Lodge Chief Address  Brothers, so far our lodge has had a great start to the year with our first LEC meeting and a successful Winter Banquet! In the past year, our lodge performed a record amount of service for Old Ben Scout Reservation under Ben Peters and Andy White. Last year was a fun year for the OA and I have to say that I, too, learned many things while at the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) this summer. I look forward to seeing each of you at our events throughout the year! I would like to bring to your attention that our council and section are having events going on this year too! Buffalo Trace Council is hosting a Zombie themed Spring Camporee, where we will host one of our Call Outs of the year, and section C-6A is hosting their annual Section Conclave at Camp Maumee this year. There is more information about both of these events in this newsletter. I encourage you to sign up for both of them and invite your friends! I look forward to an amazing year with all of my fellow Arrowmen.

Luke Schweickart
2019 Chief of Kiondaga Lodge
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OA Representatives  If you were elected to be an OA representative for your unit, please fill out the form on the OA page of the council website (https://www.buffalotracecouncil.org/order-of-the-arrow), and give it to the council office. As an OA representative, the lodge encourages you to attend the LEC’s, which are the planning and discussion meetings for the lodge officers, advisors, and anyone else that attends, so that you can keep your unit well informed on upcoming events, work days, patches, etc. To find all the responsibilities and expectations of a troop representative, look at the Unit Leader Guidebook on the OA webpage.
Spring Fellowship If you were elected to join the Order of the Arrow after March 20th, 2018, come to Spring Fellowship at Old Ben Scout Reservation from March 17-19. During this weekend, you will have the opportunity to complete your ordeal and participate in cheerful service with everyone in the lodge. If you already have done your ordeal, and you want to seal your place in the lodge by getting your brotherhood, take the brotherhood course during the weekend. There will also be fun activities such as lodge ball, and gaga ball during the weekend. Cost for the event varies on if you go through your ordeal or take the brotherhood class, because there is an additional price for your sash and other materials. Join us for this weekend of fun, fellowship, and service!

Section Conclave In section C-6A, we have conclave every year and our lodge always takes charge of one of the activities. This year, Kiondaga Lodge is running AIA (American Indian Activities) for the event. AIA consists of, in part, ceremony competitions, and for that we need judges. If you are qualified to be a judge, contact Logan Carter at mailcarterc@gmail.com. With great trainings in the morning and even better activities in the afternoon, conclave will be nothing short of amazing. We would love to see all Arrowmen having fun, and taking part in everything at the event which is in Maumee Scout Reservation in Hoosier National Forest, just south of Bloomington, Indiana. The conclave is being hosted by Nischa Chuppecat Lodge from April 12th—14th. The theme this year is finding the arrow. With this theme, they hope you discover that finding the arrow is not a journey, but is your journey through OA. If you register before April 1st, the price is $35, and if you register after, the price will be $45. To find more information, check out the section’s website (central.oa-bsa.org/c6a/conclave/)

- Article Courtesy of Logan Carter (V.C. of Elections)
Kiondaga Arrow Points

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Vigil Nominations Excepted  The Vigil Honor is the highest award our Lodge can bestow upon a member. The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved only for those who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions to our Lodge, Scouting and/or our Scout Camp.

Vigil Honor is not earned and should never be expected. Our lodge bestows this high Honor only when a member meets all of the criteria at the highest level. Dedication, exceptional service, alertness to the needs of others and unselfishness are the marks of the Vigil.

If you would like to nominate a member, then please fill out the updated Vigil Nomination Form available from the Scout Office or from the Council website, Order of the Arrow section. Nominations forms are due back to the Scout Office by June 1.

- Article Courtesy of Jay Coy

Patch Designs  The lodge still needs some designs for event patches! If you have even the slightest bit of creativity, make a design of four patches (for the four main events) and bring to the next LEC. The lodge officers were thinking of a set of patches that looked good alone, but also linked together with the other event patches of the year. The new lodge flap will be for sale at events as well as in the scout shop at the Eykamp Scout Center, but they will be offered at a reduced price at the events. Run with whatever you come up with, and go nuts!
**Rank Up** Rank Up is an event being hosted by Kiondaga Lodge. The purpose of this event is to assist scouts in completing requirements that might be difficult to accomplish in the normal course of troop activities. Rank Up is an all day event on March 16th, at Old Ben Scout Reservation. Registration for the event is available on the council website (https://www.buffalotracecouncil.org/) along with a leader’s guidebook. Rank Up participants will need to bring lunch, drinks, and some gear in a daypack. Fun and games will also be part of the day. The event still needs help from Arrowmen as instructors at stations, such as orienteering, first-aid, and knots. Volunteers do need to register on the council website. Please register for Rank Up to help your scouts complete requirements and “Rank Up”.

