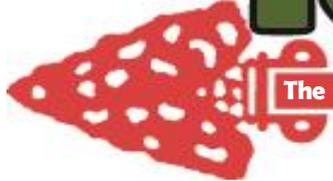


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Summer Pow Wow



Brothers,

Summer Pow Wow was one for the record books: the seminars were amazing, the people were even better, and most of all the Brotherhood grew amongst our members. We tried some new things that really went over nicely, from the opening campfire to Taco Bell and salsa for the 237 Surprise. Hats off to Josh Ott and Arren Richter for helping put on the best Summer Pow Wow.

In addition congrats to A-Bani-Ki and Oi-Ya-Tah for tying for the BEST ALL AROUND CHAPTER. Both will be put proudly on our trophy in the Lodge Building. We also brought back some oldies but goodies for this event, by throwing our past Lodge Chief Dan Olbrych in the creek, and having an amazing Pow Wow Saturday night. Thank you to everyone who helped out and attended. For those of you that missed I highly encourage you to come out next year for the revamped Summer Festival.

WWW,
Michael Riley,
Lodge Vice-Chief of Program



Upper: Incoming Lodge Chief Greg Yentz congratulated by outgoing Chief Dan Olbrych.
Right: Outgoing Lodge Chief Dan Olbrych and Lodge Adviser Amanda Pantone with the Centennial Year Lodge Charter.

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Chiefly Speaking



My Brothers,

This past year has been amazing for Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge. I would like to thank Dan Olbrych for leading this Lodge as Chief in the right direction for the past few years. He has been a role model for all and a servant leader at heart. I am honored to be your next Chief and I am excited to experience this new Lodge year with all of you. I would also like to thank everyone, adults and youth, who made last year and recently, the Summer Pow Wow, a success.

To carry this success into the future, leaders must rise; this year's leadership is a team of people dedicated to you - the members of this Lodge. Our collective vision for this year is to become the Best All-Around Lodge. With a vision comes goals: exciting program, amazing ceremonies, and service that will be felt for years to come.

It is important to remember that this is only possible with the support of the whole Lodge. Please join me in this vision, this dream, and help me make it a reality. Everybody can help. Return from summer camp and get the OA members from your home Troops to go to the Fall Ordeal, attend a Chapter meeting, take a Chairman position, become a ceremonialist, help run a Chapter competition, or attend a Service Day. There are countless opportunities for you to become more active in the Lodge and it only gets more fun. I challenge each and every one of you to find your place in Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge. Whether it be in program, service, ceremonies, or something in-between, find a niche that you love and allow your interests to blossom into talent and fun.

With any questions, comments, or concerns please email me at lodge237@gmail.com and I will try to respond as soon as possible. Let's make this year unforgettable.



WWW,

Gregory Yentz

Lodge Chief

Adviser's Minute



Winston Churchill once said, "You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life."

Now, I am not a fan of making enemies on a regular basis. In fact, I avoid conflict like the plague. But on the other hand, I am strongly committed to do my very best to stand up for what I believe in. So for me this quote is a bit of a dichotomy.

Recently someone asked me to do something that I felt was against my personal principals. This was a person whom I look up to. I found that I hesitated. I found that I was considering the request. But something nagged in my brain and in the end I simply said no. A small thing in practice, but it has me thinking about how easy it is to compromise one's values. Having courage of convictions means having the guts to stand up for what you believe is right even when it is not easy. And believe me, sometimes it is hard, really hard.

I find my convictions are much more clear and easier to defend when the situation involves people I do not know well. Think about this... if we saw a stranger stealing from a store, it would be far easier to report him than if it that person was our friend. Why is this? The belief that stealing is wrong is constant, but that the person stealing is a friend complicates the matter.

Or perhaps when it comes to convictions, we can compromise our beliefs based on degree. In our stealing example do we look the other way when the transgression is small, such as stealing a pack of gum versus stealing a car?

Or maybe we simply look the other way because we are fearful. Perhaps we don't want to be ostracized or ridiculed. Often standing up for our beliefs results in having to defend our beliefs or becoming a target ourselves.

But once we start justifying our inactions, our complacency grows. And as each of us becomes comfortable with complacency, we become a group that is comfortable with complacency. I am sure that you can think of situations at school, in Scouting, or in other areas of your life where something was not right and not one person had the courage to take a stand. Be that one!

