



The Woapalanne Wire

March 2021 Edition



From the Editor

Hello fellow Woapalanne Arrowmen and welcome back to another edition of *The Woapalanne Wire*! 2020 was definitely a year for the history books, but I firmly believe that this will be the year for Woapalanne. With this being my last newsletter of my term, I want to thank you all for viewing, sharing and enjoying *The Woapalanne Wire*. It has been a pleasure serving all of you, and I am very grateful for this opportunity to connect with Arrowmen from all over Patriots' Path Council.

I hope to see you all sometime soon and enjoy *The Woapalanne Wire*!

Yours in Cheerful Service,

Connor Neuhaus

Lodge Secretary & Editor of *The Woapalanne Wire*

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Woapalanne Lodge #43



WOAPALANNE LODGE



Is Now 20 Years Old!

2021 Woapalanne Calendar:

Apr 8: April Virtual LEC (7:30PM)

Apr 17: Brotherhood Weekend (WSR)

May 13: May Virtual LEC (7:30PM)

May 14-16: May Ordeal Weekend (MASR)

May 23: In-Person Banquet (WSR)

Jun 10: June Virtual LEC (7:30PM)

Jun 11-13: Section Conclave (Goose Pond Scout Reservation)

Jun 25-27: June Ordeal Weekend (WSR)

Sep 9: September Virtual LEC (7:30PM)

Sep 10-12: Lodge Leadership Development (WSR)

Sep 24-26: September Ordeal (MASR)





Chiefly Speaking

Woapalanne Lodge,

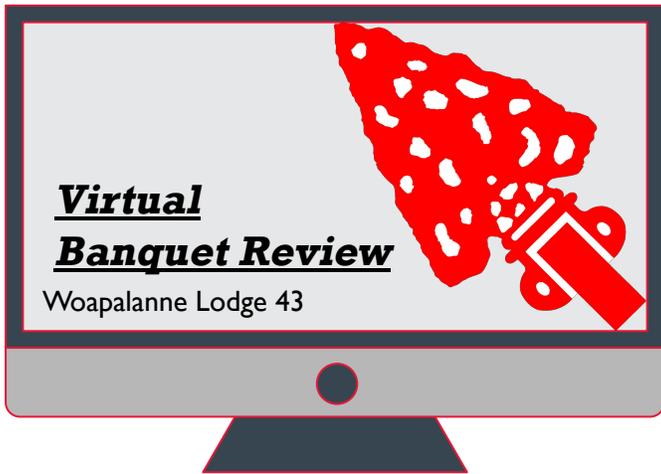
These past few months have left a lot to reflect on in the Lodge. Starting at the beginning of the year, we held our first ever Ordeal Days while being strict to enforce all COVID guidelines, and, through these events, inducted over 100 new brothers into Woapalanne Lodge. Even in the middle of the pandemic, our lodge and all our home units have found ways to provide continued programs to all those who are continuing to stay active in Scouting. We've engaged SPLs from around the council in roundtables in which we discussed best practices and advice on how to hold effective virtual program, and how to engage our friends, brothers, and troopmates in beneficial program that trained them in scout skills, leadership, and provided opportunities to just spend time with each other. We've been successful so far, but our jobs are far from finished.

This Spring, the Woapalanne Lodge Officers are dedicated to continuing to provide this extraordinary program to all of you. Through our Day of Brotherhood, our Ordeal Weekends, our many chapter events, and through the NE-5 Conclave, non-stop program will be provided to all of you in a safe way, and we will strive to make sure that the remainder of this year is one to remember. This Spring, I challenge all of you to rekindle that spirit of brotherhood that we haven't felt since our last in person event. I encourage all of you to remember what truly makes the Order of the Arrow and Woapalanne so great, the lifelong relationships that you form with your fellow Arrowmen. This spring of in person events has been long overdue, and personally, I'm ecstatic to get started and finish off this term with a bang.

I'll see you this spring.

