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Lodge Calendar

January 23 to 25 :
Carolinas Indian Seminar

January 31 :
LLDC and Winter Banquet

March 20 to 22 :
Spring Fellowship

April 24 to 26:
2015 Dixie Fellowship

August 3 to 8:
NOAC 2015

September 18 to 20:
Fall Fellowship



Fall Fellowship 2014 - Better than Ever!

What's better than a weekend of great fun, lot's of fellowship, and finger lick-in' good food? This year's fall fellowship had an amazingly large attendance going over 200 attendees. At the Fellowship, our Lodge Officer election was held and the 2015 Officers were elected into office. Our new officers are Lodge Chief Daniel Howard, Vice Chief of Administration Ben Rosenberger, Vice Chief of American Indian Activities Tucker Shealy, Vice Chief of Communications Matthew Watson, Vice Chief of Inductions Jakob Helderman, and Secretary-Treasurer James Stokes.

At Fellowship, the Lodge inducted 8 Brothers in the Vigil Honor. The Lodge's new Vigil Honor members are David Bush, Daniel Howard, John Flint, Zachary Kelly, Fred Hyslop, Mike Butler, James Holscher, and David Andrews Jr.

On Saturday night, the Lodge held it's first ever performance of the new Brotherhood ceremony and later that night, the Lodge celebrated with a movie night. The movie night featured a showing of Captain America: The Winter Soldier and an amazing cracker-barrel was served.

Sunday morning, the Lodge gathered for a beautiful chapel service led by Mr. Art Taylor and was followed by awards and recognitions.

Arthur Brock, a member of Ani-Wa-Ya Chapter stated that the Fall Fellowship was the best one he had ever attended and said he was now looking forward to the Lodge's 75th anniversary more than ever.



2014 Vigil Class at Fall Fellowship

A Letter from the National Chief

Brothers,

It is both an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to serve you this year. We recognize a tremendous responsibility that comes with this opportunity, as we work together to close our first century of cheerful service stronger than ever. The 2013 year was fantastic not only for our Order, but also the Boy Scouts of America. Our brotherhood witnessed the unprecedented success of Project 2013, where Arrowmen from around the country gave over thirty-one thousand hours of service to the National Jamboree. Similarly, the BSA as a whole provided over 17 million hours of service to local communities, and camped in more than 6 million nights. It is our belief that your cheerful service as an Arrowman had a direct impact on the achieving these noteworthy accomplishments.

While we reflect back on the 2013 accomplishments, we are looking forward to 2014 as an opportunity for our organization. First and foremost, we are laying the groundwork for our centennial celebration, including promotion of our 2015 National Order of Arrow Conference. We are also developing this year's program of emphasis ArrowTour; this exciting program will consist of a traveling exhibit and roadshow touring each region, stopping at council camps and service centers near you. This program is an exciting chance to reflect on our past, connect with our membership, and discover the unlimited possibilities of our Order's future. Although we are all looking forward to centennial programs next year, we want to challenge you to make the most of your involvement in the Order this year. Help out at a lodge event, attend your section conclave, or better yet go to one of the five amazing OA high adventure programs offered at one of

our national high adventure bases, including the Summit. Take the time to redouble your service to your unit, chapter and lodge. We have a lot ahead of us this year as we work to leave our mark on 2014. Your help and support will be a crucial piece of our success. Thanks again for everything you do, and we look forward to the many adventures and success we will have together.

Humbly,

Nick Dannemiller (National Chief)
(From the National Bulletin)



All Aboard - Get on Board for ArrowTour!

Get on board! ArrowTour is unlike anything the Order of the Arrow has done before. Next summer, Order of the Arrow representatives will travel in a caravan of buses around the country and will spread the word about the 100th anniversary! When they visit, they will have sessions on the OA's history, fun activities and games, and an amazing campfire to close their visit. At the end of the summer, the four Regional buses will arrive at Michigan State University for the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference! You can go ahead and get on board for ArrowTour with our Lodge:

- 1) Go to the ArrowTour site (<http://arrowtour.aa-bsa.org/>) and click on register Boarding Pass
- 2) Make sure you have your location settings turned on where the site can detect where you are.
- 3) Complete the online form and enter the Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge 185 Pass number: 442915
- 4) Let everyone know you're on board through our Lodge Social Media and use: #ATROLLOUT #ArrowTour #AKK185



Service Highlight: Gobbler Grab

The annual Gobbler Grab for the Hungry is celebrating it's 18th anniversary this November. Since 1997, the Gobbler Grab has been hosted by Ani-Wa-Ya Chapter and over 9,000 turkeys have been collected in its history. The Gobbler Grab started in Ani-Wa-Ya Chapter, but now the entire Lodge has joined in the effort. The success of this project resulted in feeding thousands of needy families, an article in the March-May 2002 issue of the OA National Bulletin (page 5), and required shipping some frozen turkeys as far away as Charlotte, NC to have room to store them. This year, Ani-Wa-Ya members want to reach 10,000 turkey collected in the Gobbler Grab's history and the Wolf Clan needs your help! Spread the word in your troops, families, churches, and community. All turkeys collected will be distributed to food banks in the Update of South Carolina to feed the needy. There are two opportunities to drop off your turkeys. On Thursday November 20th, you can drop off turkeys in the front parking lot of Simpsonville Methodist Church from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. You can also drop off turkeys on Saturday November 22 from 11:00 am until 12:00 pm at Simpsonville United Methodist Church in the front parking lot.



