

# **WE ARE BROTHERS**

## **The History of Echokotee Lodge #200**

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## **First a Spark, then a Flame**

As one of the four official experimental programs in the early years of the Boy Scouts of America, the Order of the Arrow's growth was due to the word-of-mouth advertising between council executives, seeing its successes and bringing the Order into their own programs. This was at a time when each of the experimental programs were to grow at their own natural pace, and it was only through personal contact and observation could the Order grow.

In February of 1937, in Columbia, South Carolina, a meeting of the executives of the old Region Six was held. These leaders, coming from North and South Carolina, Georgia, most of Florida, parts of Alabama, and the Panama Canal Zone, met with members of the National Program staff, including E. Urner Goodman, the founder of the Order of the Arrow. In his capacity of Director of Program, for the BSA, he was in a position to offer his expert advice on the Order and its potential in camp and council activities. In the ten years following that meeting, 34 of the 40 lodges in Region Six were chartered by the National office. Seeds planted in that meeting were tended by nearby executives familiar with the benefits brought by the Order, and from those leaders of nearby lodges came the establishment of other lodges; such was the case with the establishment of Echowokotee Lodge 200.

Since 1910, the Boy Scouts of America has maintained a high profile in the Jacksonville, Florida area. First as the Duval County and then the Jacksonville Area Council, the activities of Scouts and their units were prominently displayed in newspapers of the day. Summer camp had been held since 1923 at Camp Echowokotee, in nearby Orange Park, and was a focal point of the council program. The council grew larger in the 1930's with the incorporation of the Oklawaha Council in Gainesville and the Osceola Council in St. Augustine. M.G. Boswell was the Council Executive in the 1930's and early 1940's overseeing the growth of Scouting in the area, and the renaming of the council in 1939 to North Florida.

In late 1940, Mr. Boswell asked the Executive from Coastal Empire Council (Savannah, Georgia) if OA members from the lodge there (Tomo Chi-Chi #119) could come to Florida to conduct an Ordeal ceremony. The only available time was the weekend of the annual Scout Circus and Parade, held in downtown Jacksonville, the following May 1941. Boswell created a committee to decide who should be North Florida's first OA members, contrary to induction guidelines. The committee chose 36 Scouts and Scouters, based upon age (at least 15 years old), and distinguished participation at the summer camp. On May 9, the chosen members left the circus performance to take part in North Florida's first Ordeal, conducted by the "first degree" team of Tomo Chi-Chi members Julius Drake, Frank Holt, Drew Bardin, Coastal Empire Council Executive Bill Parks, and lodge Chief Terrell A. Mitchell, acting as Allowat Sakima. The weather for the rest of the weekend was described as "torrential", as the camp was set up for summer activities under monsoon conditions, and the Ordeal Ceremony was held under the camp pavilion. Immediately afterward, Morrow Bennett was proclaimed as the first leader of the fledging group.

# Scout Circus To Be Event At Stadium

Parade This Afternoon to Serve as Prelude to Big Demonstration.

Fit as a fiddle and ready to go, Jacksonville's Boy Scouts this afternoon and tonight are ready to show what the Scouting program has accomplished for them.

Festivities will begin with a huge parade through town at 4:30 P. M., and climax with a circus at Municipal Stadium, beginning at 8 P. M.

Jack W. Sorgen, neighborhood Scout commissioner, will be grand marshal for the parade, which will form on Newnap Street, move to Adams; West on Adams to Julia; Julia south to Forsyth; Forsyth east to Market Street, where the units will disband.

Heading the parade will be a car containing C. G. McGehee, president of the North Florida Council; Scout Commissioner C. F. Smedley and others.

Division 1 of the parade will include a police motorcycle escort, Scout and city and county officials and visiting Scout officials, and will be in charge of C. W. Dudley.

Division 2, under direction of C. L. Wellington, will have the Bolles School band, council flags and escort, other officials headed by Executive M. G. Boswell, Cub packs from all districts and visiting troops.

In the third division, in charge of H. A. Ring, will be the Timuquana district D Division 4, in charge of George H. West, will include the Landon High School band, and Sea Scouts from all districts.

Division 5, in charge of Charles Arnold, will feature "Coco's" clown band. 12-year-old boys not in Scouting; animals from all districts.

Division 6, the Cherokee District, in charge of A. C. Hillman, will include the Junior American Legion band.

Division 7, the Muscogee District, under Dr. E. H. Clarkson, will feature the Jackson High School band.

The circus program beginning at 8 P. M., will be divided into eight "adventures" or acts, and four sawdust rings will be employed during the show.

Feature of the show will be a special Court of Honor presided over by Judge J. Ollie Edmunds. Douglas Jackson of Troop 21 and Stanley Smith of Troop 36 will receive Eagle badges, highest rank in Scouting.

May 10, 1941

# Scouting Camp Begins Season On Wednesday

War Canoes, Rifle Ranges Await Scouts at Echockotee Reservation.

Boy Scouts of the city and county will be made happy youngsters when the opening day of Camp Echockotee, the Boy Scout Camp rolls around on Wednesday, June 18.

Waterfront activities are probably the most popular part of camp life. With the assistance of trained and experienced life savers a Scout can learn to paddle a canoe, row a boat and swim like a fish. Two war canoes afford opportunity for real team work in paddling on trips.

The dock has been completely renovated, a new floor has been put in the boat house; docks and towers in the swimming pool have been renovated. Boating and canoeing take place in Doctor's Inlet and swimming is held in the pool in the center of the camp.

The swimming pool is fed from a natural spring and water from the artesian well guarantees a generous supply of fresh water flowing into the pool at all times. Regular courses in swimming and life saving will be conducted by the leaders.

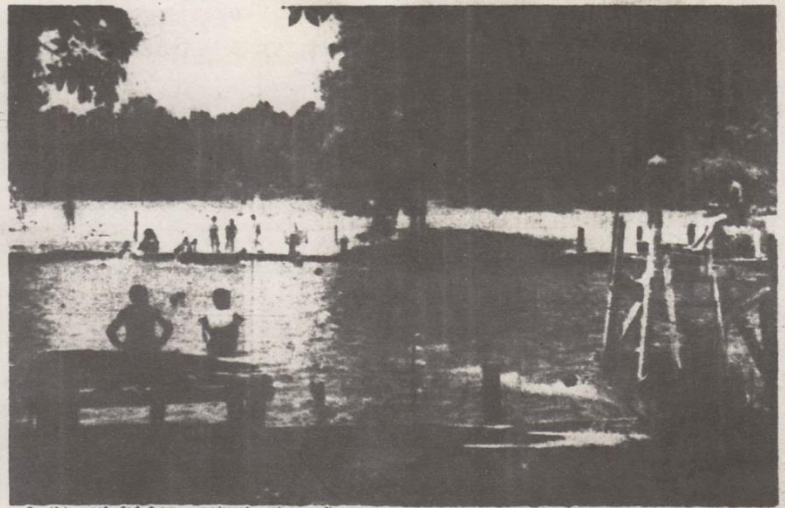
Campers will be issued new cotton cot pads upon arrival Wednesday.

Campers will have opportunity to become expert marksmen as the camp is affiliated with the National Rifle Association. Diplomas, medals and pins will be awarded to successful campers.

Honor campers will be chosen to become members of the Order of The Arrow, a new honor camper society.

All campers registered for the

# SWIMMING AND LIFESAVING TO BE TAUGHT AT SCOUT CAMP



In this pool, fed from a natural spring and water from an artesian well, Boy Scouts attending Camp Echockotee are taught swimming and life saving under the guidance of expert camp leaders each season. The camp will open on Wednesday.

first week will report Wednesday morning before 11 o'clock. They will register at the office and carry their health certificates to the First Aid station where the director will receive them and check their medical blanks.

Campers will be assigned to troops and patrols, and the first swimming period and check will be held at 11:30 A. M.; then the first real camp meal will be served in the mess hall at 12:30.

Has Leadership Course. Thirty-two patrol leaders have registered for a training course in Patrol Leadership. This is the

first time this course has been offered as a part of the camp program. The following have registered for the first week June 18-25:

Richard Williams, Von Voight, C. T. Baladen, Lew Binns, Kenneth Smith, Leon Frank, George Linville, Harold Mason, Joe Garcia, Billy Wheeler, Melvin Nash, Jack Ivey, Charlie Zettles, Richard Seyler, Richard Bowers, William Harrell, Dan Vincent, Donald Lick, Melvin Davis, Powell Bassett, Luther Helmick, Edward Sapp, Eugene Caudill, Roy North, Alfred Green, Ted Benjamin, Case Van Baalen, Harry Baker, Billy Wood.

Jimmy Cranford, Bobby Beasley, Hugh Broadnax, David Hodges, Earl Futch, Billy Fugate, Thomas, Gilmore, Billy Triplett, Jack Carpenter, Edwin Montgomery, Billy Bradshaw, Lytle Anderson, George West, Marty Rosenkratz, William Page, Ballard Simmons, Scout Carver, Jack Wager, C. B. Harrison, Leonard Reister, Franklin DeBusk, Martin Weiss, two scouts from Troop 104 at Raiford.

Three places for patrol leaders will make a full quota for the first week. A group of boys from the Boys Home Association will be in camp for this period.

Fifty-nine have registered for the second period, three more scouts

will fill that week. Fifty-seven reservations have already been made for the third period; the fourth week is already filled. Thirty-nine reservations have been made for the fifth week. 29 have signed up for the sixth week and 18 reservations have been made for the seventh week.

May Extend Season. The Camp Committee will agree to operate an extra week if sufficient scouts make reservations for an eighth week.

Scout Executive M. G. Boswell, states that the reservations are far ahead of any previous year. Scouts are advised to turn in their applications at once if they wish to choose their weeks.

Applicants will be assigned places in the order of their receipt at Scout Headquarters, 218 West Adams Street.

All health regulations will be in force to assure campers of a safe and sane camping program. A program filled with thrills and interest will be offered daily. Scouts will have opportunity to make articles in the woodworking shop which has been donated to the camp by the Optimist Club.

The Rotary Hut, donated by Jacksonville Rotary Club will be the first aid station and several improvements will be made to the hut.

The Kiwanis Club makes an annual contribution to assist boys in getting to camp. Other clubs and individuals also contribute to this fund. Troop 118, one of the newer troops of the council, has signed up its entire membership for a week at camp. Troop 118 is sponsored by the Epperson Methodist Church on the Lem Turner Road.

# Echockotee Is Enjoying Best Season of All

Today marks the beginning of the third period at the Boy Scout camp, Echockotee, located on Doctor's Inlet near Orange Park. Camp Director M. G. Boswell announced that the 1941 season was the most successful in the history of the local Boy Scout Camp. At present, the reservation list is filled to the seventh period of camp, which begins on July 30.

The outstanding event of last week was a visit to Orange Park Bluff on Saturday afternoon. The campers reported a most enjoyable afternoon until the rain soaked the entire party. No sickness resulted from the adventure of hiking in the rain, due to precautions taken by the camp staff.

On Friday night Scoutmaster Leon Frank of Troop 27 entertained the campers with a travel film, entitled "This Amazing America". This movie proved a welcome feature for the camper's entertainment.

Highlight of the program Sunday was a water carnival staged by the waterfront staff lead by Dan Roberts. The carnival featured balancing acts, canoe jogging, and safety procedures.

Dr. Malcolm Lockhart, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, began his second year as speaker at the Sunday afternoon vespers when he appeared before the camp group at 5 o'clock. Morning services this week were conducted by Scoutmaster Charles who spoke on "Purposeful Living."

George Humphries conducted a songfest in the pavilion Sunday night with everyone joining in for a good time. An inter-patrol singing contest was won by Harry Douglas' patrol.

The wall scaling event of Friday afternoon found the Dauntless pa-

trol over the top in 32 seconds to take first place. Morrow Bennett's Courageous patrol came in in only slightly slower time to take second place, while George West's Airacobra outfit took third place.

The Area Governing Board of the North Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America met at the camp on Friday evenings with President C. G. McGehee presiding. Following dinner with the campers, the regular quarterly meeting of the board was held in Troop 3 cabin.

The first meeting of the Order of the Arrow, an honor camper society, was held in the pavilion Saturday morning for the purpose of petitioning the national organization for charter and for electing officers. Harry Douglas of Troop 37 was named lodge chief and Echockotee was selected as the chapter name. The local unit was instituted after the local Scout Circus in May by a delegation from Savannah.

The game of Thursday night, a cross between Indian War Game and Capture the Flag, resulted in a Troop 1 victory. Troop 1 also pounded out a 7-0 victory in diamond ball this week. The regular weekly staff-camper diamond ball game went to the staff by a 10-7 margin over the campers. The final results were: Campers, 7 runs, 11 hits, 4 errors; Staff, 10 runs, 12 hits, 3 errors.

The Echockotee Echo, weekly bulletin of Camp Echockotee, reports that in spite of the innumerable cloudbursts of the week the campers are in good spirits and enjoying their camping experience to the utmost.

June 15, 1941

Newspaper articles from the origins of Echockotee Lodge (from Florida Times-Union, Jacksonville)

June 30, 1941

In the letter Mr. Boswell sent to the National Office (June 28, 1941), asking for acceptance of the original chartering petition, he acknowledged that the origins of the Order in the council were against the set induction rules, and asked for acceptance of the petitions and for copies of ceremony manuals to conduct their own Ordeals.

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June 28, 1941

First letter of Echocotee Lodge  
when we received our charter.

Mr. H. Lloyd Nelson  
1624 Lincoln Liberty Building  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Nelson:

We are enclosing herewith two copies of our application for charter of the Order of the Arrow. We think that we have correctly filled out the blank and gone even further than required. We had a meeting of our Executive Board last night and in addition to the approval of the Camp and Senior Division Committee, the Executive Board confirmed their recommendation that this application be made and that a local lodge in the Order of the Arrow be established.

We are enclosing herewith our check for \$10.00 to cover the cost of the application for this fiscal year.

We would appreciate very much if you would air mail to us the ritual manuals as our camp has already been going for two weeks, and we are on the spot with reference to selection of members and really beginning our work.

As you already know a degree team from the chapter connected with the Council in Savannah came down to our camp and put on the installation ceremonies on May 9 and 10. At that time we did not know anything about the procedure, consequently we have already been initiated and installed which we now understand is contrary to the regulations. However, we were not informed, therefore we do not feel that that is our fault. We hope that everything is in order and that you would be good enough to air mail the necessary manuals with reference to the ceremonies to us at once and we will be glad to pay the additional postage required for air mail incident thereto.

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Mr. Nelson

June 28, 1941

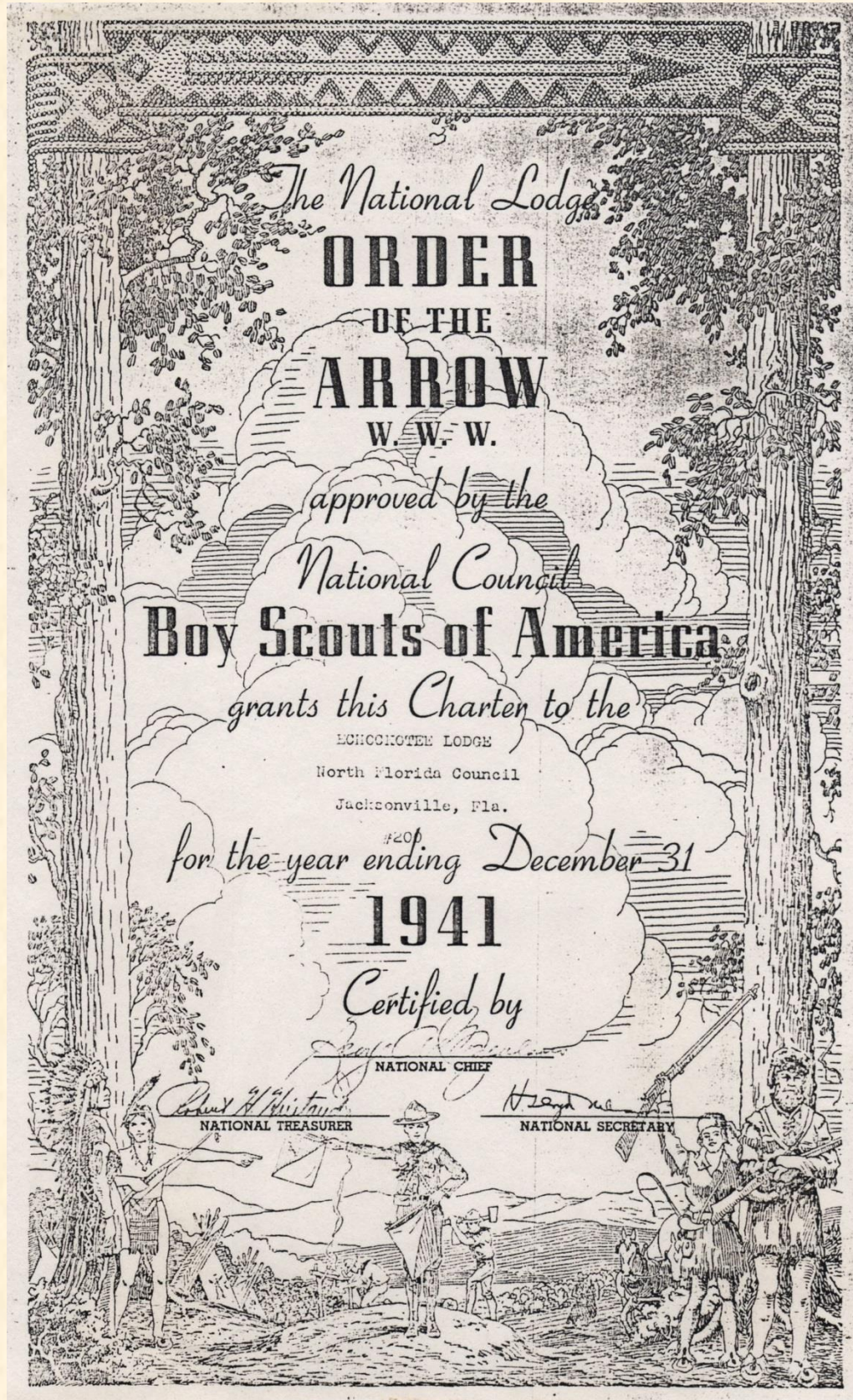
We are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to really getting under way in the Order of the Arrow work, and we believe that it will be quite helpful to us in the promotion of our camping program during the coming year.

Thanking you very much for your special attention to these requests, I beg to remain

Very truly yours,  
*M. G. Boswell*  
M. G. Boswell  
Scout Executive

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The petition was accepted, granting the new members of the Order from North Florida #200. On June 28 a meeting was held to elect a chief and to select the name of the camp: Echockotee a Seminole word translated to "we are brothers". Harry Douglas, a camp staff member was the first elected Chief and the totem of an alligator was chosen. This had never been used by the lodge and was soon replaced by the Scout left-handed hand clasp.



May 2, 1941

Dear Scouts:

We are to install a chapter of "The Order of the Arrow", an honorary camp fraternity at Camp Echockotee on Friday night, May 9 and Saturday May 10. Scouts selected as charter members and leaders who are to be charter members will go on to camp after the circus performance Friday night and sleep out in the open that night.

A team from Savannah will direct the installation ceremonies. Those men are to be here for the circus and did not want to make an extra trip down here at a later date, therefore, they insisted that we have this project at the above time.

Scouts must be at least 15 years of age, a first class Scout and a camper in order to be eligible for initiation.

You are to take a ground cloth and one blanket as you will be expected to sleep on the ground in the woods Friday night. The ceremonies will be concluded shortly after dark on Saturday night. You can then return home Saturday night after supper.

It is quite an honor for you to be selected as a charter member of this fine group of campers, and we trust that you will appreciate it enough to accept this opportunity to become a charter member of the group.

Please let me know definitely if we can count on your being with us.

The following Scouts have been chosen by a committee to be charter members:

Harry Douglas	Robert Christ	Eddie Triplett
Bill Green	Leonard Grunthal	Leighton Vincent
F. B. Wilsie	George Humphries	J. J. Williams
Bill Anderson(37)	Clyde King	Paul Wilcox
Bill Anderson(35)	Major McCroight	George West
James Acree	Larry Hawkirk	Billy Wood
Morrow Bennett	Derek Peters	Robin Worthington
Bob Brodeur	James Parks	Wallace Gurganious
Harry Burns	Dan Roberts	George Holden
	Robert Schultz	

The following Leaders are chosen to be Charter members:

Arnold Braden  
Bill Charles  
Bob Cody  
Ben Lester  
Dan Maultsby  
Henry Wade  
Harry Road  
M. G. Boswell

You will be expected to work out your own transportation to and from camp.

