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## Lodge Calendar

January 10:  
Trail Crew

January 23 to 25 :  
Carolinas Indian Seminar

January 31 :  
LLDC and Winter Banquet

March 20 to 22 :  
Spring Fellowship

April 24 to 26:  
2015 Dixie Fellowship

July 22:  
Cookout and Vigil Callout

August 3 to 8:  
NOAC 2015



## A Legacy of Service - The Gobbler Grab Makes History

On a cold night each November, dedicated Arrowman from Ani-Wa-Ya Chapter make their way to Simpsonville United Methodist Church to cheerfully serve the Golden Strip community in the Upstate of South Carolina. Ani-Wa-Ya Chapter, or the Wolf Clan in Cherokee, has hosted the Gobbler Grab for the past 18 years and each year has given countless turkeys to local food banks. At one point, this service project stretched throughout the entire Lodge with each Chapter collecting turkeys for their own local areas. During the past few years, each Chapter Chief has been optimistic that Ani-Wa-Ya would finally collect over 10,000 turkeys. From Matthew Watson, who was Chief in 2011, until David Romba, the current Chief, this spirit of optimism helped drive more people throughout the community to donate. To hit the goal this year, Ani-Wa-Ya Chapter advertised the Gobbler Grab in several local newspapers and on the radio. This year, the Wolf Clan finally pulled through and collected 658 turkeys, making the 18 year total 10,255! It's estimated that many turkeys would fill two and a half tractor trailers. Work is currently being done by Vice Chief of Communications Matthew Watson to spread this amazing news to the entire country through the SR-5 Five Feathers and the OA's National Bulletin. Way to go, Ani-Wa-Ya Chapter!



2014 Gobbler Grab: Ani-Wa-Ya Arrowman Celebrate their Success



## 2015: A Centennial Celebration

By Eric Summerlin  
National Communications 100th Anniversary Writer

Several updates have been circulated by the Order of the Arrow to keep members informed of what our organization is doing to celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2015. With so many articles, e-news blasts and social media posts going out in a short window of time, here is a review of what you can expect to see in the next year and beyond. On July 16th the OA launched the Arrowman Service Award [<http://www.oabsa.org/pages/content/centennial-update-2014-07-3>] (ASA). Similar to past anniversaries, members who complete this award's requirements will earn a commemorative patch to wear on their OA sash. The requirements include elements of Scouting service, personal growth and participation in centennial events. Arrowmen have until December 31st of next year to complete the ASA requirements.

In the summer of 2015, each region will be sending an ArrowTour [<http://arrowtour.oa-bsa.org/>] delegation to council camps and Scouting events around the nation. Arrowmen will bring our national centennial experience to Scouts and communities throughout the country, providing them with opportunities to reflect and connect with the Order's past century of service, and to look forward to the next. At the end of the summer, all four ArrowTour teams will meet at the National Order of the Arrow Conference. 500 boarding passes [<http://arrowtour.oabsa.org/onboard>] have been distributed around the country to promote this element of the anniversary celebration. If you find someone with a boarding pass, you can use its QR code to learn more about the effort and to be entered into drawings for special prizes before passing it along to another Arrowman.

Registration for the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference [<http://www.oabsa.org/pages/content/lodge-ledger-2014-06-3>] is now open! Each council may send as many Arrowman as they approve in its lodge's NOAC contingent. A nonrefundable

deposit of \$100 per participant will be billed to the council after completing an online contingent reservation. Arrowmen are also encouraged to consider serving on Conference staff. Similarly, the 2015 NOAC promotional patch [<http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/centennial-update-2014-07-1>] was recently released. In celebration of the OA's 100th anniversary, the Boy Scouts of America has authorized Arrowmen to wear this promotion patch in the place of a national jamboree patch - just above the right chest pocket. Contingent members will receive the patch from the lodge staff adviser; staff members will receive one in the mail. You can contact your lodge chief and lodge adviser for information specific to your lodge's NOAC contingent. NOTE: For redistribution in section, lodge, and chapter publications. Credit to the original author is required.

Links following words talk more about that topic. The culmination of our Order's centennial is The Year of Service. OA led and BSA powered, lodges throughout the country will collaborate with local councils to deliver one of the largest community service projects in the history of the United States. The BSA has recently approved a service concept with a three-year commitment, which will commence in the fall of 2015. The OA will be at the forefront of The Year of Service and will continue to support ongoing council efforts as part of the BSA's "gift to America." More specific details are forthcoming, and lodges should expect receipt of The Year of Service toolkits this fall. Other centennial programs and resources include:

- Vigil Cards [<http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/centennial-update-2014-07-2>]: 100th anniversary cards for Vigil Honor members are available for current Vigil members and those who receive the Vigil Honor in 2015. The cost is \$10.
- Legacy Project 2015 [<http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/legacy-project-2015>]: A conclave training has been developed which contains details about centennial awards, programs and challenges.
- Lodge History Books [[\[bsa.org/pages/content/legacy-project-2015\]\(http://bsa.org/pages/content/legacy-project-2015\)\]: These yearly milestones will prepare Arrowmen for the 100th anniversary through commemorative events they can begin working on now.](http://www.oa-</a></li>
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- Centennial Anniversary Branding Guidelines [<http://www.oabsa.org/pages/content/centennial-update-2014-04-1>]: Tools have been developed to help lodges find resources for lodge history book projects. Each submitted history book will be added to an archive for Arrowmen to view at NOAC and in the future.

