



Arrowman Echoes

Alibamu Lodge 179, W.W.W.
Tukabatchee Area Council #005
www.Alibamu.org
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2017 Lodge Dues Addison Broom Lodge Treasurer

Hello Alibamu Lodge! I would like to remind you about your lodge dues. This money goes towards keeping the lodge budget up and putting on great events for you. The dues renew your membership for the year and are only \$10. They can be paid at any of our events and even online at our website. Check your mailing label to see if you're current. If not, this will be your last newsletter.

Chiefly Speaking Mac Thompson Lodge Chief

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who contributed help towards hosting Indian Winter! Everyone there had a blast, and it was an awesome event. With that being said, we still have more work to do with Gathering coming up soon. I encourage all to not only attend, but to also help encourage others to attend and help us reach our attendance goal. The section's first Heartland Gathering is an event you will not want to miss as we travel to Camp Lumpkin in Lagrange, GA. So, sign up now and take part in the Quest events, drum and dance, ceremonies, and fellowship our section has to offer.



Upcoming Events

April	2	LEC @ Bass Pro, 2:00 pm
April	21-23	Heartland Gathering
May	5-7	Allogagan Ordeal & Lodge Elections
June	15	Vigil Night @ 7:45 pm

Allogagan Ordeal Ryan Holtzscher Publications Chairman

We've already done a lot of work at both of our camps this year, but we've got even more to do to get ready for summer camp. There are pallets, trails, painting, cabins, the dining hall, and more that need attention. We need you to come and help at the Allogagan Ordeal, May 5-7. We've elected nearly 90 candidates and want a large welcome for them. This is our biggest event of the year. Let's see how many brothers we can get and how many service hours we can perform.



Last year we changed our program year. That means it's time for lodge elections already. If you'd like to run for lodge office be sure to come to the Allogagan. Bring the candidate permission form that's available in the forms page at Alibamu.org. Forms are due to Mike by breakfast on Saturday. Chapter elections will also be held that weekend (no form needed). These officers will be in office 7/1/17-6/30/18. If you want to be a committee chairman this will be the time to tell the new chief that you're interested. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

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Obtaining Your Brotherhood
Austin Kelsey
Lodge Secretary

Are you an Ordeal member of the lodge? Did you complete your Ordeal in May of 2016 or before? If so, consider sealing your membership with a greater understanding of the OA. We have an awesome Brotherhood study guide that walks you straight through the steps to obtain Brotherhood. It is located on the Brotherhood page at Alibamu.org. We also hold a Brotherhood seminar Friday night at our Ordeals that will also assist you. In addition to you gaining knowledge about our Order, you will also helping the lodge with our JTE goals. I hope to see many of you at the Allogagan Ordeal. For further information, contact me today.



Elangomats
Garrett Smith
Training Chairman

Brothers, the Allogagan and Pilgrimage Ordeals are fast approaching, and I am in need of Elangomats. For those who don't know, the Elangomat is the clan leader in the different groups of candidates during their Ordeal. It is a fulfilling leadership and service opportunity that I recommend you try. Remember, that if you are an Elangomat, and you get at least 50% of your clan to obtain their Brotherhood within two years, then you can receive the Honor Elangomat Award. Please let me know at gjs4279@gmail.com if you would like to be an Elangomat.

Heartland Gathering
Ryan Holtzscher
Publications Chairman

Heartland Gathering is quickly approaching and will be here before you know it! It takes place April 21-23 at Camp Lumpkin in LaGrange, GA. Personally, this is my all time favorite event of the year as we get to travel to a new camp and meet other lodges. It's a fun time of competition, fellowship, and camping. We need your help to maintain our status as Best All Around Lodge in the section. Gathering is also a great time to become more involved in our lodge, so please consider attending. The window for registration is quickly closing. The late fee has begun already, but you can still go. Register by April 15 so we can plan for transportation. Registration can be done online or on the form on the back page.