Scoutingly yours,

M. G. Boswell, Executive

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ORDER OF ARROW FORMS TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION

Those members of the Order of the Arrow, national honorary camping society who were in camp, met in the pavilion Saturday morning to form a temporary organization to petition the national organization for a charter.

Harry Douglas of Troop 37 was elected lodge chief. Echokotee was selected as the chapter name, while the group petitioned the national group for the use of the alligator as a totem.

The local unit was installed after the local scout circus in May by a delegation from Savannah. Members in camp now are Executives Boswell, Head, and Norris, Scoutmaster Charles, Natureman Wade, Patrol leaders Bennett, West, Douglas, and Wood, and Head KP McCreight.

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ORDER OF ARROW INITIATES TWO CLASSES

The Order of the Arrow, national honorary camping society, selected nine new members at the end of the fourth week of camp and four at the end of this one. Seven staff members and six campers were chosen, the latter being nominated by the campers themselves, and then elected by members of the order. The fourth week's class of initiates included Dan Roberts, Eddie Triplett, George Humphries, Frank Baird, Gerald Jones, Sam Smith, David Kite, James Bishop, and Lee Nelson. For the fifth week the selections were John Paul Smith, Russell Dowling, Edward Davis, and Joe Burnett.

Articles from daily camp newsletter, 1941

Newspaper reports dealing with the opening of Camp Echokotee for the summer the public was told that "honor campers will be chosen to become members of the Order of the Arrow, a new honor camper society" (*Florida Times-Union*, June 15 1941). Ordeals were to be held weekly at the summer camp, with candidates chosen by a court of honor, with criteria based on age rank, and seniority. The numbers of candidates each week ranged from two to nine; in all over 25 new members were inducted. At the end of camp, on July 29, another meeting was held at the camp, electing a lodge Scribe (George Holden), and a lodge Treasurer (Morrow Bennett). Newspaper stories told of an annual lodge banquet held at the end of summer camp in late July, with other lodge meetings held at the old Seminole Hotel, in downtown Jacksonville. Very quickly the Order gained a foothold in the North Florida area, and the red arrow sash became more and more common among Scouts in the council.

Membership card of William Charles, dues paid through August 1943. Lodge Chief's signature is Joe Burnett Jr.



By the year 1945 the number of lodges in the state grew from two to six, with a total of eight lodges in Area J (east and northwest Florida/ South Georgia). Mr. Boswell had been named the first Area J director, or advisor, and he organized a meeting of the lodges on November 2-4, at Camp Echowkotee, to discuss various problems and issues of the Order in their lodges, and to conduct Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies. This was the first Area J meeting, one of the first Area meetings held in the country. Attending were Arrowmen from Echowkotee, Tomo Chi-Chi 119, Aal-Pa-Tah 237 Calusa 219, Kiandashama (later Seminole) 85, Suriarco (later Semialachee) 239, and Chawtaw (later Pilthlako) 229.



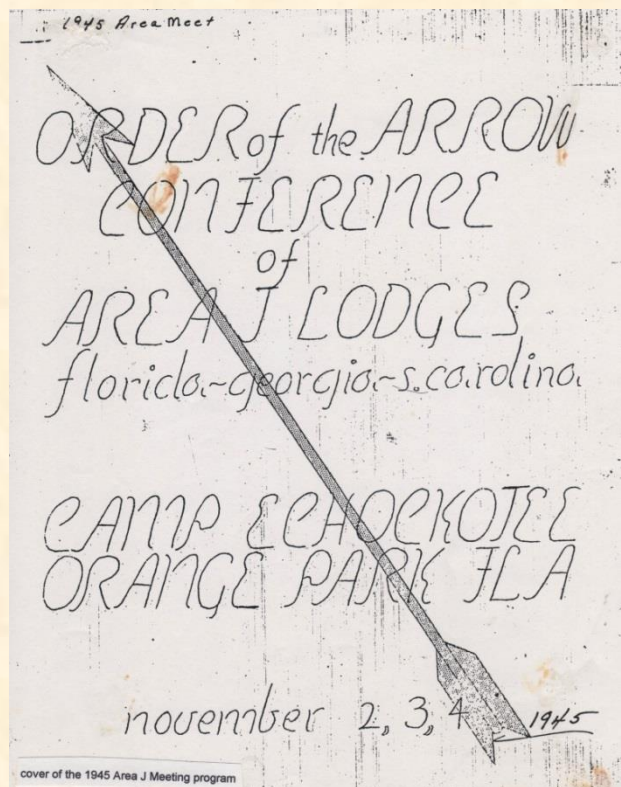
Four members of the Tipisa Honor Camper Society went through the Ordeal that weekend, and went on to establish Tipisa 326. Six members received their Brotherhood that weekend (Boswell, M.C. McMullen, Francis Johnson E.C. Hogan, Jr., J. Paul Conover, and Harry Braham).

**Eight Scout Groups Are Represented at Fellowship Meeting**  
 Representatives of eight Boy Scout Councils of Florida and Georgia attended a fellowship meeting at Camp Echowkotee during the week-end.  
 M. G. Boswell, local Scout executive, presided at the meeting. Honor guest was Robert Wolf of Goldsboro, N. C., member of the national committee, Order of the Arrow.  
 The ordeal honor degree was conferred upon George LaBlanc, Karl Kantz, Harland Chadbourne and Billy Buckey of Jacksonville.  
 The Brotherhood Degree was conferred on M. G. Boswell, M. C. McMullen, J. P. Conover, Francis Johnson, Harry C. Braham and E. C. Hogan Jr., all of Jacksonville. Councils represented at the meeting were Pinellas Area, Sunny Land, Oklawaha Area, Gult Stream, Coastal Empire, Suwannee River, Central Florida and North Florida.



The 1946 Meeting was held again at Echowkotee with the highlight of the weekend being the first Vigil ceremony in the State of Florida, one of the honored was Mr. Boswell. Nine members, were conferred Brotherhood, while five went through their Ordeal at the weekend.

National Executive Committee member Robert Wolff was in attendance, and he complimented Echowkotee "for being instrumental in starting four lodges" and for doubling the number of attendance from the previous year's event.



In 1947 and 1948 the lodge held a "Pilgrimage" at Camp Echowkotee. Not much is known about the event, or when it was held except for the that were issued for the The annual Area Meeting was held at Camp Echowkotee, November 7-9, 1947, and a leader was chosen for the first lead the Area. Lodge Chief Fry was chosen as the first Area Chief, Mr. Boswell was transferred to the



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M. G. Boswell

## Scout Chief Is Awarded Vigil Honor

The highest honor in the Order of the Arrow, the Vigil Honor, was awarded to M. G. Boswell, Scout executive of the North Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America, at the three-day Area J conference which closed yesterday at Jacksonville's Camp Echockotee.

Also receiving the award were Pat Patterson of West Palm Beach and Hoke Copeland of Savannah, Ga.

The largest Southern group ever to receive the Brotherhood Honor of the Order of the Arrow was inducted Saturday night at a ceremony conducted by the Savannah Lodge. Leonard Boswell, Ben B. Lester, Charles Hardee, W. E. Taylor and Fielding Fry of Jacksonville were among the 34 candidates honored. Also inducted were Yale Gunn of Gainesville, Fred P. Green of Palatka, T. A. Rowand III of Live Oak and Walter Stephens of Alachua.

Richard Hellinger, Bill Ball, Gary Dickel, Gordon Stephens and Thomas Pearson of Jacksonville were among the 24 candidates inducted into the Ordeal Honor by the ritual team of the North Florida Council, Echockotee Lodge.

For the first time in the 25-year history of the Arrow, a national officer is a Southerner and the majority of the National Board members are from the South, it was pointed out in an address by J. Rucker Newberry, national treasurer.

Newberry, Scout executive at Charleston, S. C., said that the South is the "fastest growing and most promising area in the country."

Robert Wolff, holder of the Distinguished Service Medal, complimented the Echockotees for being instrumental in starting four lodges and called attention to the fact that attending representatives had doubled during the past year.

regional staff in 1948, and was later honored with the Distinguished Service Award in 1952. Fielding Fry held the position of Area J Chief for 1948 and 1949.

In the late 1940's, the first lodge patch emblem was made, a three-inch round patch to be worn on the right shirt pocket (rather than today's flap). With the wording "JACKSONVILLE, FLA", this reflected that much of the lodge's membership was still centered in the Jacksonville area. Another item used to show membership in the Order was a neckerchief, with red felt or silk-screened WWW on a white cloth.



Contingents from the lodge attended Area meetings in 1949 and in the newly organized Area 6-D from 1950-1952. Executive Horace Williamson received his Vigil at the 1949 meeting, and three received their Vigils at the 1950 Conference: longtime volunteer and philanthropist Francis Johnson, past Area Chief Fielding Fry, and professional Scouting and future Area staff Advisor J. Paul Conover. James McDonald, lodge chief and future Area Chief, was bestowed the honor in 1952. Also at the 1952 Conference, Echockotee led a discussion group on "Ordeal Orientations" assisted Pilthlako 229 with "Advanced Indian Dances", and Kiondashama 85 in a crafts workshop.

A major portion of the service program for the lodge was camp improvements at Camp Echockotee. After the council harvested pine trees from the property in 1952, the lodge spent the next year planting seedlings.

A Parents' Night program was held on Thursdays during summer camp, and Echockotee would hold tap-out ceremonies there. The candidates would be pulled from the audience, as an Arrowman would stand behind him, holding a sash above his head. A red arrow would be drawn on each



Parent's Night 1940's and weekly Court of Honor at Camp Echockotee

candidate's arm with a marker or lipstick, and he would be taken away from the rest of the Scouts to begin his Ordeal. Candidates were blindfolded and put in a canoe with two other Arrowmen, and taken south along the shore of Doctor's Lake and then placed on a spot of dry land to spend the night. The next morning, each candidate would follow the trail back to the middle of the camp, where he was instructed to carve his arrow and begin his day of arduous labor, in front of the other Scouts in camp. That night the candidates would be taken to the southern end of the camp (no longer part of the council property) for the ceremony. Each of the officers in the lodge usually had a part in the ceremony, with the role of Allowat Sakima reserved for the chief.

The first contingent to the National Conference from Echockotee was in 1952. Among those attending the conference, held at Miami University in Ohio, was lodge Chief Paul Sallas and Dr. F.A. Copp, the camp doctor.



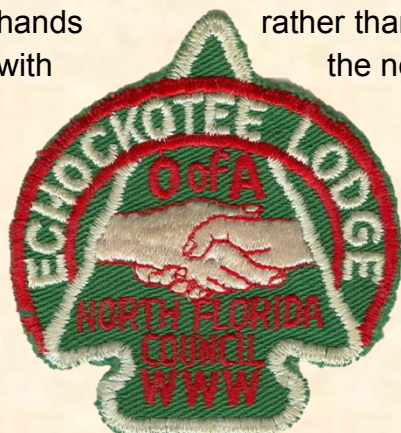
The Order once again re-organized the areas in the Southeast, as growth among the lodges required changes. The Florida lodges, except of Semialachee #239 and Yustaga #385, and the Canal one (Chiriquí #391) were now Area 6-E, starting in 1953. The first meeting of the new Area was hosted by Echockotee.



Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies were held during the weekend, as was a display competition including "camp pictures, costumes, lodge bulletins and other items of general interest". This later became an annual event, evolving into today's King's Cup competition. The lodge led discussions on ceremonies, and was responsible for the program for the weekend. An attendee at the conference recalled that Aal-Pa-Tah #237's members were the last to arrive at the camp, and was crowded

out of the pool at the free swim Friday. They brought out their mascot, a 3 ½ foot alligator, wrapped a leather thong around its snout, and pushed him in the pool. While the pool quickly cleared out, the gator settled to the bottom of the deep end, and Aal-Pa-Tah's members had a clear run of the pool. For the second consecutive year, Echockotee performed its dramatization of the Legend. Members elected to Area office were Area Chief James McDonald and Secretary-Treasurer Vincent Protheroe.

Echockotee put on its Legend Pageant for the fourth consecutive year at the 1955 Area Conference, hosted by Tipisa #326 at Camp La-No-Che. The lodge's discussion group was again "Ordeal Orientation". "Financial" was the topic at the 1956 Conference and they shared the skill demonstration with Aal-Pa-Tah #237 that year with "Automatic Campfires". Also in 1956 was the introduction of a new patch emblem in the shape of a stylized arrowhead, closely resembling a Camp Echockotee patch of that time. This patch is the only design in the lodge's history with a handclasp using the right hands rather than the left. A flap patch was issued the following year, to be in compliance with the new National uniform guidelines.



Lodge Chief Bill Christian was a contingent of one at the 1956 National Conference. He and five others attended the 1958 National Conference, bringing with them a live alligator that was “borrowed” from the Jacksonville Zoo. As Mr. Christian told the story years later, the gator was kept on a rope leash and was brought to the evening shows as a way of getting the best seats. Each night he was watered down and kept in a bathtub. After the conference he was returned to the zoo late in the evening, well fed and unharmed. Christian served three years as Lodge Chief, from 1955 to 1958, and was the Area Vice Chief in 1956-1957. He became an executive in the Boy Scouts becoming Director on National Events for the BSA in the 1980’s.



Echockotee made a motion at the 1957 Area Planning meeting to require delegates at the 1958 Conference to wear full Native American costuming at the business meeting and to have both solo and group dancing competitions. Echockotee was the host of the 1958 Area Conference, providing the original trophy for the “Tradition of the Golden Arrow”, an inter-lodge competition including a canoe race, 100 yard dash, cross-country run, archery, tug-of-war, swimming relay, marksmanship, and novelty races. This event later became known as the Quest for the Golden Arrow, an event still run at Section events. Despite official discouragement from the National office, the lodge still put on its dramatization of the Ordeal as the Friday night show. The lodge has a display booth at the conference on bonnet making. Brotherhood and Vigil ceremonies were performed and a few candidates from Echockotee went through an Ordeal at the weekend. Serving as Area offices for 1957-1958 were Area Chief Jim Prosser and Secretary-Treasurer Bryan Winn III.



By the 1950’s the lodge established a pattern of gathering at the end of the summer camp session to hold an Annual Meeting for fellowship and electing new officers and a December weekend for Brotherhood and Vigil ceremonies. A requirement for being lodge chief was to serve on summer camp staff for the following year. In December 1955, Chief Chuck Kirkland notified Advisor Bill Baker that he would be unable to fulfill the staff requirement and a special meeting was held to elect Bill Christian as his replacement. After this and for several years, officers were elected at the December weekends.



**1957 CAMP ECHOCKOTEE SUMMER CAMP STAFF**

- First row: Wally Sterling - Aquatic Director  
Mike Bowe - Archery  
Jan Mundorff - Business Manager  
Bill Christian - Program Director  
Joe Ed Babb - Assistant Camp Director  
Harry Hazen
- Second row: Eddie Saunders  
Bill Sheets  
Marvin Evans  
Kit Clark  
Henry Harris - Camp Director  
Jimmy Hassell  
Ralph Schuiling - Scoutcraft Director
- Third row: Eric Thompson  
Marty Callaghan  
Don Kohler  
Claude Abbott - Dining Hall Director  
Terrell Kenny  
Rowe Attaway - Asst. Aquatic Director  
Steve McMullen - Scoutcraft
- Fourth row: Henry Theiman - Scoutcraft Director  
Ray Polk  
Frank Sadler  
Peter Falk  
Jim Prosser - Scoutcraft

# Scouts Show Indian Skills On Weekend

By **BOB BOBROFF**

Sentinel Staff

**CAMP LA-NO'-CHE** — The modern Indian brave may not be interested in traditional dances and costumes, or even his native tongue, but here in Florida more than 2,000 white boys have shown dedication to all this.

At least 400 of them proved it here this weekend as members of District 6-E of the Order of the Arrow, a Boy Scout Organization, met for more than two days during which they:

— **WENT THROUGH** day-long competition designed to test their skill and stamina;

— Performed Indian dances and chants;

— Donned authentically styled Indian costumes, colorful, varied and in some cases spectacular.

The dances and chants formed the basis for a four-hour program attended by more than 600 Arrowmen and their leaders and parents Saturday night.

**BOYS FROM ALL** areas of the state, other than the Panhandle, participated in the 40-hour program.

All lodges, except Chiriqui of the Canal Zone, were represented, but it was Central Florida's Tipisa Lodge which won the Quest of the Golden Arrow; a Jacksonville boy, Jack Bothwell of the Echockotee Lodge, who took individual honors for the most authentic costume and best pow wow solo dance; and Echockotee Lodge, of northeast Florida, which made a clean sweep of the tribal dance awards.

The order of the Arrow will meet next year at Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation, Florida's newest major Scout camping facility, located a short distance east of Lake Wales in Polk County.

**NEW AREA** officers were also elected. They are Pete Thompson, a former Orlandoan who now attends school in Tampa, chief; Andy Klein, Sarasota, vice chief; Jack Shaw, Tampa, secretary-treasurer; and Ray Heaton, Fort Lauderdale, historian.

Starting in the 1950's Echockotee members began an interest in Native American crafts and dancing

Echockotee Lodge won first in showmanship, most authentic and best over-all tribal, or group, dance.

This series of dances by the various lodges was performed on an outdoor grass covered stage with the props and backdrops of some being worthy of a Broadway production.

**AS MANY AS 40** boys in colorful, authentic Indian garb were on the stage at one time.

For instance, the E c h o c k o t e e Lodge performed a Zumi rain dance for which they had a two-story Pueblo set; and the O-Shot-Caw Lodge, from southeastern Florida, staged a Seminole Village where Catfish and Feather dances were performed exactly as the Indians did them many, many years ago.

O-Shot-Caw also won the solo dance with a story of a deer, surrounded by Indians, being felled by bow and arrow, and dying. Echockotee won first for the most authentic chantings. O-Shot-Caw won first for its bulletin board.

Communities represented in Tipisa Lodge were Orlando, Eustis, Eau Gallie, Cocoa and Sanford.



## Wins At Dancing

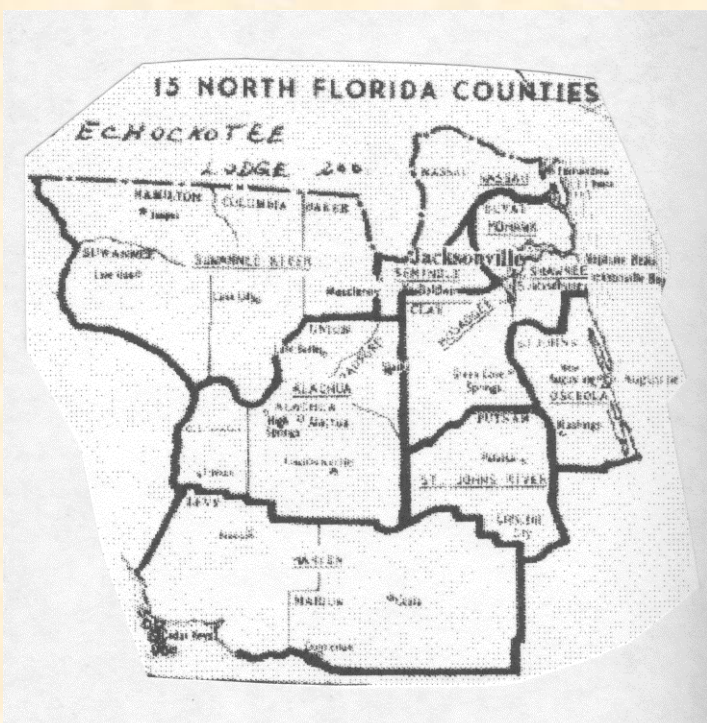
George Bothwell, of Jacksonville, won the pow-wow solo dancing at an Order of the Arrow area meeting at Camp La-No'-Che for authenticity of his costume and the dance itself. He was dressed as a Northern Sioux. (Sentinel Photo by Bob Bobroff).

and soon dominated Area competitions in those areas. Since the development by Larry and Carl Hetrick, both hobbyists in the lodge, of a dance team for the Native American craft and dancing field has enjoyed a great deal of support from both the youths and adults. The team had an elected chief and officers and lodge members were invited to join at weekend activities to show skills to qualify at any one of three levels: papoose, brave and warrior. The efforts paid off, as several awards were earned by lodge members in the 1960's in Indian events. A rivalry was established with O-Shot-Caw #265, who was also very much involved in this area of expertise. The long-standing rivalry between the two lodges, which continues to this day in almost all events, stems from this early time. Many members stayed with the team for several years: George Bothwell, lodge chief in 1960-1961, competed and won at Area competitions through 1966. The team had its own jacket, a blue polyester jacket with the lodge name, a Indian and "DANCE TEAM" embroidered on the back. Echockotee won the group dances at the area level for four consecutive years, from 1964 – 1967, beating along the way an O-Shot-Caw team that won the National competition in 1965. "Chanting", now known as the Singing competition, was won by the lodge team all but twice between 1961 and 1967. Many members of the lodge in those days look back with pride at the Dance team as a major focus of the lodge program in those years. The lodge constructed the amphitheater seats at Camp Echockotee in 1959-1960, as a place to put on the summer camp pageant "Echockotee". Spotlights for the amphitheater were donated by Naval Air Station Jacksonville. The stockade style stage area was completed for the 1964 Area Conference, held at the camp. In between the stage and the seats ran a creek, fed by springs at the northern end of the camp. The dam at the southern end of the ravine creates a lake in the middle of the amphitheater. Impressive shows were held with principle characters coming downstream in canoes.



