ways: interfaith services, food service, elangomats, ceremonies, and as Vice Chapter Chief of Pilsit Alunsa. For the past two years, I’ve served as your Vice Chief of Activities, and in 2025 I was humbled to receive the Vigil Honor and to be elected Lodge Chief at Fall Fellowship.

But 2026 is not about me or anybody else’s personal accolades, It’s about us.

This year, I want our lodge to focus on igniting a fiery passion for service, brotherhood, and leadership in every member. We will strengthen the way we communicate at every level so that each member knows their role, their opportunities, and their path forward. We will invest deeply in our chapters, ensuring they have the resources, support, and vision they need to thrive. When our chapters succeed, our lodge becomes unstoppable.

Serving as Lodge Chief is a role I never imagined myself pursuing. But Tecumseh Lodge is filled with people who lift each other up, who see potential in others long before we see it in ourselves. This lodge gave me the confidence to grow as a leader and to chase goals I once thought were out of reach. I firmly believe that anyone can achieve great things when surrounded by supportive friends and a community that believes in them.

I am truly honored to serve as your Lodge Chief in 2026. I cannot wait to watch our lodge come together in a manner that is strong, united, and full of purpose. Together we will make Tecumseh’s 30th year one of the most passionate and engaged in the lodge’s history!

Let’s show everyone why our lodge thrives. I can’t wait to see you at all the events this year! And as always feel free to reach out with any questions you may have.

Yours in WWW,

Garrett Emond

2026 Tecumseh Lodge Chief

# *Advisor Talk*



Hello Tecumseh Members!

It is time to welcome in 2026 with a plan for a fantastic year for Tecumseh Lodge. You selected a fantastic group of leaders to guide the Lodge this year. They are ready and willing to do the work to make this year a great one. Be sure to give them your support.

There will be some changes this year to fully comply with adjustments with the new S.A.F.E. Guarding Youth guidelines. One of those is a new Code of Conduct that must be acknowledged and signed by everyone attending a Tecumseh Lodge activity. Sectional, Regional, and National events have used a Code of Conduct for several years, now we will also at the lodge level. A copy is included in the newsletter, so please take a look.

The officers have also updated and revamped the bylaws at our recent Officer Retreat. As those materials get distributed, please review them and ask any questions you may have so we can officially enact them at Spring Fellowship.

Last year at the National Conference of Chiefs, the new vision of the Order of the Arrow was promoted - "To be why Scouts want to stay in Scouting." The officers have set the stage this year to help that vision become a reality starting right here with Tecumseh Lodge. Be sure you are a part of it too! Get involved in your unit, in your chapter, and in the lodge. Let's make 2026 the best year yet for Tecumseh Lodge. It is also our 30th Anniversary as a Lodge, it's a great time to be a lodge member, so get involved and be a part of our history.

Also, this will be the final call for signing up for the 2026 Summer Fellowship. This year, we will be staffing with Operation Arrow at the National Jamboree. If you will be 16 years old by July 19, you can be part of this fantastic opportunity and for a great price, only \$650 for 2 weeks at the Jamboree. Please reach out to me for further details or find me at LLD. Registration for staffing will conclude at the end of February.

I look forward to seeing all of you at Lodge and Council events. Be sure to sign up for LLD and the Annual Lodge Banquet to get the year started off right!

Jon Santini, Jr.  
Lodge Advisor  
Tecumseh Lodge  
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# 2025, a Year in Review

Tecumseh Lodge Arrowmen,

Over this last year Tecumseh Lodge has seen some amazing growth. This year saw our Arrowmen complete 4,581 Hours of Service to our communities and a record number of members: 606! We saw 136 brothers take on their Ordeal, 50 rededicate themselves during their Brotherhood, and 7 proved themselves worthy of the Vigil Honor.

This year continued the positive trends set in 2024 and continued to build strong foundations of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service.

We are so proud of this lodge and the path that it is on. We are honored to have served you as Lodge Chief and we are so very excited to see Garrett Emond step into the role and guide the lodge into tomorrow.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Bryson Tillman (Lodge Chief: January - June)

Reid Miller (Lodge Chief: June - December)



# 2025, a Year in Review | Continued

My Fellow Arrowmen,

My name is Reid Miller and I had the pleasure to serve as the Tecumseh Lodge Chief from May to December. I took over the role from Bryson Tillman after his promotion to the role as Section E13 Chief.

