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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Greetings Brothers!

This issue of the *Little Carpenter* contains information which will help new brothers get acquainted with Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge and its officers, and will also provide details about the Lodge's upcoming events for both new and current members. I would like to start by being the first to welcome our new Brothers to our Lodge. My name is Nolan Worthy and I am the Vice Chief of Communications of Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge. My responsibilities include publishing the *Little Carpenter* newsletter, which you are now reading, as well as maintaining the Lodge's NEXT Guide and Lodge Planbook, which are administrative documents that contain useful information about the Lodge's history, traditions, and practices. These documents are a great starting place for any Brother looking for more information about the Lodge. I look forward to seeing you join the Lodge in cheerful service sometime soon.

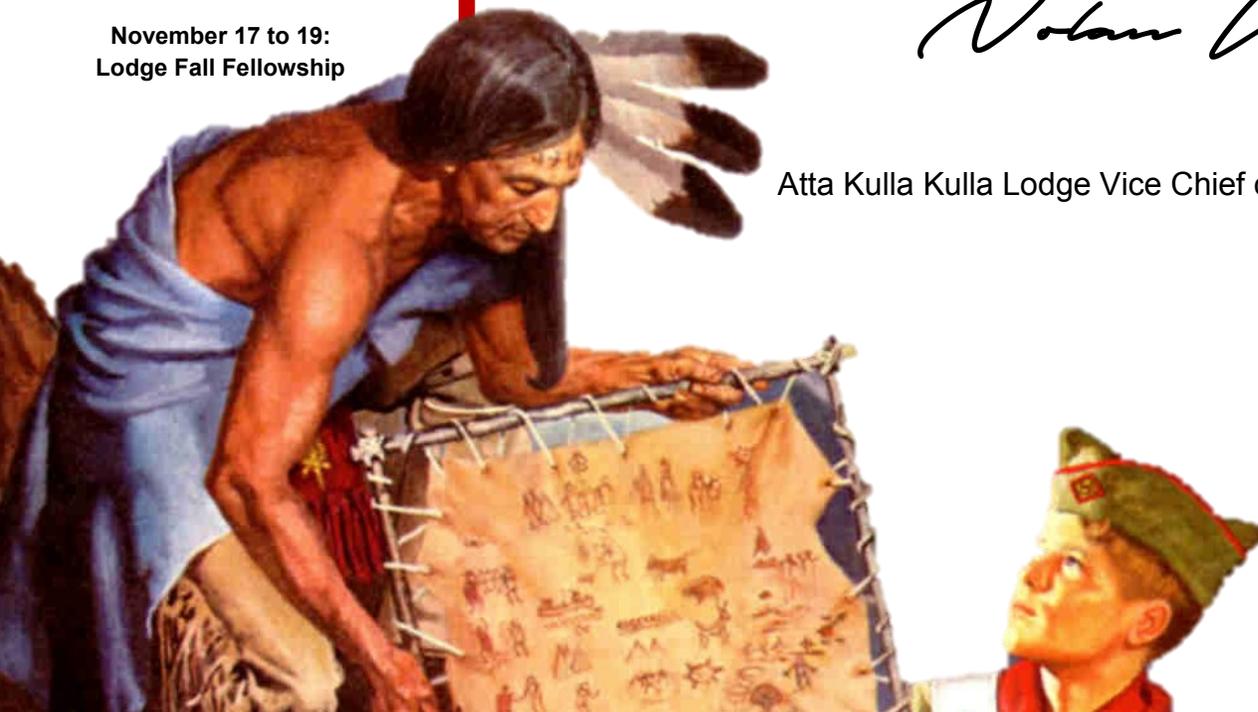


WWW,

Nolan Worthy

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Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge Vice Chief of Communications



