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# Ashokwahta Tehtas

Winter 2019

25  
Years

## ASHOKWAHTA LODGE BANQUET & AUCTION

*Celebrating our Past,  
Envisioning our Future*

Join us for a holiday feast with  
friends, family, and fellow OA Brothers as we celebrate 25  
years of Cheerfulness, Brotherhood, and Service!

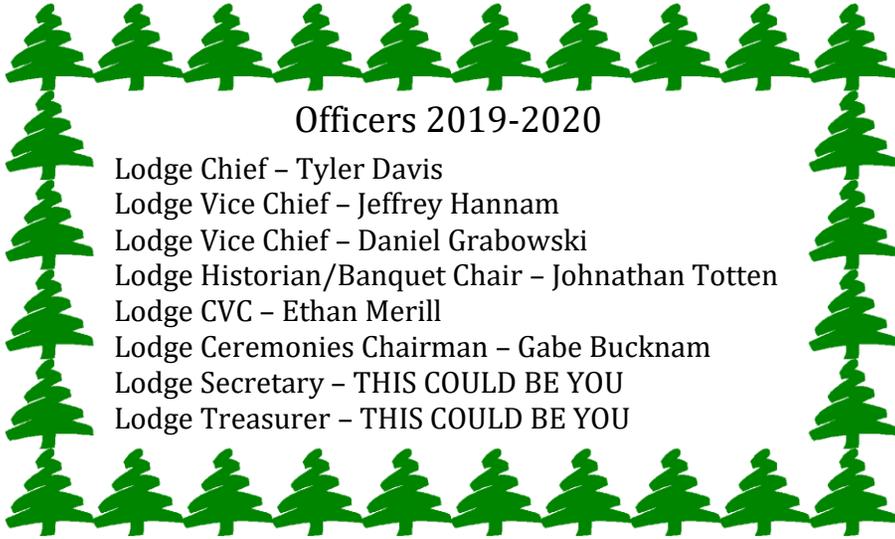
January 4th, 2020

6:00PM

BATAVIA FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*RSVP Through the Council Office*

*\*Registration Form Included\**



### Officers 2019-2020

- Lodge Chief – Tyler Davis
- Lodge Vice Chief – Jeffrey Hannam
- Lodge Vice Chief – Daniel Grabowski
- Lodge Historian/Banquet Chair – Johnathan Totten
- Lodge CVC – Ethan Merrill
- Lodge Ceremonies Chairman – Gabe Bucknam
- Lodge Secretary – THIS COULD BE YOU
- Lodge Treasurer – THIS COULD BE YOU

### Chief's Corner

Brothers,

Prepare for History. As you may or may not be aware, 2020 will be Ashokwahta Lodge's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary since the 1995 merger. To celebrate this occasion, we have designed an unforgettable and momentous banquet for our lodge, with which, I invite you all to attend.

As joyful as I am to celebrate the Lodge's rich history, I wonder what our next legacy will be. We were each inducted into the Order with a mission to serve others selflessly, cheerfully, and with passion. As honorable and noble as this mission is, it cannot be accomplished without one key ingredient....YOU.

Will we overcome our slump in membership? Will we fan the flame of brotherhood and service into a mighty flame of cheerfulness or will we succumb to poor attendance and youth participation?

***"You must choose." – Allowat Sakima***

In Brotherhood,

Tyler

## Upcoming Events

*12/18 - LEC Meeting*

*7pm / Batavia First Presbyterian Church*

*1/4 - Ashokwahta Lodge 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet & Auction*

*6pm / Batavia First United Methodist Church*

*1/11-12 – COC Meeting*

*Rochester Strong Scout Shop*

*1/15 - LEC Meeting*

*7pm / Batavia First Presbyterian Church*

*1/26 - Ceremonies Team Meeting*

*1-4pm / Batavia First Presbyterian Church*

*2/19 – LEC Meeting*

*7pm / Batavia First Presbyterian Church*

## Other Important Dates

*2/(TBA at LEC) - Lodge Elections Training @TBA*

*5/1 -3 - Spring Fellowship @Camp Sam Wood*

*8/3-8 - National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) @Michigan State University*

## Barlows Cabin Project

On September 15<sup>th</sup>, a group of dedicated youth and adults facilitated much needed maintenance at Barlows Cabin at Camp Sam Wood. This work included leveling the soil and gravel surrounding the cabin, cleaning the interior windows, evaluating the roof, clearing overgrowth, and moving the trail to Barlows inland to avoid the constant flooding and muddy mess that is at the bottom of the hill.



