



Arrowman Echoes

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Pilgrimage Ordeal Addison Broom Lodge Vice Chief

The Pilgrimage Ordeal is coming soon! Once again we will induct and congratulate our new brothers. The Pilgrimage is August 10-12. We hope to see many brothers there for service and fellowship. Remember, you will not be going through your Ordeal again! Take a deep breath as you get to enjoy more of the behind the scenes of an Ordeal and help us put on a great program. The Ordeal is where we begin as Arrowmen and it is important to not only support, but foster the future of the lodge as we guide our new brothers on their first steps. If you would like to be an Elangomat (the clan leader) at the Ordeal, please contact training chairman, Tiger Rabren at 205-258-6388.

We have a lot of great projects lined up and will need a lot of brothers there to make sure everything is accomplished. There will be a Vigil ceremony on Friday night as well. I look forward to seeing many of you there.



Awards Banquet & New Officers Ryan Holtzscher Lodge Chief

After not having a traditional banquet last year, I'm pleased to announce that the banquet is back! Join us September 8 at 6:30pm at Frazer UMC in Montgomery for the banquet. Register using the form on the back of this newsletter. We'll celebrate the accomplishments of 2017-2018 and I'll preview what's in store for 2018-2019. Logan will recognize those who helped make 2017-2018 great and present all of our awards. This is a family event so bring your mom, dad, and girlfriend. The other officers for this year are: Addison Broom, vice chief; Nethan Crew, treasurer; Cyprian Dumas, secretary. I hope to see many of you for this great evening.

Calendar

August 10-12

Pilgrimage Ordeal
Register Online or by mail

September 8

Merit Badge Day
Awards Banquet
(both at Frazer UMC)

October 26-27

Fall Hangout
& Spookoree



Merit Badge Day Kaleb Nichols Merit Badge Day Chairman

Merit Badge Day 2018 is set for September 8 at Frazer UMC in Montgomery. New this year, all registrations will be taken online. We are not taking any paper registrations. Register at www.TukabatcheeBSA.org/shop. I'm still looking for a few counselors. If you are interested in helping please contact me ASAP at kalebnichols2@gmail.com.



(L to R) Holtzscher, Broom, Dumas, Crew

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Serving On Summer Camp Staff Cyprian Dumas Lodge Secretary

Hopefully everyone in our lodge has enjoyed summer camp at least a couple of times. A lot of us, including myself, have had that one staff member stick out to us and inspire us to want to join



the summer camp staff. The staff member that you might have admired was most likely in the OA. This summer 86% of the summer camp staff members were in the OA. Trey Taylor and I had the privilege of teaching pathfinders at camp

this year. As we guided the most impressionable group of Scouts through their journey at pathfinders, we made sure to emphasize the key teachings of the OA such as service and brotherhood. As we spread the message of our Order across camp through OA night and other activities, we ask that you consider serving on staff. Arrowmen like you were chosen to be leaders among your troops and you exemplify the characteristics of proper Scouting. Your example can be spread and passed down to many other Scouts as you take part in teaching classes, playing games, and learning more about being a servant leader.

Congratulations to those chosen as staff of the year this summer (all OA members). Junior: Adam Holtzscher (T-156) and Seth Mann (T-8). Senior: Ryan Holtzscher (T-156).

Camp Tukabatchee and Alibamu Lodge would really appreciate your support, and we would be more than happy to have you on summer camp staff. It truly is an honor to serve on not only a staff, but a brotherhood unlike any other. 2019 applications will be available in October.

Photo (L to R): Trey Taylor, Issac Moran, and Ryan Holtzscher at the staff trip to a Montgomery Biscuits game.

Summer Camp OA Night Ryan Holtzscher Lodge Chief

OA night this year was a success! We had a root beer float social, games, and even welcomed many new Brotherhood members. I would like to thank everyone who came out to support and everyone who helped. Without you guys, this event could have never happened. We put on a good demonstration of what the Order of the Arrow is truly all about.



Ceremony Circle Widening Sam Thompson Ceremony Chairman

Ordeal candidates remember two things from their Ordeal: the tests and the ceremonies that tie it all together. Ceremonies is the most important part of the Ordeal. It lets members know what the Order of the Arrow is about and inspires them to grow as servant leaders. It falls on the ceremonies team to create this once in a lifetime experience for new members, and we could always use more help in conducting ceremonies.

As a ceremonialist you will get a unique opportunity to experience ceremonies from a different perspective; as well provide a much needed service to our lodge. If you are interested in joining ceremonies you can contact me at sam9thompson@gmail.com. We need ceremonialists (actors) as well as others to help with setup and regalia.



Heartland Gathering Review Garrett Smith

Heartland Gathering 2018 was a great event hosted by Coosa Lodge in the Greater Alabama Council. It was located in the beautiful foothills of the Appalachian mountains and the weekend was full of excitement. Not only were there many opportunities to showcase our skills, but we were able to enjoy great training sessions, shows, and the new expo. This year we brought home the Best All Around Lodge award for the 7th consecutive year and many other awards including: First place - Addison Broom fancy dance, website, Instagram, Wischixin, Quest overall, best trained; Second place - Addison Broom fancy dance outfit, admin events overall; Third place - volleyball, Ultimate. I had an amazing time and made many great memories. I hope that all of you get to experience the amazing time that I have had at Heartland Gathering by attending the 2019 Gathering. Registration information will be available in October.

