

MAY 2023



## Chiefly Speaking... 2023 Lodge Chief Kaden Minch

**My Fellow Arrowmen,  
Conclave is this month from May 19th - May 21st. If you have not already done so, get registered as soon as possible. There will be many fun activities, trainings, shows, and great food too! This is an event you do not want to miss!**

**Also, if your unit needs any elections, please contact myself or Lodge Adviser Rob Crow at [kadenminch55@gmail.com](mailto:kadenminch55@gmail.com) or [mecrow@comcast.net](mailto:mecrow@comcast.net) to schedule an election.  
Yours In cheerful service  
Kaden Minch  
Onondaga Lodge Chief**

**Don't forget to register for  
SPRING ORDEAL,  
FT STEUBEN SCOUT RESERVATION...  
JUNE 2-3-4, 2023  
<https://scoutingevent.com/619-SPORD>**



### LODGE LEADERSHIP 2023

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2023 National Leadership Seminars.  
Hillsdale, MI (Corrected - NOT Boston): Sept 8-10, 2023  
Atlanta, GA: Nov 10-12, 2023



Upcoming OA  
Dates beyond the  
Lodge



⇒ OA High Adventure  
Opportunities  
More Info:

<https://registration.oa-bsa.org>

**NEW ORDEAL MEMBERS OR  
OLD ORDEAL MEMBERS....be  
sure to check out the site—>  
JumpStart for new members**

Congratulations on becoming a  
new member of the Order of the  
Arrow! Below, you'll find  
information and explanations to  
help you learn more about the  
OA. You will need your OA  
Handbook to enter the site, so  
be sure to have it handy.

<https://oa-bsa.org/jumpstart>

Every leader has their own  
journey. Continue to form yours,  
and hear from others, at our fall  
NLS/DYLC courses. Come join  
us at [oa-bsa.org/eastern/nls-  
dylc](https://oa-bsa.org/eastern/nls-dylc)!

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Next Forum  
April 16 –2pm  
Sandscrest

**SPRING ORDEAL, FT STEUBEN  
SCOUT RESERVATION...  
JUNE 2-3-4, 2023**

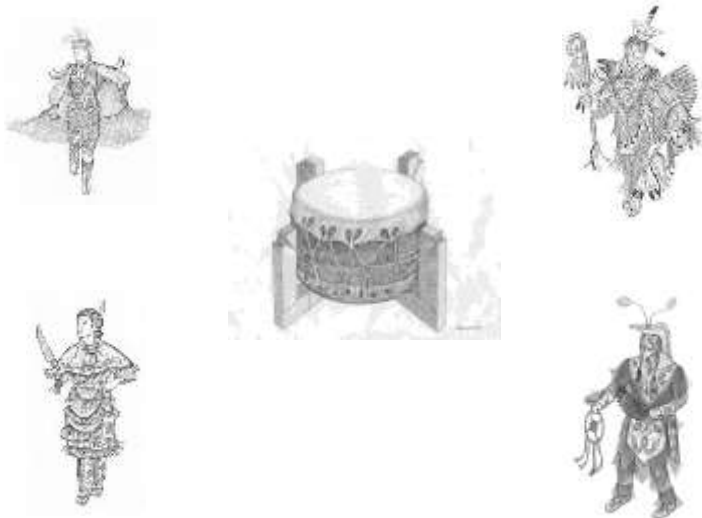
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**Join the Dance and Drum Team!**

**If Interested please contact**

**Maddy Yaron**

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**Join the Ceremony Team!**

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## What is Conclave?

Conclave is the largest gathering of lodges throughout Section E-13, Order of the Arrow. At conclave, all 8 of our lodges will arrive to engage in all aspects of program that an Arrowman would want. We have Inductions and Ceremonial Evaluations (ICE), engaging and interactive shows, fun program and other activities, tailored trainings including a National Officer Keynote, networking and fellowship, and of course patch trading! At this event, we want to provide every Arrowman the opportunity to take something away either if its fun, better knowledge, or just a nice weekend getaway. Among all of these promises, we will celebrate our organizations mission and purpose and the traditions it has.

**Conclave is taking place at the**  
Beaumont Scout Reservation: 2429  
OH-45 Rock Creek, OH 44084



**There will be plenty over the weekend to keep you having a good time! These activities include...**

Shirt Screen Printing (you must choose this option during registration, everyone will screen print their own shirt)  
Lodge mascot Competitions  
Training to help shape stringer Arrowmen  
ICE Competitions  
Brotherhood Ceremony  
Ceremony Competitions  
Opening & Closing Shows  
Fun Zany Lodge Competitions  
Fun Afternoon Activities Such as:  
Giant operation  
Homemade paper  
Invisible ink  
Section officer case file  
Camp Provided Activities  
The Sizzler (Zip Line)  
And so much more!



## Safety Moment: Distracted Walking

- Focus on the people and obstacles in front of you.
- Maintain a volume on headphones where you can still hear the sounds of your surroundings.
- Pay attention especially near curbs, intersections, stairs, elevators, or escalators.
- Stay alert on and near streets no matter what time of day it is.
- Remember that drivers may not always see you.

**Remember better safe than sorry!**

This safety moment brought to you by Josh the Safety Otter!

