Quiver

ATLANTA AREA COUNCIL

ORDEAL EDITION
WINTER 2012

Upcoming Events

December 1,2012
LLD &
Winter Banquet @VSC
Registration Deadline
November 21, 2012

March 2, 2013
National Park Service
Project

March 22-24, 2013
Spring Ordeal @ BASR
Registration Deadline
March 13,2013

April 26-28,2013
SR-9 Conclave @ BASR

May 3-5, 2013
Spring Ordeal @ WSR
Registration Deadline
April 24,2013

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Egwa Tawa Dee Lodge #129
Official Newsletter

Congratulations from the Chief

Congratulations on the completion of your Ordeal and welcome to our lodge. The lodge's name is Egwa Tawa Dee, Cherokee for Broad Winged Hawk, which is the totem of our lodge.

We all have in common the fact that each of us has endured the tests of the Ordeal. Each test teaches a specific lesson that will become clearer as you progress in your knowledge. The Order of the Arrow has much to offer and we invite and encourage you to become involved. Please do not hesitate to ask questions of any Arrowman and of our officers. They will be glad to help you in any way to gain knowledge and understanding.

The lodge is set up similar to a troop in that all of the officers are elected. Information on how to contact the lodge officers can be found on our web page at www. aacegwa.org and in this Quiver. On our website and this "Quiver", you will find a great deal of useful information. Once again, do not hesitate to contact any of our Lodge Officers as they are here to serve you.

Chapters are the heart of the lodge. This is where most of the work for OA in the district is done. Committees also are a vital part of the lodge as this is where the bulk of the lodge's work for a council level is accomplished. We encourage you to find a place to serve and become involved. Get acquainted with your chapter and become involved with their program as well as the work of the lodge.

Congratulations again and we look forward to seeing you at lodge events and again at the fire of cheerfulness to further your knowledge of our order.

WWW,

Andrew Weaver
2012 – 2013 Lodge Chief

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OA FAQ's

⇒ What can I do in the OA?

The OA is full of opportunities based on what you are interested in. Do you remember the ceremonies you went through this weekend? Many of our brothers choose to learn these ceremonies and perform them for others. These are great for brothers interested in drama. Ceremonialists as they are called even have the opportunity to compete at regional and national event! Other brothers choose to join our drum and dance team which is nationally known and has even performed for the King of Sweden. Do these sound interesting? Contact Thomas Cowan at vcindianaffairs@aacegwa.org to find out more. Other brothers choose to get involved in our lodge's program. Does helping you out with Native American games or planning a box car derby sound cool to you? Contact Zac Schultz at vcprogram@aacegwa.org. Would you like to help with the ordeals or with administration? Contact Ben Milner at vcadminstration@aacegwa.org. Is multimedia or design trip your trigger? Our lodge publishes a quarterly newsletter and has an online youtube channel we create videos for. Interested? Contact Christian Goerner at vccommunications@aacegwa.org. Finally, are you a good salesman? Our trading post always needs help creating and selling items. Contact James Deaton at vcfinance@aacegwa.org for more information.

⇒ I've seen people wearing "Red Bars" and "Triangles" on their sashes. What do these mean?

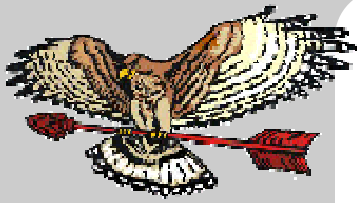
The Red bars denote Brotherhood members in our which is full membership. You will be eligible for this membership in 10 months provided you stay active in your unit and you are ready to take your next step in the OA journey. The triangle denotes a vigil member in our lodge. This is the highest award our lodge can bestow and cannot be obtained. It is given by the lodge to those deserving each year after 2 years of service as a brotherhood member.

⇒ I've heard people talking about Conclave. What is this?

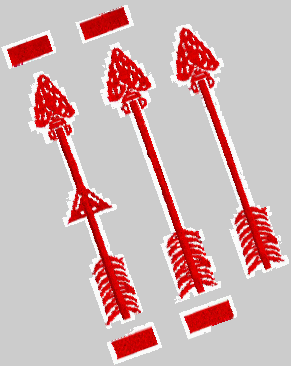
Egwa has the distinct opportunity of hosting brothers from all across the southeast next April. Conclave is the annual gathering of these brothers, and it is the first time Egwa has hosted or been the "service lodge" in 8 years. This is the only time we will host when you're a youth so take the opportunity to staff this event! You wont regret it!

⇒ What can I do in my troop with OA?

OA has a position called "OA Troop Representative" , and it is a great way to serve your troop and the OA. Don't forget your unit is your primary area of responsibility in the OA!



The three membership levels of our order are; Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil as shown below.



OA Facts

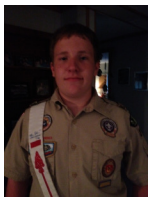
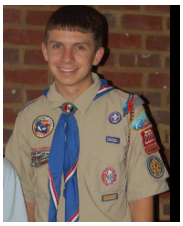
The Order of the Arrow (OA) is Scouting's National Honor Society. It sets out to recognize those youth and adult campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives, to develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit, to promote Scout camping, and to crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others. The Order of the Arrow was founded in 1915 by Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson. The membership levels of the Order of the Arrow are Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil Honor.

What Chapter do I belong to?