Trading Post Nethan Crew Lodge Treasurer

Soon, we will be adding this new shirt to our Trading Post! These popular shirts were first used by the 2015 NOAC contingent and we've had requests for them ever since then. They will be available at the Pilgrimage Ordeal next month for just \$11. We'll have new hats available also.

Mike's Minute Mr. Mike Bazonis Lodge Adviser

You probably all know some guy who is grouchy all the time. His neighbors try to be nice to him, but he just won't be friendly. Maybe he'd build a great wall around his house to keep people away. Let me tell you about another kind of neighbor I heard about. There was no wall around his property, and somebody noticed that a strip of grass between his yard and his neighbor's yard was unusually green. They asked him, "Why?" "Oh," he laughed, "my neighbor and I are so afraid we'll cheat each other that we always water and fertilize the grass across the line on the other fellows side. That strip of grass down the property line gets twice as much water and fertilizer as the rest of our yards." Instead of a fence to keep each other away, that man and his neighbor had a vivid green reminder that they were friends. The point of this story is that if you want to have friends, you can't build walls between yourselves and other people. Instead, cultivate that space between you by being as fair to the other guy as you'd like him to be to you. A Scout is friendly, and the way to have friends—and keep them—is to be friendly yourself.

Vigil Call Outs Hunter Gay Vigil Chairman

Thank you all who came out for Vigil night last month. We had a great time with call outs and the OA night that followed. We also got to watch our talented drum and dance team perform for us. We would like to congratulate our newest Vigil Honor candidates: Danny Coleman (T-605), Ryan Holtzschler (T-156), Sam Thompson (T-79), and Mr. Bill Cox (T-156). The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon an Arrowman. It recognizes Arrowmen for their unselfish service to the lodge, council, and Scouting. Membership cannot be won over for conscious endeavors, but is a mark of distinction and recognition for our fellow brothers. Be sure to congratulate them the next time you see them. Their ceremony will be at the Pilgrimage Ordeal next month.



(L to R) Cox, Coleman, Thompson, Holtzschler



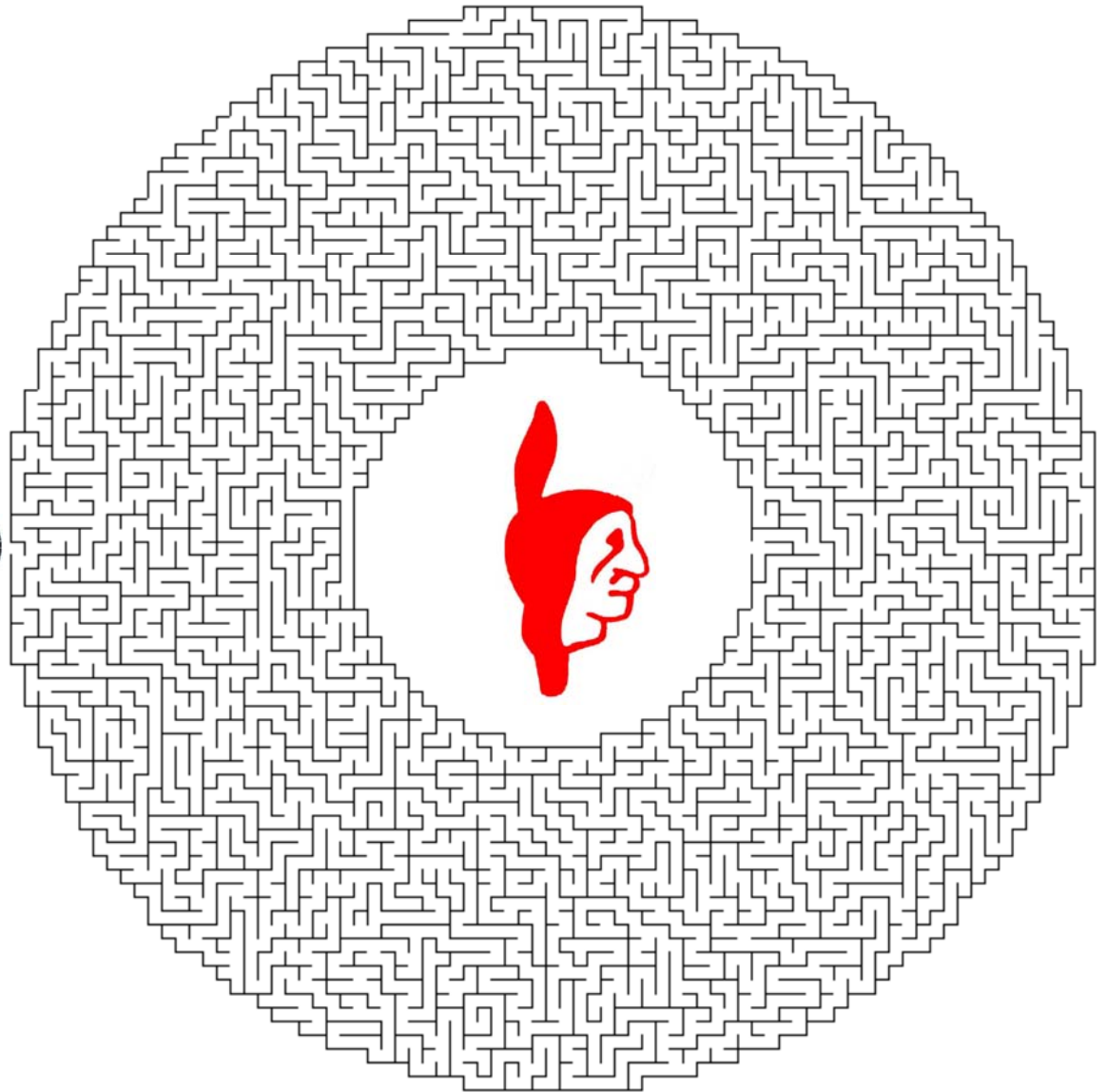
(L to R) Austin Kelsey, Logan Bozeman, and Addison Broom at the 2017 Frontier District Shrimp Boil
(See Ian Velasquez for info on the September 6, 2018 event)