Mike Fowler





With a new year, that means another banquet celebration! Arrowmen from across the lodge gathered on January 9th via Zoom to summarize what a crazy year 2020 was!

During the ceremony, several awards were presented including: James E West Fellow, 2021 Vigil Class, Russ Jenkins Memorial Award and more! Please check out our *Arrowman Awards* Page to find out all our amazing award recipients!

Additionally, Woapalanne Lodge would like to invite you to our in-person banquet celebration! It is set to take place at Winnebago Scout Reservation on May 23rd. Arrowmen will be able to have fellowship, food and enjoy the program with family and friends.

Finally, *The Woapalanne Wire* wants to give a big shout out to Banquet Chair, Emily Brothman, for organizing a great program!

Upcoming Brotherhood Bash!

Are you busy on April 17th? Do you seal your membership into our Brotherhood?

Then join us at Woapalanne's 2nd Day of Brotherhood, hosted at Winnebago Scout Reservation. A day filled with fun, fellowship and service, Arrowmen get to take advantage all that Woapalanne has to offer. Starting the day Ziplining across Durham Pond, Arrowmen will complete meaningful service projects, take a tour on the canopy course, participate in various fellowship activities, and much more. Truly, this is an event you don't want to miss!

Sign up now while spots are available at the link below and be the first to purchase the Derek Porter 2021 National Patch making its debut at this event! Working brothers will pay \$5 while brotherhood candidates pay \$25.

<https://scoutingevent.com/358-dayofbrotherhood>



Woapalanne's First National Officer

You read that right! At the National Planning Meeting on December 28th, 2020, our very own Derek Porter was elected to serve as the 2021 National Chief of the Order of the Arrow!

Derek is an Eagle Scout from Troop 104 in Scotch Plains, NJ and a Vigil Honor Member and Founder's Award Recipient from Woapalanne Lodge #43. Within Scouting, he has held positions including NE-5 Section Chief, Lodge Chief, Lodge Secretary, NYLT Staff member and multiple leadership positions at the troop level.

When asked about this upcoming year, Derek said: "2021 is a chance to rise to the occasion. This past year has presented so many challenges, and I'm excited to utilize our two national events to focus our attention on preparing our Order for a bright future."

Derek is joined by the National Vice Chief-Greg Brown, Northeast Region Chief-Garret Donais, Southern Region Chief- Nick Morey, Central Region Chief- Terry Hendriex, and Western Region Chief- Dakota Morosi.

Woapalanne Lodge #43 gives its sincerest congratulations to the new 2021 officers and we are excited to see where they will take the OA in this upcoming term.



Navigating Momentum: Discover



Did you enjoy Momentum Spark and momentum Launch? Do you enjoy fellowship with Arrowmen from across the country? Are you ready to get back in the outdoors?

Introducing the third installment of the Momentum virtual event series, Welcome to Momentum: Discover! Built upon the emphasis of camping and the outdoors, Momentum: Discover is a new national event where we join together and look toward the upcoming summer camp season and how lodge's can support their program.

Many of the classic program from previous Momentum's are back! Including: live game shows, cooking challenges, premium trainings, etc.

Arrowmen can watch the livestream for free or they can register as a premium delegate for the cost of \$ 25, which they will receive a patch, playback access on any of the content, and much more! Register now!

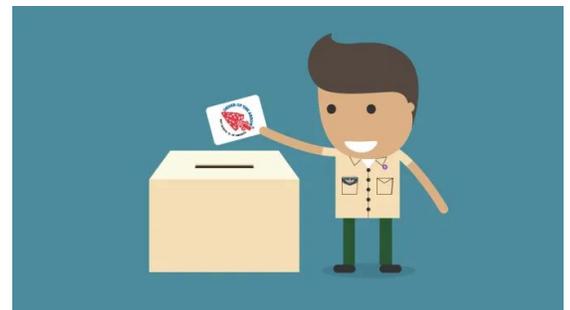
<https://momentum.oa-bsa.org/>

First Ordeal: May 2021!

