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Conclave
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Lodge Treasurer

Below: 2019 conclave athletics team

Gather the clan! Conclave 2020 is almost here and I can't help but notice you aren't signed up yet. You may ask yourself, "Why should I go if I haven't been active or paid dues in a year?" Well, 2020's conclave, held at Camp Patten (Georgia) on the weekend of April 17-19, is the ideal event to rediscover your importance in the lodge. Whether you desire to dominate in Ultimate Frisbee and Wischixin, take part in expo, or simply go camping for a weekend, conclave never fails to impress. As we seek to hold our title as best all around lodge it is up to you to decide where we rank; this honor can only be obtained by you realizing the fun and adventure conclave has to offer, which it definitely does.



NOAC 2020
Mr. Mike Bazonis
Lodge Adviser

The fun is unforgettable and the people you meet are undeniably unique and good brothers. Personally some of my best memories in Scouting happened at conclave because of the fellowship surrounding the lodges of SR-9. At no other event can I go from doing ceremonies to sports to expos to cracker barrels to shows and not only be entertained but also be left wanting more.

The 2020 National OA Conference (NOAC) will be held at Michigan State University (MSU) in East Lansing. The Alibamu contingent will depart Montgomery on Sunday, August 2 and fly from Atlanta to Detroit. Once we know who is going we'll find something fun to do Sunday night. Then Monday morning we'll travel to MSU for NOAC. The conference lasts from Monday to Saturday. We'll depart Detroit on Saturday, August 8 to return to Atlanta and Montgomery.

The weekend, especially Saturday, goes by so quickly and if you are not careful, the deadline to pay for conclave 2020 will come even quicker so don't wait until March 31st. The biggest reason to not wait is our bus. We are planning to take a bus, but can't do so if we don't have a lot of early sign ups. **DO NOT WAIT** please! We'll depart early Friday morning.

NOAC is a fun filled week of training, shows, ceremonies, dance, athletics, patches, food, and much more. There are so many activities you can't do everything in one NOAC. You'll join more than 6,000 other brothers for this exciting week at the MSU campus. In 2018 our lodge placed second in the nation in Ultimate. Check out the NOAC page on our website for more information about what there is to do at NOAC. The tentative fee is \$800 if half is paid by March 20. We'll buy airline tickets soon after to lock in prices and will need \$400 by then. After March 20, your individual

Hope to see you at Camp Patten, P.S. plan to dress like a rich country club guy to fit into our yacht club theme this year.

Register at www.SR-9.org today!

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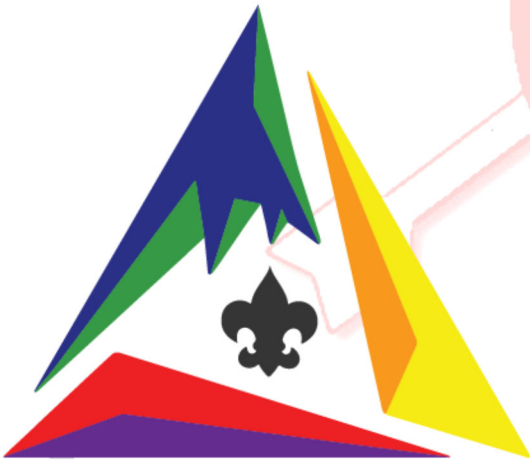
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National Leadership Seminar

Nethan Crew Lodge Vice Chief

NLS is an excellent opportunity for any up and coming leader in our lodge to attend. NLS, or National Leadership Seminar, is a weekend long event where you can learn about how to be a better leader, especially in the context of our lodge and take part in this challenging, inspiring, and enjoyable learning experience. When Addison and I went in 2018, we had lots of fun in Atlanta where we met many amazing brothers from across the country, including then current national chief Anthony Peluso and last year's Southern Region Chief Sid Salazar, as well as brothers across the region who came to learn and experience a new environment of leadership training. The closest NLS will be held on March 6-8 in the Atlanta Area Council Scout Office. If you have any questions about the event or are interested in going, please contact Addison and Mike.



NATIONAL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

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Indian Winter

Jeremiah Croskey Lodge Secretary

Indian Winter was an amazing event and was well worth the wait. The event at Camp Horne in Tuscaloosa was great. We fellowshiped with our fellow section members over nachos and stories. Saturday was a great day as we got to go see the Paul Bryant Museum at the University of Alabama.

