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## NOAC 2018

Brothers,

Wow! That's a wrap! NOAC 2018 has come and passed. The Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge sent 29 members to the 2018 National Order of the Arrow Conference at the Indiana University in Bloomington, IN. Thousands of Arrowmen from all over the country gathered to celebrate, learn, and grow in the Order.

Our contingent flew into Chicago, the Windy City, and enjoyed activities ranging from Millennium Park, Navy Pier, the Willis Tower Skydeck, and more! We stayed at a Scout Camp out of Woodstock, IN - Camp Lakota. After a couple of days of playing tourist in Chicago, we ventured on to Bloomington.

NOAC was a week full of fun, friendship, and fellowship - and... patch trading, competitions, trainings, and more! Some of our Arrowmen took home some remarkable accomplishments -

**Andrew Pierro** - 4th place northern traditional, gold for regalia

**Shane Wooley** - fifth place northern traditional, gold for regalia

**Austin Minick** - sixth place in grass and blue for regalia

**Joshua Katz** - eleventh place for southern straight and blue for regalia

**Josh Caudill and Justin Krum** - 2nd place OA Jeopardy

And notably, one of our very own was awarded the Order of the Arrow's Distinguished Service Award. **Congratulations to Brad Ellis!!**



The theme of NOAC 2018 was, Decide Your Destiny. Today's decisions shape tomorrow's reality. For every member of the OA, their membership began with a decision to join the Order and continue on the path of the Arrow. How will you shape your destiny?

Missed NOAC? Don't sweat it! NOAC 2020 is going to be just as fun, if not - EVEN MORE FUN! We can't wait to see you there. August 3-8 at Michigan State University! For more photos check back at Aalpathah.org

WWW,

*Robert Ulrich*

*NOAC Contingent Leader*

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# Chiefly Speaking



Brothers,

First off, I would like to congratulate all of our new brothers who sealed their membership in the Order of the Arrow at summer festival, you and the rest of the Arrowmen who attended managed to set all of the summer camp tents up in less than 5 hours! It was a fantastic weekend. This is going to be a great year, and we will need everyone's help to start getting camp ready for section conference, so encourage all of your friends to start coming back to lodge weekends!

In Wimachtendienk, Wingolausik, and Witahemui,

*Nicholas Boekholder*

Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge Chief

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# Adviser's Minute



Brothers,

I would like to thank Robert for his many years of service to the Lodge, in particular, the last two as Lodge Chief. He had the daunting task of getting a whole new group of young Arrowmen trained as most of our older and more experienced guys aged out and/or went off to school, as is the cyclical nature of Scouting. Thanks to his leadership, I am confident to say that we are as strong as ever with the new highly motivated LEC! Secondly, a big congratulations to Nick Boekholder as he becomes our new Chief! I am looking forward to continuing to grow under his leadership!

The Lodge had a huge presence on a highly successful summer camp staff. Our OA days were said to be amongst the best anyone can remember. There were lots of activities and great cracker barrels and the participation was outstanding.

I am excited to see what NOAC has to offer us. We have 28 on the contingent, and 6 Brothers serving on Staff. Nick and I were honored to have been asked by Past Chief Brad Ellis to join him as he is being presented the Distinguished Arrowmen Award at a special dinner on Tuesday night at NOAC. Truly a great night for Aal-Pa-Tah!

The Lodge has a great head of steam going into Fall, with LLD, SLS, Fall Festival and a TK workday on the horizon. I encourage all of our Arrowmen to get out and get active. Your experiences are as great as you make them!

In WWW,

*Mr. Whalen*



# Officer Reports

## Vice Chief of Program

My Brothers,

I have the pleasure of serving as your Vice Chief of Program for the 2018-2019 year. I hope to be able to provide stellar program for all of you this year. I would like to see our events once again reach hundreds of members and do my part by putting on a program that people want to come and participate in. In addition I would like to have all of your voices heard in the planning process to ensure that there is something for everyone. With those goals in mind I hope to see everyone at Fall Festival this September 7th-9th. In addition if you are interested in being apart of the planning process for our events please contact me.

