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The official newsletter for the Menawngihella Lodge.



• DATES •



- Feb. 8; 9am-12pm

Feb. 14-16; Starts @ 6pm 2/14

March 28-30; Starts @ 6pm 3/28

April 4-6; Times TBD

April 11-13; Starts @ 6pm 4/11
- OA Onondaga Lodge Officers Retreat

OA Menawngihella Lodge Winter Social

OA Onondaga Lodge Spring Fellowship

Heroes Weekend @ Sandcrest Scout Reservation

OA Menawngihella Lodge Spring Brotherhood Induction



CHIEF'S CORNER



My name is Ryan Tayman, I am your lodge chief for the year 2025. I am so happy to be a member of this lodge with you. I know together we can make this lodge even better than it was before. I am so excited for this year and hope that you all will come out and have fun with us and be apart of our lodge. Unity is strength...when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved.



TRADING POST

Check out our current merch!

- 2023 OA Spooky Social patch– \$5
- OA Vigil Breakfast patch 2024– \$10
- OA Vigil Breakfast anniversary flap 2024– \$10





“The Rock” eating pancakes



Want this to be you?
It could be.
Join the pancake breakfast!



QUICK FEATURES: POSITIONS ON THE LEC!

Have you been looking at getting more involved in the OA? Well, positions are open on the LEC!

Photographer – Take photos for the OA’s social media, newsletter, and more! Please be able to attend some – most events! *Three photographer jobs are available for three people to fill as a “photography team” to cover more area and lessen the workload on the other photographers.* *If Interested please contact jherring10@icloud.com (please make sure to follow youth protection rules)!*

Unit Elections – Communicate with troops about elections and try to help “revive” troops who haven’t had any in a while! **This is a one person job.** *If interested please contact lpnamsupak@gmail.com (please make sure to follow youth protection rules)!*

OA Rep – Communicate with troops OA Reps to make sure troops stay updated on new socials and OA activities! **This is a one person job.** *If interested please contact lpnamsupak@gmail.com (please make sure to follow youth protection rules)!*



FEATURE: GEOWOODSTOCK NEEDS **YOUR** HELP!

We need volunteers to help with our fundraiser on Sunday, May 25!

We will be serving pancakes to help wrap up GeoWoodstock (a geocaching event coming to WV).

All proceeds will be going to our general fund. Let’s earn some money for our lodge so we can do more exciting things!

Find details and sign up here:
<https://scoutingevent.com/615-OAGeoWoodstock>

You can even get community service hours!

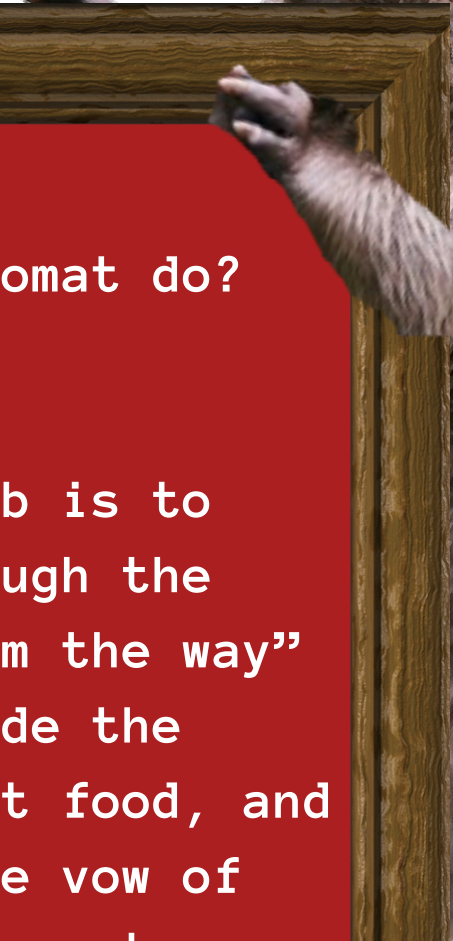


WANNA SUBMIT A
QUESTION? CLICK
THE BEAVER HOLDING
THE Q & A BOX!

Q & A:

Q:What does an elangomat do?
- Charlie

A: An Elangomat’s job is to lead candidates through the ordeal and “show them the way” as they work alongside the candidates, eat scant food, and also take part in the vow of silence. Later, Elangomats come back as Nimats.





Service

No recent service events, but a continued thanks to those who continue to exemplify what the Order of the Arrow is in and outside the lodge!

LODGE ADVISER SHORT



We have a great start to the New Year with lots of planning and activities! We have learned the need to pivot during winter months and I am so proud of everyone's ability to adapt. Our Winter Social is on schedule to be the largest attended winter social in what is believed to be ever!!

Both Lodges are communicating wonderfully to let each other know of events happening in their Lodge to bring opportunities for all. The Lodge Task Force Committee is working hard on by-Laws and planning the calendar. We are on target to have both lodges run as one lodge by August 1, 2025.

Keep checking emails and the council calendar for updates and opportunities. Each event will have the option of Saturday only registration, except Ordeal candidates who will not have that option on ordeal weekends, due to the candidates starting on Friday. Remember our next event is Feb 14-16. I hope to see you there!

Finally, Brotherhood Induction will be upon us in no time. This will be our last induction ceremony as Menawngihella Lodge. I encourage all Vigil and current Brotherhood members to come out that weekend to show support and fellowship to Ordeal members going through their Brotherhood induction weekend. I encourage Ordeal members to take advantage of this opportunity to go through Brotherhood Induction as still a member of Menawngihella Lodge. Can't make the full weekend? This is your opportunity to attend just Saturday and still go through your Brotherhood Induction. I hope to see you there!

Yours in Brotherhood,
Lori Ludas
Lodge Adviser



SCOTT’S SNIPPET



This is an exciting time to be a part of the Order of the Arrow. Thank you to the Arrowmen that are participating in the merger task force that will create our new lodge to become effective August 1, 2025. They have made great progress in the initial setup of our new lodge. If you haven’t paid your 2025 lodge dues yet, now is a great time so you don’t miss out on upcoming communications for events, service opportunities, and merger updates.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming Winter Social.

Scott Hanson
Supreme Chief of the Fire