Thank you to all who came out and made this event a reality. Thanks to these efforts, Barlows cabin was marketable and usable for the fall and winter camping needs of our council. Most importantly, the work at the site allowed for a better understanding of what exactly needs to be done in future project.

Overall, the Service Project was a success and I look forward to more in the future.



## NOAC: What, Where, Why, When, and Who?

NOAC is in summary, Jambo but expanded upon. It's a week of activities some trainings and patch trading. Also, instead of camping outside and semi okay food, you get to sleep in a college dorm and can have delicious meals. It's definitely worth going to for the price.

Throughout the week they put on a show every night, which leads up to the final night where, last time, they had a concert after the finale of the show. Along with this they have special guests appear. In addition to trainings they still had other activities to do like bowling, an escape room, and a Spartan race to name a few of the options.

Now for the trainings. While some may perceive trainings as boring, they can be super beneficial when it comes to helping your own lodge run more efficiently and bring new ideas to it as well. They can range from different ways to run the lodge to how to have more retention of members. The choice of trainings is up to you so if one catches your eye go ahead pick it.

Now for the part that if you like patches you will love. Patch trading is embraced at this event to the point where an entire warehouse is dedicated to trading. There you can see random patch flaps to full 8 piece sets that form one large patch. They also made it safer to trade with them incorporating QR code scanning so you know exactly how many of the patch you are looking at were made, how much they go for, and where they are from.

This is only a small glimpse at what was at the 2018 NOAC so who knows how they are going to top it at 2020. I know I'm going, but the question is **are you?**

**2020 Spring Fellowship**  
**May 1-3, 2020**  
**Camp Sam Wood**

*Registration Form will be in the spring edition of the Tehtas*

Visit [www.Ashokwahta339.com](http://www.Ashokwahta339.com) for more information

## An Online Presence

We got a Website!

[www.ashokwahta339.com](http://www.ashokwahta339.com)

Please visit the site to stay up to date on the Lodge

### Highlights:

- Past LEC Minutes
- Contact Us Options
- Updated Calendar
- New Member Resources

## Ceremonies

Cast yourself back to your ordeal. You are being lead down the long trail with only the blazing torch ahead of you for light. You have no idea where you are, or where you may be headed. After a few moments of walking you see a flame of in the distance. As you approach you see that it's a roaring fire, around which is being 4 familiar forms. You've seen them once before, they were the ones that gave you the task of silent service and self-denial. You have arrived at your ordeal ceremony.

It is at these circles that you are inducted into the order and it is your fellow arrowmen who are the imposing figures who told you of your quest. The members of our lodge who orchestrate and perform the various ceremonies you passed through in order to become a member of the order of the arrow are known as the ceremonies team. The ceremonies team is a group of people who dedicate their time to learning and performing the various ceremonies of the OA. We are currently looking for new members to help keep this tradition alive. If you would like to join to become a ceremonialist and perpetuate the magic of the ceremony you experience during your ordeal then this team is for you.

We meet from 1 to 4 on last Sunday of the month at the First Presbyterian church in Batavia. We hope to see you there!!

