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On January 28th, 2017, Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge held their annual Lodge Leadership Development Conference and Winter Banquet at Buncombe Street United Methodist Church. The LLDC was filled with interactive sessions led by lodge officers on a variety of interesting topics. At the Winter Banquet, the Lodge had the honor of hosting keynote speaker Dr. Will Goins. The Founder's Award youth recipient was Ben Rosenberger, and the adult recipient will be announced at the Spring Fellowship.



Dr. Will Goins speaking at the 2017 Winter Banquet

This year, the Lodge introduced two new awards. The first is the Ben Howard Spirit Award, which will be awarded annually to brothers under the age of 21 who have provided service above and beyond the call of duty. The inaugural recipients were Matthew Watson and James Stokes. For the first time, the Lodge also award the Ted Dreibrodt Legacy



Award, awarded annually to adult members, 21 years of age or older, who have provided outstanding service to the Lodge over many years. The inaugural recipients were Mickey Stokes and Michael Thompson.



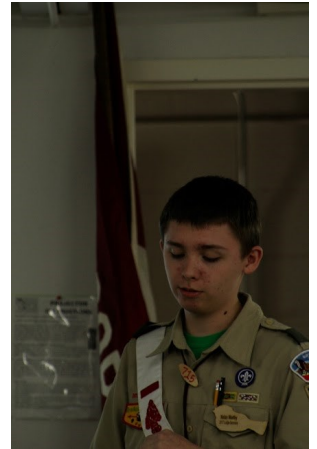
Ani-Wa'ya Chapter captured their second consecutive Chapter of the Year Award. In addition, the 2016-2017 Lodge Officers were sworn in to their positions.



LLDC Sessions

Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge Vice Chief of Communications Nolan Worthy, on his session on Unit Elections:

Unit Elections are essential to the function of any Lodge, so it is important that chapters understand how elections work. It is a good idea for chapters to begin preparing early in the year by training election teams and contacting unit leaders to schedule election dates, as well as to request information relevant to election paperwork. Resources for election teams, including the Guide to Unit Elections and Guide for Officers and Advisors, can be found on the national OA website. These documents contain election scripts, rules, and procedures with which the election team should be familiar, and can be used to resolve any questions unit leaders may have about the election process. All elections must be completed and all paperwork must be turned in by troops by the May 31st deadline.



Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge Vice Chief of American Indian Activities Justin Kujath, on his session on AIA:



We had an amazing time at the LLDC, and here's what's up. The AIA is probably one of the most fundamental parts of the OA. We host induction ceremonies that help bring in new members into the OA while providing a thought-provoking and reverent aspect to the OA and its purpose. We also participate in Cherokee group dances, which we display at special events throughout the year. We also have been working hard to bring back our Powwow Drum team, which we display at various events during the year. Each year in April, we compete against the other lodges in the SR-5 section in all three categories: Drum, Dance, and Ceremonies. As far as other opportunities in the AIA, once a year in

January, we head to North Carolina for a weekend at the Carolina Indian Seminar. There, you can learn all about native dances, songs, crafts, storytelling, and much more. In the evening, they host a large powwow, and everyone is welcome to join in. Our guys that went last year enjoyed it far more than they thought they would, so I have no reason not to believe that you'd love it too. In November, we attend the Hagood Mill American Indian Weekend, where we are invited to display a few of our dances. We have an awesome time and if you've never been, I suggest checking it out. Our AIA guys do a phenomenal job at competitions, but our strength relies on bringing in new people to our AIA team. That being said, if you, or anyone that you know is interested in being a part of one of the most unique experiences ever available to you, do not hesitate to email me at vcaia@akk185.org. Arrowmen, it's a pleasure serving you as Vice Chief of American Indian Activities, and I hope to see you at our next practice.

Justin also held a session on Journey to Excellence:

Scouting's journey to excellence program, initiated in 2011, has helped hundreds of troops across the nation to make improvements and help enrich their scouting program. Much like the JTE for troops, districts, and councils, the Order of the Arrow also has a Journey to Excellence program on the lodge, chapter, and troop levels. The forms for these pages can be found on the national Order of the Arrow Website, under the Journey to Excellence tab. The Chapter JTE is critical in ensuring that the lodge succeeds with their Journey to Excellence performance. For the past two years, Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge has earned the silver level Journey to Excellence. Our goal this year is to earn gold. This however, is not possible without the initiative taken by chapters to fulfill goals set by the chapters in their own Journey to Excellence stride. That being said, on a troop level, The OA Unit of Excellence Award is the OA-oriented JTE for troops, which focuses on inductions and active promotion in the Order of the Arrow. The Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge highly encouraged all of their chapters to take on the challenge to look at the JTE form and fulfill their annual goals in support of our Lodge and its Journey to Excellence.



Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge Vice Chief of Administration Matt Stamey, on his session on Planning:

Event Planning is an important part of being in the Order of the Arrow. Whether you are a Chapter Chief, or a Lodge Officer, such as myself, it is important to understand how to plan a successful OA event. At this past LLDC, I laid out a few key points necessary in the planning process. The first, is to develop a clear goal and set of objectives for said event. Understand why you want to have an event, what its purpose will be, and when the event will held. Once these simple goals are laid out, you can begin working on the master plan for the event. This plan

may include, but is not limited to, logistics (venues, contracts, permits, etc), speakers/presenters, activities/entertainment, publicity/communication, sponsorship/partner management, and volunteer management. After this plan is laid out, the last step, and debatably the most important one, is to delegate. It is important not to bare the burden of an entire event on your own. By delegating and spreading responsibility to your peers, not only will ideas be diversified, but stress will be relieved and success will be heightened. By following these simple steps, you can nearly ensure the success of an OA event. Best of luck, Matt Stamey VCA of

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Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge Vice Chief of Inductions J.R. Clark, on his session on Inductions and Elangomattng:

Brothers at the LLDC I lead a training session on the inductions process and elangomats. We began with the callout and worked our way all the way to the Ordeal ceremony. Along the way, we discussed the key points of the inductions process and how they all mesh together. I also showed to everyone in attendance at the LLDC the new Elangomat Guide. If you serve as an elangomat this summer, you will be given this informational book to help you understand your purpose as an elangomat. We also showed the new elangomat flap you receive when you serve as an elangomat for two weeks.