

THE NORTHSTAR

LOWANEU ALLANQUE

Order of the Arrow Lodge #41
Three Fires Council

Happy Holidays!

The entire Executive Board wishes everyone a safe and healthy holiday season and a Happy New Year. We as a group have been reflecting on the past year and planning out how to make 2022 the best year yet! We hope you stick around to see everything we have planned! - Caitlyn

WINTER BANQUET

The annual Lowaneu Allaque Winter Banquet is set for January 15th, 2022. Come join us for our first event of 2022! Join us as we look back at 2021, look forwards to 2022, and reveal this year's event theme. Enjoy a dinner prepared by our famous Cook Crew and see who goes home with coveted awards such as Founders, James E. West, and Arrowman of the Year. This also includes a presentation on OA opportunities like OA High Adventure, NOAC, and Conclave put on by our Section Keynote speaker. Winter Banquet begins at 6pm and takes place at Camp Big Timber. It costs \$30, or is free if you already paid for your 2022 Polaris Pass. Sign-up can be found on the Lodge website or on the Three Fires Council website. Registration closes on January 6th so don't wait!

WINTER COUNCIL OF CHIEFS

Sick of the cold and snow? Want to meet other Arrowmen from our Section? Come to the last ever Section C7 event, Winter Council of Chiefs. Winter Council of Chiefs will be held at the Kalahari Resort in the Wisconsin Dells. Help the Section plan Conclave which will take place in April and be the first event in our new Section, Gateway 9. This year's theme is Hawaiian so grab your favorite Hawaiian shirt and bathing suit and join us in the water park! Winter Council of Chiefs will be on January 29th beginning at 10 am. From there, planning and other business should conclude around 3pm and you will have the opportunity to take over the Kalahari. Registration closes on January 11th. The cost for this event is \$28 which includes lunch and a water park pass. Registration can be found on the oa41.org website or on the Three Fires Council website.



COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Our Vice Chief of Committees Austin is happy to report that so far committees have been going strong. Election season is around the corner and planning is underway. Our Activities Committee held a very successful Holiday Party and are excited to come up with more fun activities for the Lodge throughout the new year. If you're interested in joining a committee, copy and paste this link (<https://forms.gle/uwwhEhjH9zHWpF4T7>) and send it in! If you are interested in helping with elections, email Austin at vcom@oa41.org

By the Numbers

Current Ordeal
Members: 309

Current Brotherhood
Members: 279

Current Vigil
Members: 96

Upcoming Lodge Events:

Winter Banquet:
January 15th, 2022
Camp Big Timber

Winter Council of Chiefs:
January 29th, 2022
Kalahari Resort,
Wisconsin Dells

Brotherhood Bash
March 12th, 2022
Camp Big Timber

Contact Information

Ideas for format or stories
for the Northstar? Email
Caitlyn Oliva at
sec@oa41.org

Check out our
website at oa41.org

Come to the Lodge E-Board
every third Thursday at
Bethany Lutheran Church in
Batavia!

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ELECTIONS

Election season is upon us! Elections are one of the most important things the Lodge does every year as it grows our membership and adds Brothers into our Order.

Election season will run from January 10th through April. Every unit is entitled to an election and are encouraged to hold one if they have eligible youth. If no youth are eligible, we encourage you to sign up for a visit where an OA representative will come to your unit to talk about the Order and give a quick camp promotion. Emails have gone out to unit leaders to begin scheduling elections so make sure your leaders are getting those emails! We are always looking for youth and adults to help with conducting elections and camp promotion. Everyone is eligible to conduct an election no matter your honor level or leadership position. An email will be sent out shortly from your Chapter Chief or Chapter Elections Coordinator about what conducting elections entail and sign-ups. If you are interested or have questions, please email Lucas Wilson at lawilson5136@gmail.com, Ryan Dodd at vcchapt@oa41.org, or your Chapter Chief.

LLD WRAP UP

Lodge Leadership Development was successfully held on November 13th at Sycamore High School. Over 10 youth and 10 adults with varying honor levels attended and received Nationally created trainings put on by the E-Board. They gained a greater understanding of the Order and how it operates. We also saw some members milling around the midway! We look forward to the youth that attended to put their training into practice and hope to see more of you at the next LLD in the fall!

HOLIDAY PARTY WRAP UP

The Lodge Holiday was held on December 16th and was a smashing success. Over 80 members and non-members attended to participate in a variety of activities. The winner of our Ugly Sweater Competition was a tie between James G and his dad Mr. Growney. The raffles were a success with four different prizes and Mr. Hill graciously raffling off his extra root beers. The White Elephant gift exchange had nearly 20 participants and some pretty cool items were gifted. With root beer floats, from root beer donated by Mr. Snella, to wash down the snacks that our Activates Chair Neave M. provided there was ample time to blow off finals and holiday season stress. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help, brought a new member, participated, or just attended. We hope to make this an annual event!

GET TO KNOW THE EBOARD

Up next on for E-Board introductions is our youngest member, Vice Chief of Committees Austin Mathison. Austin is a 15-year-old Life Scout out of Troop 63 in Oswego in the Potawatomi Chapter. He completed his Ordeal in 2019 and served as the Inductions Committee Chair the same year. He achieved the honor of Brotherhood in 2020 and reprised his role of Inductions Chair and also served as Potawatomi Chapter Chief. His goal for his term is to have all committees perform above the expectations of their job. He is also shooting for fun-packed Fellowships as well as three new events past the usual (he's already planned and executed one!).

In his own words:

When and where is destiny's grad party? [May 2, 2021, 4:00 PM CDT. Here](#)

On a score from 1 to 10. (Those are the exact words) [2, always 2.](#)

Who is Chubby Glorbus? [Ryan Predki on Wednesdays.](#)

Toilet paper, under the roll or over the roll? [always over, the only under exception is if you have small children](#)

What is one thing you want the lodge to know about you? [I use email to communicate. Please check your email or I WILL have a mental breakdown.](#)

What made you want to be involved in the OA? [I wanted to take advantage of the extra opportunities past the unit level, the OA being one of them.](#)



Chapter Info

Chippewa

213 youth
156 Adults

Chapter Meetings

2nd Thursday of the Month
First Presbyterian Church, Wheaton

Chief: Tim T.
Adviser: Mr. Vitous

Ottawa

102 Youth
88 Adults

Chapter Meetings

1st Wednesday of the Month
Baker Community Center, St. Charles
Chief: Nicolas S.
Adviser: Mr. Hlavacek

Potawatomi

49 Youth
38 Adults

Chapter Meetings

2nd Thursday of the Month
English
Congregational United Church, Big Rock
Interim Chief: Lucas W.
Adviser: Vacant

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