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Brotherhood Day

Brothers,

As we begin this new year, I invite those of you who are eligible for brotherhood to seal their membership in the Order.

On Saturday, February 3rd, at Tanah Keeta, you

will have the opportunity to complete brotherhood counseling and the brotherhood ceremony to seal your membership. In addition to being able to seal your membership, join us for the Trade-O-Ree and call out ceremony afterwards.

Please make sure you have paid your dues for 2018; these can be paid on <https://www.aalpatah.org>. Also, please review the brotherhood criteria in preparation for Brotherhood Counseling at the event. This can be found on our website at <https://www.aalpatah.org/brotherhood>.

Hope to see you all there!

WWW,

Andrew Sasser

Brotherhood Chairman



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Chiefly Speaking



Brothers,

Happy New Year! What sort of traditions do you practice during this time of year? A very common one is New Year's Resolution. Do you have a *resolution*? Something you want to change, or something you want to start doing? These sorts of personal challenges are important in reaching your goals.

Now that we've concluded our 75th anniversary, I'd like to present some challenge to our lodge for 2018, or *resolutions*:

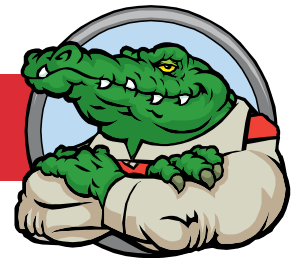
- First, I want each of you to pay your dues! It sounds simple but dues are what keeps our program rolling! Also—make sure your unit's OA members get caught up as well. Dues can be paid online or through the council service center. (<https://www.aalpatah.org>)
- Second, I want to see more people at our lodge weekends! We have an exciting program lined up for 2018! Find out how you can get involved. Bring out your fellow Arrowmen!
- And lastly, let's have a fun year! 2018 is going to be GREAT!

In WWW,

Robert Ulrich

Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge Chief

Adviser's Minute



Brothers,

"Courage is the main quality of leadership, in my opinion, no matter where it is exercised. Usually it implies some risk — especially in new undertakings. Courage to initiate something and to keep it going, pioneering and adventurous spirit to blaze new ways, often, in our land of opportunity." – Walt Disney

This is how Walt Disney looked at Leadership. He had a specific "recipe" for making dreams come true. He called this the four C's: Curiosity, Confidence, Courage, and Constancy. As much emphasis as he put on courage, he was felt equally strong about Confidence. Without confidence, you won't get past the challenges and critics that stand before you.

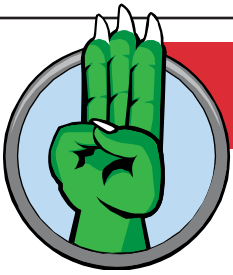
I can assure you that everyone meets their fair share of obstacles, challenges, and critics along the way. In fact, in 1919, Disney was fired from one of his first animation jobs at the Kansas City Star newspaper because his editor felt he "lacked imagination and had no good ideas." When you are faced with a roadblock or obstacle, find a way to work through it and come up with something great on the other side. Don't use it as an excuse for failure, but a reason for success.

As we forge into another year, I encourage all of us to use Walt's "Four C's of Leadership" and make something special of ourselves, our Lodge, and everything around us. Walt would surely be proud to look upon the leaders of our Lodge, and taken the leap of faith to lead. I know I am!

In WWW,

Mr. Whalen

Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge Adviser



Officer Reports

Vice Chief of Program

My Brothers,

We are still in search for those young arrow men who are searching for their place in the lodge! If you are interested in joining the group of us who have the privilege of planning and executing lodge weekends, please email me at lodge237@gmail.com. Also we are still looking for weekend chairs for both Spring Ordeal and Summer Gathering.

In WWW,

Nicholas Boekholder

Vice Chief of Service

My Brothers,

We are steadfast on bringing our plans of projects at Tanah Keeta to fruition. We are planning on building a knot wall for teaching younger Scouts knots. It will be useful for all troops, and especially for Tanah Keeta Summer Camp.

We are also currently in the process of renovating the fire pit in front of the OA Lodge.

In WWW,

Cameron Whalen

Lodge Secretary

My Brothers,

Don't forget to encourage your friends in your units to attend Spring and Summer Ordeals! They are the future of this lodge, just as you are!