- Centennial Anniversary Branding Guidelines: A resource has been created to guide the utilization of the centennial logo, theme and totem. Ray Capp recently answered questions regarding use of the centennial totem.

- Centennial Challenge [<http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/centennialchallenge-centennial-blazes>]: Challenges have been established to help lodges bring as many of their members to the 2015 NOAC as possible.

- 100th Anniversary Directory [<http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/100thanniversary-directory>]: The OA has partnered with Publishing Concepts to put together the Centennial Anniversary Arrowman Directory.

- Centennial Cache: The 100th anniversary commemoration committee is working on a comprehensive set of resources for chapters, lodges and sections to utilize as they formulate and promote their 100th anniversary plans. Look for it this fall.

- Centurion Award: Modeled after the BSA's Leadership Hall of Fame, lodges will have the opportunity to recognize exemplars of servant leadership from past to present. The selection period will run from October 2014 to February 2015. Details will be provided as the selection period nears.



## Join Us at the Carolinas Indian Seminar

The Carolinas Indian Seminar will be in Statesville, NC from January 23—25th. It is a great weekend of American Indian Activities with classes in ceremonies, outfitting, dancing, drum/singing, and storytelling. There are two powwow dances, Friday night and Saturday night. If you are interested in the AIA, you don't want to miss this activity. More details about costs and travel later. Contact VCAIA Tucker Shealy.



## Kick Off the Anniversary Serving on the Trail Crew

Mark your calendars! We're going to kick off the 75th anniversary of the Lodge with cheerful service and your help is needed on January 10 to serve on the Lodge Trail Crew. Oconostota Chapter has already stepped up to help and we need more volunteers. The workday date of January 3 is being put aside to make this one a larger and more successful effort. The trail from White Pines to COI will be a major focus along with renovations to the COI nature trail. All tools will be provided and please arrive at 9 AM at the COI parking lot. Plan to work until 5 PM or until work is complete for the day. Be sure to bring a water bottle, work clothes and gloves, snacks, lunch, and most importantly a cheerful spirit. If possible, please confirm your attendance by sending an email to Vic Shelburne at (VSHLBRN@clemson.edu).

## An Exclusive Sneak Peak of the 75th Anniversary

*Here is an exclusive first look at our 75th Anniversary merchandise! In the picture, you can see what will be the Lodge's first metal flap, a bolo tie, neckerchief and slide, belt buckle, and much more. This is only a portion of the amazing merchandise coming to our Lodge as we celebrate our 75th anniversary! Stay on the lookout because a special limited-edition One Eight Five Store catalog will be released soon featuring the 75th anniversary collection!*



## Oh Hey, OA: "Game of Bonnets"

***Game of Bonnets is a fictional story of several Section Chiefs struggle against one another in search of the Iron Bonnet, a satire based on the popular saga by George Martin "A Song of Fire and Ice".***

### GAME OF BONNETS BOOK I: DALLAS IS COMING

John Patchappy looked up from his parchment unhappily. "Maester, are you certain of what the birds fortell? Has winter fallen upon us already?" John looked out his bed chamber window, over the view of his lands in what was known as C-8B. Snow fell slowly from the bleak gray sky, landing gently on the poly-wool's of the highly placed Chief.

"The signs are clear Chief Patchappy" Maester Allowat replied solemnly, "Winter is coming. And with it, Dallas. The struggle for the Iron Bonnet begins anew." The Iron Bonnet marked the brow of the ruler of the Four Regions, and sat on the small National Council along with the Lord of Secrets and Master of Coin, Dukeman and Clyde. The struggle between the various Lords and Section Chiefs was often contested, and equal in pathetic squabble. Section Chief Patchappy was concerned for the upcoming meeting of the Chiefs at Castle Dallas. The gathering always ran late into the night as the Chiefs met in secret to pick who would receive the bonnet. This year was a

great anniversary however for the people of The Four Regions, who celebrated the 100 anniversary since the arrival of House Goodman, who using the power of brotherhood and service (and fire-breathing dragons) united the Four Regions into the single Order. Every Chief and his sister would be running for the honor, and the election and feasts could last for days of. "Maester Allowat, I dare say mine bladder may not make the wait" he said, the show of fear clear on his eyes. "And I dare not use the fabled pee tree spoken of by some Chiefs of days gone past." The Maester was understanding, and implored the Chief to drink naught during the dinner and cocktail hour proceeding the secret meeting. "It still supprises me, to be sure" he said, "That the national council still serves so much liquid knowing full well what the Chiefs must go through holding it all in." The wise master squinted his eyes further, "my suspicions point to some darker purpose, though its details escape me".

