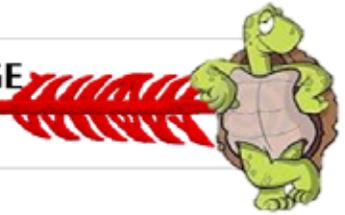


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WITHLACOOCHEE LODGE

South Georgia Council
1841 Norman Drive
Valdosta, Georgia 31601



2015 No. 1 (February)

Annual Banquet Recap

The Withlacochee Lodge annual banquet was held Saturday, January 10th, 2015 at the First United Methodist Church Social Hall. Nearly 100 Arrowmen and guests attended the banquet. The event was scheduled to coincide with the Lodge Leadership Development Course and the South Georgia Council's University of Scouting in order to further integrate Order of the Arrow programs into council events and give our membership a chance to attend more than one Scouting event at the same location. The catered meal was superb and members and their guests had a great evening of fellowship. The program included a slide show of our 2014 events; awarding chokers, certificates, and member cards to our seven new Vigil Honor members; recognizing the 2014 ceremony team with a 2014 ceremony team patch; presentation of two Founder's Awards; presentation of a James E. West Fellowship; and installation of the 2015 Withlacochee Lodge officers. The lodge would like to thank the Blackwater Chapter, and especially the Arrowmen of Troop 62, for hosting such a successful event.



2015 Withlacochee Lodge Officers

L to R: Noah Phillips – Lodge Chief, Joshua Chappell-Vice Chief of Programs, Caleb Phillips-Vice Chief of Administration, Matthew Stokes-Secretary, John Crowder-Treasurer



Presentation of OA Founder's Award to Noah Phillips and Jonathan Thomas by Vigil Honor member David Stokes, III



The Withlacochee Lodge Centennial Flap is available for purchase at any lodge event for \$5.00. This commemorative flap contains the Order of the Arrow centennial totem, our lodge totem, and remnants of the original Withlacochee Lodge member flap. Sales are restricted to one per member until the end of the year to ensure every member has an opportunity to purchase this special flap commemorating the 100th Year Anniversary of the Order of the Arrow.

Lodge Chief Establishes 2015 Goals

Lodge Chief Noah Phillips has established his goals for 2015. The goals are under the SMART format (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Time frame). Each goal has a set of objectives and each objective has a leader, or person responsible for managing the completion of the objective. Noah presented his goals to the lodge officers at the Lodge Leadership Development Course in January. Please take the time to read and understand the Chief's goals for Withlacoochee Lodge in 2015 and decide what you are going to do to help the lodge achieve the goals.

Goal 1		
Short Title: Strengthen Lodge Chapters		
S	Chapters have a sense of identity, and a 20% increase in participation in lodge events	
M	Participation at events measured in OA Lodge Master	
A	Yes, goal is realistic and attainable	
R	Yes, goal is relevant - Strong chapters equal a strong lodge	
T	By the lodge's 2015 Lodge Fall Fellowship	
Objectives		Leader
1	Teach a chapter management LLD class (completed 10 Jan 15)	Lodge Chief
2	Each chapter completes a service project, hosts a lodge event, and is prepared to perform WEBELOS crossover ceremony, and can support unit elections.	Chapter Chiefs
3	Develop a Chapter Spirit award for each lodge event and present the award to the deserving chapter.	Vice Chief of Programs
4	Each chapter will identify their chapter campsite at lodge events in order to maintain chapter integrity.	Chapter Chiefs

Goal 2		
Short Title: Celebrate the OA's Centennial Anniversary		
S	Plan and deliver a fun and inspirational event at each of our three main lodge events to celebrate the 100th year anniversary of the Order of the Arrow	
M	The goal can be measured by having a successful event at each fellowship	
A	Yes, goal is realistic and attainable	
R	Yes. It is part of the Arrowman Service Award and will serve the 87% of the Lodge unable to attend NOAC	
T	March, August, and November of 2015	
Objectives		Leader
1	Assign a youth Centennial Event Chairman.	Lodge Chief
2	Decide on activities that can be held at each of the council's camps.	Centennial Chairman
3	The main event for the lodge's centennial celebration at the summer fellowship.	Centennial Chairman
4	Document the centennial events in our newsletter and lodge history	Publications Chairman / Lodge Historian

"I will always regard the ties of brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow as lasting...."