By the late 1950's the beginnings of a chapter system was created, with the lines drawn along the same lines as the districts. In a letter sent out to chapter chiefs and advisers from Chief Ronald Jewett, he set notice that a special meeting to be held at the George Washington Hotel on October 28, 1959, would finish all chapter organizing and that "if your chapter is not represented, it will be natural to assume that neither you or your Chapter members want a chapter for themselves so plans

will be put in motion to combine your group with an active chapter nearby." (October 23, 1959) By the early 1960's there were seven active chapters, one each for the Gainesville, Ocala, Lake City, Palatka and St. Augustine areas, and two in the Jacksonville area. A newsletter for lodge members was created: "The Feather" has been in print since the late 1950's and continues under that name today. This was first created to spread the word about upcoming lodge and Area events. In the December 1960 "Feather", advertising the 1961 Mid-Year Fellowship and upcoming Area Conference, warned that since only 50 delegates per lodge would be allowed, each attendee "will be asked to participate in the Dance and/or Chanting



teams, as well as entering some of the events for the Quest for the Golden Arrow. There will be no 'dead heads' allowed". Cost for the 1961 Conference was \$4.50.



Ordeal Team, July 1955 (left-right) Mike Bowe, Larry Tomazinis, Ted Bayley, Jan Mundorff.



Brotherhood Team, July 1955 (left-right) Jan Mundorff, Wally Sterling, Jack McKay, Mike Bowe.



Ordeal Ceremony, July 1957

The Mid-Year Fellowship was originally a small event, with Saturday dinner being the only meal provided. A miniature Quest was held, as well as rehearsals for dance and chanting competitions and Brotherhood qualifications. By 1961 there were two weekend activities held a year in January and September. In 1965 the lodge calendar was expanded to include a third activity, the Spring Fellowship was added in June. In the early 1960's the lodge elected four lodge vice chiefs, with the fourth position held by the past chief. Each had their own responsibilities and was a precursor to committee chairmen in today's lodge operations. The 1962 Fall Fellowship was attended by 175 members with 56 new Ordeal members and 28 Brotherhood members inducted. The first "quest for the Wooden Arrow" was won by Alachua Chapter. Officers were elected Sunday morning for both lodge officers and Dance team. Qualifications for the three levels of proficiency were also held.

Yet another lodge flap patch was first issued in 1960. This design featuring the three color background of red, orange and yellow has been used on the service flap since, changing only in meeting National patch guidelines and changes in manufacture.



Due to a condition of disrepair at Camp Echokotee in the mid 1960's, the lodge needed a way to encourage brothers to come give service. A restriction was placed on the flap patch only allowing those that had

attended a service day to purchase a flap patch. New lodge rules in 1963 set these rules in stone, as well as, limiting neckerchief purchases one per person, creating committees, setting dues and membership rules, and chapter officer qualifications.



## COACOOCHEE CHAPTER



In the 1950's a chapter system was set up within the lodge, roughly corresponding to the lines the council drew for district boundaries. But there was one chapter that covered the entire council area and was created for the purpose of segregating black Scouts from the rest in the council. The chapter created in the lodge for this purpose was Coacoochee Chapter.

Segregation had been a part of the Boy Scouts of America since its earliest days. At the National level the Division of Negro Scouting was created to tend to the affairs of black Scouts. Accounts of the arrival of railroad builder Henry Flagler's arrival in the city of Key West on January 22, 1912 state that he was greeted by two Scout troops from the city; one all-white and the other all-black. Many councils throughout the country had separate camps and office facilities, either by law or local ordinance, or for the emotions of the participants. In the Greater Jacksonville Council, black Scout troops were organized in the early 1930's but the Scouts did not wear any uniforms until 1936, out of fear of harassment and abuse from the white Scouts and Scouters. A separate office was set up to service the needs of the segregated troops, and philanthropist and lodge member Francis Johnson donated land for a camp in Orange Park for black troops to use. This was named Camp Coacoochee (Seminole for "wildcat"), derived from a mixed-blood war chief of the Seminoles that fought alongside Osceola in the Second Seminole War (1836-38). Camp Coacoochee was on the opposite side of town from Camp Echockotee and campers were often taken by bus across town to the "white" camp to use the pool and waterfront areas.

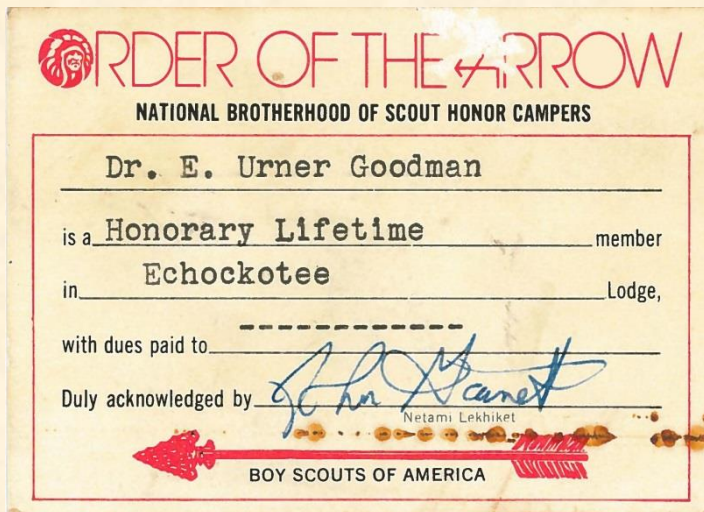
In the minutes of the 1951 Area 6-D Conference Chiefs' Meeting, lodge chiefs discussed the problems of Negroes in the Order. The lodge chiefs felt that we were falling down on making our program available to Negroes. Several chiefs promised to remedy this situation in their councils. It is unclear as to when specifically the Coacoochee Chapter consisting of all of the black Arrowmen in North Florida Council was created, but in the context of the segregation policies of that era having a separate chapter like this may have been the only viable alternative available.

From Bill Christian and other anecdotal information still available the chapter had its first Ordeals conducted by members of Echockotee in August of 1958. Tap-out ceremonies often featured drumming, singing, and dancers in Native American clothing. Mr. Christian noted that "concerns over the rituals used during this time in the Brotherhood Ceremony prevented us from taking this next step" of conferring the Brotherhood to members of Coacoochee. The adult adviser for the organization was longtime executive Bob Sewell.

In the early 1960's a flap-shaped patch was created. The patch bore the name "COACOOCHEE LODGE 200 NORTH FLORIDA COUNCIL" and a blue eagle as a totem, and this led collectors across the country to believe that lodge 200 had changed its name. By 1963 the National office called for the end of segregation in the BSA and eliminated the Division of Negro Scouting. The lodge had become fully integrated by 1966 but like many in that time, several members became disgruntled and left the program. The name Coacoochee was still used and the name of a chapter in northwest and downtown Jacksonville but was changed in 1972 to Cherokee Chapter. Camp Coacoochee was renamed for its benefactor, but was sold in 1979 by the council to become part of the Foxridge subdivision in Orange Park. All that remains today is Camp Francis Johnson Road.



A new transfer member to the lodge in 1961 made a major impact on the members of Echockotee for many years. Dr. Goodman, the founder of the Order of the Arrow, retired to the nearby town of Penney Farms and was made an honorary life member of Echockotee. He often participated in summer camp and lodge activities and many old-time members of the lodge today still speak fondly of meeting and talking with him, an opportunity so few Arrowmen had. In his later years he and his wife Louise made at least one trip a year to visit with Echockotee members, as well as, Section and National events until his passing in 1980.



The Dance Team performed the Teton Sioux Sun Dance at the 1962 Area Conference. The highlight of the dance was to make it appear that pieces of bone were being pushed through the flesh on the dancers' chests and then be ripped out by the weight of the dancer. This dance, featured in the movie "A Man Called Horse", and other quasi-religious dances, are now banned by the BSA from competition, and Echockotee's rendition came in second to O-Shot-Caw.



Echockotee hosted the 1964 Area Conference held for the last time at Camp Echockotee. Richard Leslie, serving as both Lodge Secretary and Area Vice Chief for 1962-1963, was the Area Chief for the event, and past Chief David Beddow also served as Area Secretary-Treasurer. The patch for the weekend also came with a story as explained in the weekend's program:

"The central item in the patch is the universal symbol of Scouting, which reminds us of the ideals and principles for which we stand. It also shows that we are all bound together into the greater Brotherhood of Scouting.

The Arrow is our symbol of leadership and is flaming to remind us always to exemplify those traits of leadership for which we were granted membership in the Order.

The eight feathers hanging on the arrow staff represent the eight lodges in the Area and show that through leadership in Scouting, the Order will reach into even greater heights.

The left-handed handclasp at the bottom of the patch depicts true Scout 'Brotherhood' and is also the totem of the host lodge.

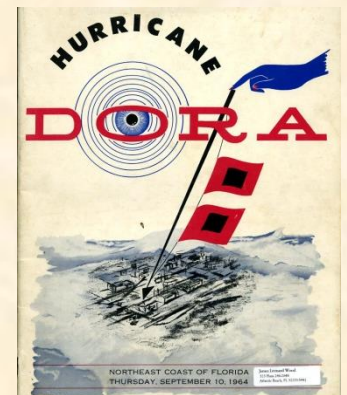
The word Echockotee means 'We are Brothers' and helps to further carry out the theme of our 1964 meeting.

Red and white are our Order of the Arrow colors. This is depicted with the white background with the red outer rings. The red outer ring shows that we are all tied together into the circle of Brotherhood, represented by the shape of the patch.

The principles of the Order are represented by the three red W's superimposed on the universal Scout emblem and stand as our goal in Scouting and in life."

Lodge Chief George Bothwell, Jr. won his first of three consecutive Pow Wow dancing competitions and the Dance Team won its second of four Group Dance awards. Past Advisor Ted Dreibrodt recalled that Aal-Pa-Tah # 237 members repeated their alligator stunt in the camp swimming pool.

On September 10<sup>th</sup> of that year, Hurricane Dora, a Category 3 storm, passed through the Jacksonville area devastating many parts of the region and caused extensive damage to Camp Echockotee including two large trees coming to a stop on the roof of the dining hall. Dora was the city's first direct hurricane hit. Wind speeds topped at 140 mph with seas ten feet above normal. At the Fall Fellowship two weeks afterward, 180 members came out to make the camp presentable for the upcoming Pow Wow.





The Dance Team made a clean sweep at the 1965 Area Conference, winning the top awards in Showmanship, Singing and Group Dance with a rendition of a Zuni Rain Dance complete with two-story Pueblo backdrop. At the conference, Tipisa #326, the host lodge for the weekend, gave each lodge a large wooden plaque in the design of the conference neckerchief; the plaque was displayed on the wall of the Meninak Lodge at Camp Shands. This entry included a



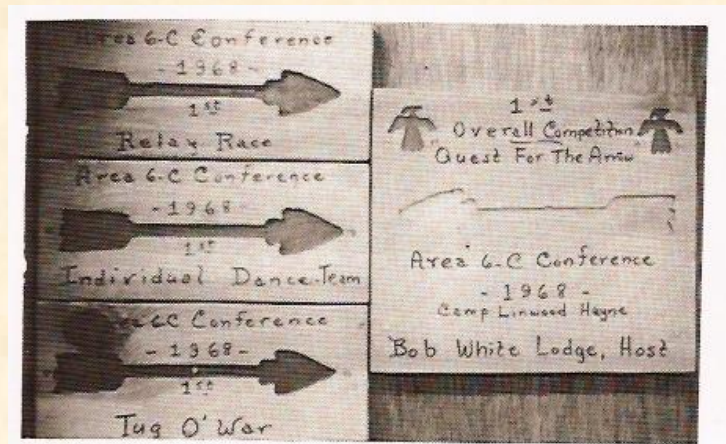
fake two-story pyramid, cut out "heart", and a fake body thrown from the top. This won for showmanship, but came in second for the group dance award. The dance was also featured at the 1967 Scout Exposition held at the Gator Bowl.

A long running rumor in the mid 1960's did finally come true as the regional office rearranged the boundary lines of the areas moving Echockotee from 6-E with the other lodges in central and south Florida to Area 6-C with eastern Georgia and southern South Carolina lodges. This brought an end to dominance in dancing in the state and with a lack of strong competition from the lodges in the new area, the Dance Team saw less of a challenge to which to respond. The new area had a strong tradition in interlodge competitions like the Quest.



At the first conference in 1968, hosted by Bobwhite Lodge at Camp Linwood Hayne, Echockotee won from Group Dance (with Hopi Snake Dance). Individual dancers won first through fourth places and

the Quest for the Golden Arrow and Talent Show. Plaques for the win in the Quest are secured in the Lodge History trunk. Lodge members at the time remember that their entry in the area as cool but cordial.



A major change was also taking place in the council program was taking place in the mid 1960's as a new camp was donated near the town of Melrose in late 1964. Lodge service days started to be held at the camp named after local political leader Joseph Shands, on the Baden-Powell Scout Reservation. Plans were underway to move summer camp operations to Shands by 1967 and close down operations at Camp Echockotee now surrounded by housing developments in not-so-sleepy Orange Park. While the camp did not close completely, summer camp was held exclusively at Camp Shands since 1968 as Camp Echockotee was now less than half its original size.

Also since 1968, the lodge has been holding its weekend fellowships at Camp Shands. The first was the Winter Fellowship of 1968 and the "Feather" reported: "The Winter Fellowship at the Baden-Powell Scout Reservation will mark a new era in the history of Echockotee Lodge... For those unable to bring their own, tents and cots will be provided." Work projects at the weekend included training new induction requirements, Dance Team meetings and qualifications and construction of a new ceremonial ring. New eligibility rules for election were handed down from National creating a special consideration for Eagle Scouts not in the Order and a written essay from Brotherhood candidates regarding personal dedication to the obligation. In 1967, David Hart was elected to the first of two terms as Lodge Chief and was a major leader in Native American events. He later parlayed his experience in his own business, the Treaty Oak Indian craft store in Jacksonville.

National decreed that Areas would hold meetings on a biannual basis, so there were no meetings in 1969. For this reason, the lodge Dance Team was disbanded. The Winter 1969 Fellowship was highlighted by chapter competitions based on exhibitions, displays and demonstrations of a Native American nature. The event was won by Chohomity Chapter for its display of a Lenni Lenape village scene. The Executive Committee voted to establish the position of a second vice chief to help divide responsibilities. Even though Ed Palmer was appointed to the position, the lodge membership voted down the proposal.

The rule on annual Area meetings was scrapped after a year, so at the 1970 Conference (dated 1969-1970) Echockotee swept all individual dancing awards, group dance, tug-of-war, and the Quest. A change to the lodge rules was made in that year, changing the start of officer terms from September to June starting in 1971. The special Eagle Scout exemption for unit elections was also eliminated that year.



The members of Osceola Chapter (St. Augustine and St. Johns County) built a nature trail at Anastasia State Park in 1971. Participating chapter members were given service flap cards for their efforts. Also that year the lodge Executive Committee voted to allow an Ordeal candidate five notches (representing transgressions of the tests of the Ordeal) before turning the candidate away. A petition was sent by the lodge to the National Committee asking that parents be allowed to attend Ordeal ceremonies; this was rejected. The Quest for the Golden Arrow was reintroduced as a chapter competition at the Winter Fellowship and the patch for the weekend was a depiction of lodge member Dr. Goodman complete with his signature reproduced in thread on the patch (with his permission).



A twenty-five anniversary celebration was held in 1973, seen years late from the actual date. The lodge Executive Committee felt that it was better late than never. A special flap was issued for the event with purchase quantities restricted to the level of membership of the lodge member. Dr. Goodman was in attendance at the festivities and Clyde King and Vic Norman, both 1941 inductees of the lodge, gave a presentation on Echockotee history.



Later that year, Onathequa Chapter held the lodge's first Chapter Fellowship, an annual event for five years, and printed the first chapter newsletter.

**(Dr. Goodman with lodge members, 1973 Winter Fellowship**  
 (L-R, Seated) Lodge Chief Don Suereth, Richard Suddeth, Dr. Goodman, Vic Norman.(Standing) Adviser Ed Miller, Professional Adviser Al Blackman



**1973 – 1974 Lodge Officers**  
 (L-R) Joe Miller, Chief Mike Soderbeck and Mitch Shepard

Six members travelled to Los Angeles for the National Order of the Arrow Conference taking part in such activities as donkey basketball and swimming in the Pacific Ocean.

A new lodge publication, "The Fluffy", was established as a two sided single-page flyer to remind the membership of upcoming Service Days. Mitch Shepard was instrumental forming this new publication. The name was derived as a comparison to feathers on a bonnet; fluffies act as a supplement to the main feathers, as the newer publication was to the more established one. Plans were finalized on construction of a council ring at Camp

Shands including a lighted stage and a sound booth. This was also the first of seven years that Echockotee qualified as a National Honor Lodge. As the council grew so did the lodge and the need to create more chapters arose leading to two more in the Jacksonville area.

Also 1973 was yet another reorganization of the boundaries within the Boy Scouts of America, reducing the regions from twelve to six and re-drawing the areas within them and renaming them as sections. Echockotee was returned to the lodges to the south and with Semialachee #239 and Yustaga #385, Florida was one section SE-6. The first conference of the new section was hosted by Timuquan #340 at Camp Soule in Safety Harbor much to the satisfaction of Native American hobbyists. The "Feather" of June 1973 reported: "it sure is nice to get back with some good tough competition". The Group Dance was the Sioux Sneak-up Dance, placing third in competition.

Sixty-five members of Echockotee travelled to the 1974 SE-6 Conference, held at Camp Wallwood, near Quincy. On the way through Tallahassee, the lodge stopped at the state Capitol building to meet with members of the North Florida legislative delegation and state leaders including Governor Reuben Askew. Pictures were taken of each of the lodge officers in the Cabinet meeting room in the chairs of their corresponding state leader with Chief Mike Sloderbeck leaning back in the Governor's chair. At the conference the lodge won many awards including Best All-Around Lodge. Lodge Vice Chief Kevin "Cotton" Holloway was elected Section Vice Chief leading him to national office.



As one of the more prominent Indian hobbyists in the lodge, the state and as a Section officer, Kevin was the SE-6 representative at a new national event in 1974, the National Indian Seminars held at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. Using ideas he picked up at the seminars, he organized and put on the first Section Seminars in Florida. This event was to give training in Native America crafts and skills taught in a more in-depth manner than at a conference from experts in those areas. This event has grown into covering other aspects of the functions of the Order and is still continuing today.



In December of 1974 the SE-6 Section Chief was unable to attend the national section chiefs meeting as he was aging out prior to the next national conference. This led to Kevin Holloway attending as the section's representative and ultimately being elected to serve as the CVC for Indian events at NOAC in 1975 held at Miami University of Oxford, OH. For his work at the Section and National levels, Kevin was awarded the Distinguished Service Award at the 1977 NOAC, presented by Dr. Goodman himself. He was Echockotee's first recipient and at the age of 19 was the youngest recipient in the Order's history.