Chiefly Speaking Logan Bozeman 2017-2018 Lodge Chief

Well guys, here we are, the end of our program year. This means that this is my last chiefly speaking article... I would like to take a moment and reflect on all that we have accomplished over the past year. Let's start with our Summer Ordeal last August. This Ordeal was pretty successful, we inducted 23 new members and had 4 obtain their Brotherhood. This Ordeal we also held our Vigil ceremony where 5 very deserving members of our lodge received the Vigil Honor. In September, we held our 11th annual Merit Badge Day where we had one of the biggest turn outs yet! October brought a couple service opportunities with the Cub Scouts at their Spookoree and we held our first fall hangout where we carved pumpkins and enjoyed fellowship with our brothers in attendance. In December we had our annual fall fellowship in the snow. In February, we sent 10 brothers to SR-9's Indian Winter at the Black Creek Scout Reservation where our guys learned new things about AIA. In April, our lodge attended the Heartland Gathering where we once again obtained SR-9s Best All Around Lodge for the 7th year in a row. In May, we held our spring Ordeal where we inducted 25 new members, had 7 obtain their Brotherhood, and we elected our new lodge officers for 2018-2019. Ryan, Addison, Nathan, and Cyprian began their term on July 1. At summer camp this June we held three successful OA nights and held our Vigil callout ceremony. Congratulations to the ones who were called out! This past year has definitely been one for the books and I thank each and every one of you for making it so great!

As we end this program year and begin a new one, I would just like to say thank you for the opportunity to serve as you lodge chief for the past year. We accomplished a lot of great things and I cannot wait to see what our lodge will do in the future! Even though my term as chief is coming to an end, I want to remind everyone that if you ever need anything, and I mean ANYTHING, I am just a phone call or a text message away. I look forward to seeing everyone at our Ordeal in August!

Help Al make it to camp for the Pilgrimage Ordeal



September 8 - Register today at www.TukabatcheeBSA.org/shop

All LEC members should make plans to be at the Lodge Leadership Development training session on August 18 at Aldersgate UMC. Check your email for details or ask Ryan.

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2018 Gathering Photos:
Top left, Sam Thompson

Top center: Aaron Crowe

Right: Addison Broom

Bottom Left: (L to R) Danny Coleman,
Hunter Nichols, Denver Benton

2018 Pilgrimage Ordeal

August 10-12 @ Camp Tuk

Check in 5:00-6:30pm Check out 10:15am

If paid by 8/4 at 4:30pm (at 9:00pm online)

___ \$20 Brother attending

___ \$35 Brotherhood/Vigil Candidate

___ \$50 Ordeal Candidate - NEW MEMBER

___ \$12 2018 Lodge Dues - Not for new members

If paid after 8/4 at 4:30pm (at 9:00pm online)

___ \$25 Brother attending

___ \$40 Brotherhood/Vigil Candidate

___ \$55 Ordeal Candidate - NEW MEMBER

___ \$12 2018 Lodge Dues - Not for new members

Name _____

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*****Medical Form Required for Ordeal*****

I will bring a BSA medical form signed and dated 8/12/18 or newer with me. Parts A & B must be completed. Part C is optional, but would be nice. A doctor visit is NOT required for Parts A & B. This form will not be returned. I will not bring the original copy. The lodge will keep this on file for the calendar year so I don't have to bring a new one each time. I'll bring a new one if mine expires.

Signed _____

2018 Banquet

September 8 @ Frazer UMC - Montgomery

Check in 6:00-6:30pm Meal at 6:30pm

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

Banquet \$10 X ___ = ___

2019 Lodge Dues \$12 X ___ = ___

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

Banquet \$12 X ___ = ___

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