CHIEFLY SPEAKING

My Brothers of the Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge,

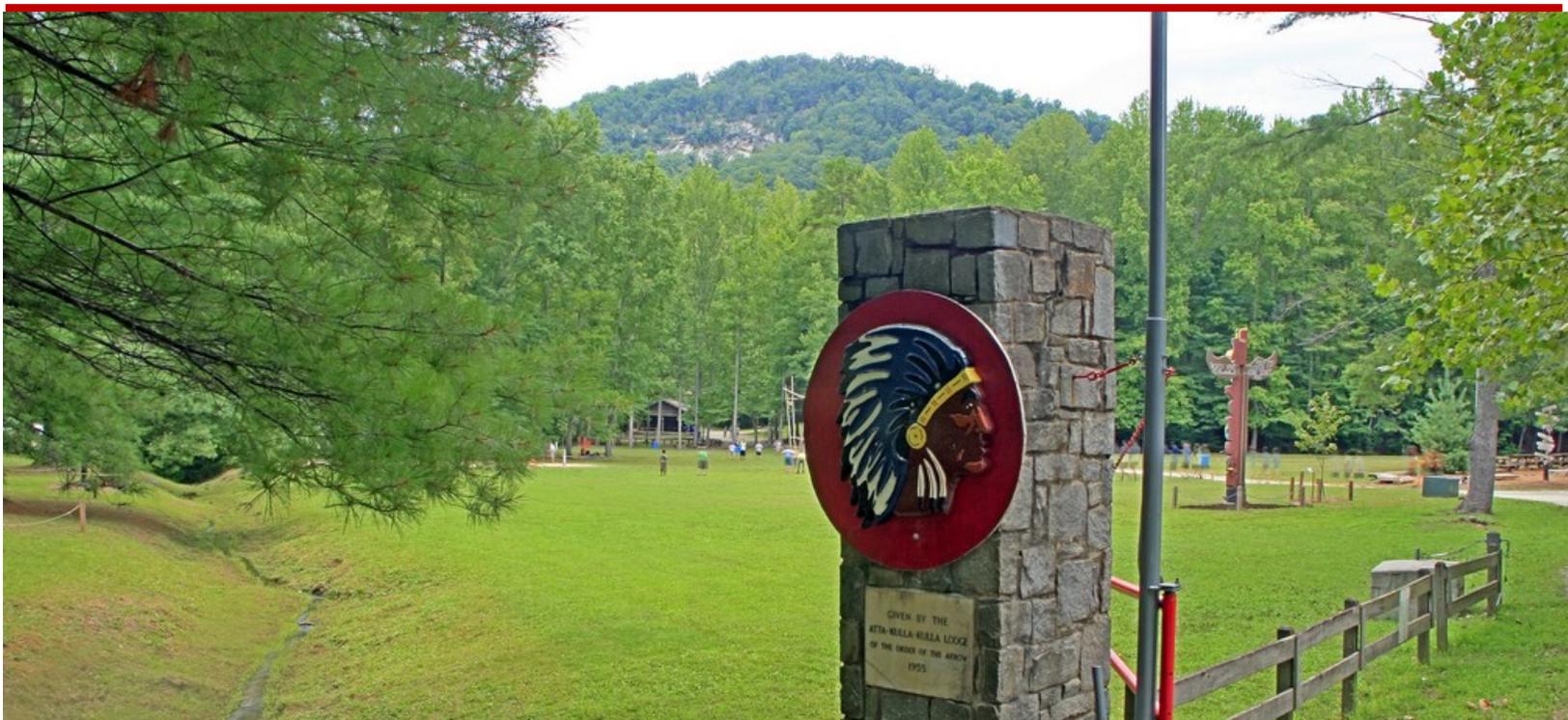
For those of you who are new to our lodge, I would like to congratulate you on a successful Ordeal and welcome you to our great Brotherhood - our Wimachtendienk. I hope to help make this the best year yet for Atta Kulla Kulla and with each of you taking an active role in our lodge, we can forge a stronger path for tomorrow. This lodge contains a wealth of talent and ingenuity. There is so much potential for leadership and involvement which makes our lodge an exciting place to be. For many including myself, it's the very reason I stayed active in Troop 159 and endeavored to achieve Scouting's highest rank of Eagle Scout. No one leaves the Order as the same individual and if you choose to invest your time and talents, the OA can truly transform your life. We have many incredible events planned, and I hope that you will be able to make it to all of them. Only by attending the Fellowships, Winter Banquet, Cookout and Vigil Honor Callout, Lodge Leadership Development Conference, and especially the Dixie Fellowship, can you see all that happens both in front and behind the scenes of the lodge.