After a difficult and complicated transition, I was able to build on the foundations set in 2024 and by Bryson in 2025. With about half of the year's events to go, we finished strong and continued our tradition of excellence that you've come to expect. I am so very honored to have been given the opportunity to jump back into the role of Tecumseh Lodge Chief and strive for lodge improvements.

I had the joy of seeing more up-and-coming youth members step outside their comfort zones and into lodge leadership. I am thrilled to see where they go; I know they'll do great things. I can't wait to see what Garrett Emond is able to accomplish next as the 2026 Tecumseh Lodge Chief.

Again, thank you for making 2025 great and trusting me to lead you!  
Stay Happy and Healthy!

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Reid Miller  
WWW

Arrowmen of Tecumseh Lodge,

Over the past year, I have been fortunate to experience some truly meaningful opportunities within our Order. Having the honor and privilege of serving as your Lodge Chief for six months was an experience I will always cherish. Working alongside our officers, chairmen, and each individual member has been both humbling and inspiring.

I am deeply grateful to Reid for stepping in and leading the Lodge when I transitioned to the Section level. I also want to sincerely thank all of our officers, chairmen, and advisers who continued to adapt, persevere, and push Tecumseh Lodge toward excellence. Your dedication and resilience have not gone unnoticed.

You are the heartbeat of this Lodge, and I encourage each of you to take advantage of every opportunity placed before you.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving you.

Yours in WWW,  
Bryson Tillman



# 2025, a Year in Review | Continued

## 2026 Lodge Officers

At the annual Lodge Fall Fellowship, youth members elected their 2026 Tecumseh Lodge Officers!

Congratulations to the following Arrowmen:

Lodge Chief: Garrett Emond

Vice Chief of Administration: Jack Bell

Vice Chief of Activities: Jac G.

Vice Chief of Chapters: Baden Wagoner

Lodge Secretary: Phil Cox

Lodge Treasurer: Hector Gonzalez

**Interested in getting involved in the Lodge?** Each of these Officers oversee different committees that have different responsibilities, such as the Ceremonies Committee that perform ceremonies at events, or the Communications Committee which is responsible for this very newsletter! The Lodge has many other committees that are crucial to the success of our Lodge. Be on the lookout for information about getting involved as a committee chairman and committee member. If you are interested in a specific committee, reach out to the corresponding Lodge Officer.



# Tecumseh Lodge LLD and Awards Banquet

## Lodge Leadership Development (LLD)



The next Tecumseh Lodge event is the Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) during the morning of January 31st, 2026. LLD is the best way for Tecumseh Lodge members to get involved within the Lodge. Held at the Simon Kenton Council Office at 807, Kinnear Rd, in Columbus this event is FREE for all to attend, with a complimentary lunch. During LLD Arrowmen will have the opportunity to take trainings such as “How to use a Camera,” and learn how to best document their OA experiences.

For those interested in Committee Chairman positions, or in becoming involved in committees LLD is the perfect place to talk to your new officers and learn what it takes to be a successful leader in the Lodge.



But most importantly, LLD is a great time! Meet new friends, and engage in fellowship. For example, at the 2024 LLD one of the trainings taught was about how to play Euchre, a popular Tecumseh Lodge card game. So what are you waiting for? Registration for LLD is open [HERE](#)



Following the LLD, is the annual Tecumseh Lodge Awards Banquet the evening of January 31st at the Simon Kenton Council Office. During the banquet Arrowmen will receive a catered meal, and have the opportunity for fellowship as we celebrate 2025! The Lodge will also recognize the 2025 Lodge Executive Committee, the Vigil Honor Class of 2025, the recipients of the Founders Award, and welcome the 2026 Tecumseh Lodge Officers. The Banquet is also a great time to pay your 2026 Lodge dues. You must register for the LLD and Banquet separately so food costs can be accounted for. Registration for Banquet is open [HERE](#)

# 2026 Unit Election Season



Members of Tecumseh Lodge,

As you may know, it is currently election season. This is how we continue to grow our lodge year after year, as we welcome new Brothers into our council circle. This being said, please ensure that your unit has scheduled their election. We currently have around 50% of units scheduled, which means there's a 50% chance that your unit has not scheduled your election! Additionally, if you are a youth, please make sure that you are doing your part and helping run elections for other troops! Many hands make light work, and we can only do this with your help. Any questions can be directed towards myself or your chapter leadership. Thank you all for your continued service to Tecumseh Lodge.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Baden Wagoner  
2026 Vice Chief of Chapters  
[badenwagoner9@gmail.com](mailto:badenwagoner9@gmail.com) (over 18)

