



# Arrowman Echoes

Alibamu Lodge 179, W.W.W.  
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## Upcoming Events



- April 20-22 Heartland Gathering
- May 11-13 Allogagan Ordeal
- June 14 Vigil Reunion & Callouts

## Allogagan Ordeal & Brotherhood Ryan Holtzscher Lodge Treasurer

The swift breeze, the infinite pollen, and the intense feeling of wanting summer to get here. Oof, it sure does smell good. What's that? Oh yeah, you totally guessed it! It's the smell of the Allogagan Ordeal!! I don't know about you, but I'm ready for our biggest event of the year. The Ordeal is about who we are as Arrowmen, what we strive for, and what we can achieve.

The future members of our lodge have been selected and now it is their time to go through their Ordeal to become members of the Order of the Arrow. Many other things will be going on at this Ordeal such as work parties, ceremonies, Brotherhood questioning, and lots of fellowship with our older, current, and new members. We will hold the elections for the 2018-2019 lodge officers and chapter chiefs. There will also be a brief explanation about the different jobs on the Lodge Executive Committee and how to get involved with the LEC!!

If you went through your Ordeal more than 10 months ago I'd like to encourage you to obtain your Brotherhood Honor this weekend. Now is the time to seal your membership and obtain a greater understanding of the Order. Click the "Brotherhood Candidate" link at the bottom of [www.Alibamu.org](http://www.Alibamu.org) for more information.

## Council Camporee Austin Kelsey Camporee Chairman

The council camporee was a huge success! There were over 400 in attendance. We got to use the new stage for the first time and called out 43 new Ordeal candidates. I'd like to thank the 60+ brothers and leaders who helped host this event. I can't wait for the 2020 council camporee!



## 2018 Lodge Dues Austin Kelsey Lodge Secretary

We are about 2/5 of the way towards our membership goal for 2018. Dues are just \$12 and give you full access to all benefits of the Order of the Arrow. If you've renewed already, thank you! If you haven't, you can pay either online or when registering for the Allogagan Ordeal. Encourage your troop members to renew as well. Check your mailing label to see if you are current.

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## Mike's Minute Mike Bazonis Lodge Adviser



I am sure that at one time or another, every Arrowman has ridden a bicycle. As you know, the smoothness of the ride is dependent on the shape of the wheels and how the shape of the wheel is perfectly rounded. If for any reason the wheel is off balance, the ride will not be as smooth. If you loosen five or six adjoining spokes on a bicycle wheel, it will warp out of shape so that it no longer makes a true circle. Soon after this occurs, you're going to experience a bumpy ride.

An Arrowman's character is something like a bike wheel. The spokes are a series of guidelines that we follow in the Lodge as well as Scouting. These guidelines are meant to help us through the year to stay straight and true. Some of these guidelines are based on the Scout Oath and Scout Law. As Arrowmen, we are recognized as those who exemplify the Scout Oath and Scout Law in our daily lives. If you get loose and sloppy on any point of the Scout Law, the result will be the same as loosening the spokes on a bike wheel. This not only affects you personally but also has an impact

on our lodge. Your personality, as well as the lodge's, will be warped and out of shape.

One way to stay true to yourself and the lodge is to see that your observance of the Scout Oath and Scout Law are always foremost in your mind. When doubts creep in and you're tempted to violate the Scout Oath or one of the points of the Scout Law, think about the warped, out-of-shape bike wheel and remember that you can help to make a difference. Resolve to live up to the ideals of Scouting which you have been recognized for. As a member of the lodge we are all spokes in the wheel that make the lodge move. It is up to each one of us to determine if the ride will be smooth or bumpy.



