



# Arrowman Echoes

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## Fall Fellowship Logan Bozeman Lodge Treasurer

The end of the year is coming fast and with it comes many activities in our lodge like One Day, Spook-oree, and Fall Fellowship. Fall Fellowship will be held at Camp Tukabatchee on December 2-4. This will be a weekend full of fun, fellowship, and more. Join us for a short service project followed by a couple of training sessions. Fellowship activities include musical chairs, Wischixin, board games, the SEC football championship, and of course volleyball on our new court. There will be a corn hole tournament and a 5K. Friday dinner is provided.

We will also be electing new officers for our next program year. If you want to run for office be sure to download the officer candidate form from our website. These are due to Mr. Mike Bazonis before 5pm on Saturday. I hope to see each and every one of you there!



## 2017 Lodge Dues

We did it! We hit our goal of 370 lodge members for 2016. Now it's time to focus on 2017. All lodge memberships expire on December 31. Please renew your membership with your Fall Fellowship registration. The form is on the back page or visit Alibamu.org.

Your dues provide you newsletters, a planbook, and a national OA membership. Dues also help fund all of the various programs and activities of the lodge. Please consider renewing today!

## Lodge Rules & Lodge Officer Term Changes James Able Cholocco Litabixie Chapter Chief

Conclave and the Allogagan Ordeal have been the culmination of a year's work for our lodge for a long time. The LEC would like to make that the end of our program year. It's been proposed that our officers' term of office begin July 1 each year, beginning with 2017. If the following rules are amended at Fall Fellowship our next officers will be in office from January 1 to June 30, 2017. Then the officers elected in May will have a full term.

I propose changing:

- Rule III-A-2 to: Officer's terms normally run from July 1 to June 30 for one year.
- Rule III-A-5 to: Officers are elected at the Allogagan Ordeal.

The new calendar with new fellowship events will be released at the banquet in January.

## Calendar

### October 29

One Day of Service  
Eclectic UMC, 8a-3p

### December 2-4

Fall Fellowship  
Camp Tukabatchee

### January 7

Awards Banquet  
Aldersgate UMC, 6:30p



2 - OA Wilderness Voyage  
2 - Merit Badge Day  
3 - Mike's Minute

3 - NEXT  
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## OA Wilderness Voyage Hunter Gay Special Events Chairman

OAWV is the OA's high adventure program at Northern Tier. OAWV was an amazing once in a lifetime experience. I enjoyed not only getting to see the beautiful Boundary Waters, but also getting to meet fellow new brothers that have become some great friends of mine.

The program began the night we arrived at base camp. The next morning it was up and early paddling to our work site. We spent the next 6 days paddling to the work site each morning. There we built and repaired portage trails. Then we would paddle back to the camp site at the end of the day.

After a week of work we spent the next six days exploring all the Boundary Waters had to offer, which meant seeing beautiful campsites, stopping by a waterfall, and seeing some of the most crystal-clear lakes you've ever seen. After we finished our six day adventure, we headed back to base camp. We spent the night and then went home. We paddled over 130 miles and hiked 8 miles with canoes, food packs, and all of our personal gear. We had a 12 day span of actually being on the water. As we paddled and hiked we ended up witnessing about 33 bald eagles! The days we were not on the water we were enjoying watching movies with foreman and drinking their famous root beer. All in all it was some of the most breath taking views that I have ever witnessed. OAWV is an all-round great experience with physically demanding activities. However, it also comes with great relaxation and conversations with fellow brothers from all over the U.S.

I also attended OA Ocean Adventure (OAOA) at Sea Base in 2015. The service projects were different, but the experience was very similar. OAOA and OAWV will forever be two of my greatest memories. I thank Alibamu Lodge for letting me go and attended this wonderful experience. Please contact me for more information and stories about both of these programs.



Photos: Top - OAWV, Hunter 3rd from left; Middle - Chemistry class at MBD; Bottom - OAWV, Hunter front of left canoe



## Merit Badge Day Garrett Smith Merit Badge Day Chairman

Merit Badge Day at Frazer UMC was a great success. Everything went as planned and we had a great turnout. I want to thank everyone that helped make this possible and especially to Mr. David Ehrlich and his team that provided an amazing lunch. I hope to see an even greater turnout next year!!



## Mike's Minute Mike Bazonis Lodge Adviser

Some years ago a hard-nosed coach said, "Winning isn't everything, but it sure beats whatever's second." There's some truth in that. Everyone likes to win. Very few people enjoy losing.

The trouble is that in every type of competition, there must be losers as well as winners. That's true in sports and it's true in the competitions we have in Scouting. It's also true in life. You and every other human being find that sometimes you have to be a loser. Perhaps your sports team loses a game on an unlucky break. Or maybe you work hard in school but get low grades. Some people might say you're a loser. Maybe so. But you don't have to stay a loser.

The real difference between winners and losers is that a loss makes some people more determined to do better next time. In the long run they are the winners because they learn to profit by their defeats and mistakes. No, winning isn't everything. We can learn from losses, too. Let's remember that at the coming lodge events and in the years to come.