Brothers, get ready for a great weekend of cheerful service at our upcoming May Fellowship Weekend! This upcoming May 14th-16th at Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation, we will be welcoming our newly elected candidates into our Order and providing a great deal of service to one of our council camps. It will be a weekend of fun activities and brotherhood bonding that you won't want to miss. The price will be \$15 for working brothers, \$30 for brotherhood candidates, and \$35 for candidates. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our May Weekend Chairman, Matthew Mauro (matthewmauro13@gmail.com). Can't wait to see you all there!



Have You Scheduled an Election Yet?



Contact: dohertylf@gmail.com!

Arrowman Awards

Over the past year, Covid-19 has been one for the history books! But this surely didn't stop our lodge's officers and committees from working hard to ensure that we had a year full of program. And because of their hard work and dedication, Woapalanne Lodge #43 would like recognize these outstanding individuals.

Lodge Advisor's Challenge Coin Award:

The Lodge Advisor's Challenge Coin Award is awarded annually to youth that have given unselfish service to the members of Woapalanne Lodge.



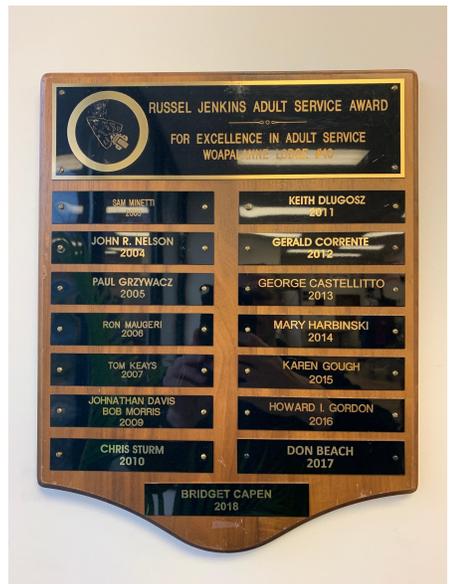
This Years Recipients of the Lodge Advisor's Challenge Coin Award include: **Thomas Bubniak, RJ Bubnowski, Joshua Kearstan, Bridget Brady, Andrew Modin, Matthew Mauro, Pat Hawkins, Jess Iannetta, and Nick Corrente**

Russ Jenkin's Memorial Award:

The Russell Jenkins Adult Service Award is awarded annually to a deserving adult that demonstrates unselfish service to the youth of Woapalanne Lodge. The award, named in honor of Woapalanne's first Lodge Adviser, recognizes excellence in adult service to the lodge.

This Year's Russ Jenkin's Memorial Award Recipient is: **Mrs Cindy Van Carpels aka "Mrs V"**

Mrs V has volunteered all across Patriots' Path Council; from serving as an Assistant Scoutmaster/Scoutmaster to serving as an NYLT Scoutmaster and currently as one of our Associate Lodge Advisors. She is Wood Badge trained and has served on Wood Badge Staff. Mrs V has received other awards including the Silver Beaver & The Vigil Honor.



Arrowman Awards Continued

Founder's Award:

Created in 1981 at the National Order of the Arrow Conference, the Founder's Award was established to recognize Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to their lodge. This award is reserved for Arrowmen who that he or she personifies the spirit of cheerful service.

Woapalanne Lodge annually recognizes 1 youth and 1 adult recipient of the Founder's Award



This Year's Founder's Award Youth Recipient is: **Liam Doherty**

Liam Doherty is an Eagle Scout from Troop 36 in Long Valley, NJ and is a dedicated servant leader. From serving as Unit Election's Chairman to Wulamoc's Chapter Vice Chief of Membership to most notably as Woapalanne's Vice Chief of Administration. Liam's service shined the brightest when he served as the Fall 2020 Ordeal Chairman.

Woapalanne Lodge is proud to recognize Liam Doherty with the Founder's Award.

