



2012-2013
Lodge Officers

December 19, 2012

Dear Members of the Executive Board,

Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge 237 is pleased to have this opportunity to present a report of our achievements in 2012. The areas we would like to highlight are as follows:



Mike McLoughlin
Lodge Chief

James Herrera
Vice Chief of Program

Dan Olbrych
Vice Chief of Service

Jan Wagner
Vice Chief of Inductions

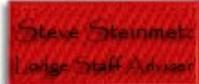
Chris Olbrych
Lodge Secretary

Ross Pantone
Lodge Treasurer

Aaron Gluck
Lodge Historian



Amanda Pantone
Lodge Adviser



Bradley Ellis
Cindy Hall

Elliot Taft
Assoc. Lodge Adviser

Leadership

The Lodge is a youth-run organization that develops leadership skills through practical application. Members of the Lodge had a number of opportunities to develop these skills by conducting a full year of activities to include the lodge banquet, summer pow wow, lodge leadership development conference, two ordeals weekends, One Day of Service, winter fellowship and numerous camp service days. The lodge also had a full time summer camp staff member who coordinated OA activities at camp. At Section Seminars, the lodge took first place in the website and King's Cup competitions and earned the prestigious recognition of the Section's Best All Around Lodge. In addition, the lodge sent a contingent of 54 youth, 12 advisers and 8 staff to the National Order of the Arrow Conference in Lansing Michigan. At this event the lodge had two dancers take top 10 in the grass dancing competition. But the pinnacle of this event was that Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge earned the coveted title of National Order of the Arrow Dodge Ball Champions!

Service

The Lodge provided exceptional service to council and the community this year. We held numerous camp service days and featured camp service at all Lodge events. In addition, community wide One Day of Service events were hosted by our chapters throughout the council. This year the lodge had two recipients of the national Distinguished Service Award. In the history of our lodge, only one other person has earned this distinction. These two recipients were Richard Fore and Elam Patterson.

Membership

The Lodge has submitted its Journey to Excellence reports to National and has recorded a Gold Level achievement in its initial year. We have increased membership to 513 members, up from 504 last year.

Financial Support

The OA contributed \$5,000 out of its general fund to support Gulf Stream Council Debt Relief. In addition, through the concession stand at the Fall Pow Wow, OA contributed an additional \$550 and the ongoing paver program will contribute 100% of its profits to the debt relief. Each year the lodge contributes to the council endowment fund through the naming of member(s) as James E. West recipient(s). In 2012 we named two recipients to this honor. The lodge continues to strengthen and diversify the campership fund, which currently is over \$51,000.

Our goals for 2013 include the continued strengthening of the Lodge through the achievement of the Journey to Excellence goals, the development of programs to assist in the webelos to scout transition in the council, to renovate Fort Blanchard at Tanah Keeta, and to continue our pledge of service to the council camps.

Yours In Scouting,
Michael McLoughlin
Lodge Chief

