

2023-2024 Shawnee Lodge Officer Ballot

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Lodge Chief

Neil Maxwell ☐

My name is Neil Maxwell. I am a Brotherhood member in Shawnee Lodge. I have previously served as Chapter Second Vice Chief and this past year as Chapter Chief. I have been a 4 year ceremonialist, performing all 3 ceremonies. This past summer I worked on Summer Camp Staff where I performed the callout and Pre-Ordeal ceremony. Through all these leadership positions, I have seen the amazing effects of this Brotherhood of Cheerful Service, and I want to spread that to as many members as possible. As Lodge Chief, I want to focus on the member experience, and get feedback from YOU how to improve it! Working with the Arrowmen and Chapters is the best way to make the OA experience in our Lodge exciting, fun, and engaging. I am very excited to see what we, together as a Lodge, can accomplish this year!

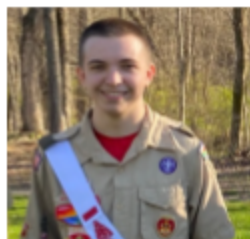


Positions:

- Chapter Chief
- Chapter Second Vice
- Camp Staff
- Fellowship Festival Chair
- Ceremonialist
- Troop SPL, ASPL, OA Rep

Mason Pryor ☐

My name is Mason Pryor, an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of Shawnee Lodge. I have previously served as Chapter Secretary, Chapter Second Vice Chief, and most recently Lodge Corresponding Secretary. I have staffed NYLT since 2019, serving on twelve courses through various positions. I also spent time this summer at the National Jamboree as Operation Arrow staff. Through these experiences, I have expanded on the vision of our past to rekindle Chapter involvement, expand on our image and highlight our impact, and pave the way for the future leaders in our Lodge. This year Shawnee Lodge can be one built by all of us to share and grow who we are as a community.



Positions:

- Operation Arrow Staff
- Section CVC
- NYLT Staff
- Lodge Corresponding Secretary
- Chapter Secretary
- Chapter Second Vice
- District Campmaster

First Vice Chief

Declan O'Leary ☐

Hi, my name is Declan O'Leary. I am an Eagle Scout and a Vigil honor recipient. Over the past few years, I have served on NYLT and camp staff and held multiple chairmanships and the First Vice Chief position in my chapter. In these roles I learned how to work effectively with all kinds of people. This year, I took a position as a lodge chairman and worked with the lodge officers on many things, including planning One Day of Service and Fall Reunion. This taught me a lot about how the lodge functions, so I'm now ready to step up as a lodge officer myself. As the First Vice Chief, I want to build the sense of community within our lodge. The primary reason I've done so much in the lodge is all of the great people I've met. In order to get the most out of the Order, our members must be inspired by the people around them, but many great people never get the chance to before being scared off by the arduous labor. By building in more opportunities for members to meet those around them, I'll give more people the chance to see everything our order has to offer.



Positions:

- Lodge Chairman
- Chapter First Vice Chief
- Chapter Chairman
- Troop SPL
- Camp Staff

Charles Owen ☐

Hello, my name is Charles Owen and I am running for your 2023 - 2024 First Vice Chief. I am an Eagle Scout and Brotherhood Member. I have served on a ceremonial team since 2018 for both ordeal and brotherhood ceremonies. I have also previously served as the 2021 - 2022 Recording Secretary. For those of you who have attended summer camp, you may have seen me. This past summer I was the Nature director and two years before that I was a nature counselor specializing in astronomy. I also serve as an Eagle guide in my district assisting with Eagle boards. These positions and opportunities have taught me how to become a good leader. My creativity is limited to one person but with the ideas that you all have and the position I can hold we can create a year of success.



Positions:

- Lodge Recording Secretary
- Camp Staff
- Camp Staff Area Director
- Troop SPL
- Troop OA Representative
- Eagle Guide

Second Vice Chief

Lorenzo Gutting ☐

Hello everyone, my name is Lorenzo Gutting, and I am running for Lodge Second Vice Chief. I am a Life Scout and Brotherhood Honor member. I currently serve my Chapter as the Second Vice Chief. I am a member of the ceremonial team and have performed over 20 ceremonies in service to the Lodge and my Chapter. My goal is to establish better connections with a Native American tribe and to continue to grow our ceremonialist and elangomat programs. Thank you for considering me for Lodge Second Vice Chief.



Positions:

- Chapter Second Vice
- Lodge Chairman
- Chapter Chairman
- Camp Staff
- NYLT Staff
- Troop SPL, ASPL

Lee Newburger ☐

For those who may not know of me, I am Eagle Scout and Vigil honor member, Lee Newburger. This past year, I served multiple positions; from my main duty as the Lodge's Inductions Chairman, overseeing the new elangomat training syllabus and many more behind the scenes operations, to serving as both spring and fall program chair. I had the honor of shadowing this year's Second Vice Chief, Paige Brush. With the knowledge I have gained with and from Paige, my goal is to ultimately make ceremonies and Spring Conclave better and more efficient. This year, I am serving as one of the Section Conclave's chairmen. I will once again be designing competitive programs for all scouts and scouters to enjoy. I hope to use this experience I have gained, along with the knowledge it has brought me, to better enhance YOUR experience within the lodge.