This Year's Founder's Award Youth Adult Recipient is: **Mr Archer Jones**

Mr. Archer Jones has been serving all across Patriots' Path Council in many capacities for many years. From Scoutmaster/Crew Adviser to Wulihan's current Chapter Adviser and most notably as our Council Commissioner of Patriots' Path Council. Additionally, Mr. Jones has volunteered as a committee member of the council's NESAs committee and the chairman of the NJ State Police Camporee. He is Wood Badge trained and has served on Wood Badge staff. Mr. Jones is an Eagle Scout, a Vigil Honor Member and received numerous other accolades.

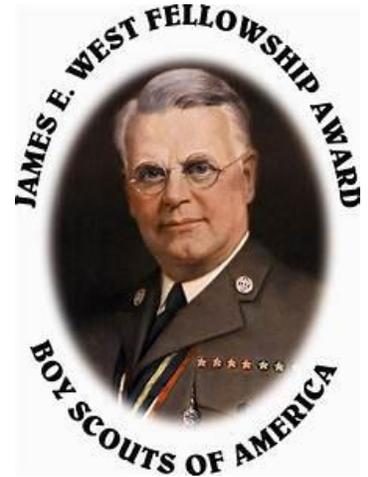
Woapalanne Lodge is proud to recognize Mr Archer Jones with the Founder's Award.



Arrowman Awards Continued

James E. West Fellowship Award:

The James E. West Fellowship Award is awarded annually to a deserving scout or scouter who goes above and beyond in service to the Order of the Arrow, and Scouting as a whole. As part of Woapalanne's mission to support Patriots Path Council, \$1,000 is donated to the council's endowment Fund in the recipients name.



This Year's James E. West Fellowship Award Recipient is: **Luke Checcio**

Luke is a Life Scout from Troop 104 in Scotch Plains, New Jersey. During his time in scouting, Luke has served in many capacities including Wulamoc's Chapter Vice Chief of Service as well as Chapter Chief and currently as Woapalanne's Vice Chief of Program. Additionally, he has served in various position at the unit level. Luke has completed National Youth Leadership Training and now serves on staff.

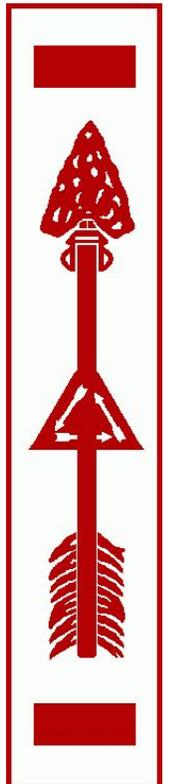
Woapalanne 2021 Vigil Honor Class:

The Vigil Honor is the **highest honor** that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to lodge, council, and Scouting. Membership cannot be won by a person's conscious endeavors.

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions **beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position** of office to one or more of the following: **Lodge, Order of the Arrow, Scouting Community, Scout Camp.**

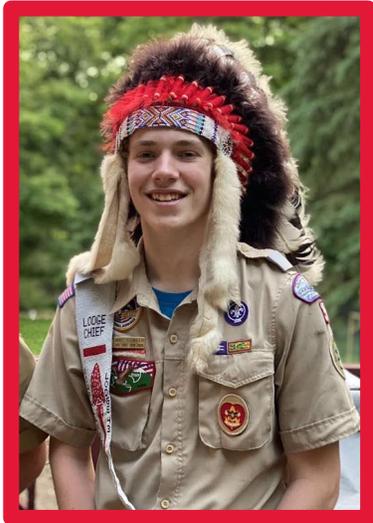
Only 1 scout/scouter is eligible for Vigil nomination for every 50 dues-paying members of the lodge. Of the candidates that are selected, at least **50%** need to be youth (under 21).

