



# THE GORGET

OF THE AKELA WAHINAPAY LODGE 232, ORDER OF THE ARROW

POW WOW EDITION

JULY 2018

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NOAC 2018

July 30- August 4

Pow Wow

August 10-12

Lodge Fellowship

October 6-7

Fall Arrowee

November 30- December 2

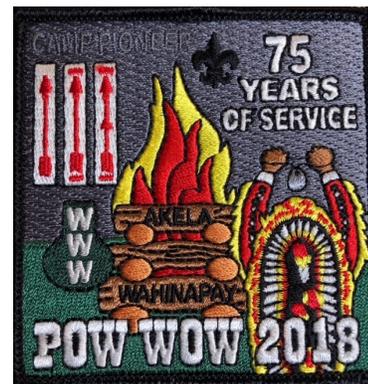
## 2017 LODGE OFFICERS

Vigil Chief Jeffery Hanson
Chief Chris Sparks
First Vice Chief Joshua Asher
2nd Vice Chief Conner Woodle
Secretary Spencer Richardson
Treasurer Kolby Perrin
Quartermaster Tyler Standridge
Dance Team Chairman Zach Dunbar
VC Indian Affairs Caleb Neal
Lodge Advisor John "Jackie" Quinn

## Pow Wow 2018

Pow Wow 2018 is right around the corner, with check in starting at 7:00 pm Friday August 10, 2018. This is the first chance Ordeal candidates have to be inducted into the Order of the Arrow. Those eligible for Brotherhood can also try to obtain Brotherhood rank. Vigil callout will be held after all of the ceremonies and check out will be at 10:00 am Sunday August 12, 2018. There are plenty of things that participants can do such as

being an Elangomat. Elangomat means friend in Linne Lenape. Elangomats help with the Ordeal candidates. If you would like to find out more or become an Elangomat, contact our lodge 2nd Vice, Conner Woodle at woodle.conner0319@gmail.com



## Winter Banquet Report

The OA Winter Banquet was held on January 6, 2018 at Camp Preston Hunt. The event was a time to reflect on the past year and to recognize those who had provided outstanding service to the lodge and the community. The guest speaker was SR-2 Section Adviser Brian Bennett.

The highlight of the evening was the awards presentation, which included the Vigil Honor recipients, Founder's Awards, Lodge Distinguished Service Recognition, George C. Byrd Award, and Keeper of the Fire Awards.

**Vigil Honor:** Joshua M. Asher, Michael D. Asher, Donald G. Middleton, Casey J. Perry, W. Christopher Sparks, and Richard L. Wiggins, Sr.

**Founder's Awards:** Beau R. Campbell and Kenneth L. Johnson

**Distinguished Service Recognition:** W. Christopher Sparks

**George C. Byrd Award:** Darin S. Powell

**Keeper of the Fire:** Zackery K. Dunbar, Damian F. Kisselburg, Hiram O. McClure, Davis M. Miller, Jeff K. Neal, RaDonna C. Perrin, Casey J. Perry, Greg J. Perry, Darin S. Powell, Michael S. Richardson, Seth Sexton, James L. Standridge, and Joshua K. Whitlow

*Adults = Italicized Names*

# Chiefly Speaking



*“In Scouting, a Boy is encouraged to educate himself instead of being instructed.”*

**Robert Baden-Powell**

Brothers,  
As this year comes to a close, I would like to recap on everything that we as a Lodge, have accomplished. We have had a great year of participation, especially from the unit level. It is my hope that the participation that I have seen only increases as we start a brand new year! Over the course of this year the Lodge has done a great deal of service, not only to our council, but to the Order of the Arrow as a whole. We have done various things such as, volunteering to be the leading team for the Section

Conclave service project, made repairs to the Camp Pioneer river ring, and Council Ring. We also cheerfully led a booth at the Scout O Rama, in which we introduced a new activity to the Lodge, tomahawk throwing booth. As everyone is well aware of the closure of Camp Pioneer in which cancelled the 2018 summer sessions, we made it a point to step up to the challenge and put on a full Calling Out ceremony. We utilized the beautiful setting of Camp Pioneer and treated it as a Friday during summer camp. This is the first year in our Lodges 75 year history, to have took on such a task. Needless to say, it

was very exceptional. We had a great turn out, and lots of skillful volunteers. To close I would like to mention something to all of you younger arrowmen, being apart of this Lodge is not based on what we can or cannot do, but it is based on what we haven't tried yet. That is why I encourage as many of you as possible to consider running for a Lodge or Chapter office. This is the experience of a lifetime, and the team you work with will soon find its way into your heart as lifelong friends that you will consider family. I am so grateful to have been Chief on such a fantastic year. Always remember what I say, “the Chief does not make the braves, but the braves make the Chief.”

## Lodge History Added to the Webpage

Two new buttons have been added to the Akela Wahinapay Lodge Webpage: LODGE HISTORY and HISTORY ARTICLES. Selecting LODGE HISTORY takes you to the lodge history main page where you to contribute or correct the current content or offer ideas and articles by submitting an email to [history@lodge232.org](mailto:history@lodge232.org) A fillable contact form is also provided if you are interested in working on our Website team.

Below that on the following selectable buttons that take you to:

- A Brief History of Akela Wahinapay Lodge
- List of the Past Lodge Key 3
- List of the National Founder's Award Recipients
- List of the Lodge Distinguished Service Recognition Recipients
- List of the Lodge George C. Byrd Award Recipients

Selecting the HISTORY ARTICLES button takes you to the current list of history articles about the formation of Camp Pioneer, Akela Wahinapay Lodge and the evolution of the Order in Caddo Area Council. The current list includes:

- Lodge Totem
- Lodge Gorget
- Lodge Ordeal
- Lodge Brotherhood
- Caddo Council And Its Camps

Pictures of lodge artifacts and past members are provided throughout.

# NOAC 2018

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is a multi-day event which usually takes place on a university campus east of the Mississippi River, bringing together thousands of delegates from lodges around the nation for training and activities. This NOAC is located at the University of Indiana, in Bloomington. In 2015, Our lodge went to the centennial NOAC, at Michigan State University. NOAC has many different activities for the contingents to do while they are there. Each day the conference has different training and various activities such as: Scuba, various leadership training sessions, the GEO museum, and much more. Each night during the conference, everyone will attend shows at the sports arena that will be very cool and interesting. Our Lodge contingent will take a total of fourteen people in our contingent. Our Contingent is excited for a fun-filled time at NOAC, and will update everyone in the next edition of the Gorget.



## Conclave

On April 21 through April 23, 2018, our lodge brought 25 arrowmen up to the 2018 SR-2 Conclave to the Sid Richardson Scout Ranch in Bridgeport, Texas. Our lodge took charge and organized the service project for the weekend. We raked and dug up an old volleyball pit and filled up with sand. We clocked in a total of 75 service hours and received the "We Support Camping Award" in recognition of our outstanding support for our councils outdoor program.



## Lodge Executive Committee Meetings

Each troop should have a Scout designated as it's "OA Troop Representative," whose duties include attending the monthly Lodge Executive Committee Meetings and keeping his troop informed of upcoming lodge events. If you are the OA Troop representative for

your troop, please make every effort to attend these meetings. If your troop does not have an OA troop representative, discuss the possibility of filling this position with your Scoutmaster. Being an OA Troop Representative satisfies the "position of leadership" re-

quirement for rank advancement and is an excellent way to become active in the lodge! Lodge Executive Committee Meetings are held at the Hardy Memorial UMC at 2:30 pm on the third Sunday of each Month.

***"The real way to gain happiness is to give it to others."***

**Robert Baden-Powell**

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