



Arrowman Echoes

Alibamu Lodge 179, W.W.W.
Tukabatchee Area Council #005
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Annual Banquet Logan Bozeman Lodge Treasurer

With 2016 almost over it is time once again for our annual banquet. Join us January 7 at Aldersgate UMC in Montgomery as we celebrate our accomplishments in 2016 and see what Mac has planned for us in the upcoming year. At the banquet, we will recognize all of our award recipients for the year and spend the night enjoying great fellowship and food. Poppy seed chicken is on the menu again so no need to bring any dishes. Please register by January 2 to make sure we have enough for everyone. The 2017 LEC is looking forward to seeing many of you there!

2017 Lodge Dues



Don't forget that all lodge memberships expire on December 31. We hope you'll renew your membership for another year. Help us continue to be the best lodge we can be. We can't do it without you. Dues are just \$10 and give you full access to all the benefits of our Order. Help us reach our goal of 371 members in 2017. You can use the banquet or Gathering forms to renew your dues.

Even with the rain we still had a great time at fall fellowship earlier this month. We were able to clean up the dining hall and take care of a lot of projects at Camp Hobbs, including the installation of much needed towel and soap dispensers at the bathhouses in preparation of the upcoming Indian Winter.

The first ever Alibamu 5K took place during the weekend. Ryan Holtzcher, Sam Garris, and Jeremiah Riddle took first, second, and third place respectively in the youth category and Mr. Gary Backus took first among the adults. The rain kept us from breaking ground on the volleyball court, but we didn't let that stop us from getting in several games of Wischixin.

Fall fellowship also brought our annual officer elections. I would like to congratulate our 2017 lodge officers: lodge chief Mac Thompson, vice chief Logan Bozeman, treasurer Addison Broom and secretary Austin Kelsey.

Lastly, our patch auction was a great success. We raised \$1,634 which will help fund many of the projects around camp in the upcoming year. Thank you to everyone that came out for fall fellowship. I can't wait to see you all at the banquet and Indian Winter.



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Indian Winter Logan Bozeman Indian Winter Chairman

Our section's Indian Winter event will be held at Camp Tukabatchee and Camp Hobbs February 3-5 and we will need a large Alibamu presence that weekend. Help us showcase our camps to the other lodges in the section. You'll spend a couple of hours working and the rest of the weekend as a participant. The section will have several training sessions on drumming, dance, regalia, bead work, ceremonies, and other OA topics. If drumming, dance, or ceremonies interest you at all then you do not

want to miss this event. Some of the best instructors in the section will be there to help get you involved and hone your skills and talents. In addition to the training we'll have great food and fellowship time. Who wouldn't want to come out and enjoy second fall fellowship?

This is the beginning of our defending our Best All Around Lodge standing and work to show the section what it means to be part of Alibamu. Register today at the council office or at www.alibamu.org. The late fee starts January 15, but we need you to register as soon as possible. If you have any questions please shoot me an email.



Ceremonies Austin Kelsey Ceremony Chairman

Do you like public speaking and acting? Do you like wearing costumes? If you do, you would be a great addition to our ceremonies team! We will work with you to ensure you are ready for your first ceremony. It is free to join and we can get you started today! Even if performing isn't for you, we still have a role for you. If you are interested please contact me at austinkelsey1@gmail.com.

Heartland Gathering Mac Thompson Lodge Vice Chief

Registration is now open for the 2017 Heartland Gathering, formally known as conclave. Gathering is April 21-23 at Camp Lumpkin in Georgia. You'll get to miss half a day of school or work. Do you need a better reason than that to go? Well if you do, there's food, fellowship, training, dance, ceremonies, and of course the Quest events! Quest includes Wischixin, volleyball, Ultimate Frisbee, and tug-of-war. This is one of the biggest and best OA events each year. Come and meet new friends from across our section which covers northern Alabama and most of Georgia. We are the reigning section Best All Around Lodge, so please come out and help us defend our title by signing up today at the council office or at www.alibamu.org.