Again, welcome to all of our newest brothers and to the rest of you...welcome back! I encourage you not just to receive, but to give back to the lodge with the talents you possess. With all of us working together, we can continue to make Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge the best lodge in the nation and a distinguished resource to Scouting. The BEST is yet to come and may we continue to keep the Arrow aimed high! WWW

In the Spirit of our Founders,



Matthew Watson
Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge Chief



WELCOME NEW ORDEAL MEMBERS!



If you just completed your Ordeal at Camp Old Indian this year, we congratulate you! You have just joined Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge #185, and are now a part of Scouting's premiere honor society. We encourage you to stay involved in the Lodge and continue your service in Scouting. If you have any questions about how you can get involved, feel free to email any of our Officers. You are highly encouraged to check out JumpStart, which will explain the Ordeal process and its backgrounds in the Order of the Arrow. JumpStart also has a section for Brotherhood membership, which we encourage all Ordeal members to take part in after 10 months of membership in the Lodge. Be sure to get active and get your bars! To access Jumpstart, please visit this link: <http://akk185.org/about/new-members/>

GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS WITH THE VICE CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION

Hello brothers!

My name is Matt Stamey, and I am the Vice Chief of Administration for Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge. As VCA, I am responsible for the planning and execution of lodge events and activities. Throughout the year, the lodge hosts several exciting events, including the Lodge Leadership Development Conference, Spring Fellowship, Lodge Cookout, and Fall Fellowship. As a new inductee into the Order, it is imperative that you get involved as much as possible in order to reap the extensive benefits OA has to offer. The easiest way to get involved is to simply show up to events. Fall Fellowship is looming ahead in the near future, and I would love to see you there!! Come get involved, have a great time, and eat good food, all while getting to know your new family in AKK. We look forward to seeing you soon!

In Service,
 Matt Stamey
 Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge Vice Chief of Administration



DRUM BEATS FROM THE VICE CHIEF OF AMERICAN INDIAN ACTIVITIES

Greetings brothers,

My name is Justin Kujath. I'm your 2017 Vice Chief of American Indian Activities. It is my pleasure to invite you to become more involved in the Order of the Arrow through one of its strongest programs. I'm very proud of the guys that I have the privilege to lead in the American Indian Activities group, and we would like all of you to join us in perpetuating our traditions. AIA is probably one of the most fundamental parts of the OA. We host induction ceremonies that help bring in new members into the OA while providing a thought-provoking and reverent aspect to the OA and its purpose. We also participate in Cherokee group dances, which we display at special events throughout the year. We also have a Powwow drum/sing team which competes at our annual Dixie fellowship and at various events during the year.

Each year in April, we compete against the other lodges in Section SR-5 in all three categories: Singing, Dance, and Ceremonies. We also invite you to join the AIA as an individual dancer where you can learn how to dance different styles for expositions and Powwow competitions. As far as other opportunities in AIA go, once a year in January, we head to North Carolina for a weekend at the Carolinas Indian Seminar. There, you can learn all about native dances, songs, crafts, storytelling, and much more. In the evening, they host a large powwow, and everyone is welcome to join in. Our guys that went last year enjoyed it far more than they thought they would, so I have no reason not to believe that you'd love it too. In November, we attend the Hagood Mill American Indian Weekend, where we are invited to display a few of our dances. We have an awesome time and if you've never been, I suggest checking it out.