Work on Shand's council ring continued throughout 1974 as part of a bid to host the 1976 Section Seminars. All 129 candidates at the Spring Fellowship were put to work on the project clearing trees and shrubs for the 600 seat ring and the U.S. Navy and Army Corps of Engineers helped build the embankment for the stage area and provided some of the construction work. Other projects completed were the obstacle course and the kitchen area within the Meninak building.

Buttons were distributed at the 1975 Conference reading "GET THE ECHOCKOTEE SPIRIT '76". Despite the best efforts, the 1976 Conference went to Yustaga 385 and Echockotee was chosen to host the 1978 event. The lodge still won at the 1975 Conference, picking up the second straight King's Cup Award and the inaugural Carroll Edson Award, given to the lodge in Florida for best camping promotion. Twenty-two members traveled with members of O-Shot-Caw 265 to the 1975 National Conference held at Miami University of Ohio paying \$140 for registration and transportation.



The year 1976 was celebrated across the country as the nation's bicentennial and Echockotee issued a special flap patch for both it and the lodge's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary (this time the correct year). The weekends featured patches with American historical themes, history seminars at the Winter Fellowship, and participation in the OA Bicentennial Forum as part of the BSA's "Century III"

program. At the Section Conference the King's Cup was retired for its third straight win under the leadership of Historian Joe Miller. He was then elected Section Historian.

Early planning for the 1977 National Conference aid off with handsome rewards as Echockotee brought 47 brothers making them the largest contingent at the event. Side trips taken between Florida and the conference site at the University of Tennessee were white water rafting and a day at Six Flags Over Georgia. Kevin Holloway was elected Section Chief and Tom Bauman was tapped as Section Secretary at the Section Conference that year. The team of Jack Butler and Pete Webster brought home the Sinkathon Trophy by being the last advisers in the section to keep their canoe above water in the "last one floating" competition.



For the first time in fourteen years, Echockotee hosted a statewide meeting of the lodges in the state as 702 Arrowmen attended the 1978 Conference. Bill Downs, National Order of the Arrow Executive Secretary, Ken Davis, Southeast Region OA Chairman and Dr. Goodman were in attendance. Lodge members performed a reenactment of the Legend,

complete with an Indian village set aflame and a candlelight rededication ceremony. The King's Cup was won again, this time with the first use of videotape in the competition. Mike McCrocklin was elected Section Secretary.

Five Service days were held in 1978 with over 100 brothers at each. During this time more changes were made among the chapters; Alachua Chapter changed its name in Alachuacuscowilla ("leaders of the Alachua Tribe") in 1979 and new chapters were created in Nassau (1975) and Clay (1977) counties. The 1978 Winter Fellowship featured a "Crazy Hat Contest" won by Tom Newcomb for his "Flight Crew Crazyiness" entry.

Echokotee brought the largest contingent from the Southeast Region to the 1979 NOAC with 38 brothers traveling to Colorado State University. Highlights of the trip included a visit to the Air Force Academy and a lodge snowball fight at the top of Pike's Peak. A new chapter spirit award was created to be given out at each Fellowship. Called the "Moo-Moo the Cow" award, this was created out of a souvenir from the NOAC trip and was first won by Alachuacuscowilla. The chapter later introduced its own newsletter, "The Ishmael". Lodge meetings during the late 1970's and early 1980's often provided skits and stunts meant to poke fun at some of the adults in the lodge. These were often from the productive minds of Sam Harris, John Garnett and Kelly Roberts.



Elam M. Patterson was elected to the post of Section Historian at the 1979 Section Conference. In February 1980, Echokotee hosted another Section event, this time the Section Seminars; 47 members attended and acted as a host committee. The Winter Fellowship of that year featured the premiere of the new camp show "Legends of Echokotee" and John Garnett as "The Great Garnack", a direct theft of the "Great Carnack" character of late show host Johnny Carson.

Eight-nine brothers attended the 1980 Conference where Darrell Adams was elected Section Historian for 1980-1981. Echockotee's Tug-o-War team pulled for the 1<sup>st</sup> place award.



1<sup>st</sup> Place Tug-o-War Team (L-R): Tad Delegal, Kelly Jordan, Kelly Roberts, John Garnett

Fifteen members attended the National Leadership Seminars that year including three on the staff for the event. Sam Harris was selected to be on the Southeast Region OA Committee for 1980-1981.

Timucuan Chapter completed a service project of rebuilding the entrance to Camp Echockotee. Under the leadership of Kelly Jordan, chapter members installed elevated planters and dividers for the driveway. For the first time in several years, the lodge held a Service Day at camp. In work that took several days to complete, weeds were removed from the boat basin to make it usable again, and the stage of the amphitheater was rebuilt.

The lodge celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Winter 1981 Fellowship and the Saturday Night feast was featured by two roasted pigs, cooked for over 14 hours by the cooks of Timucuan Chapter. A new Where to Go Camping book was printed and distributed among the council's units. Echockotee took home the Best All-Around Lodge award at the Section Conference that year.

In 1981 fifty-four Arrowmen made the trip to NOAC at the University of Texas creating the third largest contingent in the country. The Sing Team of Darrell Adams, David Velez and Allan Bush won first place in the Singing competition. Echockotee Lodge was also recognized as a National Honor Lodge in the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony competition.

Chohomity Chapter, located on the southern and eastern end of Jacksonville, was split into two chapters, Acholwalogen and Elemukulek.



These two were among the strongest chapters for several years and were immediate rivals in competition.



Seven members were chosen for the 1981 National Jamboree OA Service Corps. This group was formed as a source of labor to fill in at various positions around the jamboree site and only 130 Arrowmen were chosen from around the country. Attending were Steve Locke, John Garnett, John Kemp, Tad Delegal, Robert Mathis, Rodger Leisure and Richard Carey.

Yet another reorganization moved Yustaga 385 to another section in 1982 and the rest of Florida was renamed SE-1. Jack Butler was chosen to be the Section Advisor, a position he held from 1981-1993. Another lodge weekend was added to the lodge calendar to help alleviate an overcrowded Ordeal situation. This also helped bridge the gap between fellowships that existed between January and June. The old Spring Fellowship in June was renamed Summer and the new Spring Fellowship was scheduled for March.

At the 1982 Section Conference Echochotee tied with Tipisa 326 for Best All-Around Lodge honors for a piece of the award for the second consecutive year. The King's Cup was also won for the lodge's historical display for the fifth straight year. Fifteen attended the National Leadership Seminars and four served on the faculty. The Great Garnack also made an appearance.



Fourteen members attended the 1982 Section Seminars held at Camp La-No-Che. Todd Leonard and Bobby Thompson served as Seminar leaders at the event.

Semialachee 239 was forced to give up its position of hosting the 1983 Conference at the last minute and Echochotee was tapped to take its place. Fortunately no major projects needed to be completed at the camp to prepare for the event. The lodge won the Best All-Around Lodge award again giving it a share for three straight years. Among the major projects completed at the camp that year was an artificial reef in Lake Osbourne at Camp Shands.



Seventeen members made up the contingent to the 1983 National Conference held at Rutgers University in New Jersey. Despite the smallest contingent from Echockotee in several years, the lodge made itself known through impromptu human pyramid construction and lodge cheers throughout the events. The flight back left out of New York City and the route from New Jersey through the Holland Tunnel to the airport provided rare glimpses of life in lower Manhattan, not often seen in northern Florida.



The lodge article in the “Sounds of the Section” newsletter of Spring 1984 reported “over 100 Ordeal candidates were inducted at the Spring Fellowship”. Over 120 attended the Section Conference where Robert Mathis and Thomas Knight conducted discussion groups. A promotional item was created by some of the officers for the weekend; a button claiming Echockotee 200 as “the official lodge of the 1984 Olympics” was made by Marshall Hazlehurst and John & Robert Mathis in Jack Butler’s kitchen. The button was almost universally accepted and no other lodge claimed the title that year.

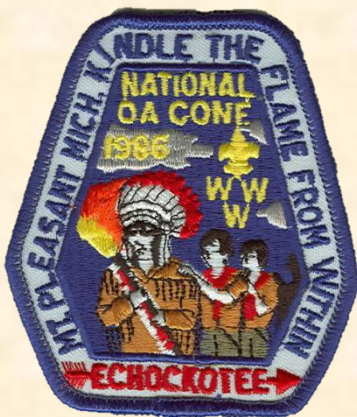
Eighteen attendees and five staff members were on hand for the 1984 National Leadership Seminars. On staff were: Todd Leonard, Tad Delegal, Jack Butler, John Garnett and Kelly Roberts.

The Winter 1985 Fellowship featured a new set of revamped lodge rules for the lodge to approve. It was the only three hour meeting of the lodge in memory that kept everyone’s attention. Echockotee celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America at that weekend with the sale of a special flap. Elemukulek Chapter Chief Brad Williams set out on a year-long campaign to teach the lodge how to correctly spell “Elemukulek”, complete with t-shirts and banners. Lodge Chief Marshall Hazlehurst was elected Section Chief for the 1985-86 term and was re-elected for the 1986-87 term. Both he and John Mathis served as discussion leaders at the 1985 Conference. The Bulletin Board display finished third competition and was used as the centerpiece of the lodge display at the council’s Scout World exposition. Six were members of the OA Service Corps for the 1985 National Jamboree again making up the largest one-lodge group; serving were Marshall Hazlehurst, Robert Mathis, John Mathis, LaShawn King, Brad Williams and Lars Vala.

Attending the first-ever OA Philmont Trek that year were Joel Morris, Marshall Hazlehurst, Kenneth Berry, A.J. Rother, Mike Colquette, David Witherspoon, Frank Roessler and Kelly Jordan. This was one of the largest one-lodge groups to attend.



Nearly 130 brothers attended the 1986 Section Conference highlighted by Marshall's re-election. Fifty-three Arrowmen attended the NOAC that year at Central Michigan University and six were in staff positions: Marshall Hazlehurst, John Garnett, Phil Carpenter, Kelly Roberts, Todd Leonard and Jack Butler. By this time lodge members had held housing staff positions at the biannual event and have continued to do so since.



The Ceremonial Team competed for national honors, finishing second overall in the pre-Ordeal and fourth in Brotherhood. John Mathis (AS) and Eddie Tudor (K) each won second place for their respective parts in the Brotherhood ceremony competition. Brad Williams finished in fourth in the 5K Brotherhood Run. Jack Butler was honored for his section and national work with the Distinguished Service Award. The contingents' side trips included visits to Opryland USA and a near-freezing experience at Mammoth Caves, Kentucky.

"The Feather", the lodge's main publication took on a new look in 1987 with the introduction of photographs. Also introduced in 1987 was the "Trained Elangomat" patch. This emblem was available to youth members that attended a training session on their duties during an Ordeal, and then serve as an Elangomat. A new lodge planbook was distributed to lodge members for the first time in that year.

Su-Wan-Nee Chapter completed a long-term project at Camp Charles Francis located in Interlachen. Service completed was the addition of latrine facilities and a new shelter. Camp Charles Francis is a small camp used primarily for weekend camping and has been in use as a Scout camp since its donation to the old Oklawaha Council in 1926.



The 1987 Section Conference was held down at Camp Seminole. Echockotee took home the Best All-Around Lodge Award again in 1987. John White was elected Section Vice Chief at the weekend.

The Section chose to combine the Section Seminars and the annual Council of Chiefs meeting into one event so another seminar was hosted by Echockotee Lodge at Camp Shands in November of 1987. Seminar leaders from Echockotee were: John White, Eddie Tucker, John

Mathis and Brad Williams. Training highlights include the Seminole regalia class taught by Rick Obermeyer of Tipisa Lodge in the Ames lodge main room. The weekend was remembered as one of the colder Section Seminars in recent history.



Over 130 members came to the 1988 Conference part of a then record 927 participants at the weekend. One of the featured activities was a shaving cream fight using an estimated 200 gallons of shaving cream. For the second consecutive year, the lodge won the Best All-Around Lodge Award along with victories for Best Publications and King's Cup display. The Ceremonial Team had placed in section competition as an honor team for nine straight years but did not win the top honor until this year. But these were just a warm-up for the National Conference that year.



Held again at Colorado State University, sixty-five members flew out to be the third largest group in the nation and the largest in the section. Ceremonial Team finished seventh in Brotherhood and ninth in Ordeal. The two "lip-synch" teams came in first and second and both the youth and adult tug-of-war

teams best all other lodges for the top spots.



Mike Heaney giving away \$200,000 at the lodge's Arrow-rama Booth

"The Feather" won as a National Standard publication. Mike Heaney ran the lodge's "Arrow-rama" booth giving away \$200,000 in \$200 bills, each with the likeness of Lodge Chief Eddie Tudor. This display was judged to be the best in the Southeast Region and the money giveaway was heavily promoted on the conference radio station.

Kelly Roberts was bestowed with the Distinguished Service Award for his work in section, regional, and national events. On the way back, the contingent attended a Wild West show, and rode to the top of Pike's Peak, where no snow was to be found. A special lodge t-shirt was printed after the event, listing the "Top 10 Reasons to Envy Echowkotee" (inspired by Late Night host David Letterman).



**Kelly Roberts, Distinguished Service Award recipient, 1988 National Conference**

The 200 dollar bills were issued for winning the Best All-Around Lodge awards in 1987 and 1988. The Eddie Tudor series was used in the 1988 National Conference Arrow-rama display.



**Echowkotee Drum and Sing Team competing at the 1988 National Conference**



**Ceremony Team at the 1988 National Conference (L-R) Adviser David Whitehead, David Williams, Billy Schilling, Jeff Gaymen (Kneeling), John White, Scott Benfield, Adviser John Garnett**

Under the leadership of chairman Billy Schillings, the lodge conducted a camporee for the Classroom Scouting Program. Held in November 1988, the Classroom Scouting Camporee allowed members of the Scouting program that ordinarily would have no access to normal Scouting activities to have a chance to get in the woods like others. This was one of the first events of its kind in the nation and has grown into an annual event run by the lodge.

The 1989 Section Conference was hosted by Tipisia Lodge at Camp La-no-che. Echockotee's Ceremonial Team (AS: Brent Thiec, M: David Williams, N: Brennan O'Brien, K: Scott Benfield) won the first place overall for the pre-ordeal ceremony competition for the second year in a row. Lodge Historian Mike Heaney was elected Section SE-1 Historian this weekend.



# 1989 OA National Philmont Trek

Echockotee brought the largest contingent to the second OA National Philmont Trek in August of 1989, with fifteen members between a lodge crew and the section provisional crew. This event celebrated the 50 anniversary of Philmont and ended up being the OA's last mountain top experience of its kind. The trek theme was "These High Places are Within You" which was a highlight of the experience, that challenged each Arrowman at the mid-trek rendezvous, was a special rededication ceremony featuring the 1988 NOAC first place honor ceremony team.



Section SE-1 Provisional Crew Front Row: Mike Sapp (200), John Graham (564), Adviser Bill Granger (552), Ranger Russ Testa, Co-Adviser Rick Langford (552), Crew leader Chris Beury (552) <back> Charles Ward (552), Jeremy Hine (200), Dan Rathjens (265), Rubin Edgington (564), Arran Rumfalt (237), John Burnham (265), Alex Quesen (552)

That same summer four brothers (A.J. Rother, Eddie Tudor, Mike Heaney, and Allen Gorse) representing Echockotee Loge served on the Jamboree O.A. Service Corps at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia.



Along with the rest of the lodges across the country, Echockotee celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Order of the Arrow. Eighty-seven qualified for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Award, given to those meeting certain requirements as set down by National. The award was a special ribbon to wear on the right pocket, with a gold turtle and arrow at the bottom. A special flap was issued that year to mark the occasion and the *Feather* contained a special historical section in each issue, dealing with lodge or national history.

Because the weekend of Spring Fellowship fell on St. Patrick's Day weekend, the event took on an Irish theme. The *Feather* promoting the event was printed on green paper and a special "Irish Quest" included events such a green egg tossing and green Jell-O eating. Even some members went the extra mile and dyed their hair green.

The 1990 Section conference was hosted by Timuquan lodge at Sandhill Scout Reservation. Echockotee lodge was awarded the best publication in the Section by winning first place in the competition. The Ceremonies Team won top honors for the third consecutive year at the Section Conference. In the Quest events the lodge won first place for the Triathlon and the overall Quest for the Golden Arrow, a feat not accomplished since the days of the Georgia area in the 1960's. The lodge also placed second for the Tea & Toast event and third place in the Pie Eating contest.



A proposal to change some of the lodge rules, one which was offered at the Summer Fellowship, included was the Lodge Chief's request to change the restriction on the lodge neckerchief from one per lifetime to an unrestricted sale item. When it was discovered that he had lost his own neckerchief, the proposal was voted down. Another attempt to create a second lodge vice-chief position also failed.



Seventy-six members attended the 1990 NOAC, held at Indiana University, and returned with several awards. Echockotee was presented with a Spirit award, probably for the constant cheering and spelling the name of the lodge on the ground with lodge members' bodies, and awards for publications for the lodge and chapter (Oklawaha), and fourth place in Brotherhood ceremonial competition. Billy Schilling and John White each came in second for their portrayals of Allowat Sakima and Meteu, respectively, Quinn O'Brien placed third for Kitchkinet, and Zack Butler was fourth place for his role of Nutiket. It is still a source of controversy for

those involved as to how those that placed so high individually came in fourth as a group.



The lodge came in first place in the Southern Region soccer competition and third place overall in the National competition. Four members of the lodge had parts in the evening shows at the conference, and 17 were on the staff for the event.



On the way back from Indiana, the contingent went white-water rafting down the Nantahala River, and attended a performance of the Cherokee show, "Unto These Hills".



1990 NOAC Contingent enjoying a bus break in the mountains of Cherokee, North Carolina.

Due to a scheduling conflict with the region's National Leadership Seminar, the 1990 Section Seminars were removed from the Section's calendar. Echockotee hosted an unofficial event for those Indian hobbyists still interested in attending a similar event. Originally planned in mid-October at a Girl Scout camp near Orange Springs, the seminar had to be moved to a city park in Jacksonville. This was due to an encephalitis mosquito epidemic across the state of Florida which forced many camps to close and councils prohibited most nighttime outdoor activities. Despite the change, over 100 attended the event including several Girl Scout leaders.

A medieval theme was used at the 1991 Winter Fellowship, renaming the camp "Camp Shands-a-Lot". The Chapter athletic competitions were renamed "The Quest for the Holy Grail" and Oklawaha Chapter cleaned out every Burger King in the Ocala area of their cardboard crowns.



Entertainment for the evening included a large Pow Wow and the movie classic "Monty Python and the Holy Grail".



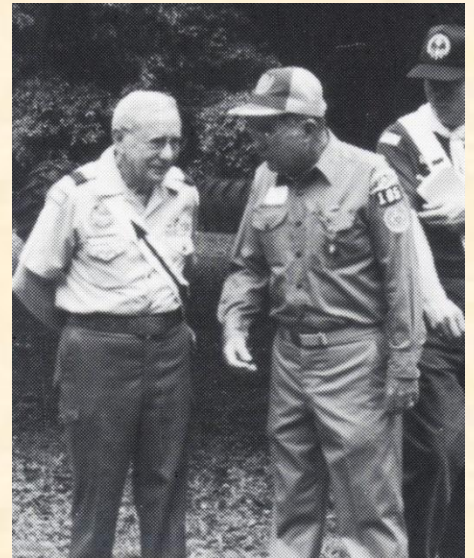
The lucky streak of years of dry weather for Ordeals ran out at the Spring Fellowship that year, as over four inches of rain, gusty winds and hail forced activities indoor.



# 50 YEARS



Echokotee celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in April 1991 by returning to Camp Echokotee for a special lodge weekend. Over 300 past and present lodge members attended, including members of the first Echokotee Ordeal induction, Clyde King and William "Pinky" Charles. Co-chairman Billy Schilling and Scott Benfield put together the all-day event with activities included dancing demonstrations, a miniature Quest event, historical displays of the lodge and council, lodge officer reunions, and the construction of a time capsule.