Woapalanne Lodge #43 wants to recognize these outstanding individuals with the Vigil Honor:



Arrowman Awards Continued

Woapalanne 2021 Vigil Honor Class:



Michael Fowler

Michael is an Eagle Scout from Troop 95 in Sparta, NJ. He has served all across the lodge level including: Lodge Secretary, Lodge Vice Chief of Lore, Lodge Vice Chief of Program and most notably as the Lodge Chief of Woapalanne Lodge. Additionally, he currently serves as the Secretary for Section NE-5. Michael is a camp staff member at Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation at Camp Somers.

Woapalanne Lodge is proud to recognize Michael Fowler with the Vigil Honor.

William Murray

William is an Eagle Scout from Troop 1776 in Hillsborough, New Jersey. During his time in the Order, he has been extremely dedicated to the Aihamikwen Chapter, serving both as the Chapter Vice Chief of Service as well as serving as Chapter Chief. Additionally, William has completed National Youth Leadership Training and

Woapalanne Lodge is proud to recognize William Murray with the Vigil Honor.



Shlok Nayak

Shlok is a Life Scout from Troop 44 in Edison, New Jersey and currently working towards Eagle. During his time in the Order, he has been extremely dedicated to the Elangomat program, and currently serves as the Elangomat Chairman. Additionally, Shlok serves as the Aihamikwen Chapter Vice Chief of Membership.

Woapalanne Lodge is proud to recognize Shlok Nayak with the Vigil Honor.



Arrowman Awards Continued

Woapalanne 2021 Vigil Honor Class:



Connor Neuhaus

Connor is an Eagle Scout from Troop 76 in Lincoln Park, NJ. He has served as Elangomat Chairman, Brotherhood Conversions Chairman, a Chapter Vice Chief of Membership and currently serves as a ceremonial principa: Allowat Sakima, and Lodge Secretary. Additionally, Connor is the founder and editor of *The Woapalanne Wire*. In his unit, he still serves as an active Assistant Scoutmaster.

Woapalanne Lodge is proud to recognize Connor Neuhaus with the Vigil Honor

James Olivera

James is an Eagle Scout from Troop 12 in Edison, New Jersey. He has served as the Aihamikwen Chapter Chief as well as Winnebago Summer Chairman but he is most notably known for his service to the ceremonies team; embodying the principle Meteu for countless ordeal and brotherhood ceremonies. Additionally, James is a proud staff member of the Winnebago Scout Reservation.

Woapalanne Lodge is proud to recognize James Olivera with the Vigil Honor.



Andrew Van Langen

Andrew is a Life Scout from Troop 186 in Hillsborough, NJ and is currently working towards Eagle. He has previously served as Elangomat Chairman but is most notably known for his current position as Lodge Treasurer. Additionally, Andrew has completed National Youth Leadership Training and is an active member on staff.

Woapalanne Lodge is proud to recognize Andrew Van Langen with the Vigil Honor.



Arrowman Awards Continued

Woapalanne 2021 Vigil Honor Class:



Mr. George Hementz

Mr. Hementz is an Eagle Scout has been a very active member of Woapalanne Lodge and Patriots Path Council. Most notably, Mr. Hemenetz is known for his dedication to the National Youth Leadership Training program, serving both as a Scoutmaster and Course Director. He has also served as an ASM for our council's 2017 National Jamboree troop and currently, he is the Brotherhood Conversions' Adviser. Mr. Hemenetz is Wood Badge trained and has served on staff.

Woapalanne Lodge is proud to recognize Mr. George Hementz with the Vigil Honor.

Mr. David McIntyre

Mr. McIntyre has been a big proponent support and tireless volunteer for Woapalanne Lodge and Patriots Path Council for many years. He has served in many positions including the Watchung Mountain District Chair, Council Executive Board Member, and most notably as Chairman of the Sabattis Group. Amongst all this cheerful service, Mr. McIntyre still makes time to volunteer as the Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 104.