Our AIA guys do a phenomenal job at competitions, but our strength relies on bringing in new people to our AIA team. That being said, if you, or anyone that you know is interested in being a part of one of the most unique experiences ever available to you, do not hesitate to email me at vcaia@akk185.org. Arrowmen, it's a pleasure serving you as Vice Chief of American Indian Activities, and I hope to see you soon!

In Brotherhood,
Justin Kujath
Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge Vice Chief of American Indian Activities



SERVICE WITH A SMILE WITH THE VICE CHIEF OF INDUCTIONS

Brothers, welcome to Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge 185!

I hope each of you enjoyed your Ordeal experience. My name is J.R. Clark. I serve as the Lodge Vice Chief of Inductions. My duties as the VCI are the entire Ordeal process from Wednesday night Callout to the Friday night Ordeal Gathering. I also plan any service projects or work days the lodge has. I look forward to getting to know each and everyone of you. If there is anything I can do to help you, feel free to contact me at vci@akk185.org.

In WWW,
J.R. Clark
Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge Vice Chief of Inductions



MINUTES WITH THE SECRETARY

Greetings Brothers,

First off, I would like to congratulate each of our new Arrowmen who have been inducted – welcome to the Order! I encourage each of you to get active in your Chapters, join a committee, and make the commitment to get your bars in ten months. Many great events such as the Fall Fellowship are approaching and we all look forward to seeing you there! If I can ever be of assistance, please feel free to email me at secretary@akk185.org.

In Brotherhood,
Nolan Roberts
Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge Secretary



LETTER FROM ALLOGAGAN WULIT CHAPTER

New Arrowmen,

Welcome to Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge #185 and the Allogagan Wulit Chapter! Our Chapter serves the Saluda River District of the Blue Ridge Council, and covers Laurens and Newberry Counties. We hold our Chapter meetings on the first Thursday of each month at Broad Street Methodist Church in Clinton, at 7:30 pm. This is the same time as the district roundtable, so ask your scoutmaster if you need transportation. At these meetings, we plan our spirit theme for each fellowship, share information from the Lodge, conduct Chapter business meetings, and plan Chapter events. There are many opportunities during the year to attend Lodge functions, including two Lodge Fellowships, the Lodge Cookout, the SR-5 Dixie Fellowship, and other Lodge functions. Information about these events will be passed along to Chapter members as it is received. These events allow Arrowmen from around our Lodge to come together for fellowship. We have big plans for the Allogagan Wulit Chapter this year. We welcome you to our Lodge and Chapter, and all of us hope to see you at the upcoming meetings and events!

WWW,
Delaney Smith
Allogagan Wulit Chapter Chief



LETTER FROM ANI-WA'YA CHAPTER

Greetings brothers!

I would like to congratulate you on your induction into our Order! You will have many hours of fun and cheerful service ahead of you if you wish to continue on the path to cheerful service. If you are in the Southbounder District, you are a proud member of Ani-Wa'ya Chapter – the greatest Chapter in the Lodge! We meet every second Thursday of each month at Simpsonville United Methodist Church in the fellowship hall at 7:00 PM. So, that means that our next two meetings will be held on August 9th, 2017 and September 13th, 2017. Our meeting in August will be a hot dog social just for you, to welcome you to our Order and to inform you of the numerous opportunities that exist with the OA.

WWW,
Arthur Brock
Ani-Wa'ya Chapter Chief



LETTER FROM CA-NU-PA CHAPTER

Hello Brothers.

My name is Thomas Roznowski and I am the Ca-Nu-Pa Chapter Chief. I want to encourage all of you guys to be active with the OA. We are about service and giving back to the community, but we also have a lot of different programs in the Lodge that you guys can get into. Ca-Nu-Pa Chapter is the home of the Peace-Pipe. We meet at Central Presbyterian Church (1404 North Boulevard) Anderson, 29621 every 2nd Sunday of the month from 1:00pm to 2:30pm. There will be no meetings during June or July. We will have a Kick-Off to start up again in August. I am looking forward to getting to know all of you, and I hope to see you guys around!