WWW,

Amanda Pantone



Officer Reports

Vice Chief of Program

Brothers,

As for Program I will continue on as your Vice Chief and can't wait to see what this year has in store for us. If you want to help with program please email me or the Lodge so we can find a place for you, there's room for everyone. To conclude I encourage everyone to sign up for fall ordeal in September and all our other events, this years program is going to be state of the art and unlike anything this Lodge has ever seen. Again thank you for the distinct honor and privilege of serving you the members!!!! GO GATORS!!!!

WWW,

Michael Riley

Lodge Vice-Chief of Program



Lodge Officers (center Left to Right) Christopher Rice, Andrew Sasser, Robert Ulrich, Michael Riley, and Greg Yentz are sworn into their new positions by Section Chief Aaron Gluck (far Left)

Vice Chief of Service

Brothers,

This year, service will become bigger and better. We need your help. Youth will take a larger role in the service towards our Lodge and Council. We plan to appoint a Lodge Quartermaster, as well as re-instating a Maintenance Yard Coordinator, Trail Crew Manager, and Food Service Coordinator. Brothers will also carry out more service on a chapter level. Lowaneu Mawat has just completed a successful day of service; we hope to see other chapters do the same. Much more is to come, and I am excited to work with you all.

WWW,

Robert Ulrich

Lodge Vice-Chief of Service

NOAC Throwback



Reprinted from the NOAC *National Inspirer* - August 17, 1988

Most Arrowmen today have only the vaguest perception of the nature of our Founders, Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Col. Carroll A. Edson. We have all been versed on the events leading up to the first OA induction on Treasure Island Scout Camp, located outside of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The spark had been ignited.

In the weeks and years that followed, more inductions were conducted and membership in the OA became a staple of the summer camp experience. Shortly thereafter, word of our Brotherhood spread to nearby councils, and members outside of the Philadelphia Council were being inducted. The spark had become a flame.

Interest swelled, membership increased, lodges were formed and the honor camper society of Treasure Island became an officially recognized and integral part of the Boy Scout program. We know that the sky is truly the limit for where we can go, but why are we here? We serve a vital purpose.

In each council, when effectively used, we are a priceless asset. Working hand in hand with our respective camping committees, we provide a powerhouse of labor at camp. We inspire the members of our units. In addition, we also provide an opportunity for our members to explore and enrich their leadership potential, both in their units and lodges. In some way, we have all been touched and influenced by the Order.

One way to view the OA is that we are all on a trail, progressing onward. At times the trail becomes difficult and steep, an example of the burden of weighty responsibilities we sometimes bear. At times the trail is in need of repair, so we pause and improve the condition of the trail for our fellows. The trail can also grow wide and easy, and here we walk alongside other Brothers and enjoy their friendship and fellowship.

At any given point in time, we are all on the trail, leading those who are to come after us and following those who came before us. We travel on, using both our own resources and the help of our Brothers. All of us traveling on a well-beaten path, a path laid by those who have gone before; a path bearing the footprints of our Founders.



A-Bani-Ki

Hello Brothers,

My name is Matthew Grabasch and I will be having the honor to serve as your Chapter Chief for the upcoming year. I am looking forward to take the next step into this new century of OA and am looking to further our continuing service. We have a great group of leadership in Shane Wooley and Nick Boekholder as Vice Chiefs and Mr. Bassler as our Chapter Adviser. Please remember that our monthly Chapter meetings are located at Chancellor Charter School Imagine Campus, the second Monday of every month from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. We are continuously seeing new faces, but we would like to have more consistency in attendance. Our meetings will start in August and go until May. Please try to bring in baked goods to sell so we can finish off our campaign to update our patches and T-shirts. If you need to contact me at all, my email is: Mattisahockeyfan@gmail.com. Remember, ITS NO LIE, THE BEST CHAPTER IS A-BANI-KI!!!

WWW,

Matthew Grabasch



Ne-Kee-Wa

Hello Brothers,

This next year should be one of the best. Our Ne-Kee-Wa Chapter shirts are now in and our Ne-Kee-Wa Chapter patches are in the process of being ordered. In order to get a Chapter shirt for \$10 email nekeewa@gmail.com. We will be having a Chapter meeting sometime after summer break so be on the look out for updates. For Brothers looking to seal their membership in the Order, read the Brotherhood article.