**Winter Banquet** The event was full of fun, food and fellowship. Even though it was the beginning of January, all of the officers were wearing sunglasses from our section like they were at the beach. To accompany the sharing of stories about NOAC and building the bridge at Old Ben, slides streamed across the big screen highlighting the year’s events. Jay Coy thanked the brothers for their service as Buffalo Boys at Resource Camp and reminded us all that the opportunity is available in 2019. A rousing round of Kahoot OA trivia tested us on our knowledge of all things OA related. Ben Peters and Chuck Froehle received their Vigil certificates, complete with their Lenape name. We said thank you to Andy White for his years of service as Lodge Advisor, and welcomed in Adam Krohn. The headdress was passed from outgoing Chief Ben Peters to our new Lodge Chief Luke Schweickart. In the future, we hope to see even more youth and adult Arrowmen, and their families, at Winter Banquet.
Are You CAMP STAFF Material? The Order of the Arrow is rooted in leadership and service and what better opportunity for a member to live up to his obligation than to serve on our Council’s Summer Resource Camp Staff. Please consider joining us on Friday, May 31 through Friday, June 7 at Old Ben Scout Reservation.

We are looking for volunteer adult staff as well as high school and college Scouts for our Buffalo Boy Program. There is no cost and the experience is invaluable. Staff members serve for one week, working along-side other Scouts from throughout our Council handling a variety of responsibilities including teaching, leading program and assisting with the running of the entire camp experience.

If you are or know of a Scout who will have completed 9th grade or above this summer and is interested in joining our team, please give Jay Coy a call at 812.457.8216 to learn more about how you can “cheerfully serve” along with us.

-Article Courtesy of Jay Coy

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Elections  To hold an OA election for your unit, look at the requirements in the Unit Leaders Guidebook. The guidebook can be found on the OA page of the council website. Contact the Vice Chief of Elections (Logan Carter) with your units meeting place and time, if there are any youth or adults in your unit eligible for election. Elections are essential for the growth and development of the lodge, which is why unit elections are so important. If you know someone who is eligible for OA, but is in a unit that isn’t yet involved with the lodge, encourage them to hold an election. Elections are encouraged to be done before the council camporee. This timing allows the elected individuals to be called-out at the camporee. Call-Out is not required for you to go through your ordeal, but is an amazing experience; being some peoples’ first exposure to the Order of the Arrow. Please check the requirements in the guidebook to see if your unit can hold an election.

Stay Connected  Since Arrow Points is a quarterly newsletter, a lot of updates and reminders are put on social media. Join our Facebook group at Kiondaga Lodge and follow our Instagram at kiondagalodge422, to find pictures from events, get updates on registrations, see our service projects, and much more. Details for events can be found under the events tab of the Facebook group, which is has a link on our Instagram. We also have a twitter that has little following, but follow @KiondagaLodge to help us grow that account’s following and make publicizing there more effective. The lodge also has a Gmail (kiondagalodge@gmail.com) that you can contact for answers to any questions you might have.

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2019 Kiondaga Lodge Calendar

All dates are subject to change. All LECs are at 2 pm at the Eykamp Scout Center unless otherwise noted.

March 2019
- Rank Up
  03/16
- LEC
  03/17

April 2019
- Spring Camporee
  04/5-7
- Section Conclave
  04/12-14
- LEC
  (Officer Only during Camporee)

May 2019
- Spring Fellowship
  05/17–19
- LEC
  (Officer Only at Spring Fellowship)

June 2019
- LEC
  (to Be Determined)

July 2019
- Summer Fun Fellowship
  07/12–14
- LEC
  07/28

August 2019
- LEC
  (Before Fall fellowship)

September 2019
- Fall Fellowship
  9/13-15
- LEC
  (Officer Only at Fall Fellowship)

October
- Sash and Bash
  To Be Determined
- LEC
  (Date of Sash & Bash)

November
- LLD
  11/09
- LEC
  (Same Day as LLD)
Open up this issue of Kiondaga Lodge’s Arrow Points to learn about some new and upcoming events happening in Kiondaga Lodge and the Order of the Arrow.