## NEXT Review Logan Bozeman, Jadon Downs, Will Reeder NEXT Contingent

This past July our lodge sent a contingent of five brothers to NEXT: A New Century at Indiana University. At this conference, we got to take part in laying the foundation for the next century of our Order. To do this, we used an online application, called Mentimeter, which allows each individual person to vote on different policies to have their voice heard. Throughout the duration of the conference we trained on various topics including innovation, membership, and program.

On Innovation Day, we learned skills related to LeaderX, a process in which you make a decision based on multiple perspectives to find the best possible solution to an issue. Membership Day was filled with multiple training sessions on how to help with things such as membership retention, event participation, and how to improve the unit election process which included a new election video specifically for our LDS troops. Our final training day, Program Day, was a day dedicated to implementing everything we had learned to make our program better as a whole. Also, there was a strong focus on service and fellowship and why we need a strong balance of both.

Before the trip we were asked "What are some opportunities for improvement that you see within your lodge or section?" Our contingent came to the decision that our lodge can improve in the areas of event participation, service hours per member, and our unit elections. We have set goals for improvement in these areas and we hope to achieve within the next 18 months, this is called our NEXT Challenge. If we achieve these goals we have the opportunity for recognition at the 2018 NOAC and two lodges from every region will have the opportunity



to receive a scholarship to an OA High Adventure of their choice!

As the conference concluded with the closing ceremony, we were left with these questions: What's NEXT for the Order? What's NEXT for our region? What's NEXT for our section? What's NEXT for our lodge? What's NEXT for you? We cannot wait to see how our input will be used to improve the second century for the Order of the Arrow!



NEXT Contingent - L to R: Mr. David Lewis, Logan Bozeman, Will Reeder, Jadon Downs, Mr. Bill Whatley

## **Indian Winter Logan Bozeman Indian Winter Chairman**

The SR-9 2017 Indian Winter will be held at the lovely Warner Scout Reservation! Partnering with SR-9 we are working to plan a great event. We are expecting over 150 Arrowmen from across our section and will need many of you to help staff this event. Our goal is to have 40+ Alibamu members present. We have a committee for everyone: dance, training, transportation, facilities, and dining hall. We need everyone to work for just a few hours. The rest of the weekend you'll be a participant. The focus of the weekend is American Indian activities, but there's also fellowship and other OA training topics. Be on the lookout for more information in newsletter that comes out the week after Fall Fellowship.

## **One Day of Service**

Our One Day project is Chinese Privet eradication at Eclectic UMC on October 29 (1035 Main Street in Eclectic). This is a great opportunity to help out some friends in need! We will work from 8:00am to 3:00pm. We will provide lunch and tools, but make sure to bring gloves and a water bottle! So come on out and help out some friends and get some free food! I'm looking forward to seeing you all there and having a great day!

## **Chiefly Speaking Will Reeder Lodge Chief**

The end of the year is starting to close in on us and we still have some work to do. As we begin to tally up our Journey to Excellence points, we have to push through and finish the year strong! We have to continue to get involved and find ways to serve those around us. With opportunities such as Spook-o-ree, One Day of Service, and Fall Fellowship you won't have to look very far. We are always looking for volunteers to help with service opportunities. As fellow Arrowmen, I encourage you to reach out to those around you and find ways to serve. We have had a great year so far. Don't let it stop here. Continue in service and I look forward to seeing every one of you at our upcoming events!

## **Trading Post Logan Bozeman Lodge Treasurer**

With a new event comes new items in our trading post. At Fall Fellowship we will be adding can Koozies to our inventory. These will be \$4 each and available in four colors - red, blue, black, and green. If you preordered a lodge sweater or jacket, these will also be available at Fall Fellowship. Others have been ordered for our everyday inventory as well, for those who missed out on the pre-orders! I look forward to seeing everyone at Fall Fellowship!

## **Heartland Gathering Mac Thompson Lodge Vice Chief**

In April 2017 there will be an awesome, fun, and exciting event held by the section called the Heartland Gathering (the event formerly known as conclave). This event is not only really fun, but also provides quality training that helps make our lodge better. The Gathering program is hosted by all 11 lodges from across the section. There's something for everyone to do. There are shows, training, fellowship, and food. Not to mention the Quest athletic events, Tailypo, and the dance and ceremony competitions! I encourage Arrowmen of all ages to attend and hope to see you there at Camp Lumpkin April 21-23. Registration forms will be available at Fall Fellowship.



## **Pilgrimage Ordeal In Review Mac Thompson Lodge Vice Chief**

This August we had a very fun and successful Ordeal weekend. We inducted 17 new Ordeal members, 7 Brotherhood members, and 5 Vigil Honor members. We also made some huge progress on our new camp volleyball court and other projects around camp. Saturday night we held a corn hole tournament with a huge participation. Thank you to everyone who attended the Pilgrimage. Our camps would not be as great as they are without our lodge members. With that being said, I hope to see you on the court this December at Fall Fellowship.



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## Volleyball Court Payton Parrish Service Chairman

The volleyball court is almost finished!! The net and boundaries go up during the first Spook-o-ree weekend. All that will be left then is to lay sod. Come to Fall Fellowship where we will be playing our first game on the court. It will be lit!