We also got to attend some great training sessions earlier in the day. Later we had a great American Indian pow wow where we watched some amazing dancers. Many of us even joined in the dancing ourselves. After a great dinner we went to the show and had a great time that night which followed with a cracker barrel. Indian Winter was great and helped get us ready for conclave. If you haven't registered for conclave yet make sure to do so soon!



Indian Winter 2020 - Top: Kayden Ray;
Middle (L-R): Jeremiah Croskey, Garrett Jones, Nethan Crew;
Bottom: Alibamu contingent + Section Chief Joseph Barnes



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price may increase depending on airfare. If you have Delta SkyMiles you may be able to reduce your individual fees. The full fee must be paid by June 1. The actual cost for the trip is significantly higher and the lodge is covering the extra cost so space is limited at this \$800 price. Contact Mike or Addison to sign up or if you have any questions. Payment plan information will be given to you upon signup.



Unit Elections Addison Broom Lodge Chief

We are in the middle of our election season. This means at the next Ordeal we will meet and bring in new brothers! As I look back I saw the OA as being an honor to be in. If you have any questions about the Order of the Arrow, ask the unit election rep before or after the election is held and the votes are cast. So during your next troop meeting don't forget to uphold this honor for the next generation of Arrowmen. Candidates will be called out at camporees and some at summer camp.

If your troop has not yet had or scheduled a unit election talk to your Scoutmaster and OA rep about holding a unit election before your district camporee.



Conclave Skills Day Mr. Austin Kelsey Conclave 2020 Adviser

Hey guys! It's almost time for our second and last Conclave Skills Day! Conclave Skills Day is a event where our committees, such as athletics, ceremonies, and drum and dance, get to practice what they are doing for Conclave. Conclave is a yearly section event that is extremely fun with athletics, drum and dance, ceremonies, and night shows. Our lodge is the 8 consecutive years of best all around lodge in the section. Help us defend our title. The Conclave Skills Day will be Sunday, April 5 at 1 pm at Cooter's Pond in Prattville to get ready for Conclave on April 17-19 at Camp Patten in Lakeland, Georgia. We also will have an LEC Meeting at 3 pm on the same day. I hope to see you all at this great event!



Beaver Day Adam Holtzsch Lodge Treasurer

March 9 we have Beaver Day at Camp Tuk and Camp Hobbs. It's a council workday where we take care of minor projects and clean up both camps in preparation for the summer activities. We need all of you there to get what needs to be done, completed. A lot of what keeps Camp Tuk running comes from the support that our lodge offers. We'll begin at 8am and serve a FREE lunch. RSVP at alibamu179@gmail.com. Troops are invited as well. Let's help make this happen!

Calendar

- Mar 7** Beaver Day
- Apr 5** Conclave Skills Day
- Apr 17-19** Conclave
- May 1-3** Allogagan Ordeal

Remembering Mr. Hinkle Mr. David Lewis

On January 13, 2020, Alibamu Lodge and the Tukabatchee Area Council lost one of our most stalwart members as Mr. James Elmer Hinkle passed away.

I can still remember the first time I met Jim Hinkle. In 1985, the BSA celebrated the 75th anniversary of its founding, and it was a big deal. Here in our area, the Tukabatchee Area Council hosted a diamond jubilee council camporee at AUM in the spring of 1985. This was the first council wide activity that I had been to, and it was unbelievable. By my recollection, there must have been 2000 Scouts and Scouters camping on the field just behind the iconic library tower at AUM. One of the biggest parts of the weekend was to be the Saturday night campfire and the OA callout ceremony. It was going to be a monumental event, since we were calling out almost every Scout who had been elected by their troop that year, and I was going to have the opportunity to be a part of it! That was big deal to me as a relatively new Arrowman, having just been through my Ordeal the summer before. There were a lot of folks involved in putting that campfire together, and I can still clearly remember meeting a very talkative and rather confident gentleman with graying hair. That was the first time I ever met Jim Hinkle. Mr. Hinkle was an adult leader with Troop 307 from Montgomery, and he was there to help with the set up for campfire, and to make sure that we properly called out each of what seemed like 150 Scouts from his troop that were elected to the OA. To say he made an impression on me would be an understatement. Little did I know that this would be the first of many conversations with this gentleman over the course of the next 35 years of my life.

