



**2020 SHAWNEE LODGE OFFICER  
BALLOT**

## Chief Candidates:

### Michael Colletti



Hello, my name is Michael Colletti. I am an Eagle Scout and Vigil member. I have served Shawnee Lodge as Lodge Chief for this past year, as well as Chapter Chief, Second Vice Chief, and Ceremonial chairman for my Chapter. In addition, I have been a ceremonialist for more than 4 years. I have staffed 5 years of NYLT, this past year as a Youth Director and have participated in other national leadership training such as OA NLS, National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience, and NYLT Leadership Academy. Having served this past year as Lodge Chief, I am extremely prepared for this next year as your Shawnee Lodge Chief. While our Lodge is already performing at an exceptional standard, there's plenty that we can do to make our Lodge even better.

As Lodge Chief this past year, I restarted our eLookout program providing valuable information to our brothers. This past year has also equipped me with the skills necessary to be flexible in the face of problems. This year, I want to revamp our Troop Rep program. Troop Reps are the link between the Lodge and the troops, and are the key to making our Lodge as successful as possible. As a member of the BROTHERHOOD of Cheerful Service, it is important to me that we have members who want to attend events, and the best way to do that is to hear directly from YOU, my brothers. I will reach out to each of you to find out what you think we can do better and what you'd like to see. Our Lodge has great potential and I fully intend to reach that with the help of all of you. With your vote, we can make this Lodge great!

<https://youtu.be/8qbEIUvp2LE>

### Gavin Knapp



My name is Gavin Knapp. I am an Eagle Scout and a Vigil honor member. I have held many positions within the Lodge, such as Lodge Treasurer and Chapter Secretary. I currently serve as the Lodge First Vice. I have also held many positions in Venturing that are equivalent to Chapter Chief and both of the Lodge Secretary positions. I've also strengthened my leadership skills through two years of serving as Camp Staff. These past two years as both Lodge First Vice and Lodge Treasurer have given me the chance to understand the Lodge: the good, the bad, and the ugly. I have a lot of new ideas to help improve our Lodge to make it as great as I know it can be, but more importantly, I want to hear your ideas and your feedback. I want to improve communication between the Lodge and Chapters and the Chapters and Units. One of the ways I want to do this is by strengthening our OA

Troop Rep program because it is the best way to get feedback from everyone, which is a vital part of the Lodge that needs improvement, and I will try my hardest to make this happen. I know, together, we can make this next year a great success! [https://youtu.be/\\_Ylt8NF72eM](https://youtu.be/_Ylt8NF72eM)

## *First Vice Chief Candidates:*

Brendan Carr



My name is Brendan Carr. I am a Life Scout and Brotherhood Honor member. I have served as Chapter Secretary and Chapter Chief. I have also been a long time ceremonialist. I have also gone to the Northern Tier base in Atikokan, and there, while not officially our Crew leader, helped a great deal in making our trek successful through my leadership. As Lodge First Vice Chief, it would be my goal to make sure all events this upcoming year are exciting, even under the effects of COVID-19. In addition to that, I would also like to reexamine and encourage the adjustment of the Ordeal to Brotherhood experience, so that it is more accessible and affirming. Together, let's excel at brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service!

[https://youtu.be/fCH\\_O-TcXdc](https://youtu.be/fCH_O-TcXdc)

Aidan Hammond



Hello, my name is Adian Hammond. I am a Vigil Honor member of the OA. Throughout my years I have held many positions in the OA such as Camp Promo & Cub Support Chair, Chapter 2nd and 1st Vice Chief. I have served my district as an active member of camporee staff as well as being a former campmaster. I have spent my last 3 years as a member of our council's Camp Staff as well as being a volunteer to the rangers at one of our properties. As your Lodges 1st Vice Chief, I plan on helping make our lodge the best Lodge in OA. I would love to hear from everybody on how you think our lodge is doing and what we can do better. One of my goals as your 1st Vice would be to make this your Lodge. Not the Lodge Chief's Lodge, but your Lodge. Everyone has different ideas and I want to hear them and make your voice heard. I want to help out everyone be able to get out of the OA what they want to get out of the OA.

<https://youtu.be/JIYHQjFW-Do>

## Second Vice Chief Candidates:

Jordan Brakefield



Good evening all, I hope you're all doing well. I'm Jordan Brakefield from the Ozark Trailblazers chapter, I am a Vigil honor member. I've been a chapter officer for 3 years, serving 1 term as Chapter Chief. In my time as Chapter Chief I dutifully served my chapter and ran meetings smoothly and efficiently. Alongside holding chapter positions I've also been on ceremony team for 3 years, two of which were as a character. I will use my experience as a ceremony team member, and prior officer experience, to better help me serve our lodge as your 2nd Vice Chief. I have cheerfully served on camp staff at Camp Famous Eagle for 3 years and did my part to ensure that our Call-out and Pre-ordeal ceremonies ran smoothly. This past year has certainly presented us with issues, and this upcoming year will likely present new challenges that we have not yet had to face. I promise that in these uncertain times I will do my best to keep our brotherhood strong and work around any unforeseen obstacles we may come across. Whether these obstacles are Covid-19 related or otherwise. I will work with my fellow lodge officers to ensure that Shawnee Lodge continues to provide a high-quality program for our brothers. We will find a way to still provide cheerful service to those who need it. Thank you all for your consideration, have a good night.

