



The Feather

Echokotee Lodge 200 - North Florida Council 87
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Spring 2016

Arrowman of the Year

By Joshua Mintz

When thinking of an Arrowman that has gone above and beyond the call to cheerful service, there were several young men who were considered for Arrowman of the Year. Out of these great young men, Cole Gabriel stood out as the one who personified the idea of selfless service. In Cole's year and a half as Lodge Chief, he set very high and very ambitious goals. Cole wanted to bring Echokotee Lodge back into the limelight of Section S-4 as the Best-All-Around Lodge. Cole spent hours formulating plans, working with the other Lodge Officers, and executing the necessary tasks to reach this goal. After hours of formulating the necessary reports and organizing the book that contained a year's worth of Echokotee Lodge activities, Cole finally walked away from Section



Conference being able to say that he led Echokotee Lodge to the title of Best-All-Around Lodge. That's not all he's done, though. In his year as Lodge Chief, Cole spent time on Wood Badge Staff, NYLT Staff, Camp Daniel Boone Staff, and Camp Shands Staff. Although, that is only some of his participation in Scouting alone. He is currently a sophomore at the University of Florida, and while succeeding in his classes he has also taken quite a diversified selection of involvements. He serves as the President of his Residence Hall Area Government as well as his Area Senator. No matter what Cole

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does, he wants to exceed the expectations of the position. Cole has demonstrated incredible dedication to the ideals of the Order of the Arrow, and is a shining example of a servant leader and has undoubtedly earned the title Arrowman of the Year.

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Echockotee,

I am honored and thankful for the opportunity to serve you as the 2016 Lodge Chief. We have changed for the better over the past 75 years to be the Echockotee Lodge that we each know today. We have experienced an exceptional amount of change these past years and I believe our lodge is stronger and more organized than ever.

It is my firm belief that we are at a point in time of our lodge in which we need more young brothers to step up and take on leadership positions. Young men must step up and join committees or chapter leadership. This will not only help them progress as leaders, but also serve Echockotee Lodge and their fellow Scouts. There are limitless opportunities within the lodge for an Arrowman to take advantage of. I hope that you all, whether you are 12 years old or 20 years old, will accept this challenge and be an active agent of progress in our great organization.

I can not wait to see each of you at each of the upcoming Order of the Arrow events! Break out your sci fi gear and bring all of your Scout spirit to Spring Fellowship! Spring Fellowship and Section Conference are going to be incredible events and I hope to see every one of my brothers at both events!

Yours in Eternal Brotherhood,

Zachary Morris



Echokotee!

I am very excited about being able to serve as your Vice Chief of Program for the upcoming year. In my term I have one focus, making fellowships exciting and fun for all brothers. With that in mind I would like to invite anyone who has any questions or ideas about program to email me at austinschwindt12@gmail.com. Now with the formalities out of the way let's talk about Spring Fellowship. I am very excited to announce that our theme for Spring Fellowship will be Star Wars vs. Star Trek. So to all you Trekkies out there and all you hard core LucasArts fans get ready. I want to see lots of spirit gear and lots of chapter cheering. I guarantee there will be fun for everyone, so invite your friends, invite your friends' friend, and of course invite his friend as well. Just come out because fun is one thing I can promise. Can't wait to see you all at Spring but until then stay classy Echokotee!

-Austin Schwindt, Vice Chief of Program

Hey Echokotee!

I am excited to lead our lodge during its 75th anniversary as the newly elected Vice Chief of Administration! We have big plans coming up for 2016, and we want YOU to be a part of them! Join a committee, and get involved in the Order. Feel free to come to me if you have any interest in any lodge committee. Brotherhood-eligible members: I hope to see you at Spring Fellowship, very soon! Until then, keep groovin' Echokotee!

-Kyle Kipple, Vice Chief of Administration

Hey there Echokotee!