WWW,

Eric Kastelic



Lowaneu Mawat

Lowaneu Mawat,

We had a great year, but just you wait! As our Chapter broadens our sights, we want to do amazing things. More service, fellowship, and fun! Remember to bring your fellow Brothers to Chapter meetings. Our next meeting is on the fourth Monday of August (the 24th) at 6:30pm. We meet at the Living Lord Lutheran Church on 58th Ave. See you around!

WWW,

Robert Ulrich



Chapter Corner

Oi-Ya-Tah

Brothers,

Oi –Ya-Tah Chapter is going very well. We are thrilled to have won Best All Around Chapter this past year, and want to thank our last Chapter Chief Michael Riley for his dedicated service to our Chapter and strong leadership that allowed us to fully experience this Lodge year. For the upcoming year, we are planning on winning Best All Around Chapter again. We are going to amp up our service at the Chapter level and are looking to increase member retention. The next year is going to be awesome and all the Brothers in the Chapter are ready to take the Lodge by storm. We still meet the second Thursday of every month at District Roundtable, and encourage everyone to come out. We will be meeting the third Thursday in July to keep up with you all, if you can attend that would be awesome. Lastly we at Oi –Ya-Tah would like to congratulate Nick Raymond for becoming the new Lodge Ceremonies Chief, and Michael Riley for being re elected as the Vice Lodge Chief of Program. Way to represent guys!! Remember Have No Fear Oi –Ya-Tah is here!!!!!!

WWW,

Oi Ya Tah Writing Staff



Wyhome-Pa-Tah

Wyhome-Pa-Tah,

We had a wonderful year of service under the past Chapter Chief, and at Summer Pow Wow we elected a new set of officers: Justin Krum, Chapter Chief; Austin Johnson, Vice Chief; Freddy Leno, Supervisor of Elections; Seth Ackerman, Secretary; JT Mundell, Treasurer. I look forward to seeing a year of growth and service from our Chapter! The next Chapter meeting is on July 12th at 1 PM at the Rinker Center. Remember to bring Brothers from your units to the meetings as well. I look forward to seeing representation from every Troop in Wyhome-Pa-Tah at the July meeting!

WWW,

Justin Krum



The Forum

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The Forum is a place in GT where everyone from Chairman to Arrowman can speak. We accept all submissions, so if you have something you want to say or showcase in the next issue, please submit it to lodge237@gmail.com



The Thorns Family in the Order of the Arrow (left to right)

Jason Thorn, Spring Ordeal 2012, Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge 237
William H. Thorn, Jr., Ordeal approx. 1940 Shu-Shu-Gah Lodge 24,
Steven C. Thorn Ordeal approx. 1962, Ty-Ohni Lodge 95,
Jason "Xander" Thorn II, Spring Ordeal 2015, Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge 237.

Brothers,

I look forward to meeting all future Brotherhood members and helping them seal their membership in the Order by obtaining the honor of Brotherhood. For eligible Ordeal members looking to seal their membership in the Order there will be a Brotherhood day at TK Summer camp on July 1st. Be on the lookout for emails and a postcard for more information.

WWW,
Eric Kastelle



2015 – 2016 Lodge Calendar

August

August 29, 2015:
Lodge Leadership Development Course

September

Lodge Weekend: September 25-27, 2015
Fall Ordeal at TK

October

October 10, 2015:
OA to assist with Gator Grind at TK

November

November 6-8, 2015:
Section Leadership Summit at Camp Wallwood in Quincy, FL

November 20-22, 2015:
OA to assist at SAW

December

Lodge Weekend: December 4-6, 2015
Winter Fellowship at TK

January

January 9, 2016: Lodge Banquet at TK

February

February 6, 2016:
Winter Pow Wow and OA Day at TK (Trade-O-Ree, Vigil Breakfast, Call-Out, Brotherhood Day)

March

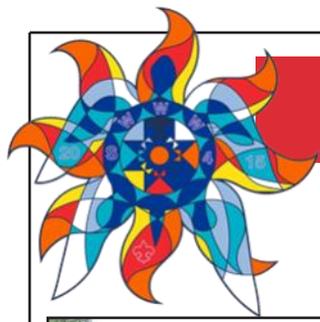
Lodge Weekend: March 4-6, 2016
Spring Ordeal at TK