The Saturday Night show was highlighted with a re-enactment of the original Ordeal ceremony of Treasure Island in 1915, at the founding of the Order, and a video history of the lodge put together by Eddie Tudor. Special patches issued for the anniversary were a flap patch and chenille, reproducing the design of the first lodge patch of the 1940's.

Echockotee Lodge's original 1941 Ordeal class members (left-right)  
Clyde King & William "Pinky" Charles



The ceremony team prepares for the 1915 Ordeal Ceremony re-enactment for the lodge's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary weekend.



Kings Cup Display at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary weekend



Past and present officers and advisers, 1991 50th Anniversary Weekend: (front row, left-right) Joel Morris, C. Richard (Dick) Leonard, Eddie Tudor, Marshall Hazlehurst, Billy Schilling, Scott Benfield, Todd Leonard, Thomas Knight, David Williams, Greg Hazlehurst, Mike Sloderbeck, Sam Harris, Ed Palmer, Ted Dreibrodt. (standing) Vic Carpenter, Elam P. Patterson, Ted Bayley, John Duncan, Ken Musial, Mark Compton, Paul Sallas, Sandy Ingle, Mike Foster, Kelly Jordan, Robert Mathis, Kelly Roberts, John Mathis, Jack Butler, Rob Viets, John Garnett, Elam M. Patterson, Ira Strauss, Jay Kauffman, B. Allen Reid, John White.

In 1991 Echokotee Lodge travelled to Camp Miles in south Florida, home to Osceola Lodge, for the Section Conference. The lodge ceremonies team received Honor Team status. The ceremony team consisted of Jay Peele – Allowat, Courtney Allen – Meteu, Scott Benfield – Kitchkinit, Ceremonies Chairman Brennan O'Brien – Nutiket with support from Ceremonies Team Advisor Joe Benfield. Scott Benfield was recognized with a Individual award the 1<sup>st</sup> place as Kitchkinit. The team of Mark Compton and Tony Chihocky stood in for the actual lodge advisers at the 1991 Section Conference Sink-a-thon, and kept their canoe afloat the longest for the lodge's first win in the event in the last fourteen years. The lodge won the Best All-Around Lodge award at the Section Conference the following year, that last year of Section SE-1.



### And then there were twelve...

The Boy Scouts of America instituted another reorganization in 1992, reducing the number of regions from six to four. The section lines were redrawn and the Florida section picked up Pilthlako 229, Immokalee 353, and Alapaha 545 from Georgia, creating S-4. The 1992 Section Seminars held at Camp Miles was the first time the new council of chiefs of the newly formed S-4 had met. This restructure of the section resulted in the need to reorganize the host lodge schedule for the upcoming Section Conferences and Seminars.





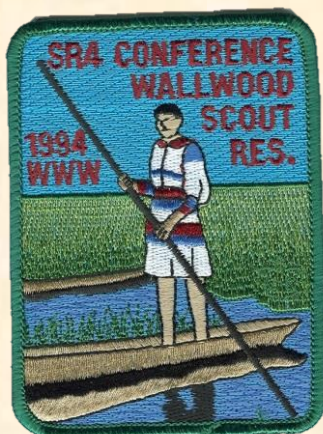
The first conference of the new formed section was hosted by Echockotee in April 1993, bringing in over 1400 Arrowmen for attendance at the weekend. The theme for the weekend was “Widen The Circle”, chosen both as a line from the Ordeal ceremony, but also to show the enlargement of the section. Many ideas used at the weekend were inspired by similar activities at the most recent National Conference.



Highlights of the weekend included a large ice cream social after the Festival of Feathers, and a fireworks display. A “passport” was given to each participant where attendance at certain activities generated a stamp in the passport; these could then be used to purchase a participation pin for the event. Mike Howie was elected Section Historian for the 1993-1994 term.



A few new chapters were formed during this time: Quekolis in Bradford County, and Micanopy in Levy and Trenton Counties. Apalachee Chapter came out of the old Cherokee Chapter in northwest Jacksonville.



The 1994 Section Conference was hosted by Semialachee Lodge at Wallwood Scout Reservation. The lodge Volleyball team of Captain Scott Schwendimann, David Strebler, David Schilling, Brian Fleetwood, Mike Howle and Mitchell Crawford brought home the first place Volleyball trophy.

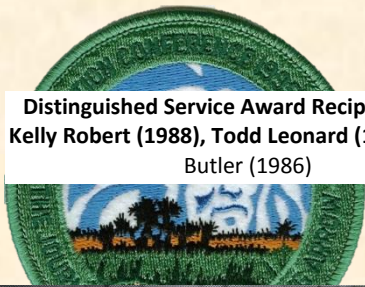




1994 NOAC Contingent



Forty seven attended the 1994 National Conference, held at Purdue University in Indiana. Todd Leonard was awarded the Distinguished Service Award for his work with the section, region and staff work at past National Conferences. The lodge basketball team finished in second place overall in the national conference tournament. Side trips along the way included a nighttime laser show at Stone Mountain Park, outside Atlanta, Georgia and rafting down the Oconee River.



Distinguished Service Award Recipients (L-R): Kelly Robert (1988), Todd Leonard (1994) & Jack Butler (1986)

1995 brought the Section Conference to Camp Flaming Arrow the home of Seminole Lodge in South Central Florida. The only lodge award won by the lodge at the Conference was the Silver Fox Award a quest-style athletic competition for adults in the lodge to

1994 NOAC Ceremonial Team (L-R) Kevin Dunphy, Dan Closs, Mitchell Crawford, & David Strebler



compete against other adults. The participants won a plaque and a tank of oxygen to share.



Achowalogen Chapter fell victim to a council realignment; parts went to Elemukuluk Chapter and the rest was merged into Netami and a small part of Osceola Chapters, to form Saturiwa Chapter.

The Vigil class inducted in January of 1996 was dedicated to the memory of Vigil Honor member Ron Dick, who had passed away a week earlier. Mr. Dick was a long-time Scouter who had donated eight-foot long sashes to the lodge for ceremonial uses. He was the adult Vigil Committee Chairman in 1973 who had changed the selection process, turning the actual selection of new Vigils to the youth members of the committee. Mardi Gras in 1996 was celebrated a month late at the Spring Fellowship, as the weekend's theme took on a New Orleans flavor. Mardi Gras beads were thrown everywhere, and Cajun and zydeco music blared throughout the afternoon events and evening. The feast featured traditional Louisiana food of chicken and red beans and rice.



The 1996 Section Conference was a huge success for the lodge, as it won the Best All-Around lodge award, the tandem of Adviser Matt Morgan and Professional Adviser Tom Holsenback won the Sink-a-thon competition, and the Sing team captured the top prize. The King's Cup was won, under the direction of third-year historian Mitchell Crawford, with the theme "55 Years of Echockotee". As part of the remembrance of the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the lodge, a special chenille patch was sold, reproducing the design of the arrowhead patch of the 1950's.



The Section's Council of Chiefs voted to have the Section Seminars hosted by Echockotee in 1997, which was the first event of an expanded Section S-4 with the addition of Echoconnee Lodge 258 and Tomo Chi-Chi Lodge 119 from central and eastern Georgia.



At the 1998 Section Conference Echockotee Lodge was recognized as Honor Lodge in the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony competition. The Pre-Ordeal team consisted of AS: David Strebler, M: Bret Royston, N: Eric Preusler, K: Michael Renehan under the support of Advisers Joe Benfield and Barbara Mollitt.

In 1998 Echockotee put together the largest National Conference contingent in the lodge's history with 88 contingent members and 12 staff under the theme of "The Flying 100". The total of 100 was the largest group from a single lodge at that year's NOAC held at Iowa State University. The Contingent was so large that the travel agent that booked the trip



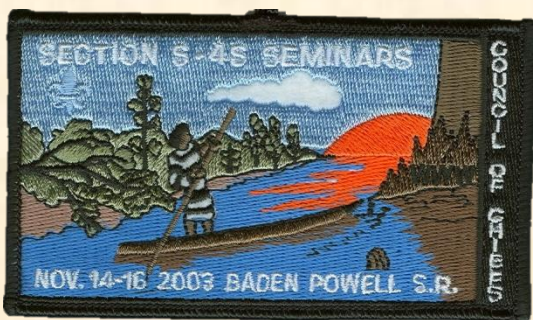
required the group travel on two separate planes. Echockotee Lodge was recognized for participating in the NOAC TODAY Lodge Newsletter Competition.



The 2000 S-4 Conference returned to Camp Shands with over 1000 members in attendance from 14 lodges in Florida and Georgia. The Theme was "Firm Bound in Brotherhood". At the 2000 National Conference, former Lodge and Section Chief David Strebler received the Distinguished Service Award.



The lodge celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2001 with a special flap patch and chenille, based on the design of the first lodge flap patch of the lodge.



In November of 2003 Echockotee hosted the S-4 South Seminars at Camp Shands, this time for a section that had been split the year before and reduced down to the lodges of the peninsular Florida.

In late 2003 Section Chief Nick Digirolamo of Seminole Lodge 85 was elected National Chief. In a special election he was replaced by Echockotee's Vice Chief Seth Mollitt. Seth was elected for his own full term in 2004.

At the National Council of Chiefs in December of 2004, Seth was elected as the 2005 National Vice Chief. To date, he remains the lodge's only national officer.

**Seth Mollitt -- National Vice Chief, 2005**

Seth was born and raised in Jacksonville, Florida. He is the youngest of four children and has an older brother and two older sisters. His father, Daniel, is a surgeon in Jacksonville, and his mother, Barbara, is a health educator. Seth was graduated from Wolfson High School in 2004, where he was Valedictorian and Student Body Vice President. Seth currently attends the University of Florida in Gainesville, where he is majoring in Business Management and is a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

Seth is an Eagle Scout from Troop 35 and has been a part of the Scouting program since Tiger Cubs. He is a Vigil Honor member and Founder's Award recipient of Echockotee Lodge 200, where he served as Lodge Vice Chief and ceremonies chairman. Seth was a two-and-half-term Section Chief, and he was the NOAC 2004 Conference Vice Chief for Inductions & Ceremonial Events. In December 2004, Seth was elected as the 2005 National Vice Chief of the Order of the Arrow.



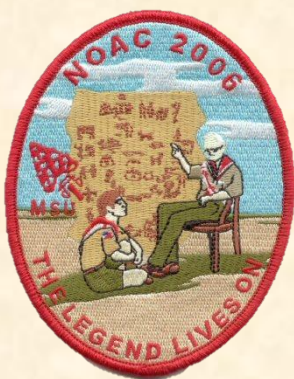
Courtney Allen received his Distinguished Service Award at the 2004 NOAC and the lodge received one of twenty "Spirit Awards: for the high level of participation at the Conference's events and training. Lodge Chief James Poindexter was elected Section Historian in 2004 and Section Secretary in 2005.

The year 2004 became known as the summer of hurricanes, with three major hurricanes striking the North Florida Area. As a result, the Fall Fellowship was rescheduled twice until it could be held in mid-November. Special Service days were held to clean the damage and debris at both Camp Echockotee and Camp Shands. As much as Hurricane Charley, Frances, and Jeanne damaged the North Florida camp properties, Hurricane Katrina devastated the central Gulf Coast of Louisiana and Mississippi. The camping facility of the Southeast Louisiana Council, Salem Scout Reservation was nearly destroyed by the high winds from the storm.

In February 2005, at the request of North Florida Council, over 100 members of Echockotee travelled to the camp in southern Mississippi and spent a weekend clearing trees and brush from roadways and buildings. For this and other achievements of service to the council, Echockotee received one of two National Service Awards issued in the Southern Region for 2016. This became the first of three consecutive National Service Awards (2006, 2017, & 2018) bestowed to Echockotee Lodge.



Forty-Four lodge members travelled by bus to East Lansing Michigan in 2006 for that year's National Conference. This conference's theme was "The Legend Lives On". At that year's NOAC Seth Mollitt received the Distinguished Service Award. For Founders' Day, Echockotee served 70 pounds of Alligator tail meat to passersby, making for one of the more unusual booths that year. Each Contingent member was issued a cardboard hat shaped like an alligator head to be worn at the shows and Founders Day. On the way back, the Contingent travelled to Niagara Falls, Ontario and spent the night in Canada. Afterwards most of the Contingent went white-water



rafting on the Youghiogheny River in southwest Pennsylvania, while others toured *Fallingwater*, a mansion designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, built over the river.

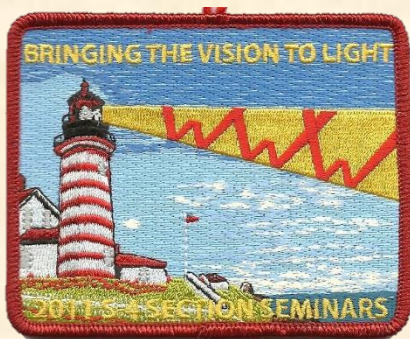


In 2007 Echockotee again hosted that year's Section S-4S Conference with almost 1200 participants from peninsular Florida, including that year's National and Region Chiefs as guest. This conference was the culmination of three years in the planning with over 100 Arrowmen involved in leadership and advisorship positions. Over 440 members of Echockotee were on hand to host the event. Jon Wright was elected Section Historian that year. Echockotee Lodge was again honored with their second consecutive National Service Award.

At the 2008 Conference, three Echockotee members were elected as Section Officers: Quintin Lesser – Section Chief; Joe Charbeneau – Section Secretary and Andrew Self – Section Historian. In 2008 Echockotee was again recognized with a National Service Award.



NOAC in 2009 was held in Indiana University. Echockotee lodge celebrated this trip with a series of farm based patches and a special Florida Gators National Football Champions Council Trip for the contingent.



2011 marked the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Echockotee as a lodge. A special lodge flap was designed based of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary flap design with the update "70" prominently displayed.

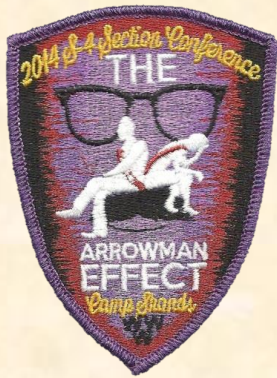
2011 Echockotee Lodge hosted the Section Seminars at Camp Shands. The event theme was "Bringing the Vision to Light".

Much of 2013's Cheerful Service was spent in preparation for the following year. Service projects ranged from replacement of dance arbor seats to major electrical and renovation work at the council campfire ring. Echockotee Lodge was recognized with the Southern Region's "We Support Camping Award" in 2013, 2014 & 2015. Established in 2012, the award's purpose is to encourage and incentivize lodges to sharpen their focus on camping support within their council. Lodges had to demonstrate leadership, service & financial assistance to their council's outdoor program.



Echockotee Lodge showed up in force at the 2013 Section Conference hosted by Seminole Lodge at Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation in Lake Wales, FL. A highlight of the weekend was a free silkscreen booth sponsored by Class B. In keeping with tradition, the Lodge Advisor sink-a-thon was a battle for survival for the team of Chip Leonard and Brian Patterson. As the saying goes, there is always next year.





In 2014 Echochotee lodge hosted its most successful section conference to date. The theme was “The Arrowman Effect”. Participants were wowed with incredible themed shows, fun and games all weekend. Perfect weather and great food made this conference one to remember. As a special treat at the Brotherhood Bash the Section was served ice cream by the lodge chiefs and section officers of S-4.

A unique side trip was made available for pre-registration that took participants on a tour of historic Penney Farms to the resting place of Founder E. Urner Goodman. The trip culminated with a visit to his grave site to pay respects. Each arrowmen on the tour left with a special book to commemorate the event. The “Goodman Trek” could not have been possible without the efforts of Kelly Roberts. As most of Echochotee Lodge was busy hosting the conference, very few were able to attend this trek. As a result, an encore Goodman Trek was planned for the benefit of Echochotee Lodge members.



Section S-4 Officers for the 2014 -2015 term include: Section Chief Austin Kriznar, Secretary Bryce Brandvold, and Historian Ethan Smith.

2015 started off with the lodge’s Winter Fellowship featuring the Order of the Arrow’s 100th Anniversary theme. On January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Arrowmen were given an opportunity to attend an encore “Goodman Trek” to Penney Farms at this weekend. Attending this weekend qualified as one of the requirements for the Arrowman Service Award.



The Arrowman Service Award (ASA) was created to recognize members, both youth and adult, who recommit themselves to the ideals of the Order, increase their level of service to their local unit and council and participate in the Order’s 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. The ASA began on July 16, 2014 and ended on December 31, 2015. The award had three categories that include components on personal growth, service to Scouting, and participation in the centennial celebration. Once earned, Arrowmen were allowed to purchase a ASA “sash patch” to be worn on the OA Sash.





As part of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration a new special recognition program was created for hometown heroes. Echockotee recognized 10 Arrowmen with Centurion Awards: Dick Leonard, Don Kreitzman, Kelly Roberts, Todd Leonard, Jack Butler, Courtney Allen, Allan Grinnan, Nick Leonard, Alexander Williams, & Chris Hume.



Echockotee Lodge brought 64 brothers down to Camp La-no-Che in 2015 to show the whole Section S-4 who the Best All-Around Lodge is for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Order. Group dance and sing groups competed and placed with honors. Lodge Chief Cole Gabriel brought home the top Vigil Chief Ceremony honor and the 2015 Best All-Around Lodge award.

Section S-4 Officers for the 2015 – 2016 term include: Vice Chief Ethan Smith, Secretary Bryce Brandvold, and Historian Preston Richter.



2015 S-4 Conference Contingent with presented awards including the Best-All-Around Lodge trophy

# ARROWTOUR

OUR NATIONAL CENTENNIAL EXPERIENCE

Camp Shands was selected as one of only two ArrowTour stops in Florida. Touted as the mobile National Centennial Experience, this travelling museum brought the NOAC celebration to the local level. Echockotee lodge was honored to host ArrowTour on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Baden Powell Scout Reservation. Silk screening, leather branding, OA History, Native American themed events, games and the lodge's Section Conference Kings Cup display were available to interact with. One highlight for the road crew and participants was the strong afternoon rainstorm, first on the tour, that blew through the event. While caught off guard, everyone pulled together and secured the displays from further potential damage. The closing of this event culminated in recognizing of the lodge's Centurions and receipt of the LODGE'S ArrowTour Time Capsule to be opened in 50 years.

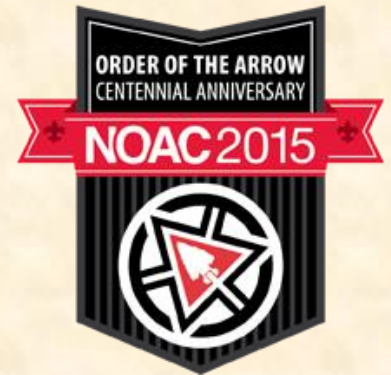


# NOAC 2015



Due to an unprecedented advanced overbooking of the national conference in the opening months, lodges were asked to limit adult attendance this year and placed a youth-to-adult ratio cap on all contingents. This restriction placed additional strain on the lodge as many adults were asked to stay home in order to accommodate as many youth as possible at this historic event.

As the lodge heads into the summer of 2015, a contingent of 130 Arrowmen will be traveling to Lansing Michigan, home of Michigan State University and this year's National Order of the Arrow Conference. The Conference Theme is "It Starts with Us" setting the stage for the next century of Cheerful Service. A highlight of the conference is the fable red sashes that were created for this special event.