If someone had told me 6 years ago that in 2016 I would be the Lodge Secretary I would never have believed them. But here we are today and what a crazy experience it is to go from reading The Feather every couple of months to now making it myself! To all new Arrowmen, if you want to do something, go do it. No path is closed to you in the OA. I can not wait to see what 2016 will bring.

-Daniel Fisher, Lodge Secretary

Hello Echokotee!

Remember Chapter Chiefs and Committee Chairmen, you have money to spend! This money can go towards anything useful to enhance your chapters or committee performance at lodge events. The check request forms are on the lodge website; please allow 15 days for your request to be processed. As your new treasurer, I want to give you this reminder to pay for any lodge either pay with cash or check. The reasoning behind this is the lodge gets charged a 3% fee. Thank you for your courtesy.

-Wyatt Wiltse, Lodge Treasurer

Greetings Echokotee!

As your new historian, I hope I can begin the year on the right foot. There are a bunch of awesome things I intend to accomplish. I have been working diligently on our Lodge's historical display and I would love any assistance by way of pictures. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at Spring Fellowship.

-Matthew McCully, Historian

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Lodge Box report

By Wyatt Wiltse



Hello Echockotee Lodge it's Wyatt again for lodge box, thank you for coming by at Winter Fellowship. In the lodge box we still have the white 75th anniversary flaps and also the red council strips for \$5 each. Only \$5! That's practically free! Along with having our 75th anniversary t-shirts and with our new lodge t-shirts for \$10-12! That's also practically free! Come see me in lodge box!



Adventures of Sonic

By Timucuan Chapter

Sonic gets the wonderful opportunity to hang out with Timucuan Chapter until next fellowship. He has already been on a date with Wendy (he went with us to Wendy's, see right). Additionally he has been to our first chapter meeting of 2016 where he met our new Chapter Officers and our Chapter Associate Adviser. He will be going to our upcoming chapter officer meeting later this month. We will also be taking Sonic with us on all of our upcoming adventures prior to the sad day when he gets returned during Spring Fellowship. T-I-M!! U-C-U! A-N!!!



Sonic is most pleased

Section Conference

By Daniel Fisher

I hope everyone is prepared for Section Conference this April! This year O-Shot-Caw Lodge will be hosting the annual Section Conference at Camp Elmore in Davie, Florida just north of Miami. Section Conferences are some of the biggest events the OA has to offer. The entire S-4 is in attendance for just one weekend out of the year for an event of such proportions. Saturday morning begins with training by Arrowmen all across the State of Florida which covers a huge variety of topics such as ceremonies training to how to be a lodge Officer. The majority of the time however is devoted to lodge vs lodge games which end up being some of the most competitive events you will ever take part in. Section Conference games and activities are on a whole new level as compared to fellowship games. Of course throughout the weekend there is a ton of spirit from our lodge and from everyone else competing for the coveted spirit award. With so much going on at every Section Conference, it is almost impossible to not have an awesome time and come back with memories to last a lifetime. If you've never been to a Section Conference before I would highly encourage you to make this your first and certainly not the last!

Winter Fellowship Recap

By Daniel Fisher

Winter Fellowship was an awesome event and a great Fellowship to start 2016. For those of you who did not go, you missed out on an awesome time! As there is no service on a Winter Fellowship, we spend the whole day going to awesome training classes and playing a ton of games. From lodgeball to the giant inflatable arena ring (see right) we had a blast on this fellowship. We also celebrated the



75th anniversary of our lodge by opening a time capsule left for us by Arrowmen from 25 years ago. In addition we added to a time capsule of our own ready to be opened 25 years from now at our 100th year Anniversary. Now get ready for Spring Fellowship which is right around the corner and sure to be a fellowship to remember!

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Chapter Reports

Apieka

Hi Echockotee, Apieka Chapter is ready for 2016, filled with fun, games and the 75th anniversary of our lodge. We had an amazing time at Winter Fellowship. The games were undoubtedly superlative, including inflatable jousting, lodge ball, and ultimate frisbee our chapter had a blast. On top of all of the fun, Apieka Chapter is welcoming our new adviser Jim Sain. We can't wait to see you at Spring Fellowship and the new year.