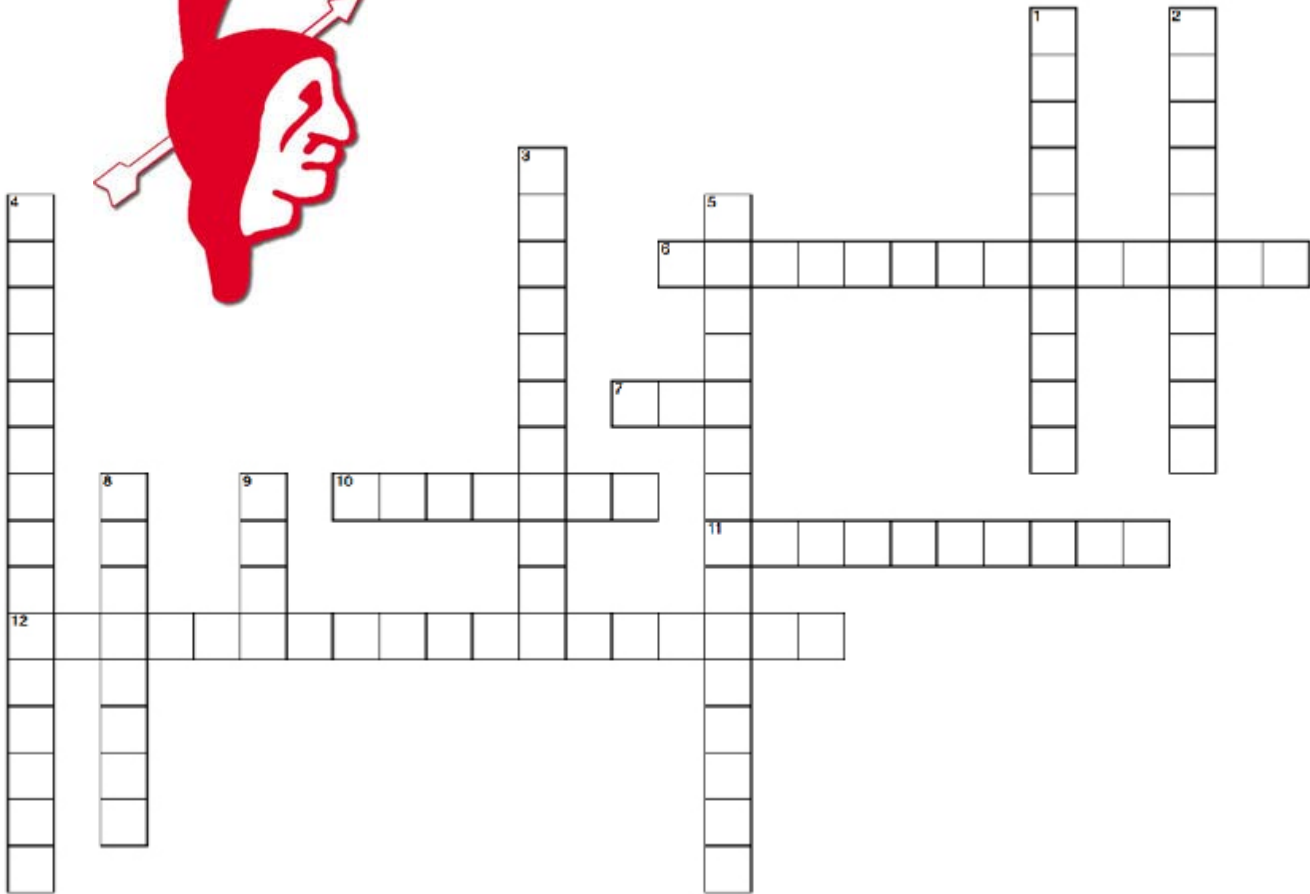


Service...It's What We Do
Payton Parrish
Service Chairman

Hello Brothers. This year, you as a lodge member have many chances to serve at work days. There are many great opportunities coming up and I would love to see all of you there! We've got a new service flap you can earn at most workdays. Thank you for your hard work so far this year. We prepared both camps for Indian Winter, replaced the benches on the island, and completed the volleyball court sod. I plan to see everyone at the next event. Service...It's what we do!!



Lucas' Lodge Leisure
Lucas Lynn
Pinhoti Chapter Chief



ACROSS

- 6 This lodge youth award was established in 1985.
- 7 How many feathers are on the lodge totem?
- 10 Location of the 1954 NOAC.
- 11 Location of lodge's first Ordeal.
- 12 Year John Dowe received the Distinguished Service Award.

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- 1 The lodge placed 3rd at the 1994 SR-8 Conclave in _____.
- 2 1999 National Chief.
- 3 Number of Alibamu attendees at the 1958 NOAC.
- 4 Which NOAC did the lodge tie for first in Ultimate Frisbee?
- 5 Chairman of the first council camporee.
- 8 One of the two first Vigil members in Lodge 179.
- 9 How many lodge members were on the 2015 NOAC staff?