Positions:

- Lodge Chairman
- Event Program Chair (x2)
- Chapter Chief (x2)
- Chapter First Vice
- Troop SPL, ASPL, and OA Rep

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Corresponding Secretary

Will Blumenkemper ☐

Brothers, My name is William Blumenkemper and I am running for Shawnee Lodge Corresponding Secretary. I am looking to grow my leadership and involvement in The order of the Arrow at the Lodge level and I am ready to accept the responsibility and duties of Corresponding Secretary. I have served as a patrol leader, quartermaster, in my troop and as a area director on camp staff. Through serving on these positions in my troop and on staff, I have gotten to grow my leadership skills and gain a good deal of experience. I assure you that I am ready to take the next step in my scouting journey and our brotherhood of cheerful service. I hope you will consider me for you 2023 Corresponding Secretary.



Positions:

- Patrol leader
- Quartermaster
- Camp Staff
- Camp Staff Area Director

Trey Maxwell ☐

Hello Arrowmen! My name is Trey Maxwell, and I am running for Lodge Corresponding Secretary. I am currently a Life scout and a Brotherhood member. This past summer, I started to staff National Youth Leadership Training. I am serving as my Troops SPL for this year. In the OA, I have served two years as my chapters Secretary and I have spent three being a ceremonialist. If I get elected as Corresponding Secretary, I will make sure to continue the great communication with our members that we have established and I will build off of that to further improve it. Thank you for considering me for this position. I am very excited for this upcoming year!



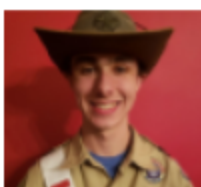
Positions:

- NYLT Staff
- Chapter Secretary
- District Campmaster
- Chapter Ceremonialist
- Troop SPL

Recording Secretary

Clayton Edelson ☐

Hello! My name is Clay Edelson, and I am running to be your lodge recording secretary for 2023-24. This past summer I worked on camp staff, where I furthered my leadership and communication skills, as well as contributed to ceremonies and troop elections. I am a brotherhood member and am looking forward to an opportunity to give back to our lodge. I pride myself in my ability to be consistent and stay organized, even in the face of moving pieces and challenges. I hope you will consider giving me the opportunity to make our lodge as good as we can make it, together!



Positions:

- Camp Staff

Noah Hutchinson ☐

Hello My Name is Noah Hutchinson and I am running for Recording Secretary. I am a Brotherhood Honor member and I am currently serving as Chapter Second Vice Chief for my chapter. For the past Three Summers I have been serving on Camp Staff where I have learned great leadership skills a great work ethic and helped with many Elections and Ceremonies. I have also served as ASPL and Scribe for my troop so I think I would be a good fit for recording Secretary as I already have some experience with the task required. I am excited for this next year in the OA and I'm dedicated and determined to help bring you the best Shawnee lodge possible.

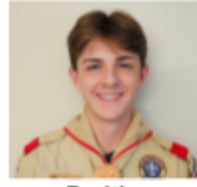


Positions:

- Chapter Second Vice
- Chapter Chairman
- Camp Staff
- Troop ASPL

Dylan Steur ☐

Hi, my name is Dylan Steur and I'm running for recording secretary. I'm a life scout and a brotherhood member. This summer I served on the council's camp staff as a nature counselor and went to Northern Tier and finished a 100 mile trek. I am part of a ceremonial team for my district and was a line marshal for summer camp. Along with the skills I have built with the positions I have mentioned, I also made great friends and ran many elections for the Order of the Arrow. I believe that my skills and understanding are suitable for this position and I will be committed to helping this lodge be the best it can!



Positions:

- Camp Staff
- Chapter Chairman
- Camporee Senior Staff
- Troop OA Rep
- Troop SPL/ASPL

Ben Ridenour ☐

Hello, my name is Ben Ridenour. I'm an Eagle Scout that has served as an SPL and other positions. In 2022, I worked at Camp as a shooting sports counselor. I have been Gravois Trails Chapter Chief in the years 2021-Present. I also helped to build more ceremonial teams as well as sitting in on multiple committees. This year I was a part of the group that brought in the Mountain Men Regalia. This year I plan on running for Lodge Treasurer. In this position I would like to build upon the lodge merchandise selection, bringing new ideas to the table. I want to bring a wider range of patches, flags, cool stickers, and better gear for branding. I want to make events like NOAC more affordable by creating a lodge raffle, with every chapter having a basket. By increasing our lodge revenue, it may also enable us to provide additional funds to chapters and to our community. WWW



Positions:

- Chapter chief (x2)
- Assistant Scoutmaster
- SPL/ASPL
- Camp Staff
- Troop OA Rep

Treasurer

Tyler Thomas ☐

Hello, My name is Tyler Thomas. I am 19 years old. I have been in the OA since 2017, Scouts BSA for nine years, and have reached the rank of Eagle Scout. I am running for the position of Lodge Treasurer because I feel like it is a great way to help the lodge with my experiences in the Trading Post while on camp staff. I also grew up in helping a small family business with cash register sales and assisting with the bookkeeping. I hope to aid Shawnee Lodge with the help of my trainings at NOAC and three years of experience on GSLAC Camp Staff.



Positions:

- Lodge Chairman
- Chapter Chairman