In Brotherhood,
Thomas Roznowski
Ca-Nu-Pa Chapter Chief



LETTER FROM INALI CHAPTER

Hello new Ordeal members,

Congratulations on your initiation into the Order of the Arrow! As Chapter Chief, I personally welcome you into the Inali Chapter. We meet on the 2nd Sunday of every month at 4:05 pm in the Clemson United Methodist Church. The Inali Chapter serves as Oconee County's OA Chapter and was recently resurrected in 2016 thanks to the support of former Lodge Chief Ben Rosenberger. Welcome and once again congratulations on being an OA Ordeal member.

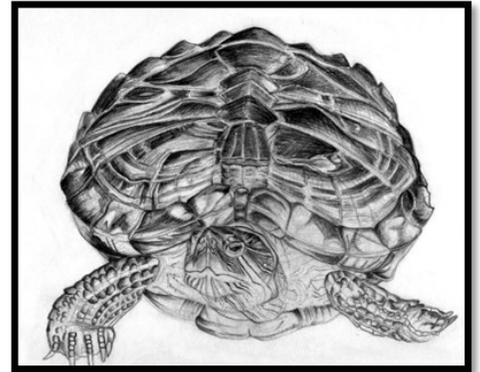
Yours in Brotherhood,
Davy Hiott
Inali Chapter Chief



LETTER FROM MACHTAGEN TULPE CHAPTER

Greetings fellow Arrowmen,

Having successfully completed your Ordeal, you now begin your journey as an Arrowman and fellow brother within the Machtagen Tulpe (MTT) Chapter of the Order of the Arrow! The leadership of our Chapter and your fellow brothers congratulate you on your accomplishment thus far and stand ready to assist you in continuing your journey by sealing your membership in the Order by earning your "Bars" as a Brotherhood member. We challenge you to accomplish this within your first year of membership. The MTT Chapter consists of those Arrowmen from Scouting units within Abbeville and Greenwood Counties in the Upstate of South Carolina. We are a very active Chapter holding monthly meetings and participating in most Lodge events. Our monthly Chapter meeting is held, in most cases, on the third Thursday of each month, with locations rotating between all participating units within our Chapter. Your attendance and active participation in our Chapter is earnestly solicited.



In Cheerful Service,
Griffin Medford,
Machtagen Tulpe Chapter Chief

LETTER FROM OOLENOY CHAPTER

Greetings Brothers,

Congratulations on your Ordeal membership and welcome to Oolenoy Chapter (Pickens County OA)! We look forward to seeing you at our meetings that we typically have at Flat Rock Baptist Church (115 Slab Bridge Rd, Liberty, SC 29657) from 6:30pm to 7:30pm on the 3rd Thursday of every month. However, it is a possibility that we may have more than one meeting per month or that any meeting could be held at a different location - if so, you will be notified. To keep informed about upcoming events and any change in meetings, please email our Adviser, Robert Trebilcock, at trebilcockmountain@gmail.com. He will make sure that you are added to our email list if you are not already!



WWW,
Connor Murfrey
Oolenoy Chapter Chief

LETTER FROM OCONOSTOTA CHAPTER

Warm greetings to our newest Brothers,

You have started on a journey; a journey to kindle that spark you've started this week. It is a small flame now, but fan the flame with those ideals that are held dear in Scouting. Your brothers will be there to help you along the way to fan your flame brighter and brighter so that you can live out the ideals of the Order of the Arrow - Service, Brotherhood, and Cheerfulness.

We are named after the great warrior of the Cherokee tribe and friend of Chief Atta Kulla Kulla, Chief Oconostota. Oconostota Arrowmen, winners of the 2012 Fall Fellowship Spirit Award, actively communicate via e-mail and in-person at meetings and special events. We formally meet as a Chapter at St. Giles Presbyterian Church, typically at 7 PM on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Months where there is an AKK Lodge Fellowship, the Chapter meeting is held at the Fellowship. Location and dates may change for both meetings and special Oconostota Chapter events, so check your meeting notice or contact the Chapter Chief or Adviser for that information.