Woapalanne Lodge is proud to recognize Mr. David McIntyre with the Vigil Honor



Mr. Emil Rufolo

Mr. Rufolo has been a dedicated servant to Woapalanne Lodge and Patriots' Path Council for many years. He is an Eagle Scout, and is most notably known for serving as Patriots Path Council's Commissioner. Additionally, Mr. Rufolo is a Member on the Council Executive Board and has been a Course Director for the National Youth Leadership Training Program.

Woapalanne Lodge is proud to recognize Mr. Emil Rufolo with the Vigil Honor



Arrowman Awards Continued

Woapalanne 2021 Vigil Honor Class:

Mr. Mark Spaldo

Mr. Spaldo is an Eagle Scout and has been a loyal servant to Woapalanne Lodge and Patriots Path Council for many years. He is most notably known for serving as a Professional Scouter since 2002, where he held numerous roles before becoming the Director of Support Services and Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Spaldo recently retired from his Professional Scouting career but still continues to support scouting in many ways.

Woapalanne Lodge is proud to recognize Mr. Mark Spaldo with the Vigil Honor.



Mr. Mark Tallmadge

Mr. Tallmadge is an Eagle Scout and embodies the principles of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service. He is most notably known for serving as our Council President, but has also volunteered as the Council Commissioner as well as a District Chairman. Amongst all of this, Mr. Tallmadge still takes the time to serve as a Scoutmaster. Additionally, he is Wood Badge Trained and has received numerous other square knot awards.

Woapalanne Lodge is proud to recognize Mr. Mark Tallmadge with the Vigil Honor



Mr. Les Wu

Mr. Wu has been a tireless servant to Woapalanne Lodge and Patriots Path Council for many years. He is most notably known for his current position of the Fishawack District Chairman, but has also served as the Scoutmaster of Troop 173 and Crew Adviser of Crew 173. Mr. Wu has also been an Assistant Scoutmaster for the National Youth Leadership Training Program. Additionally, he is Wood Badge trained and has received various other awards.

Woapalanne Lodge is proud to recognize Mr. Les Wu with the Vigil Honor





Adviser's Account

And to end our third edition of *The Woapalanne Wire*, Here is the Scout Executive of Patriots' Path Council and Woapalanne Lodge's Supreme Chief of the Fire, Mr. Marc Andreo with his Lodge Advisor Minute!

Special thanks to the Woapalanne Lodge, Order of the Arrow for being an integral part of and great partner with Scouting and the Patriots' Path Council. We all know 2020 was filled with challenges and at times some uncertainty with how we would continue Scouting in a virtual environment. From the start, the OA quickly demonstrated how to have meetings by Zoom and offered support at our events either in person or virtually.

The year was filled with countless opportunities to foster innovation and the potential to start new traditions. One great example was seeing the positive energy in our youth during our three drive-up movies where the OA provided primary support for check-in, parking, concessions, and working the projector. Our volunteers and members of the public commented on our professional ability to pull off a great event and were glad to just get out of their homes. The OA supported SPL Roundtables, our University of Scouting, camp service projects and flag dedications to name a few and in doing so have demonstrated the full potential of what servant leadership means.

As a Scout Executive, it is with great excitement to have Derek Porter serve as the National Chief and represent our Council. With his continued hard work and enthusiasm, I am confident Derek will be able to make a profound impact on the future of the OA and the Boy Scouts of America!

In 2021, I am looking forward to the OA pushing its limits by strengthening Scouting at the unit level as it is more needed than ever due to the pandemic. As arrow man, I challenge all of you to engage your home unit with virtual programs and to find ways to enjoy Scouting in a safe outdoor environment as we all need that social interaction. As Allowat Sakima said in the Pre-Ordeal ceremony, "Friends, those who chose you need you."

Special thanks to all of our youth and advisors who are working together to ensure that the OA and Scouting continues through our 111th year serving the youth of America.

Yours in Scouting,
Marc T. Andreo
Scout Executive / CEO
Patriots' Path Council, BSA

