



Arrowman Echoes

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Allogagan Ordeal

Thomas Lawlor, Vice Chief

Our lodge just got a whole lot stronger! During the weekend of March 27-29, we inducted 26 new candidates and saw seven members take their next step into our Brotherhood. We spent our time working with a purpose to clear campsites and get our camp in great shape for the upcoming events. We had several opportunities to meet our new members and grow connections.

Missed the action? Don't worry—we're doing it again for our Pilgrimage Ordeal on August 8-10.



Conclave is Coming Up!

Rosie A., Lodge Chief

Stay up to date with Section E6 by registering for conclave, which takes place April 17-19 at Moundville Park. There is still time to sign up and join the fellowship, training, and activities, including the high-energy shows and competitions. Some of the special events include patch auctions, a scavenger hunt, and a "Sash Cab." Adults can compete in a cooking competition, too!

If you have already registered, be sure to download the OA Section E6 app on your iPhone or Android device to access resources and event schedules. This is the best way to stay informed and ready for a weekend of brotherhood and service.

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Get Connected

Sippi Aaij, Lodge Secretary

Take your OA experience to the next level by downloading the official Order of the Arrow Members App. Designed for Arrowmen, this mobile platform is your one-stop shop for managing your membership and accessing essential resources from the lodge up to the national level. Whether you are a new member or a seasoned leader, the app keeps you organized, informed, and ready to uphold the values of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. Download it now from the App Store to stay connected with Alibamu 179 and stay engaged with everything else happening in the Order.

Contact us at alibamu179@gmail.com if you are not receiving emails.

Beyond the Sash: Make Your Mark

The Order of the Arrow is more than just a patch on your pocket—it's what you make of it. Whether you just finished your Ordeal or you've been an Arrowman for years, there is always time to be a humble servant and make a difference for those around you. Here is how you can dive in and lead:

- Join the Ceremonies Team to help perform the rituals that welcome new candidates.
- Volunteer to be an Elangomat and guide new members through their Ordeal experience.
- Talk to the Lodge Chief about joining the Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) to help plan events.
- Be an Ambassador by talking to the members of your home troop or crew about the impact of the OA.
- Sign up for Conclave at Moundville Park to experience the best fellowship in Section E6.

Beaver Day

Brewer Houlditch, Service Chair

On March 14, Alibamu Lodge 179 proved that many hands make light work during our annual Beaver Day service event. We had an incredible turnout of 62 people who showed up ready to sweat for the sake of our camp. By the numbers, the day was a massive success as 248 hours of combined service were dedicated to improving our council grounds. Teams successfully cleared a mountain of logs and sticks, ensuring our campsites are safe and clear for the upcoming spring season. This effort directly supports our mission of being humble servants to the Tukabatchee Area Council. A huge thank you to everyone who brought their gloves, their energy, and their lodge spirit.



Mr. Wes Crew and Brewer Houlditch welcome Scouts and Scouters at Beaver Day. Sixty-two people volunteered on Beaver Day on March 14.

Porta-Potties & Patches: A Survival Guide to Conclave

- ✓ **Sleeping & Shelter**
 - Tent with rainfly
 - Sleeping bag & pad
 - Pillow (keep it small)

- ✓ **Uniform & Clothing**
 - Field Uniform
 - OA Sash
 - Activity Clothes
 - Cleats
 - Extra Socks
 - Rain Gear

- ✓ **Personal Hygiene**
 - Hand sanitizer
 - Porta Potty kit (TP and wet wipes)
 - Shower supplies???

- ✓ **Essential Gear**
 - Daypack
 - Water bottle
 - Flashlight/headlamp
 - Sunscreen
 - Bug spray
 - Power banks

- ✓ **“Fun” Stuff**
 - Patches for trading
 - Money for Trading Post



Chiefly Speaking

Rosie A. Lodge Chief

"They who serve their fellows are, of all their fellows, greatest!"

Allowat Sakima, in the Ordeal ceremony, urges us to cheerfully serve other people and so uphold our obligation. Service is a cornerstone of our organization, and it is an important quality for any leader to have.

I am very glad to say that I have been elected as Lodge Chief for another term. I wanted to continue stepping up to help improve our lodge over the coming year; now that I am seasoned in the position, I can focus on implementing changes for the betterment of Alibamu 179.

My main goal for this upcoming year is to improve the Elangomat program even more in order to facilitate better communication with new Arrowmen and encourage them to return for future events.

We learn about servant leadership quite often in Scouts through programs like NYLT and NLS, and I will strive to fill this role. I will listen and serve you, and in this way improve our lodge, making it a welcoming place for everyone. At every event, I will be there cheerfully working on service projects alongside you and helping you to the best of my ability every step of the way.

But remember: I am only one piece of the puzzle. I rely on all of you to continue showing up, serving others, and making this lodge great.



Call-Out Season

Lucas Luster, Immediate Past Lodge Chief

The beginning of the year is always an exciting time for both new and old members of our lodge, mainly because we have the opportunity to welcome new candidates into our Order.

The call-out ceremony is one of my favorite parts of the journey to Brotherhood. Think back to when you first found out you were selected to be a part of the Order; it was an exciting and meaningful moment.

At the Frontier-Muskogee District Camporee, our ceremonies team had the honor of recognizing those who were selected during their unit elections. It was a great opportunity to celebrate these Scouts as they took their first step toward becoming members of the Order of the Arrow.

If you know someone who was called out, take a moment to congratulate them and encourage them to attend their Ordeal. Your support can make all the difference as they begin their journey.



Members of the ceremonies team conducted call outs during the Frontier-Muskogee Districts' camporee on February 28 at Camp Hobbs.

New Officers for 2026-2026



Rosie Aaij was elected as Lodge Chief, and Walker F., Vice Chief. Thomas Lawlor was elected as secretary; Treyton T., treasurer. Their terms will begin in July.



Twenty-six Scouts and Scouters completed their Ordeal on March 28.

Upcoming Dates

- Conclave..... April 17-19
- May LEC..... May 2
- OA/Vigil Night..... June 19
- LLD..... July 18
- Pilgrimage Ordeal..... Aug 7-9
- MB Day/Lodge Banquet..... Sep12
- Fall Hangout.....Oct 16-18
- Fall Fellowship..... Dec 4-6

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Wisdom from Wes

Mr. Wes Crew, Lodge Adviser

A scout is KIND.

It's something we all recite regularly as part of the Scout Law. Do we really understand what it means? As a young scout, I'll be honest, I didn't really understand the true definition. Being nice is not always showing kindness. Only when we realize that the root of the word kind is kindred or kin, can we truly display this virtuous characteristic of kindness.

Being kind is to treat everyone as if they are your family or even yourself. We are all part of human kind. It is interpreted as we are all one kind. No matter our differences of religion, race, sexuality, or opinions, we are all part of this giant identity that spans the globe.

Try to interact with kindness to others. You will be surprised with their response when they feel genuinely cared for as if they were family.

Lodge Dues

It's time again to pay dues for 2026, so please pay as soon as possible. Only members with dues paid can wear a lodge flap on their uniform and attend lodge events. If you have any questions, please contact a lodge officer.

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