"Then research it further, I implore you," the Chief replied, "And see who's behind this sabotage before Dallas comes and I am forced into public indecency in the service of the Order."

Meanwhile, in the Capitol at Chief's Landing, the outgoing Chief Dannimiller reflected on his past 11 months under the Iron Bonnet. "It certainly has been an interesting time, hasn't it?" he asked his dwarf Advisor, Ray Capp,

also called the Chief's Hand.

"It certainly has been sire" he said, a smile forming in the corner of his lips. "And we are preparing for a final feast of national style with Dallas just a few weeks away!"

"What preparations are being made?" the Chief requested excitedly. "Have you called for them to be offered all sorts of drinks before the elections?" The Chief knew well of the wicked plan, himself falling victim to the plot before he ruled.

"The trap is laid m'lord" Ray responded, "Now the fools will never last the meeting!" The two shared a silly laugh, before retiring to their beds.

***What will happen to our heroes? Will Chief Patchappy hold himself together at Dallas? Will Maester Allowat uncover the secret plot of Chief's Hand Ray Capp and Chief Dannimiller? Who else will enter the fray for the Iron Bonnet? Find out in Book 2: The King of the North Arises.***

Source: <http://ohheyoa.blogspot.com/>



***Got ideas? Do you enjoy writing? Do you love our Lodge with a burning passion? If you answered yes to any of those questions, than you should consider submitting an article to the Little Carpenter. Your help is needed and much appreciated! The Little Carpenter is produced by Vice Chief of Communications Matthew Watson and is published quarterly each year. If you would like to submit an article or you have any suggestions, comments, or concerns, please contact Editor in Chief Matthew Watson at [akkvcc@gmail.com](mailto:akkvcc@gmail.com).***



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## Report from the National Planning Meeting

### What's new about NOAC:

There was much excitement and anticipation for the first night of the National Planning Meeting when the theme of NOAC would be revealed. Here is what was announced:

**Learning Objective:** "Create Tomorrow With Action Today"

**Main Theme:** "It Starts With Us"

### What's new about ArrowTour:

ArrowTour will be stopping in our Section at Camp Barstow on July 3rd, 2015!

### Our 2015 National Officers:



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## Join the American Indian Activities Team Today!

Hey guys! This is Tucker, your Vice Chief of American Indian Affairs. As you may know, the SR-5 Dixie Fellowship is just around the corner! With that being said, we need your help! American Indian Affairs is a great and fun way for you to get involved in the Order! Our American Indian Affairs team is known as one of the best in our section, and we need more dancers to continue that legacy! If you want to get more involved, no matter how long you've been in the OA, just email me at [akk185vcaia@gmail.com](mailto:akk185vcaia@gmail.com) or just message me on Facebook and I will get you involved!

WWW,  
Tucker Shealy  
AKK 185 VCAIA



## At a Glance...

### Executive Committee Meeting Highlights:

(To view the full meeting minutes, please visit the Lodge website)

**Fall Fellowship:** New Bylaws approved and Founder's Award decided

**November 2:** Membership Chair becomes "Brotherhood" Chair

### Vital Signs: 2014 Year

2014 Newly Inducted Ordeal Members: 204 Brothers

2014 Newly Inducted Brotherhood Members: 54 Brothers

2014 Newly Inducted Vigil Honor Members: 8 Brothers



## Historical Membership



Congratulations to Daniel Howard and James Stokes on their election to the Executive Board of the Blue Ridge Council. They were selected due to their positions as AKK Lodge Chief (Howard) and Council Venturing President (Stokes). They are the first youth to be full voting members of the Council Executive Board. It is exciting to have youth representation on the Board and we wish them well in their Board duties in 2015.

## Don't Miss the LLDC and Winter Banquet!

All Lodge and Chapter officers, advisers, and interested Arrowmen are invited and encouraged to attend this training seminar. The LLDC includes various sessions on leadership, the role of chapters and advisers, unit elections, American Indian heritage and other topics of interest to Arrowmen. At the beginning of each year, Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge holds its Winter Banquet. The Banquet offers a time for Arrowmen and their families to come together with other Arrowmen to enjoy a delicious meal. Guest speakers are featured at the banquets, and often a special program will complement the night's activities. Some past speakers have included elected officials, national officers of the order, former camp staff members, and even the Lodge's first Chief. In addition, the Lodge officers for the year are recognized at the banquet. Also, awards from the past year are presented, including the prestigious Founders Award. This year's LLDC and Winter Banquet will be on January 31 at Buncombe Street United Methodist Church.

*Outstanding leaders  
go out of their way to  
boost the self-  
esteem of their  
personnel. If people  
believe in  
themselves, it's  
amazing what they  
can accomplish.*  
—Sam Walton

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