



THE GORGET

OF THE AKELA WAHINAPAY LODGE 232, ORDER OF THE ARROW

SPRING ARROWEE EDITION

MARCH 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

**SECTION G3
CONCLAVE
APRIL 22-24**

**SPRING
ARROWEE
MAY 6-7**

**2021 -2022
OFFICERS**

Chief Damian Kisselburg
1st Vice Chief Jacob Rush
2nd Vice Chief Ariana DePoi
Secretary/Treasurer Mary Martinez
Quartermaster Matthew Meinzer
Vigil Chief Blake Maynard
Dance Team Chmn Dakota Kisselburg
Lodge Adviser Darin Powell
Lodge Staff Adviser Gus Kisselburg

Spring Arrowee



Spring Arrowee will be held May 6-7 at Camp Preston Hunt. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our Lodge. It is also the ideal time to complete your Ordeal or secure your Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow. Learn from your fellow Arrowmen about how much fun we will be having over the next several months at Scout-a-Rama, G3 Conclave, NOAC, and Pow Wow. Make Lodge 232 better with your involvement in lodge executive committee meetings, service projects, and fellowship. When attending Spring Arrowee, you will have the opportunity to purchase an exclusive patch and other new OA items like fleece jackets, vests, hats, shirts and belt buckles. Remember you must pay your 2022 dues (\$15) to participate in all Akela Wahinapay functions. Registration will be available on the Caddo Area Council website

<https://scoutingevent.com/584-55193>

Section G3 Conclave



The 2022 Section G3 Conclave will be held April 22-24 at Kinsey Scout Reservation, just south of Shreveport. The theme is "Hollywood". Activities include training and learning seminars, American Indian affairs, ceremonies competition, patch trading, lodge competition in various sports, Pow Wow, and of course, fellowship with other Arrowmen. Early-Bird Registration is coming soon (\$35),

<https://scoutingevent.com/571-2022OAG3Conclave>

All Aboard for NOAC



“There is no teaching to compare with example.”

Baden Powell

Members of Akela Wahinapay Lodge will be traveling to Knoxville, TN, this July to attend the National Order of the Arrow Conference.

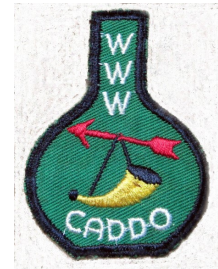
NOAC is our Order’s flagship national event, held over six days with 6,000 – 8,000 Arrowmen participating from throughout the BSA. The conference program includes innovative leadership development programs, fellowship periods and inspirational shows. In 2022, the 34th NOAC will be held at the University of Tennessee - Knoxville. Due to COVID, this will be our first NOAC since 2018, and the largest Scouting event in nearly four years. NOAC is a great way to learn more about the Order of the Arrow and opportunities that exist in the OA, meet Arrowmen from across the country and have a great time!

Our contingent fee will be \$900 which includes travel, lodging, meals, AND a stop in Nashville and outing at TopGolf. We need those interested to sign up quickly and pay the initial \$150 deposit to secure their spot!

Please contact Mr. Powell, our Lodge Adviser, for more details.
<https://scoutingevent.com/584-noac>

Yours in Brotherhood,
Damian Kisselburg

2022 Membership Renewal



To attend any OA event, run for lodge office, become a Brotherhood member, be considered for Vigil, or continue wearing our lodge neckerchief and lodge flap, you must be a current dues-paying member of Akela Wahinapay Lodge !!

Lodge dues are \$15 and can be paid at <https://scoutingevent.com/584-dues>

Winter Banquet Report



The OA Winter Banquet was held January 8, 2022, 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. Section officers Braiden Eccleston and Tairan Lockett were guests. The guest speaker was Travis Ransom, Mayor, City of Atlanta, Texas. Attendance was 53.

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

Vigil Honor: Maklain C. Currie, *Elon S. Phillips*, and Andrew M. Powell.

Founder's Award: *K. Drake Hargis* and Jacob N. Rush.

Lodge Distinguished Service Recognition: Andrew M. Powell.

George C. Byrd Award: *Shannon N. Kisselburg*.

James E. West Fellowship: *Darin S. Powell*.

Keeper of the Fire Awards: Timothy Brady, Naomi Creer, Sam Cross, Kevin DuPree, Jeremiah Henderson, Dakota Kisselburg., and Vincent Meinzer.

Elangomat Awards: Alex Sexton and *Jeb Newkirk*.

Adults = *Italicized Names*

Golden Tickets

The 2022 Golden Tickets have been ordered. The 40 lucky lodge members, who purchased the Golden Tickets will receive a limited-edition lodge flap. Also, as a bonus, they are already registered for all lodge events this year. This includes Winter Banquet, LLD, Spring Arrowee, Pow Wow, Fall Fellowship, and Fall Arrowee. For Vigils, it also includes the lodge's first annual Vigil Breakfast, the morning after Pow Wow. Thank You to all who purchased the Golden Ticket.

