



# The Little Carpenter 2018 Fall

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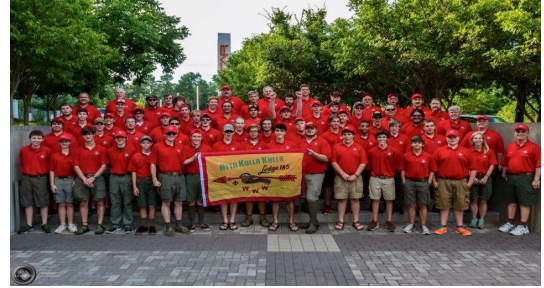
## **National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) 2018 Recap**

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Greetings Brothers. My name is Garrett Kokay, I serve as The Vice Chief of American Indian Activities. NOAC 2018, held at Indiana University, was



an astounding experience. Our lodge participated in competition with the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony team from Dixie. They did astoundingly well competing against



competition from around the country, over 200 lodges. They earned the title of honor team, meaning they were in the top 20% of all number of AIA competitions, such as Pre-Ordeal. At NOAC, we had the opportunity to take many fun classes that are going to help improve our lodge in the future, ranging anywhere from AIA activities to better administration. The final thing we did was participate in action-packed events, where some of us were even invited onto stage!

## **Fall Fellowship 2018 Recap**

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At the 2018 Fall Fellowship we had a good turnout. Everyone had fun but there is still much improvement that is needed to get us to where we want to be. A goal set for the next upcoming fellowship is 250 youth, which equates to about 32 per chapter. If we all work hard and promote how fun and enjoyable these fellowships are, as well as get the dates to as many people as possible, I believe this goal is not only achievable, but succeedable. At the fellowship the Inali Chapter took home the spirit stick, with an overarching theme of “bros”. At our ECM we had elections for the Founders award, Ben Howard award, and the Ted Dreibrodt award. These awards will be presented at the 2019 Winter Banquet. On Saturday morning, Oconostota held their first ever pancake eating contest, which was incorporated into their lumberjack theme. The winner won a big bottle of syrup and possibly a hatred of pancakes. The winner was a member of Unali’yi lodge who was visiting for our fellowship. The final exciting thing that happened at fellowship was the election of our new officers, who can be seen down below in the officer reports section.

## Officer Reports

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### Lodge Chief- *Benji Maguire*



Greetings Brothers, my name is Benji Maguire. I am a Junior at Mauldin High School. I am your currently serving Atta Kulla Kulla lodge chief. I hope to have a successful year and can't for the Winter Banquet that is coming up on January 26th. Our LLDC this year is going to be one not to miss, as we plan to completely redo the entire schedule. I hope to see you all there and am looking forward to an amazing year. As always, if there is anything I can do, please reach out to me at [chief@akk185.org](mailto:chief@akk185.org).

### VC of Administration- *Aidan Koschnitzki*



Hello Brothers, my name is Aidan Koschnitzki. I am a brotherhood member as well as a ceremonialist for our lodge. During the past year, I served as the Ceremonies Chairman, ensuring that we had ceremonialists ready for any upcoming ceremonies. This year, I have the honor of serving as your Vice Chief of Administration. I look forward to planning the events this year, especially the LLDC, which is quickly approaching! I hope to plan great fellowships, including some changes to how we have run events in the past. I am incredibly excited to see what this year brings for our Lodge. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at [vca@akk185.org](mailto:vca@akk185.org). Let's have a great year!

### VC of American Indian Activities- *Garrett Kokay*



Hi, my name is Garrett Kokay. I am the Vice Chief of American Indian Activities. We had Our first AIA meeting on Sunday, October 21st, where we discussed our dances for The Haygood Mill Native American Day, as well as this upcoming Dixie fellowship. We found new ceremonialists to replace the outgoing class, as well as new drum and dance members. Teams compete in all AIA events; ceremonies, sing, individual and group dance. Everyone had fun and did their best, we came home with lots of ideas to work on for next year. If you need to reach me, feel free at [VCAIA@akk185.org](mailto:VCAIA@akk185.org) as we go through this next year together.

### **VC of Communications- *Edward Ratliff***



Hey Guys, my name is Edward Ratliff. I currently attend DW Daniel High School and a Brotherhood member of our lodge. This past September, we held our fall fellowship up at Camp Old Indian. We had a great turnout and are wanting to continue to make these events grow with some new ideas we are setting in place. Looking ahead at the we have our annual LLDC and Winter Banquet where we have a great OA program laid out for all scouters! I intend to increase the communication between the lodge and chapters as to increase attendance and enthusiasm for all the events. I am looking forward to the upcoming year as your VCC, and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out and email me at [VCC@akk185.org](mailto:VCC@akk185.org).