## NLS Reviews Addison Broom & Nethan Crew

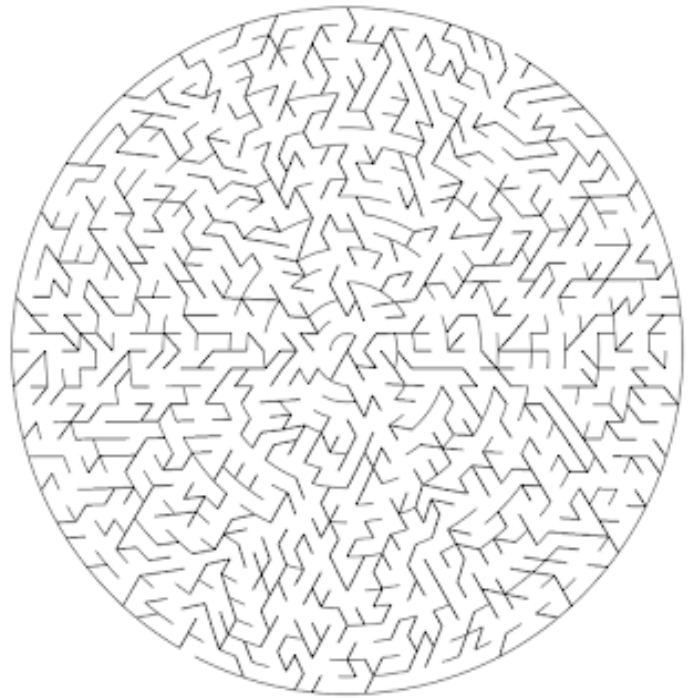
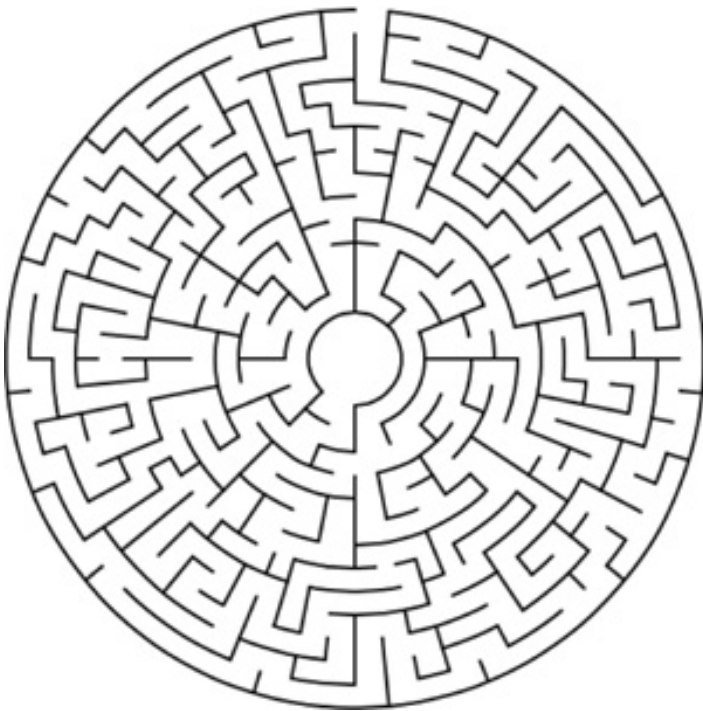


This year's National Leadership Seminar in Atlanta was a great experience. We had so much fun and we learned many new skills that will help the success of the lodge. Many of the ideas are new ways of thinking and ways to be a great leader. There were many sessions, activities, and games that helped us with leadership and general life skills including teamwork.

We had the chance to meet some great people including 2018 National Chief, Anthony Peluso. We made many new friends throughout the Southern Region. Next time NLS rolls around we highly recommend that you attend. It was definitely an experience of a lifetime.

**WWW Wild Games**  
**Garrett Smith**  
**Publications Chairman**

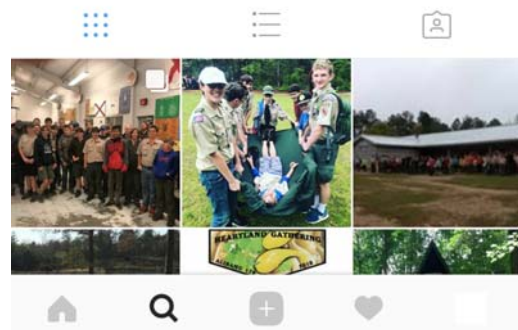
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## Chiefly Speaking

**Logan Bozeman**  
**Lodge Chief**

There's a lot happening in our lodge right now and it's great to see our progress on so many things! The new stage at Camp Tuk is complete! Thank you to everyone who has helped on this project. Since the last newsletter we have had three successful events: Gathering Skills Day, Beaver Day, and the council camporee. If you did not attend these events, you missed out on a lot of fun. We have also had a few well attended workdays to finish the stage so we could use it at the camporee!

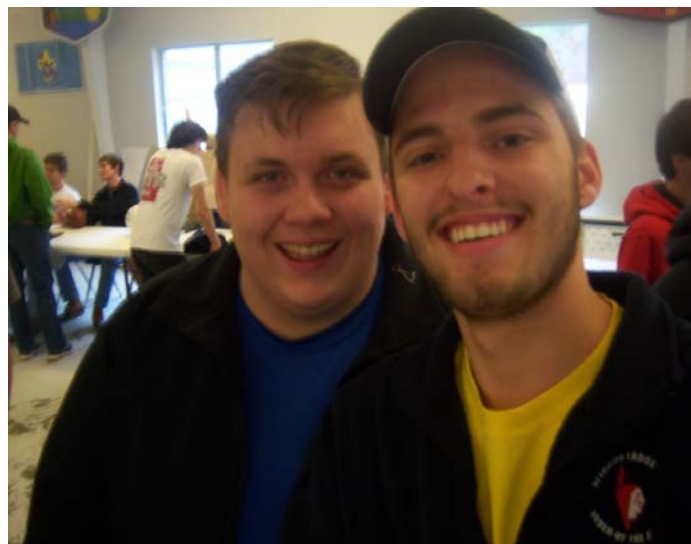
Over the next couple of months we will attend Gathering, hold our Allogagan Ordeal, and host OA nights at summer camp. I want to encourage everyone to attend these events because they are definitely something that you do not want to miss! We have a very busy couple of months ahead of us and it will take each one of you to make everything happen. Remember, if you ever need anything at all do not hesitate to contact me. I hope to see everyone at an event soon!



