



Arrowman Echoes

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Allogagan & Pilgrimage Ordeals Nethan Crew Lodge Vice Chief

At the Allogagan Ordeal this May, we were able to get a lot of projects worked on and some finished. We worked on our now complete staff cabins and cleared trails in preparation for summer camp. We also had our 2019-2020 lodge elections with Addison Broom being selected as Lodge Chief, Nethan Crew as Lodge Vice Chief, Adam Holtzscher as Lodge Treasurer, and Jeremiah Croskey as Lodge Secretary. At the Ordeal, we also were able to induct 41 Ordeal members and 8 Brotherhood members.

Coming up August 9-11 we are having our Pilgrimage Ordeal. At this Ordeal, we will hold Brotherhood and Vigil ceremonies. If you have been in in the Order of the Arrow for at least **six months** as an Ordeal member, you are now able to take the next step in your journey and find the arrow in your Brotherhood induction.

Our Vigil Honor candidates for this year are: Jeremiah Croskey, Mr. Fred Cumbie, Adam Holtzscher, Mr. Chris Hutto, Lucas Lynn, and Collin Stephens. I hope to see all of our current and future brothers there!

OA Troop Reps & Chapter Involvement Preston Stephens Towassa Chapter Chief

As new members are elected and join, they rely mainly on their OA representatives to provide information to them. In order to have a better overall lodge, communication in the organization must be more efficient. Many OA representatives do not do their job properly or are not effective in their communication. Throughout my time in the OA, I have seen many representatives become inactive in lodge events, which then leads to inactivity among his peers.

If you're an OA troop rep or your troop has one please let Jeremiah know who you are or who he is. The lodge and chapter chiefs cannot help if we do not know who you are. We want you to be more involved and will do our best to help with that.

Yacht Club Addison Broom Lodge Skipper

Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale, a tale of an exciting trip, that starts from this council, aboard these many cars.

That's right! It's Yacht Club time again! We'll depart from the council service center on Saturday, September 7 and head to the Pensacola naval museum. From there we'll head to the USS Alabama to spend the night. The cost is \$40 + Saturday night dinner. Register at www.TukabatcheeBSA.org/shop before spaces are gone (online registration only for this one). Space is limited so we're giving priority to those who attend the Pilgrimage Ordeal as well. LEC members must attend LLD to join us for Yacht Club. Adults should be willing to drive. Contact me if you have any questions.



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Chiefly Speaking Ryan Holtzscher Immediate Past Chief

As we reflect on this past year, we are reminded of many good and bad memories. We are reminded of memories that have formed us into the people we are today. Life is full of experiences which develop us in unique ways. When we reflect, we revisit these experiences and memories are able to see where we have grown or need more help growing. Your Ordeal was a reflection of your Scouting experiences and you were tested in many different ways. This experience led you to a deeper understanding of hard work and cheerful service. Not all reflections require an ordeal. Just taking five to ten minutes per day to reflect can allow you to find ways to help you improve areas of your life that may need a little work. Striving to become the best version of yourself should always be your goal because you all are role models for younger Scouts and many other people. It also allows you to start scratching at the surface of unlocking your full potential.

I have seen many of you change over the past few years and grow stronger in not only leadership, but in your love for one another. It was such a pleasure to be the chief of such a fantastic group of heroes. I continue to be inspired by all of the wonderful accomplishments and ideas of each of you and I will always look forward to seeing what you all will accomplish next.

Social Media Parker Stephens Webmaster & Towassa Vice Chief

Alibamu Lodge's social media is the fastest way of communication for events, work days, reminders for registrations and dues, and opportunities for service. The Facebook group, Alibamu Lodge 179, and the Instagram, @alibamu179, are kept up to date with the latest news about all things Alibamu. Our website, alibamu.org, is regularly updated with new content. It's especially useful for those who check social media once or more a day. Our newest account is with Remind. Subscribe by sending a text to 81010 with the message @alibamu.



the last Ordeal we cleared trails throughout camp. Next we plan on making checker gameboard tables to be placed outside of the dining hall. Thank you to everyone who helped with these great projects.

Projects Around Camp Kaleb Nichols

This year our lodge has completed many projects around camp. So far we have completed ten benches, with six more to come, around the dining hall, all of the staff cabins have been finished, and at

Plans for This Year Addison Broom Lodge Chief

Hello Alibamu! I can't wait to start a year full of new memories and fun! But first I have some goals for the year. One of my first goals is to bring membership and retention rates up higher than the past few years. Not only does it help obtain our JTE goals, but it gets new brothers interested and paves a future for our lodge and the leaders of tomorrow! If there is a troop member that hasn't been to an event in a while give him a holler! Another goal I want to accomplish is get non OA members excited and hyped about becoming an Arrowmen. I want to get our OA reps more involved, use district camporees to raise awareness of the OA, and make it seem as fun as possible! I want to hear your ideas such as "What do you think would benefit us as a whole?", "What keeps you coming back?", and "What do you think would make things more interesting and exciting?". These are all very important questions and I want to hear YOUR answers!