Do you remember reciting these words during your Ordeal ceremony? There are many ways to ensure the ties of brotherhood remain strong. One way is to continue service to your troop and the Scouts who elected you into the Order of the Arrow. Service to your troop includes setting the best example you can by properly wearing your uniform, living by the Scout Oath and Scout Law, and teaching new members of your troop scouting skills. Another way is to participate in lodge events. Better yet, invite another Arrowman in your troop to join you at a lodge fellowship weekend.

Lodge Event Participation Targets.

These targets are tied to the 2015 lodge goal of strengthening our chapters. The adjacent table shows the number of Arrowmen who attended each 2014 fellowship weekend by chapter (red columns) and the attendance target for our 2015 fellowship weekends (green column). Each 2015 target is a 20% increase from 2014. Chapter attendance will be used with other metrics to determine the winner of the Chapter Spirit Award which will be presented to the winning chapter at each fellowship weekend.



Event	Chapter					
	Blackwater		Crooked River		Ichauway	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
Spring Fellowship	25	30	29	35	31	37
Summer Fellowship	18	22	9	11	17	20
Fall Fellowship	46	55	30	36	49	59



WITHLACOOCHEE LODGE SPRING ORDEAL AND FELLOWSHIP

Mark your calendars for the Withlacoochee Lodge Spring Ordeal and Fellowship weekend, March 6-8, 2015 at beautiful Camp Patten in Lakeland, Georgia. Member registration is \$20.00 if paid by March 2nd. Check-in is between 6:00-8:00 PM on Friday evening in the Copeland Conference Center. We will depart camp not later than 12:00 noon on Sunday. Activities include: Native American crafts and lore, chapter competitions, a Brotherhood training session and ceremony, and special activities to celebrate the Order of the Arrow centennial. Your 2015 dues must be paid to attend this event. The registration form is attached to this newsletter. (Scoutmasters – Consider bringing all Arrowmen in your troop!)



SR-9 2015 CONCLAVE

Who: All active (dues paid) Withlacoochee Lodge Arrowmen.

What: Conclave is an annual gathering of the 11 lodges in SR-9. There will be a variety of activities for all Arrowmen offered at conclave: camping at a beautiful camp, formal training, multi-media shows, ceremony competitions, dance and drum team competitions, sporting events, and patch trading. There is no such thing as boredom at an SR-9 conclave.

Where: Camp Sidney Dew, Rome Georgia, hosted by Waguli Lodge.
(We will have transportation.)

When: April 24-26, 2015

Why: An opportunity to take advantage of the best the OA has to offer: fun, fellowship, and camping.

How: Register to be part of the Withlacoochee Lodge contingent by completing the registration form on www.withlacoocheelodge.org.

Our goal is to take at least 54 Withlacoochee Arrowmen to Conclave!

Annual membership dues for Withlacoochee Lodge is \$10.00. You may pay your dues at either South Georgia Council Service Center or through the mail by sending a check to the South Georgia Council Valdosta Service Center. Make checks payable to "South Georgia Council-OA Dues". OA members may only wear the lodge flap of the lodge where their dues are paid.

"Servant leaders differ from other persons of good will because they act on what they believe."

Robert K. Greenleaf



Arrowman Service Award

The Arrowman Service Award (ASA) is a program to recognize those Arrowmen who seek to recommit themselves to the principles of the Order, support their local units and councils and participate in the centennial celebration. Arrowmen who earn the award will be able to wear the official ASA patch directly on their sash. Arrowmen, both youth and adult, must work to complete a set of requirements across three categories to earn the award. ASA requirement cards are available at any lodge functions or on the lodge website at www.withlacoocheelodge.org. Arrowman working towards the ASA must present his completed requirement card with all supporting signatures to the lodge adviser. The lodge adviser is the key person to determine if the requirements have been met successfully, and will grant the award as appropriate. Arrowmen can work towards the Arrowman Service Award until December 31st, 2015.



Becoming a Brotherhood member marks the completion of a member's induction into the Order of the Arrow. If you have been an Ordeal member for more than ten months, you are eligible to take the next step and become a Brotherhood member of Withlacoochee Lodge. The requirements to seal your membership can be found in the *OA Handbook* under **THE CHALLENGES OF BROTHERHOOD MEMBERSHIP**. The next opportunity to become a Brotherhood member will be at the Spring Fellowship Weekend, March 6-8, 2015 at Camp Patten.