Vigil Honor Nominations due November 26



Each year, Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge has an opportunity to honor some of its members by selecting them for the Vigil Honor. Anyone who has been a Brotherhood member in the Order of the Arrow for two or more years as of December 2014, and has their dues paid in Scouting and the Lodge is eligible for consideration. If you know of a fellow Lodge member who meets the criteria then please feel free to complete the Vigil Honor Nomination Form and return it by midnight November 26, 2014, to the AKK Vigil Honor Chairman, Matthew Watson. The Vigil Nomination form can be found on the Lodge Website at (<http://akk185.org/wp-content/uploads/Vigil-Honor-Nomination-Form-2015.pdf>). The Vigil Honor Nominating Committee will carefully review any recommendations received for consideration.

Editor's Desk: Getting Connected

Hello Brothers, I am honored and excited to be serving my third term as the Lodge's Vice Chief of Communications and I had a blast serving as your 2014 Vice Chief of Administration. One of my goals this year is to expand our Lodge's communications through social media. There are several ways for you to get the inside scoop through social media:

1) YouTube - I created our YouTube page when I was VCC in 2012 and I hope to expand our use of it this year by posting videos from our events and updates from our Officers. Our channel's name is "akk185media". 2) Facebook - Our Facebook pages have been around for quite some time and I would suggest that if you have not already, join our group "Atta Kulla KullaLodge 185". It is a "closed" group so you will be required to send in a request to the page admins to join the group. 3) Twitter - Our Twitter page has been around for awhile too but has not been used much at all in the past. I want to change that and provide another route for our Arrowman to stay updated via the Lodge social media. To find our Twitter page, search "@akk185". 4) Instagram - This is a social media forum that is really popular among youth these days and I created this page recently to serve as a way for them to stay connected. Instagram is a great tool to share photos and our page will be used to share photos from our Lodge functions. To find our Instagram feed, search "akk185". 5) Remind - Another new forum of social media communication I just started this year is Remind. Remind has been used by teachers and coaches all across the nation and is now becoming very popular among many organizations (Including the Order of the Arrow). Remind is a way to send out mass text messages and this will become an excellent tool for our Lodge to use for Events and other important reminders. Also, it's free of charge so you do not need to worry about texting charges. To sign up for this amazing mass texting service, text "@attak" to (803) 832-4293. Please don't forget that our LodgeMaster email system is still the official form of communication in our Lodge and continue to check your emails and the Lodge website (akk185.org) for the latest updates. I hope all of you enjoy the new Lodge Social media and get connected with AKK! WWW



Your Brother,
Matthew Watson

Chiefly Speaking

Hello everyone, my name is Daniel Howard and I am your new Lodge Chief for the 2014-2015 year. As you all probably know, this is a very big year for our Lodge. It is of course the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow, but is also the 75th anniversary of our Lodge. The NOAC next year is going to be the biggest and best so far. I will be working with the Advisers and the other Officers that you all elected for this upcoming year and together, we will make this the best year possible for you guys. A few of the things I hope to have happen this year are:

1. Improve the processes of Brotherhood and Ordeal
2. Improve communication between the Lodge and Section
3. Make NOAC and Dixie the best experiences they can be for y'all

I look forward to serving all of you in this upcoming year!

WWW,

Daniel Howard
Lodge Chief



Getting Down to Business with our VCA

Ever since I became a member of the Order of the Arrow I've been eager to help out our Lodge in any way that I can. I truly enjoyed serving as the Assistant Vice Chief of Service in 2013 because I was able work alongside so many of you as you went through your Ordeal. This past year I had the opportunity to serve as your Assistant Vice Chief of Planning, which allowed me to help get our Lodge ready for The 2014 Dixie Fellowship. I have also had the pleasure of being involved with our Ceremonies and Dance Teams. This year I have the honor of serving as your Vice Chief of Administration. I look forward to planning the LLDC and Winter banquet, as well as helping to prepare our Lodge for the 2015 Dixie Fellowship and the centennial NOAC. I also cannot wait for our Spring and Fall Fellowships! This year each Chapter will have the opportunity to run a Quest Event of their choosing. This will allow the youth of our Lodge to have more say in what they participate in at the Fellowships. I'm so blessed to work alongside so many great officers and I'm very excited to see what this year has in store for the Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge.

WWW,

Ben Rosenberger
Vice Chief of Administration



Drum Beats from the VCAIA

Hello Brothers!