## Beaver Day Review

**Hunter Gay**  
**Service Chairman**

Thank you to all the brothers and troops that came and helped worked at Beaver Day. We were able to accomplish a majority of the clean up around camp and able to fix many of the issues in the campsites. Your service at Beaver Day has helped prepare our camps for the summer season. Our next workday at camp will be on the weekend of the Allogagan Ordeal which is on May 11-13. Hope to see you there!



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

How is your OATR program going? The OATR program is very important to helping boys in your troop to maintain their involvement with the lodge and troop. If you do not have a OATR or need help with the program, contact me today. There is an OA assistant Scoutmaster position available also. I can give you information about that as well.



**Stage Update**  
**Hunter Gay**  
**Service Chairman**

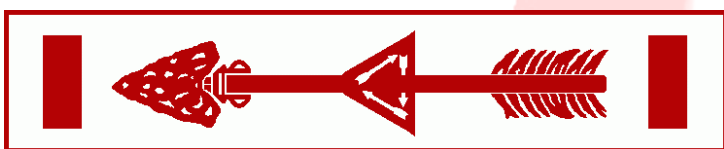
The stage on the island was completed just in time for the council camporee last weekend. We received a lot of compliments and oh how nice it is! Thank you to all of you who helped work on the stage. A big thank you to Mr. Greg Gay and Mr. Mike Bazonis for designing the stage and help run this project. Also another special thank you to Mr. Mike McDuffee for cutting the arrows for the railing.

# Vigil Reunion & Callouts

## Hunter Gay Service Chairman

Brothers, the Vigil Honor is the highest honor a brother can achieve in the OA. It is not simply earned, but awarded for hard work and dedication to the ideals of the Order. If you know anyone that meets this requirement and has been a Brotherhood member for at least two years, feel free to submit a Vigil nomination form which is available on our website. Forms are due 5/1.

The Vigil Reunion is June 14 at 7:45pm at Camp Tukabatchee. All are welcome to join us for the ceremony. Please join us for this honorable night, and enjoy a cracker-barrel afterwards!!!



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## New Associate Lodge Adviser

As I look to the future of our lodge, I'd like to announce Mr. Wes Crew will be our new secretary's associate adviser. I'd like to thank Mr. David Lewis for his years of service. I look forward to working with him in new roles going forward. These changes are effective at the Allogagan. ~Mike

## Lodge Elections to be Held at Allogagan Ordeal

As our program year winds down it's time to start thinking about the next one. At the Allogagan Ordeal next month, we'll hold lodge and chapter officer elections. If you'd like to be a part of the lodge leadership team be sure to be at the Allogagan. See the lodge elections post on our website for job descriptions and be sure to bring a signed candidate permission slip also available with that post. All lodge officer candidates must talk to Mr. Mike Bazonis by the end of lunch on Saturday to be approved to run. Not ready for an officer position? We have several committee chairman positions available as well: camping, ceremonies, Cub Scouts, drum & dance, history, publications service, training, and website. Help us continue to be a great lodge by serving as an officer, chairman, or committee member!



## 2018 Allogagan Ordeal & Lodge Dues

May 11-13 @ Camp Tukabatchee

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

### If paid by 5/4 at 4:30pm (9:00pm online)

- \$20 Brother
- \$35 Brotherhood Candidate
- \$50 Ordeal Candidate - New Member
- \$12 2018 Lodge Dues - New Members Don't Pay This!
- \$12 2019 Lodge Dues - New Members Don't Pay This!

### If paid after 5/4 at 4:30pm (9:00pm online)

- \$25 Brother
- \$40 Brotherhood Candidate
- \$55 Ordeal Candidate - New Member
- \$12 2018 Lodge Dues - New Members Don't Pay This!
- \$12 2019 Lodge Dues - New Members Don't Pay This!

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Montgomery, AL 36111

or register online @ [www.TukabatcheeBSA.org/shop](http://www.TukabatcheeBSA.org/shop)

**A new medical form is needed if one was not turned in for the 2018 Gathering. We do not have your troop or summer camp copies. Please don't forget!**

We want to see you at the  
**Allogagan!**  
Register today!

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