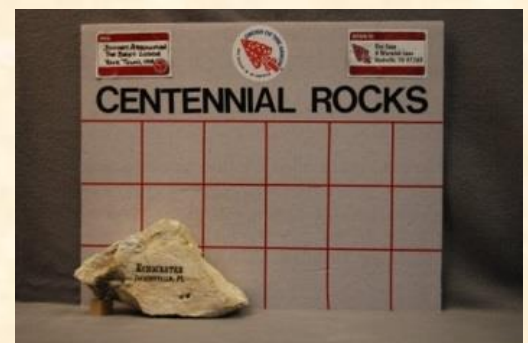
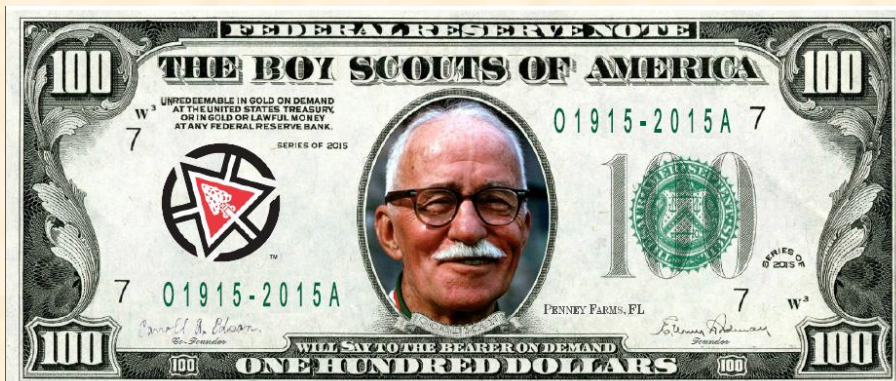


The contingent will be travelling in three tour buses and making side trips in route to and from NOAC at Cherokee, NC to see "Unto These Hills", Dollywood amusement park in Pigeon Forge, TN, and the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, OH.

Some notable youth arrowmen from Echockotee Lodge that are serving on staff at NOAC: Austin Kriznar, Daniel Smith, Brandon Newell, Kyle Kipple, Aaron Pannell, Alex Leonard, & Luiz Velez. Nineteen arrowmen in total served on the NOAC Staff. Many of the contingent advisers served as provisional NOAC staff members in order to put on one of the most epic National Conferences to date.



Echockotee Lodge's Centennial booth theme for NOAC was based around the history of the lodge by recognizing the outstanding arrowmen and their contributions to the lodge and the Order of the Arrow. The booth was set up as an interactive display where participants can take the challenge to "Come walk today where Dr. Goodman Walked .. And Strike \$ 100 Paydirt!". He lodge arrived at MSU with a half-million dollars in Goodman Bucks to give away to all that visit the booth and walk where the Founder has walked. As a keepsake memento, the contingent collected soil from the front yard of the founder's last home and presented this in a sealed centennial container. To further commemorate the recent Goodman Treks a unique \$100 Urner bill was created with a brochure highlighting some of the events and history of the Founder in his time at Echockotee Lodge.



## Echockotee Lodge 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

The 2016 Winter Fellowship was celebrated at Camp Shands with induction of the new Vigil honors, opening of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Time Capsule, creation of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary time capsule and election of the new lodge officers.

The 2016 S-4 Section Conference was hosted by O-Shot-Caw Lodge at Camp Elmore in Davie, Florida. Echockotee Lodge arrived with a contingent of over 100 Arrowmen to participate in the various competitions and games with the other seven lodges of the Section S-4. The last time the lodge travelled to Camp Elmore had been in 2005 prior to Hurricane Wilma, which devastated the South Florida camp. The noticeable difference this



2005 Camp Elmore

year was the absence of dense tree growth and vegetation previously throughout the camp and campsites. Echockotee placed 1<sup>st</sup> for the website competition and both the Pre-Ordeal and Vigil ceremony teams were recognized as Honor Teams. The Pre-Ordeal ceremonialist were Cole Gabriel, Daniel Fisher, Matthew Waltz, and Kyle Kipple. The AIA Group completed in group dance, singing team as well as individual dance competitions with may recognized for their skills. Echockotee was recognized with 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Best-All-Around Competition, ultimate frisbee, lodge ball, Kings Cup Competition.

In 2016 Echockotee Lodge was granted a National Service Grant which allowed the development of a blacksmith shop at Camp Shands. Echockotee Lodge received the Journey to Excellence Gold Lodge Standard for 2016 with the highest score to date.



The Innovation Award was established in 2012 to recognize lodges for developing creative and innovative solutions to challenges faced during the implementation of their annual plans. Two awards in each Region are presented annually. In 2017 Echockotee Lodge was recognized in the Southern Region for the third time with the Innovation Award. The 2014 Innovation Award was for the Lodge-wide Diverse Communication plan and Extended Elangomat/Nimat Program. The 2015 Innovation Award was for the new OA Recharter Resource Program and the 2016 Innovation Award was for their OA Troop Representative Program based on youth & adult leaders having varying needs, wants and expertise.

The 2017 Winter Fellowship marked the largest Vigil class yet with fifteen new Vigils. The weekend was impacted by severe weather that required these candidates to return at the Spring Fellowship to undergo the trails of their Vigil Honor. That Spring Fellowship was the first time Pre-ordeal, Ordeal, Brotherhood and Vigil ceremonies were performed during a fellowship; another record for the history book.

# ECHOCKOTEE LODGE 200



## **ECHOCKOTEE LODGE 200 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD (DSA) RECIPIENTS**



The Distinguished Service Award (DSA) was created in 1940 to honor those who rendered service to the Order beyond the lodge level. The award is presented to Arrowmen, youth and adult, who have rendered distinguished and outstanding service to the Order on a sectional, regional, or national basis. The award is presented at National Order of the Arrow Conferences. Since the time the first awards were presented, less than 1000 Distinguished Service Awards have been awarded.

The award is a sterling silver arrowhead bearing an arrow pointing up and to the wearer's right. The award is suspended from a white neck-ribbon on which red arrows are embroidered. A white square knot embroidered on red cloth is available for uniform wear and a silver arrowhead lapel pin is available for civilian wear.

Following is the list of current or former members of Echockotee Lodge who have been so recognized with the Order's Distinguished Service Award:

1977 - Kevin G. Holloway

2000 - David N. Strebler

1986 - Jack S. Butler, II

2004 - Courtney S. Allen

1988 - R. Kelly Roberts

2006 - Seth Y. Mollitt

1994 - Todd A. Leonard

2009 - C. Edward Tudor

1996 - Gregory J. Hazlehurst

2018 - Bradley A. "Austin" Kriznar

1998 - Todd A. Turner

The following Arrowmen, whose path of cheerful service began in Echockotee Lodge, were later recognized with the Distinguished Service Award as a member of another lodge:

1954 - M. G. Boswell

1961 - J. Paul Conover

2012 - Elam M. Patterson

## ECHOCKOTEE LODGE 200

### FOUNDER'S AWARD RECIPIENTS



Introduced at the 1981 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the Founder's Award recognizes Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to their lodge. The award is reserved for an Arrowman who demonstrates that he or she personifies the spirit of selfless service, as advocated by founder E. Urner Goodman and cofounder Carroll A. Edson.

The award is a handsome bronze medallion bearing the likenesses of E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson, with a wooden base and a brass plate suitable for engraving. Available for uniform wear is a gold-colored arrow suspended from a red ribbon.

Lodges may petition the national Order of the Arrow committee to present between two and four awards annually, depending on the number of members in the lodge. If the lodge presents more than one award, at least one must be awarded to a youth under the age of 21.

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| 1981 – John Garnett (Y)<br>Lindsey Walker (A)  | 1995 – Todd Turner (Y)<br>Skip Klenk (A)       | 2008 – Nicholas Leonard (Y)<br>Michael Willis (Y)                     |
| 1982 – Jay Crouse (Y)<br>Jack Butler (A)       | 1996 – Greg Fugitt (Y)<br>Vernon Adams (A)     | 2009 – No Award   |
| 1983 – Todd Leonard (Y)                        | 1997 – David Strebler (Y)<br>Shawn Vann (Y)    | 2010 – Chris Hume (Y)<br>Aaron Lewis (Y)                              |
| 1984 – No Award                                | 1998 – Brad Perry (Y)<br>Joe Benfield (A)      | 2011 – Jonathan Wright (Y)<br>Allan Grinnan (A)                       |
| 1985 – No Award                                | 1999 – Jason Roberts (Y)<br>West Gregory (Y)   | 2012 – Brandon Newell (Y)<br>Pat Wright (A)                           |
| 1986 – Joel Morris (Y)<br>David Williams (Y)   | 2000 – Todd Mollitt (Y)<br>Norm Gregory (A)    | 2013 – Alex Williams (Y)<br>Daniel Smith (Y)                          |
| 1987 – John White (Y)<br>Phil Carpenter (A)    | 2001 – Brett Royston (Y)<br>Tom Holsonback (A) | 2014 – Alex Leonard (Y)<br>Michael Simmons (Y)                        |
| 1988 – Dick Leonard (A)                        | 2002 – Jeff Rose (Y)<br>Allen Hughes (A)       | 2015 – Austin Kriznar (Y)<br>Cole Gabriel (Y)                         |
| 1989 – Greg Hazlehurst (Y)<br>Eddie Tudor (Y)  | 2003 – Seth Mollitt (Y)<br>Moishe Groger (Y)   | 2016 – Zachary Morris (Y)<br>Chip Leonard (A)<br>John Steinmeyer (A)  |
| 1990 – Mike Heaney (Y)<br>John Puthuff (A)     | 2004 – Chad Fralick (Y)<br>Sean Royston (Y)    | 2017 – Austin Schwindt (Y)<br>Kyle Kipple (Y)<br>Martin Heesacker (A) |
| 1991 – Bill Schilling (Y)<br>Kelly Roberts (A) | 2005 – Joe Grinnan (Y)<br>Bo Bullinger (A)     | 2018 – Wyatt Wiltse (Y)<br>Bradley Hight (Y)<br>David Boudreaux (A)   |
| 1992 – Courtney Allen (Y)<br>Don Krietzman (A) | 2006 – Jason Vickery (Y)<br>Robert Mathis (A)  |   |
| 1993 – Mike Howle (Y)                          | 2007 – Corey Troxell (Y)<br>Don Royston (A)    |   |
| 1990 – Mike Heaney (Y)                         |  |   |
| 1993 – Ernie Jameson (A)                       |  |   |
| 1994 – James Royal (Y)<br>Al Roby (A)          |  |   |

# ECHOCKOTEE LODGE 200 CENTURION AWARD RECIPIENTS

For 100 years, the Order of the Arrow has purposefully recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives.

With that in mind, our organization's centennial provides a unique opportunity to commemorate those among us who are exemplars of the "high ideals and purpose of the Order of the Arrow." The Centurion Award aims to highlight "Hometown Heroes," or Arrowmen who have meaningfully contributed to forming, maturing, and continuing excellence of their local lodge while also inspiring others to follow in their footsteps.

This award is an once-in-a-lifetime recognition associated with the centennial anniversary bestowed by the national Order of the Arrow committee. This recognition is an opportunity to highlight lodge development over the last century and the many individuals, both youth and adult, who were instrumental to this success. These honorees will serve as exemplars of leadership, modeling to others a commitment to cheerful service as the Order of the Arrow enters its second century.

Candidate submissions were reviewed by to the Lodge Key 3 for the potential nominee's merit based on the following:

- The inspiration of others to follow in their footsteps of service;
- Devotion of the ideals of brotherhood, cheerfulness and service;
- Ability to facilitate personal growth of others in their leadership;
- Selfless initiative to improve the spirit of the lodge;
- Passion "to help others at all time" and meet the needs of others; &
- Innovative approaches to positively impact both present and future generations of the lodge.

Based on the recommendations of Lodge's Key 3, ten Arrowmen were selected by the national committee for recognition by Echockotee Lodge.

## **Centurion Award for Youth Service:**

Courtney Allen, Chris Hume, Nick Leonard,  
Todd Leonard, Kelly Roberts & Alex  
Williams

## **Centurion Award for Adult Service:**

Jack Butler, Allan Grinnan, Don Kreitzman,  
& Dick Leonard



Echockotee Lodge Centurions recognized at ArrowTour on July 10, 2015.  
Not pictured: Jack Butler & Allan Grinnan

# Courtney Allen

## Testimonial: Youth Service

From the time Courtney Allen was inducted into the Order of the Arrow as a youth, he has been a leader. A true leader can be measured by those who follow, regardless of any official title he may hold. And, Courtney is that kind of a leader.

As a youth member of Echockotee Lodge, Courtney and several other youth members created the first Classroom Scouting Camporee, hosted by our Lodge. This Camporee provided emotionally and physically challenged Scouts with an opportunity to experience Camping – many for the first time. This “One Day of Service” became such an inspiration to the members of Echockotee that more than 20 years later we still sponsor and host this event each year. During his

term as Lodge Chief, he served on Summer Camp staff where he was instrumental in creating a staff comprised almost entirely of Arrowmen. And, following his term as Chief he established the first father / son Webelos campout weekend for the Council – by partnering with a number of Arrowmen from Echockotee Lodge.

The common theme of Courtney’s leadership style is his unique ability to create an atmosphere where others want to give of themselves. There is no question that Courtney is a servant leader – but his abilities extend well beyond this, in that he has developed so many other servant leaders who learned by his example, and simply wanting to be part of the program. As one of the top Lodge Chiefs in our history, Courtney created a lasting environment of Arrowmen who give of themselves in a manner that is above and beyond what most would consider normal or expected. That style of inspirational leadership has created a succession of quality officers and chiefs who lead by setting the same kinds of examples.

That giving continues today, more than 25 years later. Courtney was one of the few Lodge Chiefs who maintained his cheerful service with our Lodge after he turned 21, and even after he moved away from North Florida. In fact, he left the geographic area of our Lodge more than 15 years ago – yet continues to give back to the Lodge. And, although he is now married and a father of three – his youngest a Cub Scout, he consistently finds ways to continue his servant leadership with Echockotee Lodge. Most interesting, he almost exclusively looks for opportunities that directly benefit the youth in the program. That example Courtney set as a youth leader remains an inspiration to other youth leaders today. The Centurion Award aims to highlight Arrowmen who have meaningfully contributed to the forming, maturing and ongoing operational excellence of their local council’s lodge, and who, in doing so, inspired others to follow in their footsteps. In Echockotee, there is no finer example of an inspirational leader, who as a youth has touched the lives of countless Arrowmen, than Courtney Allen.



# Jack Butler

## Testimonial: Adult Service

In the early 1970's, when Echockotee was just celebrating its 30th anniversary, the Lodge was primarily run by adults. Today, that seems almost inconceivable. Indeed there were youth officers, but the influence and decision making of adults was likely more than ever intended by our founder, E. Urner Goodman. Having recently moved to north Florida, Jack Butler was named the Lodge Adviser in 1974. He immediately returned the leadership of Echockotee to the youth members. At the time, some believed this was not in the best interest of the Lodge. But, the youth recognized this as an opportunity to demonstrate they had the ability to run the Lodge.

Over the next eight years that Jack served as Lodge Adviser he worked tirelessly to build a sustainable youth-run program. His two primary objectives were to ensure the Lodge had quality chapter and committee advisers, and to provide the youth leadership with the tools they needed to be successful. Although few could see it at the onset of his tenure as Lodge Adviser, Jack knew how successful Echockotee could be under the right youth-led approach. And, the lodge prospered under the changed direction. The youth demonstrated they had the ability to lead. More than 40 years later the legacy of Jack Butler continues.

Jack paved the road for many youth members to become successful leaders in Echockotee, many of whom continued their involvement in Scouting and the Order of the Arrow long after their youth service ended. Echockotee, which has grown to nearly 1,000 members, is largely successful because of the foundation Jack established in the 70's. It is important to note that Jack's influence extended well beyond the walls of Scouting for the youth with whom he worked. His guidance carried over to many through their years of education and into establishing careers as businessmen, lawyers, teachers, doctors, and more.

Jack's most significant contribution to Echockotee is his ability to recognize talent in other people, and then ensure there was an opportunity to put it into practice. He connects incredibly well with youth and adults alike. Over the years in Echockotee, Jack consistently scouted talent and encouraged leaders to become involved – to take chances and grow beyond their current positions. This practice continued well after his time as Lodge Adviser. At Fellowships and Service Days you would always see Jack working alongside others to get just the right people (mostly youth) involved in leading the program.

Today, even as Jack has moved away, his influence continues. Youth and adults throughout the Lodge know who Jack is, and the contributions he made. As we look back over the first 100 years of the Order of the Arrow, and nearly 75 for Echockotee, there is no other individual Arrowman who has contributed more to Echockotee Lodge's success than Jack Butler. As we enter our second century, he is an exemplar of leadership, who models to others a lifelong commitment to cheerful service.



# Allan Grinnan



## Testimonial: Adult Service

“Life for Life.” That’s how Allan Grinnan describes his Boy Scout youth experience. In fact, he regularly uses that phrase to encourage young men to keep their eyes fixed on the prize and work diligently to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. His primary role as an adult adviser in Echockotee Lodge has been to ensure that every youth member has the very best experience. He never waivers from the primary goal of encouraging young people to make the most of each opportunity.

When Allan returned to Echockotee Lodge with his son in tow, he reengaged with a sense of urgency. His own experience reminded him that tenure as a youth is short and before you know it you have aged out. He jumped right into a leadership role becoming the adviser for the largest chapter in our lodge. As expected, the chapter thrived. Elections and inductions rose and the enthusiasm among the youth peaked. The chapter spirit moved beyond the regular cheers to mini skits at fellowship meals. The entire lodge watched as Elemukulek Chapter take center stage. Under Allan’s guidance the chapter swept every award given by the lodge.

The next stop on his journey is predictable. Allan became the Lodge Adviser. For a number of years prior to his appointment, the lodge had gone through several advisers with relatively short tenures. Echockotee needed stability and direction. Well, Allan Grinnan was the perfect choice. He always led from the center of the activity, never from the fringes. He was hands-on all of the time. Always cheerful, always prepared, and always looking for ways to engage young people.

He worked to preserve a cheerful spirit, even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities and was unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others. For six years he served as the lodge adviser. He was the first member in the camp at every event and the last to leave. No one worked harder on service days than Allan Grinnan. He had the unique ability to inspire and empower youth.

When his time as the Lodge Adviser was complete, Allan did not fade away. He stayed on as an Associate Lodge Adviser in charge of Membership, Publications, and Inductions. The fact is, Echockotee Lodge cannot function well without the continued leadership of Mr. Grinnan. Now in his eleventh year as a lodge leader, Allan serves with as much vigor as he did so many years ago. Echockotee Lodge is richer because Allan continues to give.

# Chris Hume

## Testimonial: Youth Service

Echockotee Lodge will celebrate 75 years of service in 2016. During that time thousands of members have been inducted into the Order of The Arrow and served scouting. A few of those individuals engaged at a level well beyond initial expectations. Those members are the true leaders of the lodge. With no tangible reward to motivate him, Chris Hume has nonetheless stepped forward time after time to help lead our lodge the way true leaders do.

He was an enthusiastic Ordeal member. Chris was at every event, eager to engage. He dragged his parents all over the state, attending Order of the Arrow conclaves and seminars.

It wasn't long before he was elected Chapter Chief. What changed in that chapter? Everything. Chris was at the head of the line, propelling the chapter to the forefront of lodge fellowships. The number of ordeal candidates soared and the number of members increased at a steady pace.

Next stop, Lodge Chief. That path wasn't quite so easy. He lost the first election but he resolved to continue working as the Service Chairman. The results were predictable. Under Chris' leadership the lodge was able to meet the needs of the Council and area camps. Cheerful service came easy for Chris. Disappointments were no deterrent. He served cheerfully even in the midst of irksome tasks and even in the midst of tasks that really were another officer's responsibility. One year later, his dream was realized and he became the Chief of the Lodge.

It's great to be the Chief and not so great to be the Chief. The lodge is always looking at the one wearing the bonnet for direction and leadership. Chris was equal to the task. He became the chief servant. Our lodge did not miss a beat with Chris at the lead, but that has been true of other lodge chiefs. So what made Chris different? What's different about Chris is that he hasn't quit serving. The prestigious job of lodge chief was four years ago. Today you can find Chris with his chapter serving in an Associate Adviser capacity. He is also the Service Adviser for our lodge. Up or down, rain or shine you can count on Chris Hume. His service has come full circle. What began as a youth member continues today as an adult, but with a difference. He's now mentoring our youth arrowmen. He's helping to develop future leaders.



# Don Kreitzman

## ***Testimonial: Adult Service***

Brotherhood... Cheerfulness... Service... There are no better words with which to describe the essence of Don Kreitzman as he has continuously and faithfully served Echockotee Lodge for 41 years, well over half of Echockotee's entire history. From the very beginning, the concept of cheerful service matched so seamlessly with his own personal example, you could have easily believed that the legend was in fact written to describe him.