Well-planned by the Chief and his officers, our meetings cover a myriad of items on the quest to become Chapter of the Year. There are many opportunities in the Oconostota Chapter for Arrowmen to obtain and practice your leadership skills to supplement your Troop opportunities. You have the opportunity to participate in planning for significant service projects, usually incorporating weekend Oconostota Chapter fellowships/campouts, and to attend and participate actively in AKK Lodge Fellowships, OA activities at summer camp & regional Dixie Fellowships. We help Ordeal Arrowmen plan for becoming Brotherhood by presenting different segments of Quest for Brotherhood at meetings. Tasks and special activities within the Chapter are led by Scout Arrowmen, with Adult Arrowmen serving as advisers.

- Officers are elected at the Fall Fellowship and take office immediately.
- Meeting uniform is Field Uniform (Class "A") with OA sash.
- Membership in the Oconostota Chapter is open to all Arrowmen whose Scout units meet within the Reedy Falls District. There are no Chapter dues.
- Meetings typically 7-8:30 PM at St. Giles Presbyterian Church (1021 Hudson Road Greenville, SC 29615).

WWW,
Joshua Cockcroft
Oconostota Chapter Chief



LETTER FROM SAHKANAGA CHAPTER

Hello Arrowmen,

Personally, Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge has had a huge impact upon my life and I can't wait to welcome you into a new group of members so that you all will be able to share these experiences. Sahkanaga Chapter meets the fourth Thursday of every month at Zoar United Methodist Church in Greer. In August, we are having a large meeting with a meal to welcome all new members.

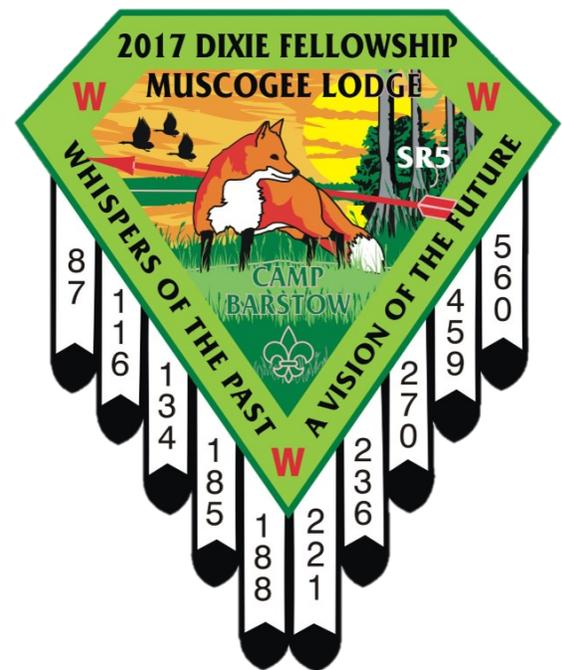
The next fellowship is going to be great - can't wait to see you there!
 Riley Bullock
 Sahkanaga Chapter Chief



AKK STEALS THE SHOW AT DIXIE!

At the 2017 Dixie Fellowship, the annual gathering of every Lodge in our Section, Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge captured its third consecutive Spirit Award. Our Lodge beat out nine other Lodges from all across South Carolina, Western North Carolina, and Northern Georgia for the award. In addition, Brothers from Atta Kulla Kulla earned the following awards:

- Shotgun: 3rd Place - Wesley Schell
- Rifle: 2nd Place - Wesley Schell
- Group Dance: 3rd Place
- Pre-Ordeal Ceremony: 1st Place
- Pre-Ordeal Allowat Sakima: 1st Place – Jake Rice
- Pre-Ordeal Meteu: 2nd Place - Ben Killinger
- Pre-Ordeal Nutiket: 1st Place - Matthew Watson
- Brotherhood Ceremony: 1st Place
- Brotherhood Allowat Sakima: 2nd Place - Lawrence Coleman
- Brotherhood Meteu: 2nd Place - Justin Kujath
- Brotherhood Nutiket: 1st Place - Arthur Brock
- Brotherhood Kichkinet: 2nd Place - Zachary Pynne
- Section Honor Lodge



On top of all of that, our very own Matthew Watson finished up his term as SR-5's Section Chief with Jakob Helderma now following after him in the role. It is an understatement to say that we are incredibly proud of how our Brothers represented our Lodge at Dixie!