-Jonathan Gitzendanner, Apieka Chapter Chief

Oglala

Hello Echockotee! Oglala had an absolutely fantastic time at Winter Fellowship. Our theme was the beach and so our historical display reflected that which was voted to be the best historical display of them all! It is my hope that by Spring Fellowship we will have awesome new merch for our Chapter! Oglala Chapter is getting better and better, see you all at the next fellowship.

-Luke Morgan, Oglala Chapter Chief

Elemukulek

Hello Echockotee lodge, the Elemukulek chapter had a fantastic fellowship bonding as brothers. Last weekend our chapter ran the Riverbend District Camp-O-Ree and it went off without a hitch. We are looking forward to a even better fellowship than the last by implementing what we did last time as well as trying harder than before to win Sonic. We look to release more merchandise that will be out soon for our chapter's 35th anniversary, which we are proud to celebrate alongside the lodge's 75th. We look forward to having a better year than ever before.

-Bradley Hight, Elemukulek Chapter Chief

Onathequa

Hello Echockotee Lodge! Our chapter had a great time at the past event! We had a lot of fun participating in all of the games, training, ceremonies, and service. You will be sure to see our chapter spirit wherever you are! We are looking forward to our next event, where we will have lots of fun. Until then, see you later Echockotee!

-Onathequa Chapter Chief



Saturiwa

Our chapter had a phenomenal weekend at Camp Shands for Winter Fellowship. Big congratulations to both Kyle Kipple and Dave Boudreaux for earning the Vigil Honor! Saturiwa also placed in top tiers throughout the plethora of competitions including gold level in JTE, Publications, and Website. Finally, congratulations to Chief Zach Morris, Vice Chief of Administration Kyle Kipple, and Historian Matthew McCully on their new lodge positions. I look to this new year with optimism for Saturiwa and I encourage each and every Arrowman not only in Saturiwa but in every chapter to support their new chiefs and officers for without a chapter I am not a chief and we are not a lodge.

-Aaron Medley, Saturiwa Chapter Chief

Oklawaha

Hey Echockotee, Oklawaha had a great time at fellowship. We all enjoyed the games. We want to congratulate all those honored with the Vigil Honor. Also congratulations to all the new leadership. We are looking forward to a great year.

-Joe Veale, Oklawaha Chapter Chief

Seminole

Hello Echockotee Lodge! Seminole Chapter had a sensational year, and fellowship! Seminole Chapter achieved both Gold Journey Excellence and Website, and Silver Historical Display and Publications. We had a wonderful time during the games, and loved all the trainings. We look forward to another great year with our new Chapter Officers!

-Griffen Walters, Seminole Chapter Chief

Timucuan

Greetings Echockotee! Timucuan Chapter had a fantastic time at Winter Fellowship. Timucuan submitted an absolutely stunning historical display which won silver. We also got 1st place in ultimate frisbee and 2nd in lodgeball. Best of all, we won Sonic through our theme of Alaskan gold miners. We also have a new chapter patch coming out very soon which looks amazing. Timucuan is looking forward to a great time at Spring Fellowship.

-Justin Hiller, Timucuan Chapter Chief

Osceola

Osceola had a great kickoff to a new year at Winter Fellowship were we had good attendance and support from our fellow Ospreys we are looking to bounce back and do better than ever now in order for us to win Sonic, and we are looking to boost attendance through incentives and other things in that nature. We hope to see everyone at the next event!

-Zach Brandvold, Osceola Chapter Chief

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Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location
March 4-6, 2016	Spring Fellowship	Camp Shands
April 8-10, 2016	Section Conference	Camp Elmore
April 30, 2016	Service Day	Camp Shands
May 20-22, 2016	Summer Fellowship	Camp Shands
July 9, 2016	Echokotee's 75th Birthday	Founded at Camp Echokotee
September 23-25, 2016	Fall Fellowship	Camp Shands