



Arrowman Echoes

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Year In Review

Sippi Aajj, Lodge Secretary

This year, the lodge recorded **204** total members and more than **5,700** service hours completed in support of council, camp, and community projects. Membership included **59** youth, **28** young adults, and **115** adults, reflecting participation across multiple age groups.

Membership levels included **65** Ordeal members, **83** Brotherhood members, and **56** Vigil Honor members. During the year, the lodge conducted induction and advancement activities resulting in **44** Ordeal inductions, **14** Brotherhood conversions, and **5** Vigil Honor selections.

Service activities throughout the year included camp workdays, council event support, conservation projects, and community service efforts. These projects accounted for the majority of the **5,700+** service hours reported and represent ongoing support for council operations and local partners.

Looking ahead, the lodge will continue to focus on maintaining membership, supporting advancement within the Order, and providing service opportunities for members throughout the coming year.

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Service Beyond the Fire

Rosie A., Lodge Chief

From January 9–11, lodge members gathered at Camp Sidney Dew in northwest Georgia for a weekend of fellowship, service, and brotherhood.

A highlight of the weekend was the conservation fair, which gave members the opportunity to engage directly with representatives from the Georgia Forestry Commission, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, helping connect lodge service to real-world conservation efforts.

Despite the cold, rainy weather, members came prepared and supported one another throughout the weekend. We had 5 youth and 5 adults attend.

Overall, the weekend was an amazing experience of service and brotherhood and marked the beginning of a new and meaningful winter tradition.



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Fall Fellowship

Walker F., Lodge Treasurer

Fall Fellowship was a huge success, bringing together 39 members for a weekend of fun, service, and fellowship.

The event kicked off Friday night with an energetic game of Dirty Santa that kept everyone laughing.

On Saturday, members completed several cheerful service projects, including clearing weeds from the volleyball court, organizing the admin building, and deep cleaning problem areas in the Dining Hall. We were proud to have four members complete their Brotherhood ceremony.

That night, Zander C. won Alibamu's Got Talent, while Kaleigh R. took first place in the cookie decorating competition.

Between sports, casual hangouts, and late-night karaoke with hot chocolate, everyone enjoyed quality time together. Overall, Fall Fellowship was a memorable and meaningful experience for all who attended.



Rosie A. and Kaleigh R. show their decorated cookies. Kaleigh R. (right) won first place in the cookie-decorating competition.

Winter Camp

Did you know the dining hall has a secret identity? On the final night of Winter Camp, it officially traded its tables for paddles and transformed into a high-stakes pickleball arena!

While the temperature outside was dropping, the Lodge was just heating up. Campers spent their last night dodging the chill with a steaming hot chocolate station, leaving their mark at the branding station, and battling it out over games. It was the perfect, cozy send-off to an unforgettable weekend!



Campers played pickleball on the last night of winter camp in the dining hall.



The aquatics team (all OA members) supported the Yeti Plunge at winter camp.

2025 Photodump

Sippi Aaij, Lodge Secretary



Chiefly Speaking

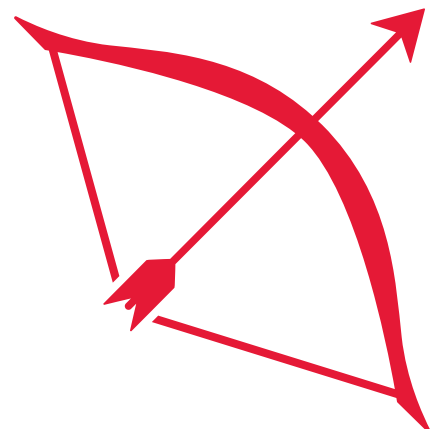
Rosie A. Lodge Chief

“One who follows such a pathway in unwavering cheerful service will be seen by many others and, by inspiration, lead them.”

As Allowat Sakima tells during the pre-Ordeal ceremony, one person who is doing the right thing will cause others to follow the path of cheerful service. We should all aspire to be leaders, but making the first step is often difficult. However, stepping up to take on difficult tasks will encourage others to trust you and follow your lead.

The new year brings lots of changes. For example, our ceremonies scripts will be changing shortly, and we must all be ready to embrace the changes. Change can be scary and difficult to adjust to, but with the right mindset, it can help us.

We are also increasing our contact with the Southeastern Mvskoke Nation, which is based in Troy, in order to accurately learn and share their culture. A few lodge members, including myself, visited their Harvest Busk in December, where we learned about traditional medicinal plants, cultural practices, and the history of the tribe. It was a great experience, and I cannot wait to attend more of their meetings in the future.



OA Elections

Order of the Arrow elections are right around the corner, and this is our chance to inspire the next generation of Arrowmen. Brothers are encouraged to return to their troops and help build excitement about what the OA truly represents: cheerful service, leadership, and brotherhood.

By sharing your own experiences and encouraging eligible Scouts to take part in the election, you help ensure that our lodge continues to grow with motivated, service-minded members.

Let's show our troops why the OA matters and bring new brothers into our circle this election season!



Rosie A., Lucas Luster, Brewer Houlditch, and Tyler Baughman performed the Brotherhood ceremony at Fall Fellowship.

Skills Day

Conclave is right around the corner, and we want you on the roster! Join us on February 21 for Skills Day, a dedicated afternoon of practice for Wischixin, volleyball, ultimate frisbee, and more.

Skills Day isn't just about winning; it's about learning the ropes, meeting your teammates, and getting pumped for the big weekend.

Whether you want to master a new sport or fine-tune your skills, come out and help us build a team that represents our Lodge with pride. See you on the field!

Upcoming Dates

- Conclave Skills Day..... Jan 31
- Conclave Skills Day..... Feb 21
- Allagogan Ordeal..... March 27-29
- Conclave..... April 17-19
- LEC..... May 2
- OA Vigil Night..... June 19

A graphic with a red border and a background of a landscape. The text reads "SEE YOU IN 2026" in large white letters, followed by "April 17-19, 2026" and "Moundville, AL" in red. At the bottom, there are three logos: a circular logo with "SECTION EG. WWW", a silhouette of a person, and a stylized arrowhead logo.

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Wisdom from Wes

Mr. Wes Crew, Lodge Adviser

"You are not put here to be loved, comforted, and understood. You were put here to love, comfort and understand!"

When I first heard this, I was taken aback by the simple yet profound message delivered. Never get so caught up in what you feel you are not receiving from this world and the people in it. Instead be the light that comforts someone in a dark time!

Be the listener who seeks to understand the emotions and opinions of other people!

Be the love, the honest and open love for anyone who might need it!

Be the ADMONITION! If we strive to be part of the solution and not part of the problem, the rest becomes easy!

Lodge Dues

It's that time of year again! Paying your 2026 dues is the best way to support our Lodge's programs and keep your membership active. Remember, a current dues card is required to wear our Lodge flap and join us at events.

Let's get those payments in early so we can focus on the fun stuff ahead! If you run into any issues, please chat with a Lodge officer for guidance.

Dues can be paid by scanning the QR code or by going to www.tukabatchebsa.org/shop.

