



# Bear Tracks



Q2 2023

**Ohkwaliha-Ká Lodge #34, Leatherstocking Council #400**

## Spring Induction Weekend

Join us April 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> at Camp Kingsley for our Spring Induction Weekend.

Registration Link: [Spring Induction Registration](#)

Ordeal members, join us on the path to Brotherhood membership.

Visit <https://oa-bsa.org/jumpstart> for more information on preparation for Brotherhood membership.

## 2023 Unit Elections!

Your unit Scoutmaster will be receiving a message about scheduling a Unit Election. If you or your Scoutmaster does not received a message by February 1<sup>st</sup> about scheduling, please reach out on the [#unit elections](#) channel on Slack or send an e-mail to [elections@oalodge34.org](mailto:elections@oalodge34.org)

We need your help to reach all our Council's Units for an election this year. We cover a large geographic area and rely on you to help with your unit election and elections at your neighboring units. We co-ordinate our elections using Slack. If you can help, please share your availability in the [#unit elections](#) channel on Slack. **New for 2023: All elections must be entered into our Lodgemaster System. If your unit needs assistance with scheduling or data input for candidates, please contact [elections@oalodge34.org](mailto:elections@oalodge34.org)**

## Lodge Online Store

The Official Lodge merchandise store is online and accepting orders that will ship direct to you! Check out: <http://leatherstocking.sgtradingpost.online/> to see all the available items.

## Lodge Calendar and Slack

Always up to date:

<http://oalodge34.org/wp2/calendar/>

Questions or help with Slack:

[support@oalodge34.org](mailto:support@oalodge34.org)

## 2023 Lodge Dues

You can now pay your Annual Lodge Dues (Jan1-Dec 31) for 2023! The \$15 can be paid at any lodge event or at the scout office. Checks can be made out to Leatherstocking Council. Pay online: <https://forms.tentaroo.com/view.php?id=9175488>

## OA Member Portal and OA Yearly Dues

Maintaining your membership in the OA is easier than ever, we are now using the national membership portal and accepting online dues payments in addition to accepting payments at the council office and our events.

OA Membership requirements:

1. Be a registered member of Scouts BSA in a unit in the Leatherstocking Council.
2. Be paid for the current dues year with the Lodge.

To check your current dues paid status or update any of your contact information with the lodge you just need to claim your ArrowID and login to <https://portal.oa-bsa.org/>

If you do not have an ArrowID or need any assistance getting into the membership portal, send an email to [adviser@oalodge34.org](mailto:adviser@oalodge34.org).

You can pay your Lodge Dues at any OA event, the council office or online:

<https://forms.tentaroo.com/view.php?id=9175488>

We have lost another Vigil brother. Edward H. Uhlig has gone to be with his maker. He was a regular face at many OA functions until his health took a turn for the worst in 2019. May he rest in peace.

- ACC Commissioner Rocket



## Section E16 News

### CONCLAVE 2023!

#### "The Wimachtendienk Carnivale"



#### Registration Opens April 1<sup>st</sup>!

- Register TODAY at: <https://ne3b.regfox.com/2023-section-conclave>
  - **What:** The annual gathering of Arrowmen across the 4 lodges of our Section, E-16, resulting in an awesome weekend of fun and fellowship!
  - **When:** August 11th-13th, 2023
  - **Where:** Camp Barton, 9640 Frontenac Road, Trumansburg, NY
  - **Programs Include:**
    - Inter-lodge Competitions
    - Shows
    - Interactive Learning Experiences
    - Patch Auction
    - Workshops
    - Open Shooting
    - Delicious Food
    - SO MUCH MORE!

**Retro fee of only \$35 (April 1st-9th!)**

**Early Bird Fee of only \$40 (April 9th-May 22nd)**

**\$ 45 - Regular Fee (May 22 - July 15)**

**\$ 50 - Late Fee (July 16 - August 6)**

**DON'T MISS OUT!**

***Register By MAY 21st to Receive the Exclusive Red, White, and Blue early registration patch!***

Contact Section Leadership at: [sectionne3b@gmail.com](mailto:sectionne3b@gmail.com)



## Join the Conversation – Join us on Slack!

What is Slack? – Slack is a communications hub that can bring us all together. Slack gives us a common communication platform to chat, share, and work together. As a Lodge we will be using slack as our primary place for discussion and planning of all Lodge activities. Slack is free and available on all types of devices from phones to desktop computers. All you need to do to connect to us is follow the link: [https://join.slack.com/t/oalodge34lec/shared\\_invite/zt-7zyox54g-MMdB0b6lhV8H1omPfaLpfA](https://join.slack.com/t/oalodge34lec/shared_invite/zt-7zyox54g-MMdB0b6lhV8H1omPfaLpfA) If you have questions or need help joining slack please contact: [support@oalodge34.org](mailto:support@oalodge34.org)

2023 Active Slack Channels:

We have been working to streamline the channels on slack for the new year (feel free to join them):

[#activities](#) will be used for planning all non-induction events

[#ceremonies](#) will be used for the ceremonies committee

[#conclave](#) will be used for all conclave planning

[#elangomat](#) will be used for the Elangomat committee

[#finance](#) will be used for the finance committee

[#inductionevents](#) will be used for planning induction weekends

[#merchandise](#) marketing ideas

[#patchdesigns](#) patch ideas

[#unit\\_elections](#) unit election planning and scheduling

[#voiceofthetroops](#) units can post their local events, OA Unit Representatives

[#general](#) this chat, global to all members announcements and calendar things will post here

[#random](#) post anything

There is also a Vigil channel that is by invite only. @bun0014 for more information



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Our Lodge Calendar is available at <http://oalodge34.org/wp2/calendar/>

Visit us online:

<http://www.facebook.com/oalodge34>  
<http://www.oalodge34.org/>

Up to date info is available on slack!

Join us on Slack:

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