



The Quarterly

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TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT!

This upcoming fellowship, the Fall Fellowship (November 4-6), we will have our 2nd annual Semialachee Lodge Shooting Competition.

Our first Shooting competition was a big hit, and this one will be even better. We will have shotgun, rifle, archery, and throwing tomahawks/knives.

There will be a competition for both Adults and Youth and the winners will get their names put on a plaque.

In the upcoming year, we will have our annual Banquet, location is yet to be decided. This is a fun event for all arrowmen and their families. There will be great food, and it will be a really fun time to reflect on our year. ~Nathan Cushard, Vice chief of programs

NEW LEC ELECTED

The new lodge executive committee was elected at the August business meeting. The positions will switch over at the Lodge Banquet in January.

2017 Lodge executive Committee

Benjamin West - Chief

Nathan Cushard - V.C. of Programs

Jacen Jones - V.C. of Inductions

David Slaughter - Secretary

William Wykcoff - Treasurer

Louis West - Historian

~~~~~Appointed Positions~~~~~

Marcus Hatchet- Dance and Drum Chairman

Charlie Wright - Ceremonies Chairman



## Letter from Chief

My brothers, As I near the end of my time as your lodge chief I would like to thank everyone for the support they have given me and the support given to the lodge. We have had good times and done great things from hosting the section summit at Wallwood to participating in section conference and having some awesome fellowships. We had members attend Prism at the Summit and NEXT at The University of Indiana. Both of these adventures allowed the participants to spend time with other Arrowmen from around the country, focusing on lodge development and leadership. I look forward to seeing each of you at our next fellowship and the banquet. Until then I encourage each of you to seek the arrow.

~Joey Fallis  
2016 Semialachee Lodge Chief





### **Getting more Scouts to attend Semialachee Lodge events**

The Order of the Arrow is not a secret society, but in some troops it might as well be. These troops go through the first steps of getting Scouts elected into **Scouting's national honor society** and through their Ordeal. But after that, these new Arrowmen become ghosts, never seen at a lodge meeting, dance event, section conclave, National Order of the Arrow Conference or any other OA function.

Too bad, because Order of the Arrow members have tons of fun and experience the brotherhood of cheerful service that can enhance the Scouting experience, especially for older boys who may feel like they've seen all Scouting has to offer at the troop level.

So here's the Question for this month: How would you characterize the level of OA participation in your troop? How can you, as a Scouter, increase your Scouts' involvement in the Order of the Arrow? This isn't a rhetorical question, we really want to know. What would make our lodge events so compelling that you would drag your lodge buddies to the next fellowship so they don't miss out?

### **CEREMONIES TEAM**

The ceremonies that are carried out on Ordeal and Brotherhood weekends are the core of our order, without ceremonies no one can be inducted into our lodge. We meet every first and third Sunday of the month at the 115 Scout hut by St. Paul's Methodist Church. If you are interested in joining text me at 850-294-1208 or email me at [wrightcm13@gmail.com](mailto:wrightcm13@gmail.com). Hope to see you there.  
~Charles Wright (Ceremonies Team chairman)

### **Inductions News**

Fellow Arrowmen, as many of you know we hosted our annual Ordeal in August on the 19th through 21st. Many new brothers were inducted and lots of service was done for Wallwood. Some of the major projects that were worked on include renovations to the ranger house, Cleaning of the maintenance area and compound, and taking down and putting away the tents and cots from summer camp.

Very soon a letter will go out reminding those candidates who did not complete the ordeal in August that there is a make-up ordeal happening during our winter fellowship on February 10th. Another letter will soon go out to all the troops reminding them to schedule their troop OA election which needs to happen sometime before May 31st 2017.

Remember, if anyone in your troop is a candidate and hasn't completed the ordeal, encourage them to attend the make-up in February. ~Benjamin West, Vice chief of inductions



## Adviser's Comments:

Dear Lodge members,

This has been a whirlwind year in my first year as your Lodge Adviser. We made trips to Miami for Section Conference in April, the Summit in West Virginia for Prism in June, and Indiana University for NeXT in July/August. Those trips were great and I think that all the participants got a lot out of each of the programs. We still have two events rapidly approaching to close out this year. First, on November 4-6, we will be holding our Fall Fellowship at Wallwood. Your LEC has been planning some neat events, so please come out and enjoy this fun weekend (no working at this event, for all you new members that just went through ordeal). Secondly, we have our year end/beginning banquet. The LEC is still finalizing plans for the location and time, but you can find that on the website when it is nailed down. We will be presenting some very significant recognitions and reviewing all that we accomplished in 2016. Please be on the lookout for more info in the near future. As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to email me at [cstranburg@gmail.com](mailto:cstranburg@gmail.com).

I look forward to seeing you all in a couple of weeks.

Yours in Wimachtendienk,

Chris Stranburg

Lodge Adviser





As always, if you have any feedback, suggestions, or questions, please don't hesitate to email any member of the LEC, we will do our best to help the lodge become better every year. We would love for every member of the lodge to get involved in the great service and brotherhood that make up Semialachee lodge. You can also find information on our website ([www.semialacheelodge.org/](http://www.semialacheelodge.org/)) and our Facebook group "The Mighty Semialachee Lodge 239"

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**PLEASE EMAIL US SO WE CAN ADD YOUR CORRECT**  
**INFORMATION TO OUR RECORDS**

**Did you know?**

The Semialachee Lodge is part of Section S-4 which is part of the southern region, one of 4 regions that make up the OA in the United states.

<http://www.sections4.org/>

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**Lodge Executive Committee and Advisers 2016**

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# Semialachee Lodge Calendar 2016

## November 2016

3 LEC – Lake Ella Scout Hut 7pm

4-6 Fall Fellowship Wallwood BSR

## December 2016

1 LEC – Lake Ella Scout Hut 7pm

10-11 Vigil reunion- Wallwood BSR

*Look for more scheduling in Future  
Editions of The Quarterly  
or at [www.semialacheelodge.org/](http://www.semialacheelodge.org/)*

## January 2015

5 LEC - Lake Ella Scout Hut 7pm

14 Banquet (location TBD)

  
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