



## 2017 Annual Report

The Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge 237 is pleased to present this summary of our accomplishments and achievements in the 2017 calendar year. This document catalogs our year-in-review, and will serve as a base to spring into an exciting new year of program and service towards the council. Our lodge thanks each of you for your service to the youth in the region. 2017 was a wonderful year for Scouting, and there is much more good to come!

### Membership Statistics

#### Journey to Excellence 2017

Anticipated to reach **JTE SILVER** Level  
**Score: 2,525** (125 points short of GOLD)

#### Membership Growth (-):

450 dues-paid members in 2016.  
443 dues-paid members in 2017.

#### Membership Retention (+):

66% were retained from 2015 to 2016.  
70% were retained from 2016 to 2017

#### Ordeal Completion Rate (-):

60% of Ordeal Candidates completed their Ordeal in 2016  
56% of Ordeal Candidates completed their Ordeal in 2017

#### Brotherhood Conversion Rate (+):

31% of eligible members completed their Brotherhood in 2016.

42% of eligible members completed their Brotherhood in 2017.

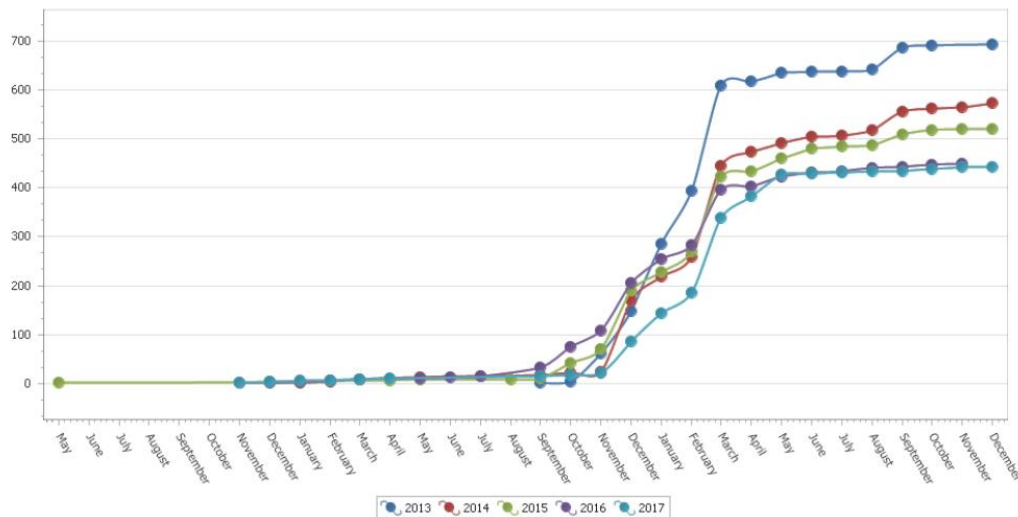
#### Weekend Participation:

On average, 27% of members participated in lodge events in 2017.

#### Section and National Goals:

On average, Section event attendance goals were exceeded by 34% in 2017.

Dues Paid by Month





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December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017

## Service Contributions

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### Recorded Hours of Service (+):

2,810 hours of service in 2016

4,465 hours of service in 2017

### Hours of Service per member (+):

Average 6.25 hours / member in 2016

Average 10.08 hours / member in 2017

### Supported Council Events:

- TK Gator Grind
- TK Summer Camp
- Fall Family Camporee
- TK Gator Trail
- SAW

### The Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge also supports events through its assets:

- Lodge Radios
- Lodge Electric Golf Cart
- Lodge Building

### Camp Projects on our Radar:

- Permanent OA Camp Trading Post / Merchandise Store, "Lodge Box"
- Knot Tying and Instructional Wall
- Hammock stands in primitive sites
- Permanent Human Foosball
- Frisbee Golf stands at Camp
- Fort Blanchard Stage Renovation
- Fort Blanchard Tower Renovation
- Clear Lake Dock initiative
- Gaga Pit restoration
- And MORE!

## Council Contributions

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### Total Financial Contributions:

\$4,090 contributed in 2017  
or \$9.24 per lodge member.

### Capital Contributions

\$2000 in endowment funds given by naming two Arrowmen as James E. West Fellows. Those honored in 2017 were Eric Kastelic and Juel Richter

### Remaining Contributions

The remaining \$2090 in financial contributions were made up of camp improvement projects and camperships.

### Camping Promotions

The Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge continues to meet its obligation of camp promotion. Camp promotions take place at each unit election and unit visitation, and we continue to promote council programs in our publications. Some such programs include TK Summer Camp, NYLT, and more.

### Where-To-Go Camping Guide

We are slated to release a brand-new and updated "Where-To-Go Camping" guide, which will help units find camping opportunities at their desired price and skill level. This will be a great asset to units within the council, as it is much more functional than previous edition



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## Membership Achievements

### Section Conference Awards

The Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge did well at Section level competitions at Conference 2017:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Spirit Award
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Best All-Around Lodge
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Inductions Administration
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Publications
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Website
- Pre-Ordeal Honor Team
- Best Allowat: James Jean
- Best Meteu: Ryan White
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Brotherhood Team
- 1<sup>st</sup> place Water Polo
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Volleyball
- Three 1<sup>st</sup> places, AIA Dance
- One 2<sup>nd</sup> place, AIA Dance

### Section Chief Re-Elected

Gregory Yentz, former Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge Chief, was re-elected to a second-term of service as the Section S4 Chief.

### We Support Camping Award

The Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge was selected as a recipient of the Southern Region, "We Support Camping Award" for our camp promotion programs, as well as projects such as the new Basketball Court, Gaga Pit, and more.

### OAHA participation

A total of six Arrowmen participated in OA High Adventure programs in 2017. One of whom, Andrew Sasser, completed three treks in one summer. The only Arrowman in the country to do so in 2017.

### Aal-Pa-Tah Launches New Website

The Lodge Website team put much arduous work into our brand-new website, which can be viewed at [www.aalpatah.org](http://www.aalpatah.org).

### Aal-Pa-Tah hosts Southern Chief

Harrison Fry, OA Southern Region Chief, attended the Aal-Pa-Tah Winter Fellowship on December 8-10, 2017.

### Publication of History Book

To commemorate the lodge's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2017, the Historian committee worked tirelessly with the help of Lodge Adviser, Steve Whalen, to publish an in-depth history book of our lodge.

### Construction of Life-Size Chess

The lodge constructed a platform for a brand-new life-size chess set at camp, also securing the accompanying pieces

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