Following his induction, Don immediately stepped up to volunteer in service to Echockotee Lodge as Service Adviser. A Civil Engineer by professional training, Don was the ideal choice to fill a role so critical to the majority of events which comprised such a significant portion of the lodge program annually. With an average annual induction of approximately 300, Don understood that meaningful service is an essential element of providing a quality experience to ordeal candidates as they receive their first impression of the brotherhood of cheerful service. Don was so committed to this principal that many adults in the lodge today can recall their first day of cheerful service as a youthful ordeal candidate on a project of lasting value. Despite project assignments that often required a specific technical skill, construction knowledge or special expertise, Don saw those needs as opportunities to share his experience with the youth as a means to help them learn and grow. Likewise, he used his influence to motivate other adults involved in the delivery of service to the council camps to advise and mentor the youth of the lodge in a similar fashion.

Many of the facilities routinely used by thousands of scouts and volunteers on a week to week basis serve as a silent testament to Don's legacy to the lodge and Scouting. Among the major improvements are two council rings, handicraft shelter, first-year camper shelter, waterfront shelter, obstacle course, and rifle, shotgun and archery ranges just to name a few. Whether installing something new or maintaining the existing, his fingerprints have literally touched nearly every constructed feature of each council camp at one time or another; a legacy with far-reaching effect.

Don's effectiveness as Adviser to the lodge's service program helped to insure that Echockotee was always prepared to deliver on its host responsibilities. But beyond that, Don's efforts paid huge dividends in the growth of the lodge; his team-building approach to the delivery of service helped create a synergy that fueled the lodge's significant growth in the 1970's and 1980's. Don can be found at each and every fellowship continuing to provide cheerful service to whatever project might require his attention and expertise; an amazing accomplishment for a man of 87. Cheerful service is a term that too many of us tend to use rather loosely. Not so for Don Kreitzman; cheerful service not only describes what he does, it defines who he is. It is only right that he be recognized with the Centurion Award as one whose personal example has so long influenced the path of cheerful service for Echockotee Lodge.



# Nick Leonard

## ***Testimonial: Youth Service***

Nicholas “Nick” Leonard was one of the most determined youth leaders in Echockotee Lodge. Almost immediately after his election into the Order of the Arrow in 2000, he developed a strong interest in rebuilding his Chapter. Eventually Nick would become the Chapter Chief of Saturiwa, building it into one of the strongest in the Lodge. Nick’s approach to reigniting the fire in the Chapter is what sets him apart.

The passion he brought to the challenge was unmatched by any of his peers, and has carried over to other roles he has had. He encouraged youth members to become active by creating some of the most fun and spirited chapter meetings any of us have seen. He wrote cheers that many years later are still the trademark of Saturiwa. At fellowships, Nick could easily be found as the entire Chapter was constantly surrounding him reciting cheer after cheer. His fellow Chapter members were drawn into his passion – and could not wait to be a part of the excitement Nick built.

As a Lodge Chief, Nick carried that same enthusiasm and passion to all of the Chapters in Echockotee. During his tenure as Lodge Chief, he created an atmosphere where other chapters were developing and consistently displaying their own spirit. Echockotee grew under his leadership, mostly because youth members wanted to be a part of the program Nick had created. Today that same competitive spirit among chapters lives on – well beyond his term as Lodge Chief.

In 2007 Nick was the Shows Chairman for the Section Conference hosted by Echockotee. He wrote and produced one of the most inspirational shows our Section has ever had. Not surprisingly, it was about a youth Arrowman who wanted to make a difference in the Order of the Arrow. That show sparked a keen observation by Nick. He recognized that Echockotee had almost no documented history captured beyond still photos.

Following the Section Conference, Nick created EchoShows – whose primary mission was to document each major event with a recap video. He assembled a team of interested Arrowmen, and launched the committee. Today EchoShows is one of the strongest committees in the Lodge, providing Arrowmen an opportunity to display their own passion for the Order in front of and behind the camera. The true benefit is that the history of Echockotee is now consistently recorded in video, which is presented at each Fellowship and posted on-line for others to view.

It is rare in the Order of the Arrow that a Lodge Chief continues to serve much beyond his term. However, Nick has continued – and now serves as the Adviser to EchoShows. The passion he once had as a youth is now showing through other youth members who seek Nick’s influence and leadership. As we celebrate the first 100 years of the Order of the Arrow, and nearly 75 for Echockotee, Nicholas Leonard is one of the top individuals in the Lodge’s history to have meaningfully contributed a leadership foundation benefited by many of our Arrowmen.



# Todd Leonard

## Testimonial: Youth Service

Todd Leonard began his journey as an Arrowman 38 years ago after his Ordeal in June of 1976; an experience leaving a lasting impression that would shape much of his enduring influence on Echockotee Lodge. All of the familiar adjectives one normally associates with great leaders can easily be applied to Todd Leonard and his legacy with Echockotee Lodge: visionary, passionate, committed, sacrificial, selfless, dedicated, creative, inspirational and influential. As a youth, Todd held a number of positions (Chapter Chief, Inductions Chairman, Lodge Chief, Vigil Chairman and Ceremonialist as a partial list) within the lodge as many young men have, but Todd always managed to find new and creative ways to execute those roles in order to bring a special emphasis on those who were new to the lodge.



It was through his efforts that the Very Important Arrowman (VIA) breakfast came into being, its singular purpose is to enhance the first impression that the lodge makes on new ordeal members through a sincere welcome and an opportunity to meet with the lodge's youth leaders. This tradition, which began with Todd continues to the present time and has grown to now include the "First Year Arrowman" award that invites a stronger participation in their first year by new ordeal members.

As youth Chairman of the 1983 Section Conference Committee, Todd's efforts to lead Echockotee's responsibilities as host lodge set the standard for all subsequent conferences. He brought forward his idea of the VIA breakfast concept and found a way to similarly apply it to new ordeal members attending their first section conference. This event continues today at each S4 Section Conference.

Similarly, Todd led the effort to further enhance the recognition of those annually selected for the Vigil Honor. It was through his leadership that Echockotee's Vigil Banquet was conceived and has grown into a strong tradition that continues to this day. The banquet also features a capable speaker whose purpose is to shine a spotlight on the characteristics of each newly inducted Vigil honoree.

Although many have held the position of Lodge Chief, few have led with the vision and ability to inspire others as Todd Leonard. He was instrumental in fostering the concept of quarterly themes for each of the lodge's fellowships. Entire programs were planned around each of these themes to promote and teach the concepts of brotherhood, cheerfulness and service while at the same time insuring that the members of Echockotee Lodge were having loads of fun.

Although nominated for service rendered as a youth member, it's worth noting that Todd has continued to serve as an Adviser with the same vision, insight, creativity and passion asserted during his years as a youth leader. So much, that the space available here does not allow one to do his true legacy justice. In simple terms, Todd Leonard epitomizes the ideal Arrowman that the Order of the Arrow intended to recognize through the creation of the Centurion Award.

# Dick Leonard

## ***Testimonial: Adult Service***

Dick Leonard, is one of the true Legacy Leaders under consideration for the Centurion Award. Dick is the longest-tenured current member of the lodge, having completed his ordeal as a youth in 1953. This was only 12 years after the chartering of the lodge in 1941. Dick's involvement led him to the position of Vice Chief from 1954-1955. This was a high position of youth leadership that would influence the direction of our fledgling lodge.



Dick's passion for Scouting would soon be transferred to his own sons. Dick was there every step of the way. As a parent and Arrowman, he supported his sons' involvement. But the contentment of parental support was not to last. Despite a number of successes by the lodge in the 1970's, a time of turmoil overcame the organization. Never one to seek out a position of notoriety, Dick was asked by the Council Executive to consider taking on the role of Lodge Adviser. Given his long association with Scouting and his love for the lodge, Dick accepted the responsibility of turning Echockotee around.

An example of the state of the lodge's health was the number to attend NOAC in 1983: only 17 Arrowmen; significantly down from 1981, where 54 Arrowmen represented Echockotee. Something had to change. Many were critical of his appointment to the top Adviser position. But, in his professional career, Dick served as a trust officer for one of Jacksonville's banking institutions. He operated from a position of principle and character. Many challenges were to come; some easily solved, others not so much. Dick continued to guide the lodge. Ultimately, attitudes were positively affected; belief in Echockotee Lodge was restored; brothers were inspired, and youth once again trusted their adult advisers.

A few statistics serve as a testimony to his effectiveness as Lodge Adviser: '84 NLS was attended by 18 members with 5 on staff; '85 Jamboree saw 6 members serve (largest number in the nation); 8 brothers completed the '85 Philmont Trek; 53 members attended the '86 NOAC (7 on staff); the '88 NOAC attendance increased to 65; the '89 Philmont Trek, the lodge led the nation with 15 participating; Echockotee was chosen Best All-Around Lodge in 1987 and 1988.

Numbers don't tell the whole story. Dick also helped to create the Classroom Scouting Camporee. This unique event, one of the first of its kind in the nation, was initiated and funded by Echockotee Lodge for the benefit of special needs scouts in North Florida and has become an annual feature on the calendar. Dick's steady guidance was responsible for charting a new course for Echockotee.

And what of his two sons? Well, they have both gone on to become accomplished and influential Advisers, a testament to the legacy began by their father. One might argue that this has no bearing on consideration for the Centurion Award, what better way to measure the influence of one man's legacy than to examine the record of his own sons? Some equal perhaps, but none better.

# Kelly Roberts

## *Testimonial: Youth Service*

In Echockotee, no other Arrowmen has left a lasting mark on the Lodge comparable to Kelly Roberts. Many of the program elements in our Lodge today were the direct result of Kelly's leadership as a youth member in the late 1970's. Kelly served the Lodge as Lodge Secretary from 1979-1980, but his contributions extend well beyond that one term. As a youth leader, Kelly's most significant skill set was his ability to create and implement program elements that ignited the Lodge and drew Arrowmen in.

Kelly was instrumental in creating many of the legacy traditions in Echockotee Lodge. Two examples are the themed fellowships and our annual Lodge banquet. Kelly recognized that while giving cheerful service at fellowships, we could likely attract more Arrowmen by implementing a program built off of themes for each of the weekends. These themes might include a western weekend, or a beach fellowship. A variety of program elements were built off of the themes – including camp wide games, mechanical bull rides, back porch bar-b-ques, and more. After several hours of cheerful service, the balance of the weekend was devoted to having fun, centered on the weekend theme. This had such an impact that more than 30 years later the Lodge continues the tradition of themed fellowships.

Kelly was also one of the co-creators of the Lodge's first annual banquet, almost 30 years ago. He, along with a team of other Arrowmen, conceived the idea of creating a banquet that would honor the newly selected Vigil Honor recipients. The unique part is that current Vigil Honor members would serve dinner to the balance of the Lodge. The banquet has become one of the longest traditions in our Lodge's history. And, it is looked forward to each year by all of the Arrowmen of Echockotee.

Kelly's involvement in starting a number of traditions in Echockotee is only surpassed in importance by his ability to create opportunities for others, primarily youth, to serve in leadership roles. In each of the program elements Kelly founded, he developed a team of Arrowmen that would further the ideation process and deliver the program elements. The most effective leader is an individual who provides others the opportunity to demonstrate and hone their own skills. The single largest legacy Kelly has provided to Echockotee Lodge are the countless number of youth members he has mentored to become the strongest leaders of any Lodge in the nation.

Nearly 35 years after service as a Lodge officer, Kelly continues his service to Echockotee Lodge. His primary role continues to be creating and developing program elements for the benefit of Echockotee's Arrowmen – today and into the future. As we enter the second century of service in the Order of the Arrow, there is no better example in Echockotee Lodge of exemplary leadership, modeling to others a commitment to cheerful service, than Kelly Roberts.



# Alex Williams

## *Testimonial: Youth Service*

“He who serves his fellows, is of all his fellows greatest.” It is easy to gloss over this simple sentence as it is repeated in ceremonies or award banquets. From time to time, we may point to someone who we believe exhibits one of the characteristics associated with the phrase. Perhaps we hear it so often we forget to reflect of the powerful implications. On rare occasions we encounter someone who serves naturally. Alex Williams is one of those outliers.

A shy, timid young man was inducted into the Order of the Arrow. He was not an immediate success but he was willing to risk his fears and ran for Chapter Secretary. He won. That little victory turned into a succession of offices culminating as the Chief of our Lodge and Vice Chief of the Section. He was successful because he had the unique ability to inspire others. Alex was always at the head of the line, cheering others onward.

Award applications often prompt folks to list accomplishments like badges on display. Alex served in so many roles in our lodge that the 500 word limit would be consumed by the list. What drives someone to give so much in so many areas? For Alex, it was an intense desire to ensure the success of our lodge. Wherever there was a need, Alex plugged the hole. Many of the roles were thankless jobs that no one ever saw but Alex continued to serve. To be quite frank, he was sometimes passed over for awards that he should have been given, but were missed, because he was working in a supportive position.

The lodge never saw the countless hours he worked to ensure the fellowship weekends were successful. They were not aware of the long phone calls needed to prepare for the next activity. No one witnessed the preparation for ceremonies as he memorized his part. His service seemed effortless but it wasn't.

Most Lodge and Section officers take a much needed break after their term, not Alex. He continues to serve Echokotee Lodge as a part of the Service Committee. How appropriate. There he is as fully engaged as he was when he was the Lodge Chief. He appeared at our last fellowship dressed like the Incredible Hulk. He was green from head to toe. When he was asked about the costume he simply replied, “We've got to get the members fired up about service today.” Enough said! That's a Centurion!



# ECHOCKOTEE LODGE 200 VIGIL HONOR RECIPIENTS

Alertness to the needs of others is the mark of the Vigil Honor. It calls for an individual with an unusual awareness of the possibilities within each situation.

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to lodge, council, and Scouting. Membership cannot be won by a person's conscious endeavors.

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position of office to one or more of the following:

- Lodge
- Order of the Arrow
- Scouting community
- Scout Camp

Under no circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow be considered as reason enough for a Vigil Honor recommendation.

Any member of the Order of the Arrow registered in Scouting and in good standing in a regularly chartered lodge is eligible for recommendation to the National Order of the Arrow Committee for elevation to the Vigil Honor provided that, at the time of the recommendation, the individual has been a Brotherhood member for a minimum of two years. A lodge may nominate a maximum of two percent of their registered Arrowmen once a year, through the Vigil Honor petition, found in the annual re-charter packet. At least 50 percent of all nominated must be under 21 at the time of nomination.

1946 – M.G. Boswell

1949 – Horace S. Williamson

1950 – J. Paul Conover  
Fielding Fry  
Francis Johnson

1952 – James S. McDonald Jr.

1954 – Dr. F.A. Copp

1956 – Ernest Hamilton  
Vic Norman

1957 – Bill Christian  
James McKay  
Larry Tomazinis

1958 – Claude Abbot  
Marvin Evans  
John Sims

1958 – Williams R. Vogel

1959 – Terrell Kennedy  
Jim Prosser  
Michael G. Pruett  
Gene Shimp  
Byron Winn III

1960 – David P. Beddow  
Donald I. Funk

1961 – Frank Beddow  
Robert C. Bolles  
George C. Bothwell Sr.  
George C. Bothwell Jr.  
Robert Fletcher  
B. F. Laugeson

1963 – Luther Collier  
Ben Edwards  
Donald Huff



1963 – John N. Reames  
Mark Waldon

1964 – Ray C. Chauncey Jr.  
Robert Rile

1965 – Tommy Bates  
Ted Driebrodt  
Richard Leslie  
Earl M. Reames  
Jay Stevens  
Jack Watson Sr.

1966 – Michael Foster

1967 – Harry M. Roberts Jr.  
Warren Watson

1968 – John Burton Jr.  
David Hart  
Dwight Marlin Jr.  
John W. Shuff

1969 – Frank H. (Sandy) Ingle  
Michael Malpass  
Milledge Murphy III  
Leonard E. Neel  
Harry Parkhurst  
James Sanders  
Nelson Tracy  
Delmer Whitehead

1971 – Albert Blackman  
Albert Blackman IV  
Corwin Burghardt  
Perter Burghardt  
Ronald W. Dick Sr.  
David Legere  
John Roberts

1972 – David O. Clayton  
Miles Crab  
Brad T. Dempsey  
Don Suereth

1973 – John Kemp Sr.  
Robert D. Knowles  
Charles E. McNulty  
David H. Miles  
James Sloderbeck

1974 – Lee C. Field  
Andy J. Fore  
Kevin Holloway  
Edwin Laugeson  
Zach Martin  
Mitchell Sheperd  
Mike Sloderbeck  
Richard Suddeth  
Lindsey R. Walker  
Carl Zuber

1975 – Craig Alford  
Bill Capell  
Phil Carpenter  
John Chesser  
Ralph Corrin  
Al Gastiger  
Gary Kemp  
Joe Miller

1976 – Tom Bauman  
Burnham Cooper  
Edwin Miller Sr.  
B. Allen Reid

1977 – Vernon Adams  
Jim Benjamin  
Doyle Hayes  
O. Sam Harris  
John Puthuff  
Clay Reid  
Michael Stienmetz

1978 – Gene Fox  
Kim Hayes  
Jay Kauffman  
Steve Knight  
Don Kreitzman  
Pat Patterson  
Jeff Scott  
Ira Strauss  
Peter Webster

1979 – John Garnett  
Archie Lloyd  
Gerald Morris  
Elam P. Patterson  
Kevin Searcey



1980 – John Duncan  
Elam M. Patterson  
Kevin Scott  
Art Todd

1981 – Darrell Adams  
Don Grant  
Ernest Jameson  
Kelly Jordan  
John Kemp  
Steve Locke  
David Whitehead

1982 – Jim Brewton  
Allan Bush  
Jay Crouse  
Tad Delegal  
William Garnett  
Todd Leonard  
Kelly Roberts  
Bill Thompson

1983 – Robert Mathis  
Bob Thompson

1984 – Charles Amhrein  
Ken Bendy  
C. Richard Leonard  
Edwin Miller Jr.  
George Serven  
Barrie Snyder Jr.

