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The Newsletter of Kiondaga Lodge

# Arrow Points

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## Winter Banquet Jan. 6th 2024

Thank you to everyone who attended our Winter Banquet. This year's banquet was a fun event, complete with catered Italian food, a patch auction, and the usual awards.

We would like to congratulate Lorelei B. for receiving the Outstanding First Year Arrowman Award and the Inductions Committee for receiving the Committee of the Year Award. Additionally, congratulations is in order for Joshua R. and Brian Conner – who kept their Vigil this year. Furthermore, Linda Schweickart received the Founder's Award. Many Arrowmen in attendance were finally thanked with a Certificate of Appreciation for their dedication to the lodge in 2023.

We had our new officers sworn in as well. When you see our lodge leaders at future events and LEC meetings, be sure to congratulate them!



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## Your 2024 Officers

Vice Chief of Activities:	Simon Connor
Vice Chief of Finance:	Jacob Stoen
Vice Chief of Inductions:	Ayden Rokicki
Vice Chief of Publications:	Loralei Beach
Secretary of Recording:	Joshua Robbins



## Lodge Chief Address

Kiondaga Lodge,

For Kiondaga Lodge, the past few months have been incredibly productive. We're not ones to give up on work during the winter. Rather, the LEC has been planning and executing events and trainings, preparing for NOAC next year, making our way towards the Winter Banquet The Lodge Leadership Development lock – in was this year was a huge success. It featured a good group of Arrowmen who were eager to learn and ready to have fun doing so. There has been a noticeable increase in LEC participation since having our LLD – and that is proof in and of itself that it worked. The end of the year is always a great time for reflection; Kiondaga has grown in its members and values throughout this entire year. It has been an amazing experience being firsthand in that growth and watching it unfold. I am looking forward to seeing how Kiondaga continues to make its way, always moving towards its goals. Still, we have the rest of December to work through, with our eyes set towards NOAC. So here's to next year, may we continue to live out the Oath and Law and grow in Cheerfulness, Brotherhood, and Service!

Your Chief,

Sam Freeman  
 2023 Kiondaga Lodge Chief  
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## Renew your OA Membership: 2024 Dues

As the pillars of our esteemed organization, your commitment to the principles of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service has been the driving force behind the success of Kiondaga Lodge. We are reaching out to you today with an important message—now is the time to renew your membership dues and continue your journey with us.

Renewing your lodge dues not only contributes to the sustenance of a high-quality lodge program but also solidifies your connection to the National Order of the Arrow. By renewing annually, you unlock the opportunity to participate in a myriad of enriching experiences, including lodge, section, and national events. These events are the heart of the Order of the Arrow, fostering camaraderie, leadership development, and a profound sense of community.

The cost for this year's renewal is \$20, a nominal fee that directly supports the activities and initiatives that make the OA thrive. This investment ensures that you can fully immerse yourself in the wealth of opportunities that the Order of the Arrow provides.

As we celebrate our Diamond Jubilee, we are excited to offer a special memento—a unique lodge flap commemorating this momentous occasion. Priced at an additional \$5 when purchased alongside your annual dues, this exclusive flap is a tangible symbol of your participation in the Kiondaga's 75-year legacy. It is a testament to the journey we have undertaken together and the milestones we have achieved as a united brotherhood.

We want to emphasize that this is a limited-time opportunity. Once the membership renewal period concludes, there will not be another chance to order this commemorative flap. It is a rare keepsake that will forever connect you to the historic milestone of our Diamond Jubilee.

Renewing your membership dues is not just a transaction; it is an affirmation of your commitment to the values that define the Order of the Arrow. It is an investment in your personal growth, leadership skills, and the enduring bonds of brotherhood that make our organization extraordinary.

Don't miss out on this chance to renew your dues, secure your spot at upcoming events, and proudly wear the exclusive Diamond Jubilee flap. Together, let us continue to build upon the rich traditions of the Order of the Arrow and forge a path towards an even brighter future.

[kiondaga.org/dues](https://kiondaga.org/dues)

## Rank Up

March 9th

Rank Up, hosted by our lodge, has been a wonderful event to share knowledge and serve the council's troops. We will be helping Scouts through their ranks at the Eykamp Scout Center on March 9th. 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!