Use the history page at www.Alibamu.org for help. The answers can be found on the home page

Mike's Musings

Mike Bazonis
Lodge Adviser

“Fifteen blazes led you to us, but the trail that you have followed becomes rougher, steeper, fainter. You will need a brighter fire.”

Have you ever stopped to think about what this means? Perhaps unless you have portrayed Nutiket in the pre-Ordeal ceremony, then you haven't given much thought to this. We know what the fifteen blazes represent. Think about what Nutiket means when he says that those blazes led you to the pre-Ordeal ceremony. What does he mean when he says that the path becomes more difficult? What is the brighter fire he refers to, and how will it help you over this treacherous terrain?

Nutiket is not saying that you should abandon the fifteen blazes and opt instead for a brighter fire. Instead, you should continue to use the fifteen blazes to assist you on your path. However, they won't be enough.

Have you experienced a time since your induction when the trail has become a bit rougher? Perhaps there were forks in the road, and you needed a guiding light to help you safely discern the right path from the wrong one. The fifteen blazes are there to help you. Think about these things the next time you watch a ceremony. What words resonate with you? How can you make the fire brighter?



OA Troop Rep

Austin Kelsey
Lodge Secretary

Does your Troop have an OA Troop Rep? We NEED his name and contact information! Please email me today at austinkelsey1@gmail.com. If your troop does not have an OA Troop Rep, please consider getting one soon!



Beaver Day

Payton Parrish
Service Chairman

Beaver Day this year was a success! We got a lot of work done over at Camp Hobbs and finished the volleyball court sod! We had around 60 people there total and it was a great day! Thank you to all who came out!

2017 Indian Winter Review

Ryan Holtzscher Publications Chairman

Thank you to the 47 brothers who attended Indian Winter in February. It was the largest and best Indian Winter our section has held. Everyone showed up to work when they were supposed to and everything went smoothly. The lodge leadership appreciates each of you. It was a fun weekend. There were exciting classes on ceremonies, drum and dance, and other topics. We met a lot of new friends and it was a very inspiring weekend. Several guys became interested in drum and dance. Adam has already begun building his regalia and has plans to get the drum & dance committee active again. Contact Adam at Holtzscher.adam@gmail.com if you'd like to join.

Make plans now to attend the next Indian Winter, February 2-4, 2018!



Summer Camp & Vigil Night

Addison Broom Lodge Treasurer

Brothers, it's almost time for our annual Vigil callouts at summer camp. The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that can be bestowed on any brother. The callouts are on Thursday night of the second week of summer camp at 7:45pm. In addition to the callouts, the dance team will perform and we'll hold the normal OA night program. We hope to see all of you there as we need to support our newest candidates and congratulate them on this high honor.

If you'd like to nominate someone for the Vigil Honor, complete the nomination form available on our website and send it to alibamu179@gmail.com by April 20.

Every Thursday night of summer camp is very special as it is our OA night. This is the night that we get to show all of the campers what the OA is really about. We have many games and activities to look forward to such as corn hole, Wischixin, Brotherhood ceremonies, fellowship and more! We would like to see you there to help us spread the Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service we offer.



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2017 Allogagan Ordeal & 2017 Heartland Gathering

May 5-7 @ Camp Tukabatchee

Check-in 5:00pm, Dinner 7:00pm

April 21-23 @ Camp Lumpkin

We'll depart by carpool at 12:30pm Friday

If paid by 4/28 at 4:30pm (9:00pm online)

- ___ \$20 Brother
- ___ \$35 Brotherhood Candidate
- ___ \$48 Ordeal Candidate - New Member
- ___ \$10 2017 Lodge Dues - New Members don't pay this

If paid after 4/28 at 4:30pm (9:00pm online)

- ___ \$25 Brother
- ___ \$40 Brotherhood Candidate
- ___ \$53 Ordeal Candidate - New Member
- ___ \$10 2017 Lodge Dues - New Members Don't Pay This

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

eMail _____

Phone(____) _____ - _____

If paid by 4/15 at 5:00pm (9:00pm online)

___ \$55 Heartland Gathering Participant

Ask Mike before paying. We may have a spot to sell to you.

Do not sign up after 4/15 without talking to Mike

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

**A new medical form is needed for 2017.
We shredded the ones from last year. Please don't forget!**

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