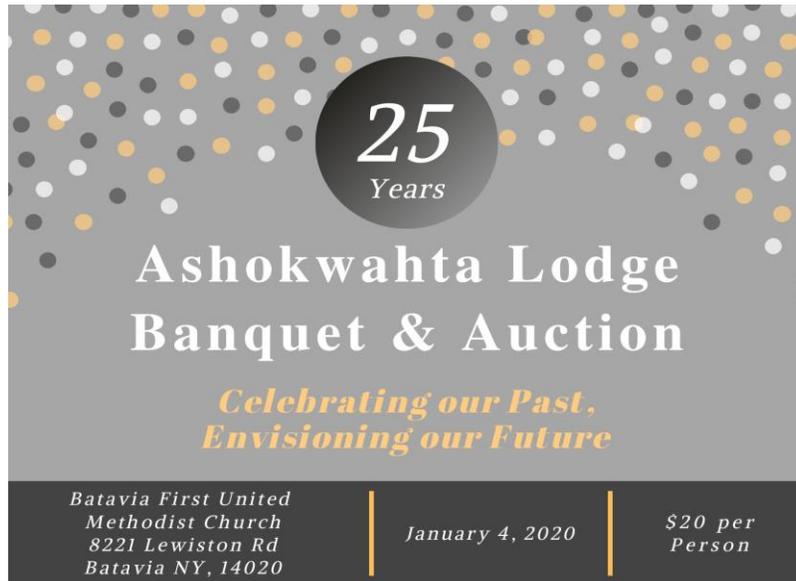
**If you have any questions or are interested:**  
[ceremonieschairman339@gmail.com](mailto:ceremonieschairman339@gmail.com)

## By-Laws Revisions

Our bylaws are being fixed! To keep Ashokwahta Lodge running smoothly and to keep ourselves running in accordance with national policies, we have formed a committee to repair, expand, and improve the bylaws. A lot of what we have now is either outdated or doesn't quite fit in with what National says. We will be working this month to make these changes, and we hope to have everything finalized and in writing by the December LEC meeting. The finished bylaws will be presented for approval at the Lodge Banquet, on January 4th, 2020, while we usher in the New Year by celebrating 25 years of Ashokwahta Lodge! If you want to see what our new and improved bylaws will look like, be sure to come to the banquet and check them out!

WWW,  
Jeffrey Hannam  
Lodge Vice Chief of Program  
Bylaws Committee Chair





## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet & Auction

The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our lodge is finally upon us! In celebration of this momentous occasion, our officers have pulled out all the stops to ensure a memorable and transformative banquet is held. We hope that you will be able to attend!

The theme for the banquet, “Celebrating our Past, Envisioning our Future” captures the focus of this banquet. Program highlights include: Presentation of the Founder’s Award and the NEW Arrowman of the Year Awards, Live Ashokwahta History themed patch auction, Lodge Vision Announcement, and so much more!

*We hope you can join us!*

### MAILING LIST AND DUES PAYMENT

Members who have not paid dues, as per the guidelines of the Ashokwahta Lodge, will be dropped from the mailing list soon. Those members no longer current with Lodge dues will be considered inactive for the mailing list for the Spring 2020 OA Weekend. Payment for the 2020 dues (\$10.00) will continue active membership for those members who have remained current in dues. Payment of 2019 and 2020 dues will bring current any inactive member — \$10.00 per year or \$20.00 total.

Remember: The top line on your address label list is the last paid dues years.

Reminder: If a fellow Arrowman tells you they are not receiving the newsletter, please have them update their home address by contacting Bill Brown

By Call: 585-202-2470

By Email: bilisado8@gmail.com (cc in lodgechief339@gmail.com)

# Ashokwahta Lodge 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet & Auction Registration

Batavia First United Methodist Church  
8221 Lewiston Rd., Batavia  
6:00 p.m., January 4th, 2020

\$20.00 Registration Due before December 27th, 2019  
Late Registration and payment at the door, \$25.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Qty

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 Per Member \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 Guests \*All family members are welcome to come\* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 Dues \*number of years you're paying for \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Total reservations \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Pay by Credit/Debit Card

\_\_\_\_\_ Check Enclosed Make Checks payable to: **Ashokwahta Lodge #339**

\_\_\_\_\_ MC \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_

Signature required for credit/debit payments: \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-register with payment in advance: By phone call: 585-343-0307

Mail to: Ashokwahta Lodge #339: Oakfield Service Center  
102 South Main St.  
Oakfield, NY 14125

All participants are expected to register in advance\* by mail or phone.

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