I'm Tucker Shealy, your 2015 Vice Chief of American Indian Activities! In the next year, I plan on vamping up the Indian Affairs program like never before. I want to first dominate the competition at Dixie. Then, I plan on making the Wednesday night Native American dance Pageant more than just show, but an experience found at no other camp or Lodge. After all of this is complete, I plan on preparing our teams to be successful at NOAC. Overall, my mission is to make Atta Kulla Kulla's AIA team something you all can be even more proud of—but in order to be successful, I need your help! If you are interested in the AIA program, and would like to be involved, just email me at akk185vcaia@gmail.org and you will be in the loop!

WWW,

Tucker Shealy
Vice Chief of American Indian Activities



An Exciting Update from our VCC

I wanted to say a BIG thank you to my Brothers in AKK for the tremendous gift of being re-elected as a Lodge Officer. I have been so blessed to have served in Lodge Office since 2012 and I am honored to be doing what I love – serving you! We have great things in store for the Lodge and I'm excited to see what will happen during the big 2015 anniversary. As VCC, I will persevere to strengthen our communications between the Chapters, Troops, and the Lodge. I created our Lodge website in 2012 and this year, I plan to completely revamp our publications, social media, and also provide resources to Chapters to help with their endeavors. Be sure to check out our Lodge website (akk185.org) to get the latest scoop on what's new in the Lodge. Outside of serving as VCC, I am also extremely excited to have been appointed by our Section Chief Travis Broadhurst as the Dixie Administration Coordinator. Through this position, I will work extensively with our Section Officers to plan our 2015 Dixie which will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the OA! If you ever have any suggestions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at akkvcc@gmail.com. I hope to see each and every one of you at the amazing events this year. 2015 is just around the corner - see y'all later fellas!

In Cheerful Service,

Matthew Watson
Vice Chief of Communications



Hey You - Look at this Update from our VCI!

Brothers, first I would like to sincerely thank you all for all of your support. Y'all have no idea what it means to me to serve as the Lodge's VCI over the next year! I have a big position to uphold from David Bush. David did an amazing job this past year but I hope to do even better! While in office, there is a lot I hope to make happen. I plan to enhance our Elangomat program and significantly increase our Brotherhood conversion rate over the next year. These are just a couple of things I plan to do with 2015 being both the 10th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow and the 75th anniversary of our great Lodge! I am incredibly excited to see what the centennial holds for our Officers, Lodge, and the Order of the Arrow as a whole. If you have any questions, suggestions, or just want to get to know me better then feel free to contact me at anytime! Let's make 2015 a great year!

In WWW,

Jakob Helderman
Vice Chief of Inductions



A Quick Report from our Secretary

Hey Y'all! It is my pleasure to serve as the 2014-2015 AKK Lodge Secretary. I look forward to working with the other Officers and the Lodge in general this year. I hope to see each and every one of you at all AKK events, NOAC, and Dixie.

Yours in WWW,

James Stokes
Lodge Secretary



Got ideas? Do you enjoy writing? Do you love our Lodge with a burning passion? If you answered yes to any of those questions, than you should consider submitting an article to the Little Carpenter. Your help is needed and much appreciated! The Little Carpenter is produced by Vice Chief of Communications Matthew Watson and is published quarterly each year. If you would like to submit an article or you have any suggestions, comments, or concerns, please contact Editor in Chief Matthew Watson at akkvcc@gmail.com.

At a Glance...

Executive Committee Meeting Highlights:

(To view the full meeting minutes, please visit the Lodge website)

August 23: NOAC Patches were discussed, Inali Chapter is to be split between Canupa and Oolenoy, and the Pre-Ordeal Circle is to be moved,

September 14: New Bylaws proposal passes and 75th anniversary merchandise is approved.

Vital Signs: Fall 2014

2014 Newly Inducted Ordeal Members: 204 Brothers

2014 Newly Inducted Brotherhood Members: 54 Brothers

2014 Newly Inducted Vigil Honor Members: 8 Brothers



Adviser's Minute

I am extremely excited about the upcoming program year for AKK. It is an honor to be involved with the Lodge during such an auspicious year. In this upcoming year we will not only celebrate our Lodge's seventy-fifth anniversary, but also the one hundredth anniversary of the Order of the Arrow. This year will include the largest NOAC ever to be held, with current expected participation in excess of 15,000 Arrowmen at Michigan State University. We will also have our Dixie Fellowship and regularly scheduled Lodge events. It will be a very busy OA year!

While there is much to celebrate our new Lodge leadership team will be tasked to lead us through all the celebrations and all the tasks, projects, and improvements the Lodge is always undertaking. I encourage all to take this celebratory year and reexamine each of our personal dedication to scouting and the Order of the Arrow, and take this special year to rededicate ourselves to the traditions of the Order of the Arrow.

WWW,

Mickey Stokes
Lodge Advisor



"Things of the spirit are what count: brotherhood – in a day when there is too much hatred at home and abroad; cheerfulness – in a day when the pessimists have the floor and cynics are popular; service – in a day when millions are interested in getting or grasping, rather than giving"
- Dr. E. Urner Goodman

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