The OA's mission is mostly conducted at a district level in your chapter. Chapters have their own Officers and Advisors. They meet together as a lodge several times a year!

District	Chapter
Button Gwinnett	Tella Qualla Boundary
Chattahoochee	Lowanne Nimat
Cherokee Pickens	Achewon Woapalanne
Cover Bridge	Seven Springs
Foot Hills	Kenesaw
Hightower Trail	Etowah
Milton	Soquili Gvnagei
Mountain Lake	Wachtsu Chuppecat
North Atlanta	Echota
Soapstone Ridge	Thennethlofkee
South Fulton	Quinigisi
Sweetwater and Pickett's Mill Districts	Cvmpe Vekiwv
Tara	Creek
Three Rivers	Lockchau Talofau
West, East, and South Atlanta Districts	Wesadicha
Yellow River	Nagatamen

Officer Reports

Name and Position	Report	What am I responsible for?
Andrew Weaver Lodge Chief	See Front Page	⇒ All Executive Affairs of the Lodge ⇒ Directs all Lodge Vice-Chiefs and Chairman
Ben Milner VC of Administration 	Congratulations on your induction to the OA! Here's how you can help: I need your help with elections. Because we have an earlier ordeal I need election reports by February 1st from each chapter which you are apart of. Also we have an Elangomat award that encourage each and everyone try to attain not only will it be an honor for you to receive it but it will also help the lodge expand and grow as you help induct new members. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me and I will respond as soon as I can.	⇒ Keep all Records ⇒ Coordinate Elangomats ⇒ Coordinate all trainings ⇒ Hospitality Conclave Sub-Chair ⇒ 1st in line to Lodge Chief ⇒ Contact me at: vcadministration@aacegwa.org
Zach Schultz VC of Program 	"Dear Egwa Tawa Dee and New Brothers, First, Chapter Advisers need to submit service hours at the next LEC. There are also several events coming up. The first one is a service project November 20th at East Lake Cemetery, and there will be more details to come about that. The Second event is Winter Banquet, so come on out for awards, food, fun, and Fellowship. It will be held at the Volunteer Service Center on December 1st at 6:00pm, and bring your families. This is a great way to get to know members in the lodge!	⇒ Responsible for all programs the lodge provides. ⇒ Coordinate our conclave contingent ⇒ Set up practice competitions for Conclave. ⇒ Lodge Spiritmaster!! ⇒ Second in line to Lodge Chief ⇒ Contact me at: vcprogram@aacegwa.org
Thomas Cowan VC of Indian Affairs 	Welcome to our lodge! I am a Brotherhood member out of Thennethlofkee Chapter. My job as VCIA entails, The request of ceremony teams and sites, holding ceremony evaluations for Pre-O, Ordeal, and Brotherhood, handing out supplies for ceremonies, the Lodge Dance and Drum teams, for the Indian Affairs at lodge events and at Conclave. If your chapter is in need of help for ceremony teams, I will gladly help in anyway I can. I am here to help any chapter or team that wants help to talk to me and I will help!	⇒ Ordeal Ceremonies ⇒ Brotherhood Ceremonies ⇒ Contact me if your interested in being a ceremonialist and have questions! ⇒ Third in line for Lodge Chief ⇒ Contact me at vcindianaffairs@aacegwa.org
Christian Goerner VC of Communications 	Congratulations new brothers! My job is to coordinate all of the lodge's communications. I coordinate multimedia, the Quiver, and the lodge's social media. I need help with creating videos for Youtube , writers for the Quiver, and taking photos at lodge events. If your interested in Journalism or digital media. I could use your help! Follow us on Facebook and Twitter! Also, follow our lodge mascot; The Brown Bag.	⇒ Coordinate the Lodge's Newsletter "The Quiver" ⇒ Coordinate Lodge Multimedia on Youtube ⇒ Coordinate Lodge Social Media ⇒ Contact me at: vccommunications@aacegwa.org
James Deaton VC of Finance	Congratulations to all that were inducted this weekend. I am James Deaton the Vice Chief of Finance. My job is to control the Lodge trading post, oversee the budget, and control all inventory's of the Lodge. For those that want to get invovled consider joining the Trading Post or Finance committee. The Trading Post committee members work on new items to sell at the trading post and work the Trading Post at events. The Finance Committee is all about the numbers you work to help create the budget for the next year and more.	⇒ Make new items for the trading post. ⇒ Make the Lodge's annual budget ⇒ Work the Trading post at events ⇒ Contact me at: vcfinance@aacegwa.org

Lodge Adviser's Corner

As Lodge Adviser I would like to welcome each of you to Egwa Tawa Dee. Please don't let this be the first and last experience you have as a new member. By joining us at other events you will see there is much more to the Order of the Arrow than being silent and working with little food. To mention just a few things you can participate in, you can be a part of a ceremony team, a drum team, a dance team or what ever your interest is. Read your OA Handbook to learn more about the OA and learn what you would like to do as a new member. We hope you will attend your District Chapter meetings, but above all we want you to attend as many of our Lodge events as possible. After ten months as an Ordeal member you will be eligible to seal your membership in the OA by becoming a Brotherhood member.

As I first mentioned, don't be a part of the OA we call the Sash and Dash members, get involved, become a good member. Remember if you don't put any effort into what you do you will get very little out of what you do.

Yours in Cheerful Service
Tom Ogletree
Lodge Adviser

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