The Brotherhood Adam Holtzscher Lodge Treasurer

I can hear it calling from high
A whisper that we find,
We know this to be true an nigh
As we are willed to bind-

We mustn't separate no faces
Or cut the line - the looper
For them do leave far away places
And if we're calm we'll hear

Attend the Pilgrimage Ordeal next month to obtain your Brotherhood!



Mike's Minute Mr. Mike Bazonis Lodge Adviser

As another program year ends and another begins, I hope you've made the most of the OA opportunities you were given. Did you participate in the many activities we offered? Will you do so in the upcoming year? I hope so because sometimes you don't realize the value of a moment until it becomes a memory. Join me, Addison, and the rest of the LEC at this year's activities and let's make some memories.



Come Cool Down Tiger Rabren Training Chairman

Are you looking for a way to beat this Alabama summer heat? Then consider coming to the Pilgrimage Ordeal next month and earn one of our new ICE flaps. This Inductions and Ceremonial Events flap is replacing our old Elangomat flap. You can earn one by being an Elangomat or serving on the ceremony team. Contact me to be an Elangomat or Sam Thompson to join the ceremony team (see page 5 for contact info). We're always looking for new brothers for both rewarding roles.

Serving on Camp Staff Mr. Keith Womack Ceremonies Adviser & Camp Director

This summer, our lodge served as an essential part of the Camp Tukabatchee staff. An incredible 52 of 62 staff members were Alibamu brothers! Thank you to each and every one of you. I hope many of you will return in 2020. If you'd like to join our team in 2020, be on the lookout for applications in October or send an email to keithmikel42@yahoo.com.



Congratulations to all that were called out this spring! It's always a wonderful thing to get new brothers in our lodge.

This picture was taken at our last ordeal. Come to the Pilgrimage Ordeal to be in the next picture.



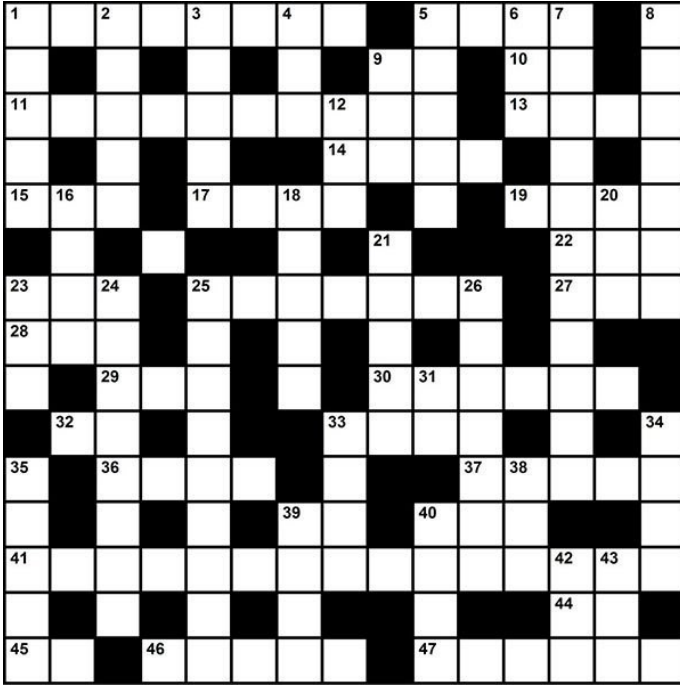
Conclave in Review Nethan Crew Lodge Vice Chief

Conclave was an enjoyable experience that I will remember for the rest of my life. I really enjoyed watching and participating in things such as athletics, admin events, and ceremonies. As usual, we got Best All Around Lodge for the 8th year in a row and specifically earned awards in Wischixin, Ultimate Frisbee, tug of war, newsletters, planbook, and the spirit award. This year's conclave was amazing and I really hope to go again and have fun and potentially take home another Best All Around Lodge award. I hope to see a lot of you at the next conclave in 2020.