### **VC of Inductions- *Austin Silvers***



Hi brothers, my name is Austin Silvers and I will be your Vice Chief of Inductions for the 2018-19 year. My current goal as VCI is to increase our numbers from last year. We currently have 46 new active Brotherhood members and new 154 active Ordeals members. Our current goal is to increase brotherhood conversion rates as a lodge, which means that it would be beneficial to start reviewing this information as a chapter. Another thing is that could help increase participation is encouraging your inactive brothers who are not active to pay their dues and become active again. I cannot describe how ecstatic I am about this upcoming year and cannot wait to serve as your VCI. If you have any questions, feel free to reach me at [VCI@akk185.org](mailto:VCI@akk185.org).

### **Secretary- *Kris Gilmer***



Hello Brothers, my name is Kris, if you already do not know I am your Acting AKK Lodge Secretary. I will be filling this position until someone is appointed as secretary at the next ECM. So far, this year is going to be a good one. NOAC went well. This year's NOAC was one of the most fun I have been to. The fall season is finally here. I hope a lot of you attend the LLDC and join with your fellow brothers in the fun that it will be. Don't forget about the AKK Winter Banquet. If you have not signed up you should, because the Winter Banquet is one of the best times to get together for fellowship, not to mention it has some great food. I hope everyone has a great rest of the 2018 year and through 2019. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at [secretary@akk185.org](mailto:secretary@akk185.org).

## **Dixie Vice Chief- Joshua Kirchner**

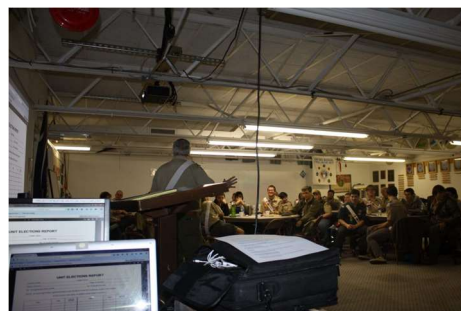
Hi, my name is Joshua Kirchner and I am the Dixie Chairman for this year, however my position is a bit special. I am filling a two-year position, and this upcoming year I will be the Dixie Vice Chief. My job is to plan the Dixie fellowship that is hosted by Atta Kulla Kulla. I will be working alongside Tim Hunt in this quest to plan. I have always wanted to have a lodge position but was nervous because of the responsibility. However, with this lodge position I know that I have a large amount of people behind me in support. During the 2019 Dixie I plan to focus on all the planning and work with them for all of the upcoming stages. I cannot wait to work with all of you this upcoming season as we get to host 2020 Dixie fellowship!

## **Lodge Leadership Development Conference**

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The upcoming Lodge Leadership Development Conference is going to be one that you will not want to miss. New Ordeal members should really attend the LLDC to learn as much as possible about the OA and AKK. To help, 2018 Ordeal members will be able to attend for only \$5. We will be going over the upcoming year, and areas that you can assist in. If you have been to a previous LLDC, you won't know what

to expect coming this one. We are completely flipping the schedule and will have more sessions about other things. The LLDC will be at Buncombe Street United Methodist Church Scout Hut, 200 Buncombe St, Greenville, SC 29601. We will start at 9:00AM, with registration beginning at 8:30AM. So, you need to get there early to get a good seat. As with all Atta Kulla Kulla activities, Class A is required with sash. We will be behind the church in their scout building, upstairs in the conference room. This will be held by our new officers as their first big assignment after being elected at Fall Fellowship.





## Winter Banquet

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The Winter Banquet is a time of celebration for the lodge as we honor those who have received awards. The awards, which were voted on during the ECM at fall fellowship, will be presented to those who received them. These include the Founder's Awards, the Ted Dreibrodt award, and the Ben



Howard award. Along with this, we will have a guest speaker named Marc Dopher. Marc was previously employed for Channel 4 news as a sportscaster, and currently is in Advertising Sales at Entercom Radio. He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil honor recipient. Marc will be talking about his experiences in scouting and how it impacted his life. The food for the winter banquet will be provided by Chat and Chew, which gives us a great deal and usually provides excellent food for all Atta Kulla Kulla activities. The final thing that happens is the old officers leave and the new officers come in.

## Membership Update

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We believe that it is very important to keep the members of our lodge informed and up to date on changes made by the National Committee this being said; As you may or may not know there has been a membership change for the Order of the Arrow, this decision was made by the National Committee. Below is the updated membership requirements take directly from the National Website

**“Beginning February 1, 2019,** unit elections will be permitted in Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scout units. The new Order of the Arrow membership requirements are as follows:

- Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Have experienced 15 nights of camping while registered with a troop, crew, or ship within the two years immediately prior to the election. The 15 nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of at least five consecutive nights of overnight camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. Only five nights of the long-term camp may be credited toward the 15-night camping requirement; the balance of the camping (10 nights) must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps of, at most, three nights each. Ship nights may be counted as camping for Sea Scouts.
- At the time of their election, youth must be under the age of 21, hold the Scouts BSA First Class rank, the Venturing Discovery Award, or the Sea Scout Ordinary rank or higher, and following

approval by the Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor or Sea Scout Skipper, be elected by the youth members of their unit.