Gathering Skills Day Mac Thompson 2017 Lodge Chief

On Sunday, February 5 after we clean up from Indian Winter, we'll hold a quick LEC meeting and then our first ever Gathering Skills Day. The drum, dance, and ceremony teams will practice their skills to get ready for Gathering. While they are doing their thing, we'll practice Wischixin, Ultimate, and volleyball. Join us for Indian Winter and stay for Gathering Skills Day!





2017 SR-9 GATHERING

April 21-23, 2017 — Camp Frank G. Lumpkin, LaGrange, GA

PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FORM

Memorabilia Form Due Date: February 6, 2017 — No orders will be accepted after this date.

Registration Due Date: March 29, 2017 — \$17 late fee applies after this date.



Make payment to BSA and mail to:
 Tukabatchee Area Council, BSA
 3067 Carter Hill Rd
 Montgomery, AL 36111

Name: _____ Age: _____ Male Female

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone: _____

Please list any dietary restrictions or requested accommodations related to a disability or medical condition below:

Current BSA medical form included with registration form BSA medical form turned in for Indian Winter

At least parts A and B of the BSA medical form must be completed. Printed/photocopied forms cannot be returned to you.



Item	Price	Qty	Total
Delegate Registration	\$38		
Delegate Late Registration (paid after 3/29)	\$55		
REMINDER: Memorabilia can only be ordered prior to February 6, 2017			
Heartland Gathering Participant Patch	\$4		
Heartland Gathering Jacket Patch	\$8		
Heartland Gathering Super Patch	\$15		
Heartland Gathering Neckerchief	\$12		
Heartland Gathering Chenille	\$10		
Heartland Gathering Hat	\$12		
Heartland Gathering Luggage Tag	\$6		
Participant T-Shirt – Small	\$12		
Participant T-Shirt – Medium	\$12		
Participant T-Shirt – Large	\$12		
Participant T-Shirt – XL	\$12		
Participant T-Shirt – 2X	\$13		
Participant T-Shirt – 3X	\$13		
Participant T-Shirt – 4X	\$13		
Section Habitat for Humanity Patch	\$5		
Total Payment Enclosed			



2017 Lodge Officers

(l to r): secretary, Austin Kelsey; chief, Mac Thompson; vice chief, Logan Bozeman; treasurer, Addison Broom

**Mike's Minute
Mike Bazonis
Lodge Adviser**

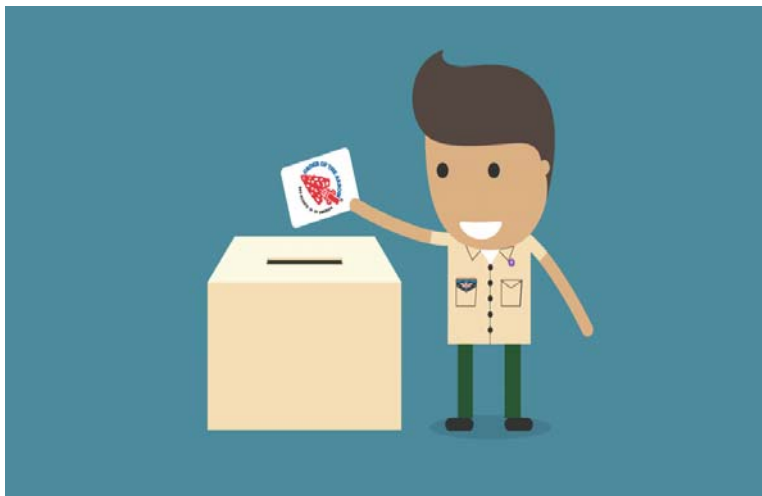
Congratulations to our LEC and membership for obtaining Journey to Excellence* status for the 12th year in a row! I'm proud of everyone that held a leadership position or attended an event or service opportunity this year. It is because of you that we can be counted as one of the best lodges in the nation. It's because of you that we are having as much fun as we are and that we're providing great service to our council. I hope to see many of you this year as we strive for lucky number 13!