# Chapter

# Chatter



Kishahtek Chapter has started our election season, and so if your unit has not scheduled your election or visitation, please reach out to get that done ASAP! We want all elections completed before March 1st, and we can only do that with your help. If you have any questions, please reach out! We'll also be scheduling some spring meetings soon, so make sure to join the GroupMe chat if you haven't already. The GroupMe chat can be found here: [https://groupme.com/join\\_group/70582952/o2BuXl6O](https://groupme.com/join_group/70582952/o2BuXl6O)

Join the Chapter GroupMe Chat [HERE](#)

Yours in Brotherhood,

Baden Wagoner 2025 Kishahtek Chapter Chief



Since the last newsletter, members of Ahsenike met for our winter fellowship at Camp Falling Rock where we reserved Sequoia Lodge and we shared a fun-filled weekend with one of our members' troops. Some of our members also attended monster mash in October as pirates on the "scary" trail. In addition to events we also elected Ben Barcus as our chapter chief and are in the process of trying to fill our other positions. We have over half of our elections completed and are working on the rest. Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 3rd, by zoom at 7:00 p.m.

Join our Chapter BAND Chat [HERE](#)

Sincerely,

Ben B.

2026 Ahsenike Chapter Chief

# Chapter

# Chatter



For 2026 the chapter has new leadership

Chief Tate F.  
Vice-Chief Lia S.  
Secretary Harper T.  
Treasurer Isaac M.  
Advisor Charlie Johnson  
Assistant Advisor Cory Falke  
This is all the 2026 Chapter Leadership,

For the January chapter meeting we had 9 total people attend  
For upcoming chapter events we have the February chapter meeting (Feb 5) and the March chapter meeting (March 5). One final Message the chapter has is to do Unit visitations why? Because if no one did you never would have been inducted into OA and you want others to be inducted so sign up for visitation. To sign up for unit visitations ask in the GroupMe to be added to the visitation chat.

[GroupMe Link](#)

WWW,  
Tate F.  
2026 Pilsit Alunsa Chapter Chief



Kittan Wewoapisak has completed two elections and one visit. Five visits/elections have been scheduled. Our upcoming events are Klondike, Spring Camporee, and Oyo Ordeal. Our new Chief is Jenna J. You can contact our Advisor Barb Wasmer at (740) 352- 6221.

Join our Facebook group [HERE](#)

Yours in Brotherhood,

Jenna J. - Madi W.

Kittan Wewoapisak Chapter Chief's

# 2026 Spring Fellowship

March 27-29th, Camp Lazarus (Save the date registration will open soon)

Come out to camp Lazarus for a Carnival Craze! Bozo the local clown has lost all his toys and needs your help to find them. Participate in all his carnival games to discover where all his prizes went.

Fellowship weekends are the best opportunity to HAVE FUN at OA events. Spend time with your fellow Arrowmen, and experience the Brotherhood we share together!



# History Corner

2026 marks an important milestone for Tecumseh Lodge as it is our 30th anniversary! To celebrate this here is an excerpt from the first edition of the Lodge History book. Find the whole thing at Tecumseh65.org.

“On January 1, 1996, Tecumseh Lodge 65 was created, taking the place of Katinonkwat, Maka-Ina, and Shawnee Lodges.

The lodge was named for Tecumseh, a famous leader of the Shawnee tribe who lived in Ohio. It is an interesting (and some say deliberate) irony that the name was selected. Tecumseh was an enemy of Simon Kenton, a famous frontiersman for whom the council was named.

The two faced one another in battle several times, including during the Battle of the Thames in which Tecumseh was killed.

Originally, the totem of Tecumseh Lodge was not a panther, but rather the Scioto River itself, because it connected the 3 lodges that were merging. The first patch issued by Tecumseh Lodge depicts this, as well as Tecumseh overlooking the new territory.

This totem did not last long. After just 1 year, the panther-shaped comet was selected as the lodge’s totem because Tecumseh’s name translates as “Shooting Star” or “Panther across the Sky,” and refers to the panther-shaped comet or shooting star that was said to have been seen when he was born.”