## Lodge Leadership Development Recap

Nov 11-12th

The 2023 Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) Lock-In was a fun experience for everyone in attendance! The youth members of the Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) and some members of the lodge spent the weekend learning about communicating, goal-setting, and the OA induction process. The Advisers in attendance spent the day discussing how they can best support youth members of the lodge in their goals.

During most of the day they would go to trainings and games while having food too. Nearing the end of the day, the learning portion of the LLD was coming to a close and learners turned to some fun console games including Mario Kart and Super Smash Bros. The next day, learners took all of their newfound knowledge and their experience in the lodge for the past year to generate a vision and several goals for the lodge for 2024.



# NOAC 2024

National Order of the Arrow Conference

**July 29 to August 3, 2024**

**University of Colorado Boulder**

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is the flagship national Order of the Arrow event. It is held every two years at a major university campus and is attended by as many as 8,000 Arrowmen from all 50 states. It is second only to the BSA National Jamboree in size and scope.

- Engaging activities
- Training sessions
- Patch trading
- Meet Arrowmen from across the country
- Large-scale shows
- Experience campus life
- Inter-lodge competitions

When your contingent steps onto campus, they will be joining a growing spirit of Scouting pervading Boulder. Soon after, our opening show will fill shoulder to shoulder with Arrowmen from across the country as we celebrate the OA. Speak with your contingent leader, lodge chief or lodge adviser for registration and pricing information.



Visit [oa-bsa.org/noac](https://oa-bsa.org/noac) to learn more!

NOAC 2024 Promotion Patch



*"Seek New Heights"*

Visit [kiondaga.org/noac](https://kiondaga.org/noac) for more information!

# Upcoming Events

We have a lot of Events coming up

We will have an Adviser meeting on February 18th at the Eykamp Scout Center

Section Conclave- A weekend where all of the lodges are in section E1. Where we do some training, play games, and just overall have a fun time in fellowship with our friends from other lodges. This will be on April 12-14 at Camp Chief Little Turtle



Spring Conclave-A weekend on where we have newly inducted members complete their ordeal, and help eligible arrowmen complete their brotherhood and possible vigil. we also have cheerful service, games and fellowship for everyone . We will host this event at Old Ben on May 17-19.



Sash-N-Bash- This is a Fun party on June at to help show the new arrowmen that we have fun here at the OA, This will be at the Eykamp Scout Center. on June 8th





# Fall Fellowship Recap

## Sept. 8th-10th, 2023.

The 2023 Fall Fellowship was a fun event! The lodge welcomed seven new Ordeal members to the lodge and four members sealed their membership in the OA by completing their Brotherhood. Additionally, Brian Conner debuted the lodge's new Elangomat program – which is a group of Arrowmen who work the Ordeal alongside candidates as their guide.

We would like to congratulate Joshua R, our Secretary of Recording, for keeping his Vigil and earning the highest honor that the lodge can bestow a member. Joshua's Vigil name is Lilchipin Wilantowagan, which translated to English means Diligent One of Good Spirits.

We would also like to recognize the following Arrowmen for being elected to serve as lodge officers for 2024. These Scouts will be sworn in at the Winter Banquet in January. We look forward to what these young people will accomplish! For the first time, Kiondaga Lodge performed cheerful service away from the site where the lodge was camping! Arrowmen completed their cheerful service for the Pike County Fairgrounds/Hornady Park in Petersburg. It was a great experience to give back to Pike County – one of the counties in the service area Buffalo Trace Council. Acorn Boy even joined in on the projects. He helped paint a fence for a corral, paint and stain the interior of a barn, and some weed/tree work.



# 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](https://kiondaga.org/volunteer) or by contacting the Lodge Secretary at [secretary@kiondaga.org](mailto:secretary@kiondaga.org).



## Unit Visitation and Elections

Has your troop or crew had their OA unit visitation and election for 2023 yet? If not, contact the Vice Chief of Elections, Ayden Rokicki, or the Lodge Chief, Sam Freeman 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](https://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](mailto:inductions@kiondaga.org).