I am still in search for up and coming Arrowmen to fill the leadership roles that are under the Secretary position, if you are interested in helping to edit Gator Tales, run the Lodge Website, or manage the Social Media, contact lodge237@gmail.com.

In WWW,

Justin Krum

Vice Chief of Inductions

My Brothers,

You have all experience your Ordeal. Now, it's time to give back to your lodge and its incoming members. If you are interested in being an elangomat or joining the ceremonies team, please email me at lodge237@gmail.com. These teams are integral parts of the lodge and the Ordeal, and neither can function without them. Your service would be deeply appreciated and is needed.

The word of mouth is the best promotion tool, so please encourage anyone in your home troop who has been elected to the Order of the Arrow during this past election season (October through December) to attend our call-out ceremony on February 3rd at Tanah Keeta, and encourage them to attend the Spring or Summer Ordeal.

Also, don't forget to seal your membership in Aal-Pa-Tah; if you have been active in the lodge for ten months, join us on February 3rd at Tanah Keeta for Brotherhood Day. The cost of this event is \$20 and can be paid on <https://www.aalpatah.org/>

In WWW,

Ryan White

Lodge Treasurer

My Brothers,

Thank you everyone that participated in the banquet and the patch auction. Remember that this event is your chance to get some of the best and most exclusive patches all year. But, the rest of our events, be sure to check out the Lodge Box at lunch and dinner on Saturday.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Lodge Box or even being Lodge Box committee chair, please contact me at lodge237@gmail.com. Thank you all and I hope to see you at our next event, Brotherhood Day.

In WWW,

Matthew Grabasch



Chapter Corner

Oi-Ya-Tah

Brothers,

2017 was a Huge Success for Aal-Pa-Tah. This Chapter is in the reconstruction phase, to build back up to where we need to be communication is essential.

Oi-Ya-Tah was once a force to be reckoned with. We have the numbers to be so once again, now the only thing lacking is sheer determination and willingness to give Cheerful Service. The continuation of future success in the lodge is almost guaranteed as long as we all do our part, make it a priority to come to all of the events and chapter meetings.

Chapter meetings are every second Thursday at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. I hope to see you there!

In WWW,

Wilner Joseph

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A-Bani-Ki

Brothers,

I would like to start by congratulating all of our Brothers who received awards and recognition at the 2018 Banquet on Saturday.

We will be having our next chapter meeting on January 22nd at chancellor charter School we will be looking at what the new year has in store for us as a chapter and how we can all excel in 2018. I look forward to our continued achievement as a chapter and look forward to an amazing new year because It's No Lie The Best Chapter Is A-Bani-Ki.

In WWW,

Kyle Webb

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OA Unit of Excellence

Since the Troop is the primary and most vital platform from which the Scouting Program is delivered, therefore it is only right that the OA supports the units of our council to the best of our ability. The OA Unit of Excellence Award is given to units that excel in incorporating the OA into their annual planning and participate in the lodge in elections, lodge events and meetings, & implement the OA Troop Representative program.



The award is broken into five major parts:

- 1) Leadership: Implement the OA Representative program in your unit
- 2) Participation: At least 50% of unit OA members attend a Lodge event in addition to their Ordeal
- 3) Elections: Hold an Election and have 100% of elected candidates complete their Ordeal
- 4) Planning: Maintain an active planning process that prevents overlap between Lodge and unit events
- 5) Conversion: At least 30% of eligible Troop members seal their membership by converting to Brotherhood.

Section Conference

Brothers,

Section conference is quickly approaching. This year, Section Conference will take place from April 13-15, 2018, at Camp Miles in Punta Gorda, Florida. This is an annual gathering of lodges from our section. There will be several exciting and informative seminars that are rich in Native American dance, drum, and ceremonies; and other ceremonies that will allow Arrowmen to better improve their leadership and craft-making skills. In addition to this, there are several competitions, ranging from volleyball to dodgeball to basketball, for us to participate in as a lodge. Remember, this is not just an inter-lodge competition; this is a gathering of lodges to rededicate themselves to our founding principles: brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.

Registration is fast approaching, so please, get your payments in as soon as possible, and register at <https://www.aalpatah.org/on-line-payments-1>.