My next encounter with Mr. Hinkle would not come for another two years. I began serving on staff at Camp Tukabatchee (the old camp where Hobbs is now) in 1987. As the troops arrived on Sunday, for the second week of camp, there was the man that I immediately recognized from the OA campfire at the council camporee. As a member of the Scoutcraft staff that summer, I had the opportunity to get to know Mr. Hinkle and quickly found out that he had a sharp sense of humor and knew a lot about Scouting. He was someone who loved Scouting and was passionate about his Scouts having a good experience. He also enjoyed playfully giving me and others a hard time that week. I also discovered that he was not the Scoutmaster, but rather he was the Scouting coordinator (now called the charter organization representative) for his unit and he was only one of about what seemed like 10 adult leaders that were with the troop at camp. My impression of Mr. Hinkle softened a bit, but I was admittedly, still not sure that this man would be someone I would develop a friendship with. The extent of my connection with Mr. Hinkle would be limited to camp as he was not very active with the OA at that time.

Fast forward to 1989. I had the privilege of being elected lodge chief for our lodge. After having served on camp staff for two years and being very involved in the OA for that span I had gotten to know a lot of our adult leaders in the council and lodge. Early in the year, the BSA had changed a long standing rule that women could not be Scoutmasters or assistant Scoutmasters and allowed them to fill those roles. As a result, the national committee had decided that women were now eligible to become adult members of the Order of the Arrow and they also directed that each troop would be able to nominate only one adult leader from the troop each year to be approved by the lodge executive committee to go through the Ordeal and become a member. Later that spring, we would receive our first adult nomination form for a female Scouter, that of Mrs. Joan Hinkle. As people were arriving at the spring Ordeal, Mr. Hinkle and his wife arrived at camp, as she reported as a candidate. I quickly found out that Mr. Hinkle was a worker and someone who was not there just to be there. He rolled up the



sleeves on his signature blue coveralls and got right in the middle of the hard work. Needless to say, that was a poignant moment for Alibamu Lodge. From that point forward, I don't think I have attended a lodge function that Mr. and Mrs. Hinkle were not integrally involved in. Very quickly, they both immersed themselves in the work of the lodge with both serving as advisers to committees and working hard on whatever project we were undertaking. They got involved with ceremonies and with the chapter in their district. He was just as intense about the OA as he had been about his that campfire and his Scouts at camp those first few times, I met him. It wasn't long before Mr. Hinkle was chosen worthy to become a Vigil member of the lodge by our youth and he became the conclave adviser for the 1994 section conclave that we were scheduled to host. Mrs. Hinkle was not far behind, becoming our first female Vigil member in 1994. Mrs. Hinkle was right there, working just as hard and often times offering a kind word to let you know that Mr. Hinkle, even though he appeared to be getting after you, was really only picking at you because he like you and because he knew you had the capacity to do more and to be a great leader. I know because Jim Hinkle became one of my biggest supporters, one of the biggest supporters of the OA, our council and our camp, and one of my best friends in Scouting.

Mr. Jim Hinkle grew up in Illinois and Indiana. He was a retired US Air Force major and schoolteacher. Though he wasn't from central Alabama, he made it his home and he invested his life here. He served as an active adult leader with Troop and Pack 307 at Aldersgate UMC for almost 50 years, most of that time as the charter organization representative. He served in almost every capacity at the district level of Scouting, was a longtime member of our council's executive board and was a generous benefactor to our camps. Not only was he someone who filled a lot of roles in Scouting, but he was someone who spent his time arduously laboring for Scouting. There is not a structure at Camp Tukabatchee or Camp Hobbs that don't have a nail or a screw that Jim Hinkle put there as he personally helped to build or improve our camps. He served as a chapter adviser, associate lodge adviser (1991-2000), and as our lodge adviser (2001-2017). Mr. Hinkle received the

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Remembering Mr. Hinkle Continued

Founder's Award, District Award of Merit, the adult religious award from the United Methodist Church, the Dan Beard Award and the Silver Beaver. He never became an Eagle Scout, falling only one merit badge (Bird Study) short, but he insured that hundreds of young men did.

Aside from all of the positions he held and the awards he received in Scouting; Jim Hinkle set an example to everyone he came in contact with. He showed us all that if something is important, you invest your time, your talents, and your treasure in it. He was always there and was always ready to hold you accountable and encourage you to get the job done while he helped you do it. He led by setting an example, one rooted in his Christian faith, the Scout Oath and Law, and the Obligation. I had the privilege of working beside this great giant of Scouting for 30 plus years. As big as that camporee and callout ceremony back in 1985 are in my mind, they now pale in comparison to the impact of a man that I met that weekend. A man that left an imprint on all our lives that will serve as a torch that will guide us all. Thanks be to God for the life of James Elmer Hinkle.

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