WWW,

*Kyle Webb*

## Vice Chief of Service

My Brothers,

My name is Samuel Vogin I have the great honor of being your Vice Chief of Service for 2018-2019. We have great strides to achieve this year. The lodge will be hosting this year's upcoming Section Conference. There is much to do to prepare our wonderful home to withstand this glorious event.

Many service projects this year will be focused on preparation for this year's Section Conference; however, many of these projects will benefit and withstand the test of time to both improve Tanah Keeta as well as improve the Lodge. Some of our main focuses will be finishing the knot board from last year as well as renovating Fort Blanchard. Not to mention our usual bit of cheerful service to keep our home shining.

In the following months keep an eye out for service opportunities not at usual lodge events. I plan to have many service days to better the camp as well as provide an OA Service Corp for events such as SAW and Gator Grind.

WWW,

*Samuel Vogin*

## Vice Chief of Inductions

My Brothers,

It is my absolute honor to serve as your Vice Chief of Inductions this year. The LEC and I have a detailed plan on member retention and elections processes. We plan to develop them greatly but remember, we all serve a part . Get those inactive members from your troops back to chapter meetings and Lodge events.

WWW,

*Matthew Grabasch*

## Lodge Secretary

My Brothers,

I would like to say thank you for allowing me to be your Secretary for this term. As the year goes on I plan to work very closely with the LEC to make changes to the website to better fit the needs of the Arrowmen in our Lodge. Also, to begin incorporating different activities into the Gator Tales to make them more interactive and to improve the communication practices of the Lodge.

If you would to get involved please contact me at [Secretary@aalpatah.org](mailto:Secretary@aalpatah.org)

WWW,

*Wilner Joseph*

## Lodge Treasurer

My Brothers,

I would like to thank each and every one of you for voting me into this office. I would like to say that this will be a very lucrative year for the lodge. I see remarkable things happening and am glad to be surrounded by such great leadership! I am still looking for volunteers to help me with lodge box – a very important job, especially with Section Conference 2019 right around the corner – feel free to contact me.

WWW,

*Joshua Caudill*



## A-Bani-Ki

Brothers,

I would like to first start off with Congratulations to all of A-Bani-Ki as we were awarded Best All Around Chapter for 2018! I am very thankful that you elected me to be you Chapter Chief for the 2018-2019 year. I am very excited and I think this year is going to be great our numbers have grown so much. Our meetings will be starting back up in August further information will be sent out. I hope to see you and help out in our chapter, there is a place for everyone... Find yours!

WWW,

*Alex Craig*



## Oi-Ya-Tah

Brothers,

I'm extremely honored to serve as your Chapter Chief again. We are continuously growing and progressing for the better. Our next chapter meeting which is on August 9th, will be essential to the progressiveness and future success to the Chapter. Keep a look out in your emails as important information is coming out soon. I can't wait to see what we achieve when we all work together. Best All-Around Chapter 2019 here we come!!!

WWW,

*Wilner Joseph*



## Ne-Kee-Wa

Brothers,

I would like to begin by thanking you all for electing me as Ne-Kee-Wa Chapter Chief . I hope we , together can form Ne-Kee-Wa into the best chapter . The Ne-Kee-Wa community has grown massively with more active members than ever seen before . Now together we can bring a whole new age of Ne-Kee-Wa . I can't wait to see Ne-Kee-Wa continue to develop this year.



WWW,

*Sutherland Harper*

# Chapter Corner

## Lowaneu Mawat

Brothers,

I want to thank you for electing me as your Chapter Chief for the 2018-2019 year. Our chapter is currently growing as we welcome in new brothers. We have a lot of things to fix this year and I know we can fix them as we move forward.



We will be having our next chapter meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup> at the St Lutheran Church on 58<sup>th</sup> street we will be looking at some of these problems and hopefully fixing most of them. We will also be looking at upcoming events and service projects for the community. I look forward to this year and I hope we grow more and become the best chapter in the Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge.