WITHLACOOCHEE LODGE EVENT CALENDAR

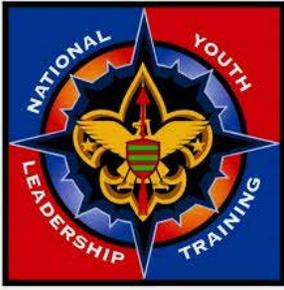
Date	Event	Location
February 13-15, 2015	National Leadership Seminar & National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar	Life Enrichment Center, Leesburg, FL
March 6-8, 2015	Lodge Spring Ordeal and Fellowship	Camp Patten
April 11-12, 2015	Native American Festival (not a lodge event but well worth the visit)	Chehaw Park, Albany, GA
April 24-26, 2015	Section SR9 Conclave hosted by Waguli Lodge	Camp Sidney Dew, Rome, GA
Early July 2015	ArrowTour – (we will do our best to visit the nearest ArrowTour stop)	Bert Adams - Covington, GA on July 5 th Camp La No Che – Paisley, FL on July 9 th Camp Shands – Hawthorne, FL on Jul 10 th
August 3-8, 2015 (travel 2-9 Aug)	National Order of the Arrow Conference	Michigan State University E. Lansing, MI
August 21-23, 2015	Lodge Summer Fellowship / Brotherhood	Camp Osborn

OUR 2015 - 2016 LODGE EVENT CALENDAR

Withlacoochee Lodge exists to support South Georgia Council. As such, the lodge event calendar is nested in the council program year calendar. While the dates for all lodge events have not been finalized; 2015 will prove to be an exciting year as we continue to celebrate the Order of the Arrow centennial anniversary. We will support unit elections August-September, host service days at each of our camps, be an integral part of the council's fall camporee, hold a fall fellowship and ordeal weekend, and have an LLD and banquet. The council's 2015-2016 program year calendar will reflect the dates and locations for these events.



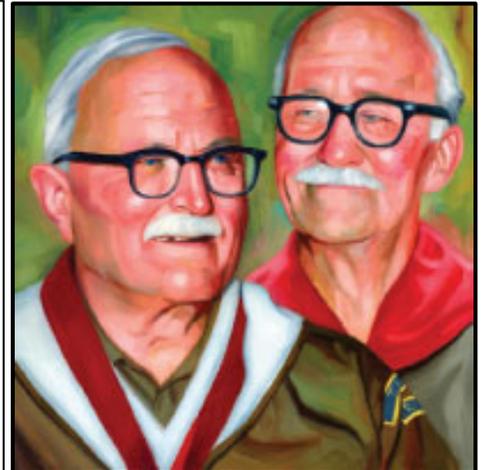
THE CENTENNIAL TOTEM - The wheel symbolizes the never-ending cycle of service in our Order and our united rolling forward motion into the next century. The white arrow on the red background represents the special sashes that participants will receive at the 2015 NOAC. Moreover, the three W's formed by the wheel's spokes and the corners of the triangle represent Wimachtendienk Wingolauchsik Witahemui. Lastly, the triangle in the center is the symbol for the Vigil Honor, our Order's highest membership level. The centennial totem was designed by Nathaniel Kelton. Kelton is from Troop 466 of Huntsville, Alabama and member of Coosa Lodge.



The South Georgia Council will conduct the National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) course May 31 through June 6, 2015 at Camp Osborn. NYLT is the highest level of youth leadership training available through a council and the ideal leadership training for youth Arrowmen. NYLT is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others. The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must KNOW, and what he must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. The skills come alive during the week as the patrol goes on a Quest for the Meaning of Leadership. The course curriculum is delivered in a troop and patrol outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment. Interconnecting concepts and work processes are introduced early, built upon, and aided by the use of memory aids, which allows participants to understand and employ the leadership skills much faster. NYLT participants will be engaged in a unified approach to leadership that will give them the skill and confidence to lead well. Through a wide range of activities, games, and adventures, participants will work and play together as they put into action the best Scouting has to offer. The best part of NYLT is that many of the NYLT staff are Withlacoochee Lodge Arrowmen so participants will be learning from the best Scouts in the council. Registration forms are on the South Georgia Council website. Please contact Mr. Britt Brinson, NYLT Course Director/Scoutmaster at brittbrinson@gmail.com or (229) 942-3294 for more information.