Lodge Activities



The 2021 Fall Arrowee was held on December 3-4 at Camp Preston Hunt. 44 Lodge members attended. The Lodge participated in service projects that aided in getting camp ready for 2022 Winter Camp. Most of these projects included setting classrooms. During this event, 10 new Ordeal members were inducted and one Brotherhood was converted

The 2021 Fall Conservation Day was held on December 11 at Camp Preston Hunt. This council event was spent cleaning & fixing all the camp trails & campsites. Philmont crew 802-7U, which is mostly OA members, spent the whole day trailblazing a new trail from the Dining Hall to the future home of the New OA Ring. Out of the 46 participants, 22 were lodge members.



The 2021 Winter Camp was held on December 27-30, at Camp Preston Hunt. The Lodge Ceremony team opened up Winter Camp, with a camp giving ceremony, that was highly talked about for the rest of the week. We had 32 lodge members step up and help staff another great Winter Camp. They did everything from teaching classes, being program support, logistics, and even helping in the kitchen. A BIG thank you to all helped out

The 2022 G3 Triad was held on January 14-15 at Camp Kinsey in Rockwall, LA. The event was a time for the section to plan Conclave and do some training. Our Lodge had 10 in attendance. 3 of our officers are working at Conclave. We had a blast meeting the Arrowmen from other lodges.



The 2022 Lodge Leadership Development Conference was held February 18-20 at Camp Preston Hunt. The event was a time to focus on the different types of leadership in the lodge and develop ideas and projects to enable and enhance growth within the council and lodge. The highlight of the weekend was our 3 guest G3 Officers: Zach, Braiden, and Tairan. Total attendance was 21.

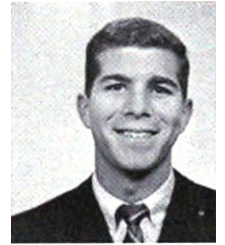
Where Are They Today?

What happened to some of the outstanding leaders from our lodge's rich history?

John Franklin Jordan was our 16th Lodge Chief (1962-1963). John was born in Atlanta, Texas. He earned Life Scout in Troop 41 in Atlanta. John was elected Clan Chief (1960-1961) and Lodge Vice Chief (1961-1962). He graduated Atlanta High School in 1964 and went on to graduate Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas, with a BS degree in Biology and Chemistry in 1969. John was Student Council President (1963-1964) in high school and active in all sports. After college, he worked 35 years for Betz Laboratories, an industrial water treatment company in Longview, Texas, where he was a consultant for the large petrochemical company - Texas Eastman. John retired in 2007 and lives in Portland, Oregon.



William Joseph Meyers, MD, was our 17th Lodge Chief (1963-1964). Bill was born in Waco, Texas. Bill earned the Ner Tamid Religious Award in 1960 and Eagle Scout on 12/4/1962 in Troop 41, Atlanta, Texas. He kept his Vigil on 12/7/1963 at Camp Pioneer; his Vigil name is WISCHIKI, interpreted as BUSY ONE. Bill went to Camp Pioneer 1958-1964, the last three years as camp chief. He was elected Clan Chief (1961-1962), Lodge Vice Chief (1962-1963), and Area 9-E Secretary (1963-1964). He graduated Atlanta High School in 1964 and went on to graduate the University of Texas in Austin in 1968 with a BA degree with Honors. He then graduated as a Doctor of Medicine in 1972 from the University of Texas Health Sciences Center in San Antonio, Long School of Medicine. He completed his residency in Pediatrics at the Bronx Municipal Hospital, Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He currently practices at The Pediatrics Group of New Rochelle. Bill lives in Scarsdale, New York.



William Woodford Sincler was our 18th Lodge Chief (1964-1965). Bill was born in Marshall, Texas. He earned Eagle Scout on 8/6/1962 in Post 66. He kept his Vigil on 12/5/1964 at Camp Pioneer; his Vigil name is NACHGOHUMAN, interpreted as ONE WHO SINGS. Bill went to Camp Pioneer 1960-1965, the last three on staff. He served as Lodge Corresponding Secretary (1963-1964) and worked as a Philmont Ranger (1966-1967). He graduated Hughes Springs High School in 1966 and went on to graduate the University of Houston in 1971 with a BA degree in Communications. Bill worked in radio in Houston at KFMK, KO-DA, and KTRH. He is an Army Veteran and has a diploma from the US Army Signal School, Fort Monmouth, NJ, in Still Photography. His later business interests included Ad Specialty, Print Broker, Newsletters and Photography. Bill lives in Cypress, Texas, where he is a member of Cypress United Methodist Church and teaches the Crusaders Sunday School Class. He plays the guitar and banjo and used to be a regular at the campfires of Camp Pioneer and Philmont. He has a Bluegrass Band, The Cypress Ramblers.





2021 - 2022 Lodge Officers

L to R: Mary Martinez, Ariana DePoi, Jacob Rush, Damian Kisselburg, Matthew Meinzer, and Dakota Kisselburg.

Lodge Executive Committee Meetings

If you are a new member of our lodge or a member trying to get more involved, there are multiple ways to do just that. One way is by attending our monthly LEC meetings. These meetings occur on the third Sunday of each month at the Scout Service Center at 2:30 PM. During the monthly meetings, upcoming events are planned and past events are reviewed. If you attend, you can also stay in the loop on upcoming dates for our lodge and section.