

# The Talking Leaf



Newsletter of Timmeu Lodge #74

Jan - Feb of 2021

## A New Chief in Town

2020 has brought many changes. One of them is a new Lodge Advisor!

The Northeast Iowa Council and Timmeu Lodge 74 announce the appointment of **David Scofield** as the new Lodge Advisor.

Dave started a new troop, **Troop 5**, in Peosta in 2013 and has grown it to one of the most recognizable troops in the Council – youth from Troop 5 have been providing youth leadership throughout the area, including at Camp Klaus and in the Order of the Arrow. Dave and his Troop have hosted several Camporalls, a Camporee and Klondike Days. Dave has served on several council committees and was the Scoutmaster for the Northeast Iowa Contingent to the 2017 National Jamboree. Dave has been to the Boundary Waters twice, most recently in 2019.



Dave became a member of Order of the Arrow in 2014, completing Brotherhood in 2015. He can be found at most Fellowship weekends working on a variety of projects with his assistant, Steve "Pink Hat" Sheston. He attended NOAC in 2018 and has been to various section conclaves for the OA section, C-3A.

Outside of scouting he works at Hartig Drug where he is Director of Pharmacy. He has served on various committees for the State Pharmacy Association as well as the Board of Pharmacy. In his free time, he enjoys golf and being outdoors with his son, Colin.

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"I am honored that the Council has given me this opportunity. Our current pandemic has taken its toll across our society and the OA is no exception. I look forward to the challenge of building the OA to new heights. I see involvement as my first major task. I enjoy working with youth and watching their Scouting skills grow, especially the leadership opportunities that Scouting and the Order provides. My hope is to bring more excitement into the OA so that every Scout anxiously awaits their name to be called by the Chief so they too can join the excitement of Timmeu Lodge."

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## The Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast

No, no, it's not May yet!

Nobody knows what tomorrow will bring - let alone May! But we are moving forward with planning for this great annual event. We would love to have more involvement in the planning, so if you can help, reach out to any of the LEC officers or to the Lodge Advisor.

The location is reserved, and we are looking at how the event can be successful under different levels of restrictions, even if it means to-go orders! Regardless of what happens in the spring, the Lodge will be going forward with the Stick Pick-up on April 24 at Eagle Point Park.

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## The Winter Banquet

Perhaps not as wintery as you remember...

With any kind of luck, Winter Banquet is still on. However, it will not be held in January. Our plan right now is to hold it on **May 22**. The Lodge is putting a plan together to hold the banquet at Camp Burton. Stay tuned as more details become available.

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## Attention: Ordeal Candidates!

An important announcement for our incoming Lodge Members.

We haven't forgotten about you! We are excited about your call-out this past summer and are saddened that you could not enjoy the same experience of being called out at Camp. Nothing can replace the excitement and the feeling of pride that one feels when experiencing that moment.

It was clear early on that we could not have the same kind of Fall Fellowship weekend this year that we have enjoyed in the past. While many Lodges completed their Ordeal Inductions under a virtual format, we felt that waiting till spring, would help us give you the full experience that you deserve during your Ordeal. Inductions. With that, **Spring Fellowship weekend will be held June 4-6**. We can't wait to see you at Camp C.S. Klaus!



# Lodge Advisor Minute

David Scofield | Timmeu Lodge Advisor

As we begin a new chapter in Timmeu Lodge, I want to take a moment to introduce myself and to give you a feel for where I would like to go with the Lodge. My name is Dave Scofield and I am the past Scoutmaster of Troop 5 in Peosta. In 2013, we started a new Troop when we saw a need for the youth in our area. Taking on such a task without much previous knowledge of area Scouting was, to say the least, a scary endeavor. But thanks to the strong support of our area parents and the guidance and wisdom of many of the other leaders in the Council, we were able create something special in our community. In those seven short years, we have grown 400% while providing leadership youth for both NYLT and the OA. Several of our Scouts have become regulars on camp staff. Because of this journey and the opportunities that Scouting provides I was fortunate to be selected as Scoutmaster for the 2017 National Jamboree.

Because of my unique experiences with Troop 5, I feel that I am able to guide the youth in the Order of the Arrow and recover from the losses we have all experienced from the current pandemic. However just like at Troop 5, I cannot do it all on my own. I must rely on all the fantastic leaders and parents within our Council to help promote and participate in the things the OA has to offer by encouraging the youth to step outside the comfort of their Troop and expand their Scouting experience.

My goals include:

- Put out a Talking Leaf every 2 months in order to keep everyone up to date and well informed with Lodge news.
- Develop a new organizational chart expanding on leadership opportunities for youth within the Lodge.
- Centralize and reorganize all Lodge documents.
- Make personal visits to each Troop promoting the OA while offering assistance to the Troops from the Lodge.
- End Roundtable OA meetings and add OA Representatives to the LEC meetings.
- Move LEC around the Council having different Troops “host” LEC.
- Increase ceremonies pool and expand and train members involved in all areas of fellowship weekends, tap out ceremonies, and Inductions.
- Develop close relationship with summer camp leadership and camp properties team.
- Provide help and special opportunities at Camporees and Camporalls.

I view this not as an all-inclusive list but a road map to get started. I also see this not as a one-year plan but over several. I look forward to any and all ideas. Together we all can make this something special.





## Meet the LEC: AJ Murdah

AJ Murdah | Timmeu VC of Business

Hey everybody! Many people may not know who I am, as I also still consider myself new to Scouting. My name is AJ Murdah and I am a sophomore in high school in Dubuque Iowa. I am an active member of Student Council and an avid learner. I have been very happy to call Troop 11 my home for the past 3 years.