- Adults (age 21 or older) who meet the camping requirements may be selected following nomination to and approval by the lodge adult selection committee.

Our commitment to our unchanging mission and purpose remains steadfast, and we are excited to welcome others who share that commitment by extending membership in Scouting's National Honor Society to participants of all older youth programs. We look forward to having female members in 2019 and know that, like all of our OA members, they will serve as role models and inspirations to others – both within the Boy Scouts of America and beyond.

We look forward to sharing what the OA has to offer with more young people and appreciate your support of this exciting new direction.” – National Order of the Arrow Committee

## **Chapter Service**

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Around this season each year, Ani Wa Ya Chapter hosts two special service projects. During Thanksgiving, the Chapter helps those in need by collecting turkeys in a famous service project known as the Gobbler Grab. Featured in the OA's National Bulletin, this project has collected more than 12,000 turkeys over the years. The tradition started in 1997 and at the 2018 22nd Annual Gobbler Grab, 553 turkeys were donated by the local Golden Strip community. Altogether, more monetary donations were collected than ever before with 500 turkeys collected. Now, the lifetime total for the project is 12,804 turkeys - this means over 100,000 people have been provided a meal!

Recently on December 13th, the Chapter held its annual Christmas party with over 30 Arrowmen in attendance. A table full of food and treats made for a great night of fellowship as the youth played games and adults conversed. Each year, Ani Wa Ya collects toys for children who do not have the guarantee to have toys under the tree each Christmas. This year, around 50 toys were collected and provided to the Mauldin Children's Home. At the end of the night while hand-in-hand about to sing the OA Song, the Chapter reflected on a successful year, and the current Chapter Adviser, Matthew Watson, announced he would be stepping down with his acceptance to dental school at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. Jay Best was announced as his successor and with the youth leadership at the helm, great things are expected as the Wolf Clan continues to grow!

## 2019 Activity Expenses and Registration

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The activity dates have been set and are listed below:

LLDC (Lodge Leadership Development Conference) – January 26, 2019 8:30AM to 5PM.

Buncombe Street United Methodist Church Troop 9 Scout Hut (behind the church).

Winter Banquet – January 26, 2019 6PM to 8:30PM.

Buncombe Street United Methodist Church Sisk Hall (entrance is beside the Scout Hut)

Spring Fellowship – March 15, 2019 (after 4PM) to March 17, 2019 (10AM) at Camp Old Indian.

Lodge Cookout – June 26, 2019. After the Camp Old Indian afternoon activities at Camp Old Indian.

Fall Fellowship – September 21, 2019 (after 4PM) to September 23, 2019 (10AM) at Camp Old Indian.

The costs for each activity are:

LLDC (Lodge Leadership Development Conference) - \$10

New 2018 Ordeal Members Cost - \$5

Winter Banquet - \$21

LLDC/Winter Banquet Combo Pass - \$26. Savings of \$10 for the 2 events.

Spring Fellowship - \$32

Cookout - \$16

Fall Fellowship - \$32.

All Access Pass (all events & dues) - \$111.

Whippoorwill Club All Access Pass (all events) - \$105.

(Must be a Whippoorwill Club member to register for this access pass)

The costs for all AKK sponsored events is \$116. By registering for the All Access Pass saves you money and eliminates the need to register for each activity or even worse, forgetting to register before the registration period has ended. For 2019, all registrations will be done on line via the Black Pug system currently used by all activities sponsored by Blue Ridge Council. To cover the credit card charges, each activity cost has been adjusted to cover those charges. The online links for registrations is below:

Just Paying Dues: <https://scoutingevent.com/551-OA2019Dues>

LLDC/Winter Banquet: <https://scoutingevent.com/551-LLDCWinterBanquet>

Spring Fellowship: <https://scoutingevent.com/551-springfellowship>

Lodge Cookout: <https://scoutingevent.com/551-cookout>

Fall Fellowship: <https://scoutingevent.com/551-fallfellowship>

All Access Pass: <https://scoutingevent.com/551-2019AllAccessPass>

Whippoorwill Club All Access Pass: <https://scoutingevent.com/551-OAWhippoorwillClubAllAccess>

Individual event registration will end the Monday at noon before the activity date. To better control costs, there will not be any late registrations or walkups. All food and other supplies for those registered, will be ordered that Monday afternoon. In the past we have over ordered food and wasted way too much. With food costs continually increase, the most cost-effective measure was to eliminate late registrations and walkup similar to Blue Ridge Council events. Information on registering for the Dixie Fellowship will be forthcoming in the very near future. If you have any questions, please e-mail our lodge chief, Benji Maguire at [akkchief@akk185.com](mailto:akkchief@akk185.com).