Sam Duncan



Hello, my name is Samuel Duncan. I have been involved with the Shawnee lodge for almost for almost 6 years. I have worked summer camp staff and have served as the 2019-2020 Lodge recording secretary. I have been to NYLT and I am also an eagle scout. I hope that you deem me fit to continue to serve as your lodge officer and vote for me as the lodge 2nd vice chief.

<https://youtu.be/p8fxyD6tvJM>

## *Recording Secretary Candidates:*

RJ Jackson



Hello Shawnee Lodge! My name is Rollin "RJ" Jackson and I am running to serve as your Lodge Recording Secretary for the 2020-2021 Term! I am an Eagle Scout, a Vigil Member in our Lodge, I have attended the National Leadership Seminar (NLS), and have served as the: secretary, 2<sup>nd</sup> vice chief, 1<sup>st</sup> vice chief, and Chapter Chief of the Boone Trails chapter. I have also had the privilege of serving on the Lodge Social Media Committee and the National OA Social Media Committee, where I was the youth Facebook lead for NOAC 2018. I have been a member of staff at: our council's NYLT Camp (4x), The National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (1x) (NAYLE), and National Youth Leadership Training Academy (4x). This year, I will work closely with you all, the members of our lodge, and hear your honest feedback and input, and work with our Lodge Leadership to put your words into actions. I will also focus on updating our membership system in order to help bring inactive members back into our Lodge and help continue to foster a love for the OA in our active members, to keep them around. I would like to thank all of you, for your support and I would really appreciate your vote to serve as your 2020-2021 Shawnee Lodge Recording Secretary!

<https://youtu.be/1T6q1MqWsyU>

## *Corresponding Secretary Candidates:*

Sam Bunn



My name is Sam Bunn. I am an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member and I am running for Corresponding Secretary. I have served as my Chapter's Elangomat Chairman and as my Chapter's Secretary. For the Lodge, I have served as Website Chairman, an E-lookout Organizer, and as Technology Chairman. I was the lead on the website redesign that happened this past year and was also on the team to help restart the E-lookout emails. As Corresponding Secretary, my focus will be to make sure every arrowman in our Lodge knows what fun

activities and events our Lodge has to offer, even in uncertain times. I can't wait for the upcoming year and I hope to have your vote for Corresponding Secretary.

<https://youtu.be/Oe8AVGaG3AM>

Ethan Steinhart



Hello fellow brothers, My name is Ethan Stinehart. I am an Eagle Scout, as well as a brotherhood member in the Order of the Arrow. During my time in the order, I have served, since my initial induction, on ceremonial teams each year. I have also been elected to be first vice chief in my chapter and am currently sitting as chapter chief serving my chapter. Outside of the order I have spent plenty of time staffing many different camps, such as camporees and klondikes. I have staffed NYLT for two summers, once as a troop guide and the second as an assistant senior patrol leader. I'm excited for the coming year and would be delighted to serve as the 2020/2021 lodge corresponding secretary!

<https://youtu.be/S0NIKZbArvo>



## *Treasurer Candidates:*

Justin Abegg



My name is Justin Abegg. This is my sixth year in scouting. I have served as an assistant senior patrol leader for three terms. I have had the opportunity to service on a OA ceremony team, and two springs ago received brotherhood. I have been to four summer camps, Philmont, and NYLT. Scouting has had great influence on my maturity and growth. I have met many great people through my troop and OA. I want nothing more than to help others gain experiences such as mine. This is why I am running for lodge treasurer.

<https://youtu.be/BtU5XGDr8SA>

Joe Miller



My name is Joe Miller and I'm running for Lodge Treasurer. I am Life Scout and a Brotherhood member. This is my 6th year as a Scout and my 3rd year in Order of the Arrow. In that time, I have been privileged to serve in various leadership positions and am grateful for the education that those positions have given to me. In the past, I have served as an Assistant Patrol Leader, Den Chief, Den Chief Trainer, Scribe, and Chaplain's Aide. For the past year, I have served as Secretary for my OA chapter and currently, I am serving as a Patrol Leader in my troop for the 3rd consecutive year. Additionally, I have been fortunate enough to complete NYLT, obtain my NYLT Troop Guide Certification, and help train other scouts to be Den Chiefs. I have taken many lessons away from all of my experiences, but the ones that stick out the most is the importance of perseverance and transparency. If elected as Treasurer I will give the position my full effort to ensure that deadlines are met, records are timely and accurate, and that I am transparent in all the duties I perform for the role.

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