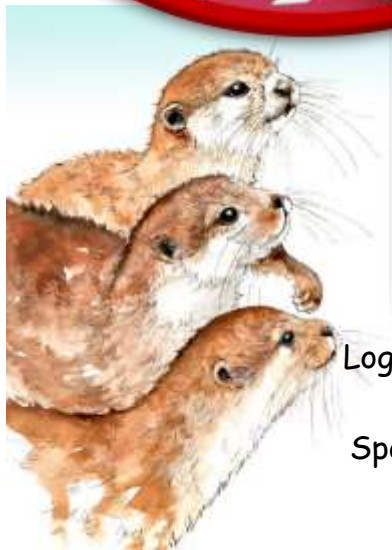


# Scout Spotlight

Spring is here! Grass is growing, flowers are blooming, and involvement in Onondaga Lodge 36 is plentiful.

For the month of May, the spotlighted Scout is Mrs. Colleen Weekley.

Mrs. Weekley has made the transition to OA member as an adult and is currently an Ordeal Member. Colleen has been a member for two years, during which time, she has been actively involved at many OA events. She has found the OA to be beneficial in providing several opportunities related to service projects, as well as camping. Through the OA, Colleen would like to meet new people, have fellowship with other Scouts, and have fun. As a very present member of Lodge 36, Colleen would like to share her knowledge, learn from others, and mentor the youth of the community. Colleen is always willing to provide a helping hand and will continue to see her actively involved with the Order of the Arrow.



New Vigil Members Logan Blair and James Herman

Sponsors John with Logan and Rob S. with James





# Lodge Advisor's Minute

Rob Crow



Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel."

— Socrates

This quote from Socrates really sums up Onondaga Lodge. When each of us joined the flame or rather the spirit of the Order of the Arrow was kindled within us. As of this writing we currently have 13 members signed up to attend Section C13 conclave at Beaumont scout reservation, a lot of training courses will take place to help our members grow in knowledge to lead our lodge. be like the flint and steal and strike a spark in your fellow Arrowman to attend conclave.

Recently Logan Blair and Jimmy Herman kept their vigil on Friday night 4/21/23 and 7 other vigil members joined them in the ceremony on Saturday where they were proclaimed vigil honor members, following in the footsteps of E. Urner Goodman when he kept his vigil in 1915 fanning the flame for all who came after him.

We have several units who are requesting elections to be called out as candidates, so there are a lot of scouts out there who we can help them help their troops or crews by igniting the spirit if the arrow within them.

Onondaga lodge needs you as we move forward. Let him who would move the world first move himself."

— Socrates ,

If you haven't paid your 2023 dues please do so, by contacting the scout office. Paying dues means you are a member of Onondaga lodge, Entailing you to wear the insignia if the lodge.

In closing keep these words close to your heart. "There is only one good, knowledge, and one evil, ignorance."

— Socrates

Robert T. Crow "Ahas", Lodge Adviser,  
Onondaga Lodge #36



# Upcoming Events In 2023

- **Conclave**  
May 19-20-21, 2023
- **Spring Ordeal**  
June 2-3-4, 2023 at FSSR
- **Summer Ordeal**  
August 18-19-20 at FSSR
- **Fall Fellowship**  
September 15-16-17 at FSSR
- **Leadership Forum**  
November 3\*4-5 at Camp Lazarus
- **Winter Banquet 2023**  
December 2
- **Spring Fellowship Day**  
March 8-9-10 2024 at FSSR
- **Vigil Night**  
April 2024 At FSSR

**ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!**

## Price Reminder



<b>Fellowship</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
(plus special activity prices)	
<b>Brotherhood</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>
( Conversion <b>\$25.00</b> )	
<b>Ordeal</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>
<b>Dues</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>



# Mission & Purpose

For over 100 years, the Order of the Arrow (OA) has recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. This recognition provides encouragement for others to live these ideals as well. Arrowmen are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long term resident camping, and providing cheerful service to others. OA service, activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults are models of quality leadership development and programming that enrich and help to extend Scouting to America's youth.

## Mission

The mission of the Order of the Arrow is to fulfill its purpose as an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America through positive youth leadership under the guidance of selected capable adults.

## Purpose

As Scouting's National Honor Society, our purpose is to:

Recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and through that recognition cause others to conduct themselves in a way that warrants similar recognition.

Promote camping, responsible outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship as essential components of every Scout's experience, in the unit, year-round, and in summer camp.

Develop leaders with the willingness, character, spirit and ability to advance the activities of their units, our Brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately our nation.



National Service Award

The National Service Award was established in 1999 to recognize lodges in each region that have performed outstanding service, both in a qualitative and a quantitative sense, to their council.

To be considered for the National Service Award, a lodge must have achieved at least the Bronze level of Journey to Excellence as a lodge in the year in which the National Service Award Petition is submitted. Two lodges per region will be granted the National Service Award each year.



## Onondaga Lodge #36

ORVC - BSA

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# #ONONDAGASTRONG



Be an Active Otter and pay your 2023 dues. 150 is our Goal. A goal that makes a difference in how many Vigils we can select. So pass the word get your fellow Otters current in the lodge.

You can pay your dues one of Four ways...

1. You can stop in the Scout Office located at 192 McColloch Drive in Wheeling WV or...
2. You can mail it into the Scout Office at 192 McColloch Drive Wheeling, WV 26003 or...
3. You can call the office with a Credit Card 304.277.2660
4. At an OA Function-Event.

Dues are \$15.00 for the year.

Checks payable to Onondaga Lodge



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