AI's Crossword Puzzle

Visit bit.ly/31YHoWk for the Answers



Across

1. They are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit and providing cheerful service to others
5. Word of cooperation and partnership
9. Expression of surprise
10. That is (abbr.)
11. Cutting-edge
13. Strategy
14. Food or shelter, e.g.
15. Watch
17. National Chief, ____ Dannemiller
19. At a distance
22. Rocky Mountain Native American
23. Rowboat equipment
25. Outdoors activity promoted by Arrowmen
27. Took the initiative
28. Before (prefix)
29. Award created in 1940 to honor those who rendered service to the Order beyond the lodge level
30. Pressed, as a shirt
32. Scouting's national honor society (abbr.)
33. Musher's vehicle
36. Loud sound of a waterfall or wave
37. Camp song melody
39. Eldest in the family (abbr.)
40. Barker and Kettle, e.g.
41. Order of the Arrow members exemplify these in their daily lives (4 words)
44. Card that shows age
45. Disapproval
46. Scholarship, e.g.
47. Brotherhood member who designed the official totem and logo for the Order's centennial, Nathaniel

Down

1. Burning
2. Large area of grassy land
3. Knitted together
4. Have breakfast
5. The chosen totem for the Centennial is a ____, representing a circle of unity
6. Piece of advice
7. Well-known Scout habit that becomes a life purpose
8. Number of years the Order of the Arrow has been in existence, as of 2015
9. Wide road, for short
12. Squid's defense
16. 2015, for one
18. Pitches a tent
20. Enjoyed a meal
21. Highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow
23. Decide to leave, with "out"
24. Award created to recognize individuals who are not members of the Order of the Arrow for outstanding service to the Order (2 words)
25. Moral and ethical standards, as shown by Scouting leaders
26. Founder of the Order, E. Urner ____
31. Concerning (abbr.)
33. First step in doing laundry
34. Flat-bottomed boat
35. Cofounder of the Order, Carroll A. ____
38. Official currency, for short
39. A Memorial Scholarship was established in his honor, Josh ____
40. Twain, for one
42. Started a campfire
43. "And now, without further ____ ..."

Final Thoughts Cyprian Dumas 2018-2019 Lodge Secretary

This is the final newsletter I will arrange for the lodge. I was inducted into the Order of the Arrow three years ago, and boy has it been a rollercoaster ever since. I love the OA and the people in it, as I'm sure most of us do, but I'll be the first to admit that there are some issues that come up sometimes. There are so many things we cannot control, for instance, we all know that fall fellowship is going to be cold and that it's always going to rain at an Ordeal for some odd reason, but we have the potential to make a change. Each and every one of us has the capacity to move our lodge forward and achieve our own destiny. As cliché as it sounds, never give up on your dreams, no matter what people tell you. You are you, and no one can stop you from finding your destiny. If your destiny is in the OA then go for it. If your destiny is outside the OA then go for it. However, as we learned at NOAC last summer, we must be able to discover our destiny before we achieve it. Thus, as I leave my final note to you in the form of an article, I charge you to continue to fulfill your destiny. I look forward to seeing you at many lodge events during this upcoming year.

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Going Through the Ordeal Addison Broom Lodge Chief

An Ordeal experience is one a Scout will never forget. I went through my Ordeal in May of 2014 on a hot and rainy weekend. I was dropped off at camp with a couple of my fellow troop members and gathered into my clan. It was here that I had my first impression of the lodge with my Elangomat. Throughout the weekend my clan ate scant food, went through arduous labor, and slept under the stars. It was during this time I realized what helped camp become what it is. Saturday night we heard a speech that went to my heart and lit a spark. During Mr. Hinkle's talk he discussed the importance and meaning of the OA. After the closing ceremony, we all ran to the dining hall to have a pork chop dinner and stayed up all night playing Uno with my friends. I learned that the OA is all about brotherhood and cheerful service and is something I will carry on for the rest of my life.



Our call out team for the Towassa Chapter did a great job!

SCOUTING'S NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

2019 Pilgrimage Ordeal & Lodge Dues

August 9-11 @ Camp Tukabatchee

Check-in begins at 5:00pm, Dinner 7:00pm - New members cannot arrive after 7:30pm

If paid by 8/2 at 4:30pm (9:00pm online)

- ___ \$20 Brother
- ___ \$35 Brotherhood/Vigil Candidate
- ___ \$50 Ordeal Candidate - New Member
- ___ \$12 2019 Lodge Dues - New Members Don't Pay This!
- ___ \$12 2020 Lodge Dues - New Members Don't Pay This!

If paid after 8/2 at 4:30pm (9:00pm online)

- ___ \$25 Brother
- ___ \$40 Brotherhood/Vigil Candidate
- ___ \$55 Ordeal Candidate - New Member
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BSA

3067 Carter Hill Rd
Montgomery, AL 36111

or register online @ www.TukabatcheeBSA.org/shop

A new medical form is needed if one was not turned in for a 2019 OA event. We do not have your troop or summer camp copies. Please don't forget!

Calendar



August 3
August 9-11
September 7-8
September 21

LLD Training @ St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Pilgrimage Ordeal @ Camp Tuk
Yacht Club @ USS Alabama
Merit Badge Day &
Awards Banquet @ Aldersgate UMC

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