WWW,

*JT Sorrell*

## Wyhome-Pa-Tah

Brothers,

I revere the progress we have made in the past year in our chapter and hope to continue this steadfast path to becoming the best chapter. We are close to getting T-shirts and patches made, an email to make pre-orders will come out soon. But we still must work assiduously to make sure the elections are completed to allow our fellow brothers into the order. Currently, we are still planning both a Wyhome-Pa-Tah fun day and a Tri-Chapter fun day with Oi-Ya-Tah and Ne-Kee-Wa. I am vying to make this chapter the best it can be and with your help we can achieve that. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at any time!



WWW,

*Josh Caudill*



# The Forum

## The Forum

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 in the next issue, please submit it to [Secretary@aalpatah.com](mailto:Secretary@aalpatah.com)

### PHOTOGRAPHERS WANTED

- **Must Come to all Lodge events**
- **Willing to learn how to use a camera**
- **Energetic Attitude**

**Contact [Historian@aalpatah.org](mailto:Historian@aalpatah.org) If Interested**

### GATOR TALES HELP WANTED

- **Must be proficient with Microsoft Publisher, or willing to learn**
- **Must maintain active status with Lodge**
- **Must go to Section Conference 2019**
- **Willingness to cooperate with other people on Gator Tales articles**

**CONTACT [Secretary@aalpatah.org](mailto:Secretary@aalpatah.org) If Interested**

## LLD

Brothers,

If you are interested in taking on a more active role in the lodge, then I would encourage you to attend our Lodge Leadership Development on August 25. This is open to all Arrowmen who wish to attend. This is a great day full of informative trainings on just about everything you need to know in the lodge. It's not too late to sign up!



WWW,  
LLD Committee

## Fall Festival

Brothers,

This fall we will be continuing our journey across the sunshine state and visiting Cape Canaveral for an out of this world weekend on our very own bend of the Loxahatchee camp Tanah Keeta!

This space themed weekend will be one for the books as we take to the stars with space themed activities games and so much more I hope to see all of you there and ready with your best sci-fi and space themed gear to get into the spirit. Save the date for September 7th-9th for an out of this world weekend!



WWW,  
*Kyle Webb*

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# Arrow of Light Ceremonies

Brothers,

The National Order of the Arrow Committee after months of collaborative work with ceremonialists and lodge leadership representatives announces the following policy change. This policy change will apply to ALL Order of the Arrow lodges and chapters.



We know that lodges and chapters are frequently asked to perform Arrow of Light and crossover ceremonies for Cub Scout packs, which is an appropriate service in support of our packs. That said, we have had many complaints surrounding these ceremonies from various American Indian tribes due to the manner in which they are conducted as well as the inconsistent nature in which they are performed.

Beginning January 1, 2019 lodges and chapters that are asked to conduct Arrow of Light or crossover ceremonies for Cub Scout packs will only be permitted to conduct them using the new approved official ceremonies which can be found in the OA Inductions Portal. These ceremonies are to be conducted in a Scout uniform and are no longer permitted to be done in American Indian regalia.

WWW,  
Gator Tales Writing Staff

# Summer Gathering Recap

Brothers,

Arrowmen and Ordeal Candidates worked together to put up 9 campsites worth of tents at Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation, preparing them for Summer Camp in the coming months.

Saturday was full of service and fellowship. That night, we gathered to celebrate the new ordeal members and electing the new lodge officers.



**2018-2019 LEC**

WWW,  
Gator Tales Writing Staff

# Summer Gathering Photos

New ordeal members and elangomats -ready for an amazing night!



New S-4 Section Chief Tyler Shaw and incoming Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge Chief enjoying Friday night Festivities.



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### Upcoming Events

**August 25th**

Aal-Pa-Tah Day  
Lodge Leadership Development

**September 7th-9th**

Fall Festival

**November 9th-11th**

SLS

**December 7-9th**

Winter Fellowship