1985 – John Amhrein  
David Fry  
Phillip Hansberry  
Marshall Hazlehurst  
Eric Hillebrenner  
Thomas J. Knight  
Jerry Linder Sr.  
Matthew Puthuff

1986 - Ben Catoe  
Ron Bowers  
Bill Brewton  
Charles Grose  
LaShawn King  
Robin Longworth  
John Mathis  
Joel Morris

1986 - Andy Sullivan  
Don Wheeler

1987 – Jim Calhoun  
David Hazlehurst  
Greg Hazlehurst  
Paul Morris  
Ken Musial  
Eddie Tudor  
Lars Vala  
John White  
Brad Williams

1988 – Edward Kent  
Steve Redgrave  
Billy Schilling  
Hugh Self  
Tom Welch  
David Williams

1989 – Tony Chihocky  
Dudley Gayman  
Allan Grose  
Mike Heaney  
Al Roby  
Rob Viets

1990 – Joe Benfield  
Scott Benfield  
Ernie Grose  
Jeremy Hine  
Mike Holland  
Steve Kitchell  
Skip Klenk  
A.J. Kutyna  
Eric Menge  
Brennan O'Brien  
Bob Powell

1991 – Courtney Allen  
Robert Brozoski  
Bill Butcher  
Bo Bullinger  
Zack Butler  
Fred Lusardo  
Mike Mills  
Bob Mitchell  
Quinn O'Brien  
Frank Pflieger



1992 – John Steinberg

1993 – Steve Bostick  
Tom Brenneman  
Mark Compton  
Mike Howle  
Kerry Keyworth  
Cory Klenk  
Matt Morgan  
Frank Roessler  
Dave Wilkinson

1994 – David Ainsworth  
Billy Daubenmire  
James Royal

1995 – Roy Blake  
Mitchell Crawford  
Dan Drum  
Greg Fugitt  
Alan Harris  
Austin McCormack  
Brandon Sorvillo  
Shawn Vann  
Steve Waller

1996 – David Blake  
Ric Closs  
Aaron Dennington  
Tom Holsonback  
Jim Horne  
Earl Houseman  
Brad Perry  
David Strebler  
Todd Turner

1997 – Todd Mollit  
Max Stein  
John Jarrard  
David Martin  
Nyle Taylor  
Nick Schwartz  
Preston Hull  
Tim Banach  
Barbara Jesse  
John Zell

1998 – West Gregory



1998 – Matt Wilson  
Reggie Dubay  
Andy Sabol

1999 – Matt McArthur  
Eric Preusler  
Jason Roberts  
Tito French  
Norm Gregory  
Michael Rhodes

2000 – Bret Royston  
Joseph Spaur  
Chris Roberts  
Jarrell Thomas  
Steve Gamewell  
Carroll Polk  
Don Royston  
Bob Cooper

2001 – Chad Fralick  
Jeff Rose  
James Roberts  
Si Gassett  
Andrew Polk  
Jared Nobles  
Sean Royston  
Will Benning  
Barbara Mollitt  
Joyce Polhill  
Tom Janeckie  
Joe Thomas Sr.  
Jim Tillman

2002 – Tyler Sherr  
Seth Mollitt  
Zackary Garretson  
Moishe Groger  
Matt Thompson  
Cliff Rose  
John Lee  
Jeanette Rackliff  
Allen Hughes  
Jim Morency  
Steve Hentzelman  
Bill Kendrick

2003 – Mason Manis  
Royce Peaden

2003 - Lars King  
Jessie Nichols IV  
Dick Keyworth  
Blanche Kendrick  
Allan Grinnan  
Rhonda Royston

2004 - Joe McGuire  
Andrew O'Bar  
Robert Morton

2005 - John Reesor  
Gerard Hale

2006 - Nicholas Coutu  
Nick Leonard  
James David  
Joe Grinnan  
James Poindexter  
Chip Leonard  
Jason Vickery  
Joe Cassidy  
John Howard  
Tom Lining  
Steve Manis  
Wayne White

2007 - Bob Armstrong  
Pat Wright  
Ed Kiely  
Robert Carson  
Bob Sozynski  
Corey Troxell  
Chuck Winchek  
Phillip Strauss  
Alex Strauss  
Jeffrey Clark

2008 - Duane Brown  
Doug Cross  
Chris Hume  
Jim Hume  
Pat Keenan  
Josh Kurland  
Dean Reese, Jr.  
David Spitznagel  
Michael Willis  
Jonathan Wright

2009 - Geoffrey Brown  
Joe Charbonnet  
Karen Clift  
Dot Coutu  
Bruce Ennis  
Tommy Keenan  
David Kleinik  
Scott Nordeng  
Dean Reese  
Andrew Self

2010 - Patrick Gherrity  
Bryan Franz  
Tim Griffing  
Ron Johnson  
Robert Burns Sr.  
Sean Fish  
Ron Fish  
Erick Clarke  
Michael Filz  
Eric Fish

2011 - Lee Hardenbrock  
Mary Hume  
Aaron Lewis  
Hayden Roberts  
Nicholas Rule  
William P. Sanders  
Philip Strauss  
Matthew Walsh  
William Walsh  
Bradley Watkins

2012 - Chris Faison  
Martin Heesacker  
Dylan Kilby  
Alex Leonard  
Martin Luchter  
Joshua Solomons  
Ron Spitznagel  
John Steinmeyer, IV  
Brad Watkins  
Melissa Wright

2013 - Richard Allen, Sr.  
Patrick Baird  
Charles Doak  
Austin Kriznar



2013 - Brandon Newell  
Michael Simmons  
Dennis Tibbits  
Lewis Velez  
Matthew Viets  
Alex Williams

2014 - Hunter Barber  
Bryon Barber  
Colin Duffy  
Daniel Duffy  
Cole Gabriel  
Bill Kingry  
Dale Lewis  
Fred Newell  
Daniel Smith  
Peter Wyckoff

2015 - Jon Brescia  
Travis Duffy  
Bill Getman  
Hank Jinks  
TJ Laquidara  
Fred McLelland  
Josh Mintz  
Zachary Morris  
Ethan Smith  
Harold White  
James Wisniewski

2016 - Kyle Kipple  
David Boudreaux  
Austin Schwindt  
Jerry Scogin  
Jon Carlisle  
Jason Hight  
Inga Glaspey  
Janice Shaw  
Bryce Brandvold  
Griffen Walters

2017 - Aaron Pannell  
Debra Newell  
Matthew Waeltz  
Linda Visman  
Collin Bloch  
Jane Kilby  
Preston Richter  
Cheryl Undheim  
Justin Hiller  
Elliott "Rusty" Park  
David Gabriel  
David Elliott  
Bradley Hight  
Lee Mintz  
Chris Standish

2018 - William Gilbert  
Daniel Fisher  
Ron Fish  
Wyatt Wiltse  
Aaron Medley  
Michael Pannell  
Ethan Guckenberger  
Amy Keller



# ECHOCKOTEE LODGE 200

## ARROWMAN OF THE YEAR RECIPIENTS

Yearly Echokotee Lodge selects a youth Arrowman that made significant contributions to the overall success of the lodge. The Arrowman is selected by the appointed Advisors of the lodge at the Fall Service day and the award is presented during the Winter Fellowship. This tradition began in 1978 and continues today.

1978 – Kevin Scott

1979 – Kelly Roberts

1980 – Gene Fox

1981 – John Garnett

1982 – Kelly Jordan

1983 – Todd Leonard

1984 – LaShawn King

1985 – Phillip Hansberry

1986 – Greg Hazlehurst

1987 – Eddie Tudor

1988 – Hugh Self

1989 – Mike Heaney

1990 – Fernando Fernandez

1991 – Courtney Allen

1992 – Zack Johnson

1993 – Brandon Sorvillo

1994 – Todd Turner

1995 – David Strebler

1996 – Nick Schwartz

1997 – Shawn Vann

1998 – Brett Royston

1999 – Andrew Polk

2000 – Jared Nobles

2001 – James Roberts

2002 – Sean Royston

2003 – Seth Mollitt

2003 – Chad Fralick

2004 – Nick Leonard

2005 – Joe Grinnan

2006 – Jon Wright

2007 – Mitchell Grandle

2008 – Quinten “Bobby” Lesser

2009 – Chris Hume

2010 – Joe Saxon

2011 – Alexander Williams

2012 – Brandon Newell

2013 – Michael Simmons

2014 – Josh Mintz

2015 – Cole Gabriel

2016 – Zachary Morris

2017 – Bradley Hight

2018 – *TBD*

# ECHOCKOTEE LODGE 200 JOHN PUTHUFF & DON KREITZMAN SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Yearly Echokotee Lodge selects two adult Arrowmen that gave significant contributions and outstanding service to lodge. The recipients are selected by the lodge officers and presented with the awards at the Summer Fellowship. This tradition began in 2006 and continues today.

2006 – John Puthuff

2016 – William G. Anlage

2006 – Don Kreitzman

2016 – David P. Boudreaux

2007 – Chip Leonard

2016 – Dorothea E. Coutu

2007 – Allan Grinnan

2016 – David G. Eastman

2008 – Patrick Wright

2016 – Jason D. Hight

2008 – Jim Hume

2016 – Martin J. Luchter

2009 – Ted Sobol

2016 – Jeannette E Rackliff

2016 – Jeffrey D. Rose

2010 – Melissa Wright

2010 – Bruce Ennis

2017 – Andy Morris

2017 – David DiMattia

2011 – Tim Banach

2011 – Robert Burns

2018 – Paul Hubert

2018 – Sean Kern

2012 – Martin Heesacker

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*In 2016 the lodge played catch up on missed years and awarded eight recipients.*

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# ECHOCKOTEE LODGE 200

## OFFICERS & ADVISERS

<u>Term</u>	<u>Chief</u>	<u>Vice Chief</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Historian</u>	<u>Adviser</u>	<u>Staff Adviser</u>
May-June 1941	Morrow Bennett					Ben Lester	
June 1941-1942	Harry Douglas		George Golden	Morrow Bennett		Ben Lester	
1942-1943	Joe Brunett Jr.					Ben Lester	
1943-1944	Douglas Edwards		Charles Travis	George Guimond		Ben Lester	
1944-1945	Ivan Farrens					Ben Lester	
1945-1946	Fielding Fry						
1946-1947	Fielding Fry						
1947-1948	Jim McDonald						
1948-1949	Jim McDonald						
1949-1950	Mike Bewe						
1950-1951	Donald Owens						
1951-1952	Jack LaForge					Bill Baker	
1952-1953	Ted Bayley					Bill Baker	
1953-1954	Paul Sallas					Bill Baker	
1954-1955	Ken Mendle	C. Richard Leonard	Mike Bowe	Bill Christian		Bill Baker	
1955-1956	Chuck Kirkland/ Bill Christian	Larry Ponder		Bill Christian		Bill Baker	
1956-1957	Bill Christian	Larry Tomazinis				Bill Baker	
1957-1958	Bill Christian					Bill Baker	
1958-1959	Jim Prosser					Bill Vogel	Al Watkins
1959-1960	Ronald Jewett/ David Beddow	Claude Abbott Sammy Simmons Donald Segui Jim Prosser	David Beddow	Joe Colvin			Grant Wallin
1960-1961	George Bothwell		David Beddow			Gene Shimp	Grant Wallin
1961-1962	David Beddow	French Harvey Charles Daniels Clark Hastings John Twigg	Richard Leslie	George Bothwell Jr	Robert Riles	Earl Reames	Ben Edwards
1962-1963	John Twigg/ Frank LaGrange	Frank LaGrange Jeff Williams George Bothwell Jr. David Beddow	Richard Leslie	Robin Fletcher	Charles Daniels	Earl Reames	Ben Edwards
1963-1964	George Bothwell Jr.	Ken Lasserter	Joe Reames	Glen Streeter		Earl Reames	Ben Edwards
1964-1965	Jay Stevens	Mike Foster				Frank Beddow	Ben Edwards
1965-1966	Mike Foster	John Roberts				Frank Beddow	Ben Edwards
1966-1967	John Shuff					Frank Beddow	Ben Edwards
1967-1968	David Hart	John Coffey	Sandy Ingle	Sonny Hemming		L.E. Neel	Ben Edwards
1968-1969	David Hart	Harley Roundtree Edwin Palmer	Jan Miller	John Coffey	John Chambers/ Keith Langley	L.E. Neel	Ben Edwards
1969-1970	Edwin Palmer	David Legere	Jim Sloderbeck	Bill Lawrence	Harry Almand	Ted Driebrodt	Brad Dempsey
1970-1971	David Legere	David Miles	Jim Sloderbeck	Robert Roose	Herman Kelly	Ted Driebrodt	Brad Dempsey
1971-1972	David O. Clayton	Don Suereth	Robert Roose	Mark Hudson	Bob James	Milledge Murphy	Al Blackman
1972-1973	Don Suereth	Andy Fore	Mike Sloderbeck	Jeremiah Bartley	Bob James	Edwin Miller	Al Blackman
1973-1974	Mike Sloderbeck	Kevin Holloway	Mitch Sheperd	Jerry Watson	Joe Miller	Edwin Miller (Jack Butler)	Al Blackman
1974-1975	Mitch Sheperd	Carl Zuber	Tom Bauman	Wayne Word	Joe Miller	Edwin Miller (Jack Butler)	Clyde Wilson
1975-1976	B. Allan Reid	Tom Bauman	Jimmy Benjamin	Mike Corrin/ Mike Keller	Mike Keller/ Joe Miller	Jack Butler	Clyde Wilson
1976-1977	Jay Kauffman	Jerry Watson	Jeff Scott	John Zuber	O. Sam Harris	Jack Butler	Clyde Wilson
1977-1978	O. Sam Harris	Tom Newcomb	Mike McCrocklin	Charles Doane	Steve Renshaw	Jack Butler	Clyde Wilson
1978-1979	Gene Fox	Ira Strauss	John Garnett	Lee Rickerson	Elam Patterson	Jack Butler	Clyde Wilson
1979-1980	John Garnett	Kevin Scott	Kelly Roberts	Elam Patterson	Darrell Adams	Jack Butler	Clyde Wilson
1980-1981	John Garnett	John Kemp	Jay Crouse	David Velez	Brad Grant/ Elam P. Patterson	Jack Butler (Elam P. Patterson)	Clyde Wilson
1981-1982	Steve Locke	John Kemp	Kelly Jordan	Bruce Scott	Elam P. Patterson	Elam P. Patterson	Clyde Wilson
1982-1983	Todd Leonard	Barrie Snyder	Dennis Pfiester	Bruce Scott/	David Sirmans Jerry Linder	Elam P. Patterson	Dave Davies
1983-1984	Barrie Snyder	Thomas Knight	Torrey Hubred	David Fry	Ted Morton	Dick Leonard	Dave Davies
1984-1985	Marshall Hazlehurst	Torrey Hubred	John Mathis	LaShawn King	Robert Mathis	Dick Leonard (Kelly Roberts)	Travis Johns
1985-1986	LaShawn King	Lars Vala	John White	David Williams	John Mathis	Dick Leonard (Kelly Roberts)	Travis Johns
1986-1987	Joel Morris	John White	David Williams	Mike Simpler	John Mathis	Dick Leonard (Kelly Roberts)	John Duncan
1987-1988	Joel Morris	Greg Hazlehurst	Billy Schilling	Ken Musial	Mike Heaney	Dick Leonard (Kelly Roberts)	John Duncan
1988-1989	Eddie Tudor	Greg Hazlehurst	A.J. Kutyna	Bryan Gayman/ Rob Viets	Mike Heaney	Dick Leonard Tom Welch (Kelly Roberts)	John Duncan
1989-1990	John White	A.J. Kutyna	Scott Benfield	Courtney Allen	Mike Thomas	Tom Welch (Kelly Roberts Todd Leonard)	John Duncan
1990-1991	Bill Schilling	Courtney Allen	Billy Daubenmire	Mike Howle	Mike Thomas	Tom Welch (Kelly Roberts Todd Leonard)	Vic Carpenter/ Mark Compton
1991-1992	Courtney Allen	Chris Hudson	Fernando Fernandez	Mike Howle	Corey Klenk	Tom Welch (Kelly Roberts Todd Leonard Jack Brockmeier Skip Klenk)	Mark Compton
1992-1993	Tom Brenneman	Mike Howle	Mark Rowley/ Joe Davis	Austin McCormack	David Blake	Jack Brockmeier (Skip Klenk)	Mark Compton
1993-1994	Tom Brenneman	Billy Daubenmire/ Nyle Taylor	Jimmy Royal	Austin McCormack	David Blake	Jack Brockmeier (Skip Klenk)	Mike Poore/ Tom Holsonback
1994-1995	Jimmy Royal	Todd Turner	Greg Fugitt	Austin McCormack	Mitchell Crawford	Jack Brockmeier (Skip Klenk)	Tom Holsonback

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1995-1996	Nyle Taylor	Greg Fugitt	Shawn Vann	David Blake	Mitchell Crawford	Matt Morgan (Skip Klenk Ed Tudor)	Tom Holsonback
1996-1997	David Strebler	Brad Perry	Todd Mollitt	David Blake	Max Stein	Matt Morgan (Skip Klenk Ed Tudor)	Tom Holsonback
1997-1998	Brad Perry/ Todd Mollitt	Todd Mollitt	Matt Wilson	Bret Royston	Drew Gaugler	Matt Morgan (Norm Gregory) Barbara Jessie	Jim Horne
1998-1999	Shawn Vann	James Roberts/ Todd Mollitt	John Lee/ Silas Gassett	Bret Royston	Matt McArthur	Barbara Jessie/ Norm Gregory	Jim Horne
1999-2000	Bret Royston	Chris Roberts/ Si Gassett	Jarrell Thomas	Sean Royston	Jeff Rose	Barbara Jessie	Jim Horne
2000-2001	Michael Renehan/ David Spencer	Joseph Spaur David Spencer	Chad Fralick	Sean Royston	Jessie Clark	Don Royston (Tom Holsonback Carroll Polk)	Jim Horne
2001-2002	David Spencer	Chad Fralick	Jared Nobles	Tyler Scherr	Royce Peaden	Don Royston (Tom Holsonback Carroll Polk)	Jim Horne
2002-2003	James Roberts	Chad Fralick/ Seth Mollitt	Tyler Scherr	Matt Thompson	Mason Manis	Don Royston (Tom Holsonback Carroll Polk)	Seth Kelly
2003-2004	Chad Fralick	Craig Kiely/ Sean Royston	Andy Adamson	Royce Peaden	Mason Manis	Norm Gregory	Seth Kelly/ Allen Eggleston
2004-2005	James Poindexter	Nick Leonard/	Andrew O'Bar Dustin Hinzman	George Birnbaum	Taylor Clem	Allan Grinnan (Glenn Steffen Joe Maguire)	Allen Eggleston
2005-2006	Nick Leonard	Corey Troxell/ Joe Grinnan	Michael Willis	George Birnbaum	Orlando Pryor	Allan Grinnan (Glenn Steffen Joe Maguire)	Allen Eggleston/ Eric Gnann
2006-2007	Joe Grinnan	Quentin Lesser/ Orlando Pryor	Corey Troxell	Chuck Wincek	Jonathan Wright	Allan Grinnan (Chip Leonard Glenn Steffen)	Brian Patterson
2007-2008	Corey Troxell	Chris Hume/ Jon Wright	Joe Charbonnet	Billy Houghton	Andrew Self	Allan Grinnan (Chip Leonard Glenn Steffen Pat Wright)	Brian Patterson
2008-2009	Jonathon Wright	Chris Hume/ Michael Filz	Michael Willis	Phillip Strauss	Patrick Gherrity	Allan Grinnan (Chip Leonard Glenn Steffen Pat Wright)	Brian Patterson
2009-2010	Aaron Lewis	Bryan Franz/ Philip Strauss	Dylan Kirby	Joe Heesacker	Sean Fish	Allan Grinnan/ Chip Leonard (Chip Leonard Glenn Steffen Pat Wright Ron Fish)	Brian Patterson
2010-2011	Chris Hume	Brian Franz/ Alexander Williams	Jonathon Wright	Bradley Watkins	Andrew Self	Chip Leonard (Allan Grinnan Pat Wright Ron Fish)	Brian Patterson
2011-2012	Alexander Williams	Kyle Geary/ Alex Leonard	Chris Faison	Dylan Kilby	Avery Garrett	Chip Leonard (Allan Grinnan Marty Heesacker Ted Sobol)	Brian Patterson
2012-2013	Brandon Newell	Austin Kriznar/ Alex Leonard	John Steinmeyer	JT Davie	James Wisniewski	Chip Leonard (Allan Grinnan Marty Heesacker Ted Sobol)	Brian Patterson
2013-2014	Michael Simmons	Austin Kriznar/ JT Davie	Josh Mintz	Travis Duffy	Ethan Smith	Chip Leonard (Allan Grinnan Marty Heesacker Ted Sobol Chris Beury)	Brian Patterson
2014	Hunter Barber Cole Gabriel	Cole Gabriel/ Austin Schwindt	Kyle Kipple	Jonathan Brescia	Preston Richter	Chip Leonard (Allan Grinnan Marty Heesacker Chris Beury)	Brian Patterson
2015	Cole Gabriel	Zachary Morris/ Austin Schwindt	Kyle Kipple	Jonathan Brescia	Preston Richter John Carlyle	Chip Leonard (Allan Grinnan Marty Heesacker Chris Beury)	Brian Patterson
2016	Zachary Morris	Austin Schwindt/ Kyle Kipple	Daniel Fisher	Wyatt Wiltse	Matthew McCully	Marty Heesacker (Chip Leonard Allan Grinnan Chris Beury Mike Pannell)	Brian Patterson/ Eli Rivera
2017	Austin Schwindt	Wyatt Wiltse/ Bradley Hight	Jackson Alexander	Matthew Waeltz	David Gabriel	Marty Heesacker (Allan Grinnan Chris Beury Mike Pannell)	Eli Rivera
2018	Wyatt Wiltse	Griffen Walters/ Preston Richter	Richard Sollee	Nick Chitty	Cory Boudreaux	Marty Heesacker (Allan Grinnan Chris Beury Mike Pannell)	Eli Rivera

In 2002 two Vice Chief Positions were created – Vice Chief of Administration and Vice Chief of Training. They are listed in that order.

Associate Lodge Advisers are listed in parenthesis below the Lodge Adviser. If two are listed with no parenthesis, Lodge Adviser change occurred during the year.

In 2015, the lodge by-laws were revised to change the term for all lodge officers to a calendar-year basis to more effectively harmonize with the National OA's Journey to Excellence (JTE) criteria.

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Future updates on this history book will continue to expand the current history and record the future adventures of Echockotee Lodge #200 of North Florida Council BSA.

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