April

April 8-10, 2016:
Section Conference at Camp Elmore in Davie, FL

May

Lodge Weekend: May 13-15, 2016
Summer Festival at TK



Section Conference 2015 Recap

Brothers,

To all of those that could not make it out Section Conference, missed a lot of fun and fellowship with our Brothers in the Section. We competed in all competitions, and took home First Place in King's Cup, Website, and Publications, Second in Volleyball, Third in Inductions and Adviser Sink-a-thon. We had five Lodge members take part in the Festival of Feathers where Connor Caners took First Place in Grass Dance, Kristian Cimmino took Third Place in Straight Dance. Andrew Pierro took First Place, and Issac Sunderman took Third Place, and an Honorable Mention for Jason Thorn II all in Northern Traditional. If you want to see some pictures from this event they are up on the Lodge's website and if you have some that you could upload that would be greatly appreciated. We had a total of 105 Arrowmen that represented Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge, we were spirited but not obnoxious, and very sportsmanlike.

The newest Section Chief, Aaron Gluck, comes from our very own Aal-Pa-Tah. We expect good things of you Aaron! Our success at Section Conference was due to those that worked hard to update the website, publish Gator Tales, and record our Lodge's history. We are looking for hardworking Arrowmen who want to better our Lodge. If you any question on the positions or what is right for you, please email lodge237@gmail.com.

Yours in Service,

Daniel Olbrych



Hello Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge,

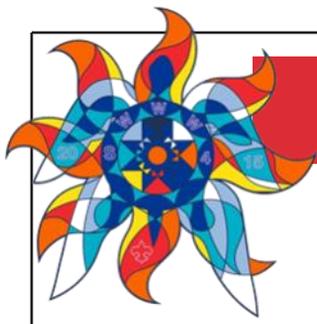
If you are unaware, I was recently elected to the position of Section Chief. I am extremely proud to represent our Lodge at this level and am ready to improve our Section going forward. I want to let everyone in our Lodge know about some opportunities from the Section level. We are currently recruiting members to be a part of four Section task forces for AIA, ICE, Website, and Publications. Arrow Tour will be held at Camp La-No-Che and Camp Shands on July 9 and 10, respectively and is free and open to the public. I also want to let all of the members who will be going to NOAC know that we will be doing a Section Gathering (Pizza Party) after the Wednesday night show. We also have a great event coming up November 6-8, which is the Section Leadership Summit at Wallwood Scout Reservation in Quincy, FL. Finally, please visit our new website at sections4.org and like our Facebook page. If anyone would like to learn more about the Section or get involved please contact me directly at ahg1996@yahoo.com

WWW,

Aaron Gluck

S4 Section Chief





Section Conference Recap



Distinguished Service Award

Pictured right is the Distinguished Service Award. One of our own Arrowmen, Barry Ekle, has been selected to receive the Award for the Class of 2015. Barry will join a distinguished group at our Order's 100th Anniversary Conference being held at Michigan State University August 3-8.

Since the inception of the Distinguished Service Award, only 965 Arrowmen have been selected, including the 3 recipients from Florida for the class of 2015. Barry joins previous the recipients from Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge: Kelly Landers, Richard Fore, and Elam Patterson.

As Cited by the National Order of the Arrow Committee:

As a youth member, Barry served the Order as our Section Chief.

As an adult, he has served on staff for numerous regional and national Order of the Arrow events, including National Leadership Seminars, ArrowCorps5, and 18 National Conferences. In addition to serving as the adviser for the Lodge Secretary/Publications, he also serves on the National Catholic, Religious Relationships, and Sea Scout Committees.





2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference

The 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) will be happening August 3rd to 8th at the Michigan State University campus. For our contingent members, NOAC begins on **July 30th** as it is the day that we leave. NOAC ends for our contingent on **August 9th** since it's the day we arrive back here in Florida. This year's NOAC is going to be an absolute blast and will happen less than two months from now! For those in the contingent, here are a few important things to look out for!

1. Order your NOAC patches TODAY. These will sell out very quickly. All patches can be ordered on line at: <http://www.aal-pa-tah.org/on-line-payments/2015-noac-patches>
2. All NOAC health forms must be submitted on line by **6/30**. Contact Ms. Straight if you need help at majorshan@gmail.com
3. There are four permission slips that need to be turned in. They can all be found on the NOAC page of the Lodge website, located at <http://www.aal-pa-tah.org/noac-2015/>
4. We have compiled a ton of information for you on the NOAC page of the website. Check it out.
5. Extra shirts are now being offered for sale on the Lodge website as well.



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