DON'T MISS IT: LODGE COOKOUT AND VIGIL HONOR CALLOUT

Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge will host its annual Lodge Cookout at Camp Old Indian on Wednesday, June 28th, 2017. Our Brothers from Skyuka Lodge, the hosts of Dixie 2018, have been invited and will be joining us, so this event is a great opportunity to meet new Brothers from our Order! After enjoying some **GREAT** BBQ at the Cookout, the Vigil Honor Callout will take place at the Amphitheater after the regular dance pageant program. All Brothers are encouraged to attend in order to show support to our Brothers receiving this incredible honor. The early bird Whippoorwill fee is \$15 so be sure to register by June 16th to take advantage of that offer!



JOIN US THIS SUMMER AS AN ELANGOMAT AND EARN THE FLAP!

As candidates complete their Ordeal at Camp Old Indian this summer, their first impression of the Order of the Arrow often comes from their Elangomat. In Lenni Lenape, "Elangomat" translates to "friend", so we ask Brothers that are eager to encourage and guide Ordeal candidates to sign up to Elangomat during summer camp. A link for Elangomat sign-up can be found on the Lodge's website, social media, and in email. If a Brother serves as an Elangomat twice over the summer, he or she will receive an exclusive, newly-designed Elangomat Lodge flap. While we hope that Elangomats volunteer out of a desire to cheerfully serve others, this flap serves as a powerful incentive, as it can only be obtained by Elangomating twice in one summer.



Once a Brother has been an OA member for ten months, he or she may go through Brotherhood Questioning: a test of his or her knowledge of the symbols and traditions of the Order of the Arrow. Therefore, those Brothers who were inducted in the summer of 2016 or earlier will be eligible for Brotherhood Questioning this summer. Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge encourages all eligible Ordeal members to **GET THEIR BARS** and seal their membership!



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 Nolan Worthy 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 Nolan Worthy at vcc@akk185.org.

AT A GLANCE...

Executive Committee Meeting Highlights:

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

May 6, 2017

1. Jakob Helderman, Lodge Chief, resigned as Lodge Chief due to his recent election as Section Chief of SR-5.
2. Vice Chief Clark announced that the chair would entertain a motion to name and elect a replacement as Lodge Chief.
 - a. Matthew Watson was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Lodge Chief.
 - b. The motion was seconded.
 - c. Vice Chief Clark called for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote on the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
3. Section Chief Jakob Helderman, as past lodge chief, administered the oath of office to Lodge Chief Matthew Watson.
4. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned with the song of the Order of the Arrow.

Vital Signs: 2016 Year

2016 Newly Inducted Ordeal Members: 184 Brothers

2016 Newly Inducted Brotherhood Members: 23 Brothers



THE JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE

This year, our Lodge has set a goal to earn the Journey to Excellence Gold award and as a step toward reaching this goal, we are striving to increase our Brotherhood conversion rate. Our current conversion rate is only about 16%: the lowest in the Section. This means that most Brothers are being inducted only to ***sash and dash*** and not further their commitment to our Order. Ideally, our conversion rate would be upwards of 40%. As first mentioned when your unit elected you into our Order, Scouts who are elected into the OA are elected because of the example of brotherhood and cheerfulness that they set for others. Advancing in your knowledge of, membership in, and commitment to our Order offers opportunities to further improve these traits that already distinguish you. Please spread the word and encourage ALL of our brothers to seal their membership this year!



*“Coming together
is a beginning;
keeping together
is progress;
working together
is success.”*

- Henry Ford

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