Within the Order, I have begun to get the sense of community and purpose that binds everyone to Scouting. We have had such successful events and opportunities that really hits home the idea that brotherhood presents. But that was yesterday. Today, we are stuck wearing masks and social distancing. Local government regulations and CDC recommendations have prohibited and limited the capacity we can act within the Order. But under our Lodge Chief and Lodge Advisor, I believe we can accomplish anything and everything.

As many hardships as COVID has caused to our current operations, it has given us the marvelous opportunity to restructure and re-shift the way the Lodge operates. Looking forward, along with working with the recommendations in place, my goal is for the Lodge to get back on track to full operation.

And I recognize that is a massive goal, and may be optimistic, but it has been my belief that there is nothing that the collective cannot achieve, if we stay strong and work together. My second goal is to look at the current structure of the OA, roles, and really find what works and what doesn't.

I believe in these goals because I believe in you. Scouting has produced a strong group of loyal, talented, and motivated young leaders. And I believe whatever issues Scouting has overall, together we will persevere. For together we are stronger, together we can overcome any obstacle, and together we can use the tools learned in Scouting to create a positive impact in our communities as well as within our own lives.

## Help Wanted – Positions Available!

The 2020-21 Lodge Executive Committee is looking forward to a bright year for Timmeu Lodge, but there are still many positions available. The Lodge is looking for you. Positions of leadership are just waiting for you to answer the call. Give it a try – don't be shy! We will work with you. Contact the Council Service Center at [563-556-4343](tel:563-556-4343) if you are interested in an open position.

Current LEC members

Position	Name
Chief	Boris Miller
Vice-Chief Business	AJ Murdah
Vice-Chief Activities	<b>Open</b>
Lodge Secretary	<b>Open</b>
Lodge Treasurer	<b>Open</b>
Troop Elections Chair	Austin Hammel
Service Chair	Alex Burds
Camp Promotions	<b>Open</b>
Inductions Chair	<b>Open</b>
Ceremonies Chair	Beau Benzing
Communications Chair	<b>Open</b>
Pancake Breakfast Chair	<b>Open</b>





# Smoke Signals from the Chief

Boris Miller | Timmeu Lodge Chief

Hello My Fellow Arrowmen. My name is Boris Miller, and I am your new Lodge Chief. I am currently a Life Scout – soon to be Eagle Scout – from Troop 91, and I am a Senior at Hempstead High School. I am super excited to be your new chief and I know that working together we will be able to accomplish great things within the Lodge. During my tenure as Chief, I would like to boost our numbers and continue to make the Lodge a fun and awesome place. I want all Scouts to look forward to joining and for current members to keep wanting to participate in events. I can't do this alone. I need your help to spread the word about OA events and to make the lodge as fun as possible. I can't wait to work with you all to make the lodge a great place that continues to be active and provide cheerful service to the community.

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## Vigil Weekend

Timmeu honors some of the Lodge's Finest.

As you are probably aware, Vigil Weekend did not occur this fall. As with everything else, rather than throw something small and on short notice together, the LEC determined the best course was to move it to spring – **June 5-6**. Congratulations to:



Beau Benzing



Colin Scofield



Dominic Hammel



Alena Toberman

## Leaders in the Lodge

Timmeu Lodge is well-represented in Section C-3A.

Congratulations to Alex Burds who was elected as Section Secretary for our Order of the Arrow Section C3-A. It's been awhile since someone from our council has been elected to a section position. We couldn't be prouder of you. Thank you to those that participated in the Section meeting during the vote of leadership.



**CAMP C.S. KLAUS**  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

# Camp Staff Wanted:

- Scoutcraft Instructor (age 15+)
- BASE Camp Instructor (age 15+)
- Aquatics Instructors (age 16+)
- Medic (age 18+)
- Kitchen Steward (age 18+)
- Kitchen Assistant (age 15+)

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact Tom Mayer at  
[tjmayer@gmail.com](mailto:tjmayer@gmail.com)

[www.scoutsiowa.org/eskstaff](http://www.scoutsiowa.org/eskstaff)

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**BECOME A ROLE MODEL FOR YOUNG MEN & WOMEN!**



**Timmeu Lodge**

## It's time for your 2021 OA Dues

For your convenience we have attached a simple form you may fill out and send in with your 2021 OA dues. Dues are \$15 and remember: you must be registered through a Troop, Pack, or the Council. Your dues help fund many of the projects at both Camp Klaus and Camp Burton.

Mail your payment to:

Northeast Iowa Council  
PO Box 732  
Dubuque, IA 52004-0732

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### OA Dues

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: Pack/Troop/Council                      Unit Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Upcoming Events

All Arrowmen Welcome!

### Stick Pick Up

April 24 | Eagle Point Park

### Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast

May 9 | Eagle Point Park

### Winter Banquet

May 22 | Camp Burton

### Vigil Weekend

For Vigil candidates only.

June 5-6 | Camp Klaus

### Spring Fellowship

June 11 | Camp Klaus

## OA Dues

To best help Timmeu Lodge, all Arrowmen must register ASAP! It's up to YOU to help us grow our due-paying members by the end of 2021. Please pay by calling Nettie at the Scout office: [563.556.4343](tel:563.556.4343)

You are not a current member of the OA if your dues are not paid. The time frame is from **January 1<sup>st</sup>** to **December 31<sup>st</sup>**. Bear in mind, your dues for 2020 are *not* your dues for 2021! If your dues aren't paid, you may not be eligible for advancement to Brotherhood, Vigil, Founder's Awards etc.

If you're unsure if dues are paid, contact the Council Service Center.