CENTENNIAL QUIZ - Test your knowledge of the OA's founding fathers.

1. The Order of the Arrow was founded by E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson. Both were on staff at Treasure Island Scout Camp, a 50 acre island on the Delaware River leased by the Philadelphia Council. What was E. Urner Goodman's volunteer Scouting position when not on camp staff?
2. Carroll Edson has always been an advocate for youth. While studying civil engineering at Dartmouth College he worked summers at this camp?
3. After 14 years of exemplary service as the Scout Executive in Philadelphia and Chicago, Goodman served as National Program Director at the National Council Staff headquartered in New York City. Goodman is credited with establishing what two important Scouting programs during his tenure as Program Director?
4. When the U.S. entered WW I in the spring of 1917, Carroll Edson was appointed a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army infantry. He served in numerous demanding positions throughout his military career on active duty and in the reserves. In 1931, he was assigned to this nearby military installation.
5. In 1947, while on a ship in route to the World Scout Jamboree in France, E. Urner Goodman was made an adopted member and honorary chief of this Native American Indian Tribe.
6. Goodman and Carroll got along well as a team and had much in common. Although Goodman was the visionary and Edson was more practical; they shared the same values in faith, family, and service to others. At the time they founded the Order of the Arrow they were both 24 years old. As they grew older, each had served in the U.S. Army, established families, and watched their children grow and thrive. Two men that had given so much to boys for so many years also share this sorrowful loss.



Answers

1. Scoutmaster of Troop 1; the first and largest troop chartered in the Philadelphia Council.
2. Camp Durrell, the Massachusetts State YMCA camp located in Friendship Maine.
3. Cub Scout and Explorer programs.
4. The Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia.
5. The Blackfoot Tribe. The honor was bestowed by Chief Guadippe who was a member of the BSA contingent, active Scouter, and had special authority from its tribe to adopt several world Scout figures.
6. The loss of each of their sons: George Goodman and Stuart Edson. Both were in the Army serving in France during WW II.



Order of the Arrow Withlacoochee Lodge 2014-2015



Event Registration Form for Members

	Print clearly and use one form per person.
	This form must be received (not postmarked) at the Council Office by the event's <i>Early Bird Deal</i> date in order to receive the discount
	All registrations are final. Registration fees cannot be transferred or refunded.
	Fellowship Weekends require current BSA Annual Health and Medical Record Parts A, B,
	Your 2014 (2015 after 1/1/15) dues must be paid to attend an event.

Name _____ Phone _____ Unit _____

Address _____ Date of Birth _____

City _____ Zip _____ BSA ID _____

E-Mail _____

Do Not Use This Form For Ordeal Registration

Honor (circle one) **Ordeal** **Brotherhood** **Vigil** **Non-Member**

EVENT	SUMMER FELLOWSHIP	FALL ORDEAL	ANNUAL BANQUET	SPRING ORDEAL
DATE	8/15-17/2014	11/14-16/2014	1/10/2015	3/6-8/2015
<i>Early Bird Deal</i>	8/11/2014	11/10/2014	1/6/2015	3/2/2015
LOCATION	<i>Camp Osborn, Sylvester</i>	<i>Camp Osborn, Sylvester</i>	<i>Tifton, Georgia</i>	<i>Camp Patten, Lakeland</i>
CIRCLE ONE <i>option for each event:</i> You may sign up for ALL events at once:	1 Member \$25.00	1 Member \$25.00	1 Person \$15.00	1 Member \$25.00
	1 Member <i>Early Bird Deal</i> (received by 8/11/14) \$20.00	1 Member <i>Early Bird Deal</i> (received by 11/10/14) \$20.00	1 Person <i>Early Bird Deal</i> (received by 1/6/15) \$13.00	1 Member <i>Early Bird Deal</i> (received by 3/2/15) \$20.00
	1 Brotherhood Candidate \$40.00	1 Brotherhood Candidate \$40.00	2015 Dues \$10.00	1 Brotherhood Candidate \$40.00
	1 Brotherhood Candidate <i>Early Bird Deal</i> (received by 8/11/14) \$35.00	1 Brotherhood Candidate <i>Early Bird Deal</i> (received by 11/10/14) \$35.00		1 Brotherhood Candidate <i>Early Bird Deal</i> (received by 3/2/15) \$35.00

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Valdosta, GA 31601

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