This is an incredible experience, and you won't want to miss out!



The Forum



New Website

Brothers,

It has been brought to our attention that some members are still using the old Aal-Pa-Tah website. We are currently in the process of figuring out how to fix the fact that the website is still findable. For now, please use <https://www.aalpatah.org/> without the dashes.

Thank you,
Aal-Pa-Tah Website Team

Fast Pass 2018

Brothers,

Fast Pass 2018 is on sale on the Lodge Website! What is Fast Pass?



Well, Fast Pass will include:

- Registration for all 4 events **AT A REDUCED PRICE:**
 - Spring Ordeal: March 2-4, 2018
 - Summer Gathering: May 4-6, 2018
 - Fall Festival: September 7-9, 2018
 - Winter Fellowship: December 7-9, 2018
- Dues for 2018!

FAST PASS 2018 is perfect for any Aal-Pa-Tah Arrowman! Order now on <https://www.aalpatah.org/> !

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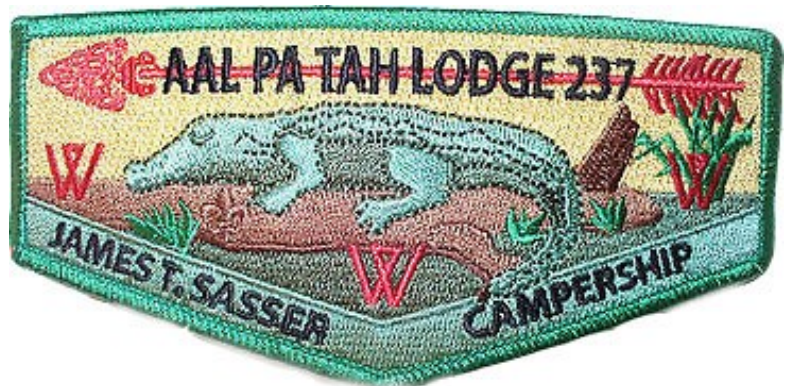
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James T. Sasser Campership

Brothers,

The James T. Sasser Campership helps to fund the Camperships that many Arrowmen and Scouts around Gulf Stream Council rely on.

By purchasing the patch that is pictured, you can help the Lodge donate to the James T. Sasser Campership fund to further support your fellow Scouts.



These patches will be sold at Lodge Box at future events and from the Gulf Stream Council office in Palm Beach Gardens, FL.

In WWW,

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Lodge Banquet Review

Brothers,

Thank you everyone who came out and joined us in celebrating our amazing accomplishments in 2017 and joining us in looking at 2018.

Congratulations to everyone who received awards and recognition. It was an honor and a great learning experience to be your MC and be the event chair. I look forward to being able to serve more in the future.



Order of the Arrow Feathers at Banquet

In WWW,

Kyle Webb

Banquet Chair

Lodge Banquet in Further Review

Brothers,

Thanks for coming out and celebrating the beginning of the Lodge's New Year with us! At Banquet, we were able to auction off a good amount of patches from Aal-Pa-Tah history, including a Founder's Day Aal-Pa-Tah neckerchief, a 2013 Legends of the Loxahatchee patch set, 2015 NOAC flap and pocket sets, and the iconic 2012 Gator set (the Gator on the log that the patches spell "GATOR"). Awards were then given to the Arrowmen who went above and beyond in 2017; these awards and their recipients are:

Outstanding First Year Arrowman

Caleb Webb
Carlos Chirino

Lodge Adviser's Award

Kyle Webb

Distinguished Service Award

The Pantone Family

Scoutmaster of the Year

Steve Steinmetz

Founder's Award

Patty Poysell
Kyle Webb

Vigil Honor Candidates

Nick Boekholder
Matthew Grabasch
Justin Krum
Cameron Whalen
Nancy Fallace
Tom Vickers
Juel Richter
Dave Naumann

Elangomat Award

Kevin Pearson
Chris Bassler

James E. West Fellowship


Dave Sunderman
Aaron Gluck

In WWW,

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Upcoming Events

February 3rd

Brotherhood Day/Trade-O-Ree

March 2nd-4th

Spring Ordeal

April 13-15th

Section Conference at Camp Miles