*or equivalent

**OA Troop Elections
Logan Bozeman
2017 Lodge Vice Chief**

OA troop election season begins in just a few weeks. On January 6 we'll email Scoutmasters with 2017 election information including new forms. Elections will not be valid without these new forms and must be conducted by your chapters election team. Please contact your chapter chief to schedule your election today!

Chapter chiefs need help conducting elections for all of our troops. If you'd like to get involved please contact me today for more information.



**OA Troop Rep
Austin Kelsey
2017 Lodge Secretary**

Does your troop have an OA troop representative (OATR)? If so, he's not doing his job properly if I do not know who he is and his term of office. Please assume that I do not know your OATR's name and let me know who he is. It's our goal to have an OATR in every troop in our council. For more information on the OATR program check out <https://goo.gl/eqzMB6>.



2016 Lodge Executive Committee

Lodge Chief	Will Reeder	334-517-5493	w.reeder111@gmail.com
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Staff Adviser	Mr. Larry Newton	334-303-9074	larry.newton@scouting.org



Vigil Honor Austin Kelsey Ceremony Chairman

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to the lodge, council, and Scouting. This year this honor was bestowed upon six Arrowmen in our lodge. They were: Logan Bozeman, Hunter Gay, Mac Thompson, Mr. Doug Huff, Mr. Tim Killough, and Mr. James Moton. Five of them have completed their Vigil and Mr. Moton will complete his soon. Please congratulate these Arrowmen the next time you see them!

National Leadership Seminar Ryan Holtzscher Historian

November 11-13, eight brothers from our lodge traveled to Talladega where they attended NLS. It was hosted by the OA Southern Region and located in our very own Section SR-9. Our members learned many new principles, methods, and built upon the foundation of leadership that they are now going to bring back to our lodge. The weekend was packed with learning and fellowship. The contingent met many new people including the current national chief, Hunter Jones, section chiefs, and many more. Overall, the seminar was outstanding and I recommend that all brothers should make the effort to attend this training during their Scouting career.



January 7

Awards Banquet
Aldersgate UMC, 6:30p

January 14 & 28

Indian Winter Workdays
Camp Tuk, 8:30a

February 3-5

Indian Winter
Sunday - Gathering Skills Day

April 21-23

Heartland Gathering
Camp Lumpkin

See Alibamu.org for the full 2017-18 calendar

Want FREE Ray-Bans?

Register for the Heartland Gathering by January 31 to enter the section drawing for a pair of Ray-Bans (youth only). Other prizes are available for youth and adults.



2017 Lodge Banquet &

January 7 @ Aldersgate UMC, Montgomery
Begins at 6:30pm

2017 Indian Winter

February 3-5 @ Camp Tukabatchee
Check in 5:00-6:30pm Check out 11:30am

If paid by 1/2 at 4:30pm (9:00pm online)

- \$8 Banquet
- \$4 Banquet—Child 6 and under
- \$10 2017 Lodge Dues—list all names if more than 1 person

If paid after 1/2 at 4:30pm (9:00pm online)

- \$10 Banquet
- \$6 Banquet—Child 6 and under
- \$10 2017 Lodge Dues—list all names if more than 1 person

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

eMail _____

Phone(____) _____ - _____

If paid by 1/15 at 5:00pm (9:00pm online)

- \$25 Indian Winter Brother
- \$10 2017 Lodge Dues

If paid after 1/15 at 5:00pm (9:00pm online)

- \$30 Indian Winter Brother
- \$10 2017 Lodge Dues

I want to work with these committees (check all that apply):

- Dance
- Facilities
- Training
- Dining hall serving/cleaning
- Transportation

Make checks payable to BSA and mail entire form to: BSA,
3067 Carter Hill Rd, Montgomery, AL 36111 or register online
@ www.alibamu.org

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