*Fun fact, this was our Lodge standard flap patch from 2013-2023!*



**TECUMSEH LODGE #65**

# ORDER OF THE ARROW

## CODE OF CONDUCT

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to ensure that all Lodge events are safe and provide an environment for fun and participation. This Code of Conduct must be signed by each Program Participant (under the age of 21) and all Registered Adults (21 year of age and older). Any violation of this code will subject the signee/attendee to possible removal from lodge events or in extreme cases being reported to the Council. Any exception to these guidelines must be approved by an Adult Lodge Advisor.

1. At all times, the Lodge Member will live by the Scout Oath, Scout Law, the Order of the Arrow Obligation and show Scout Spirit.
2. All Lodge Members will follow Safeguarding Youth guidelines, Guide to Safe Scouting policies, and rules of the camp being attended.
3. Scouting America prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances (including marijuana) at Scouting encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by Scouting America, or at any activity involving participation of youth members. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, and electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate smoking.
4. All Program Participants are not to leave the event premises without proper notification to the Adult Lodge Advisors. Lodge Members must sign out when leaving the event using the early sign out sheet provided. Event specific errands will be conducted by Adult Lodge Advisors or an assigned Registered Adult.
5. Attendance in Lodge event programs is mandatory: meals, flags, programs, inter-faith worship. All Lodge members are expected to be at provided programs unless excused by an Adult Lodge Advisor.
6. All Lodge Members must camp in the clearly assigned camping areas they have been designated to regardless of cabin, tent or hammock camping.
7. All Lodge Members will observe posted curfews of the event per the Camp and Program guidelines.

By signing this document, you have read and agreed to the above listed guidelines. Any questions regarding these guidelines can be directed to the Lodge Chief Adviser, or the Vice Chief of Administration Adviser. All participants under the age of 18 must have a parent co-sign this agreement to acknowledge they understand this Code of Conduct. If a parent cannot co-sign at the time of the event, an Adult Lodge Advisor shall verbally review the Code of Conduct with the under 18 participant to ensure understanding and will sign in lieu of the parent.

We appreciate everyone's understanding and acceptance of the Code of Conduct.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent (Adult Lodge Advisor if parent unavailable) if participant is under the age of 18.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## 2026 National Jamboree – OS Service Corps

### Tecumseh Lodge Summer Fellowship

July 19-31, 2026



### You now have 2 opportunities to go to the 2026 National Jamboree!

If you would like to go with the Council Contingent, there are spots still available. Visit <https://skcscouts.org/camps/national-jamboree/> for more on the Council Contingents (Fee is \$2100 per person).

You can also attend to work with the OA Operation Arrow at the Jamboree. Operation Arrow is looking for youth and adult members (**must be at least 16 years old**) to serve in various roles – most critical is the OA Service Corps, providing support to complement Jamboree program staff and other critical operations. There is available free time to also enjoy the programs at the Jamboree, so it is not all work with no play! Visit <https://jamboree.scouting.org/> to register to work with the OA Service Corps (Fee \$650 for members 16-29 years old, \$1060 for adults 30 and over – options exist for only half sessions if the full 2 weeks are not possible).

Tecumseh Lodge will be using Operation Arrow as our Summer Fellowship for 2026. It has already been worked out with the National OA Committee that we will be able to stay as a lodge group and work together for most of the projects and service. We just need to report everyone who is signed up and part of the Tecumseh Lodge group. The committee thought it was a great idea to do this as a lodge, so we may be starting a new trend! Sign up and come join your friends at the Jamboree in the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service!

Transportation will be worked out through the lodge, and we will also have contingent swag similar to what we do for NOAC. Each member going with get contingent specific merchandise (t-shirt, patches, etc.). We will also be putting out trader patches to raise the money for transportation and swag, so your only expense will be the national fee. Let's try to get 20 or more signed up!

### ***About Operation Arrow:***

For over 75 years, the Order of the Arrow has been an integral part of the National Jamboree experience. Join over 300 Arrowmen from across the nation and abroad next summer as we provide critical service and program support to the 2026 National Jamboree!

- The OA Service Corps, our traditional service-oriented team supporting jamboree operations since 1950, is a great way to serve and see many different aspects of the jamboree. Members of the Service Corps will be assigned chapters, supporting contingent arrival, assisting with jamboree staffing, jamboree show mobilization and more.
- The OA Summit Circle Experience will bring our national ceremony site to life for the benefit of Jamboree participants and staff.