

A HISTORY OF ARACOMA LODGE #481

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Forward

Aracoma Lodge #481 was formally chartered on August 4, 1952. It is composed of Scouts and Scouters of the fourteen counties of West Alabama, making up the Black Warrior Council with headquarters in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

The lodge is named Aracoma, the daughter of Indian Chief Cornstalk, who led the great uprising of Indians in the East. This battle was the result of the murder of Aracoma, her husband, and about 80 other members of her tribe. This white man's massacre occurred at the headwaters of the Guyandotte River sometime between 1775 and 1825. Only 15 of the tribe got away and met Chief Cornstalk at Point Pleasant, Virginia, where he soon organized the tribes in his sortie against the white man.

The Lodge emblem shows a cornstalk to commemorate this great Chief along with his daughter, Aracoma.

The charter Scouts and Scouters of Aracoma Lodge were initiated into the Ordeal at the first Area V-a O.A. Conference held at Camp Tuckabatchee in Montgomery, Alabama on May 16-18, 1952. Charter members inducted were: Mack Sims (Moundville), Gene Moore (Greensboro), Joe Sandlin, John Paepake, Al Henderson, Charles Christopher, and Parker Hannah (Tuscaloosa).

The Alibamu Lodge assisted greatly in the organization of Aracoma Lodge. The Executive Staff also attended a previous Area V-E Conference at Meridian, Mississippi to get information upon organizing a Lodge. The first Ordeal Ritual held at Camp Horne was on August 9, 1952, when twenty-four candidates took the Ordeal. The Ordeal Team from Choctaw Lodge #193 (Meridian Mississippi) gave Aracoma candidates the Ordeal Ceremonial work. During this Ordeal the candidates made a new ceremonial council ring.

The Lodge held a winter camp over the Christmas holidays of 1952 and at that time the lodge emblem shown below was distributed.

An Ordeal Ceremony was held at Camp Horne, July 30-31, 1954 with the Aracoma Ordeal Team lead by Lodge Chief Tommy Thigpen in charge. Sixteen Scouts and Scouters received their Ordeal including Chairman of Council Camping and Activities Gus Paepake, past Council President Lamar Smith, and other adults with an interest in camping and the O.A.

There are 81 members in Aracoma Lodge at this time (1955). Nineteen have received their Brotherhood, having been inducted by the Brotherhood Team from Cherokee Lodge #50 of Birmingham, Alabama. There are no Vigil lodge members at this time.

Aracoma has contributed to the Area V-a programs by attending and taking part in the 1952 meeting, the 1953 conference at Pensacola Fl., and the 1954 Conference at Birmingham, Alabama. The Lodge expects to participate in the 1955 Conference at Mobile, Alabama.

Tom Adams was the Area V-a Deputy Chief in 1953. Tommy Thigpen, the present Lodge Chief, was north deputy Area Chief in 1954. Tom Adams also was the designer of THE QUIVER name and masthead design, he having won a contest for naming the Area Bulletin. He received a leather trophy at the 1953 Pensacola Conference.

The Lodge has completed several projects at Camp Horne. A new council ring, new wiring at camp, etc. have been completed for the benefit of the Council.

The Area V-a Bulletin "The Quiver," March 1955

The above is the earliest known written version of the history of Aracoma Lodge #481. This document attempts to expand on that history of the lodge. A large amount of the early historical information of the lodge was found in copies of "The Quiver" and from Jerry Roger's 1984 book on section memorabilia.

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1952

Aracoma Lodge #481 was formerly chartered August 4, 1952 in the Black Warrior Council #006. The Black Warrior Council consists the west Alabama counties of Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Marengo, Marion, Pickens, Sumter, Tuscaloosa, Walker, and Winston. The lodge is named for Aracoma, daughter of Chief Cornstalk. Sometime between 1775 and 1825 the white man murdered Aracoma and eighty members of her tribe at the headwaters of the Guyandotte River near Pint Pleasant, Virginia. The 15 escaping members of the tribe joined Chief Cornstalk. Cornstalk organized the neighboring tribes into a great uprising against the whites. To commemorate the mighty chief and his daughter the lodge was named for Aracoma and a Cornstalk was used as the Lodge emblem.

NEW LODGES 1952

New Lodge	Council and Headquarters
468 OUYUMBULI	Mt. Diablo, Berkeley, Calif.
469 TITT-A-BA-WA-SINK	Paul Bunyan, Midland, Mich.
470	National Capital Area, Washington, D. C.
471 WOAPALANE	Bristol Area, Bristol, Conn.
472 SCAROOYADI	Columbiana Co., Lisbon, Ohio
473	Winnebago, Mason City, Ia.
474 TA	Sergeant Floyd Area, Sioux City, Ia.
475	Buckskin, Charleston, W. Va.
476 TUNKHANNOCK	Bethlehem Area, Bethlehem, Pa.
477	Tioughnioga, Cortland, N. Y.
478 WISUMAH	Arrowhead Area, San Bernardino, Calif.
479 ISTROUMA	Istrouma Area, Baton Rouge, La.
480	Blue Grass, Lexington, Ky.
481 ARACOMA	Black Warrior, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
482 BLACK EAGLE	Eucom Advisory, Heidelberg, Germany
483 CHANCO	Old Dominion Area, Suffolk, Va.
484	North Bergen Co., Hackensack, N. J.

The Bulletin of the Order of the Arrow, 1952

The Charter Members of Aracoma received their Ordeal May 16-18, 1952 at the first Area V-a Conference held at Camp Tukabatchee in Montgomery, Alabama. The charter members were: Mack Sims (Moundville), Gene Moore (Greensboro), Joe Sandlin, John Paepake, Al Henderson, Charles Christopher, and Parker Hannah (Tuscaloosa).

Aracoma received its Charter on August 4, 1952 and held their first Ordeal at the council camp, Camp Horne, on August 9, 1952. Members from the Choctaw Lodge #193 (Meridian, Mississippi) conducted the Ordeal ceremony. The twenty-four candidates built a new council ring at camp.

During the 1952 Christmas holidays lodge members received the lodges first emblem – an arrowhead shaped patch with a cornstalk – at a winter encampment. Plans were made to attend the 1953 V-a Conference at Pensacola Naval Air Station, Pensacola Florida. An Ordeal Ceremony team was organized.

1953

Twenty-three member of Aracoma Lodge attended the 1953 V-a Conference on April 24-26, 1953. At the Conference Aracoma demonstrated the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony and lead a discussion on "Lodge Social Activity." Tom Adams, Aracoma's Lodge Chief, was elected as Assistant Area Chief for the 1954 Conference. Tom also won the contest to name the "Area V-a Notes" bulletin and received a trophy with all the V-a lodges. His winning suggestion was sent in first and presented to the other lodges in January 1953 "Area V-a Notes" bulletin. His suggest was "The Area V-a Quiver." The quiver represents Area V-a, and the six arrows in the quiver represented the Area Lodges. Tom was presented with a skin trophy containing the emblems of all the Area lodges. (Note: the above information was taken from the May 1953 Quiver. It appears that he was presented the trophy again in 1956 so the Tuscaloosa News would write it up in the April 15, 1956 paper.

During the Area Conference the Pensacola Naval Air Station shows "The Fighting Lady" (a carrier film) as well as naval training films. During the changing of the films scouts sang songs under the leadership of Edgar R. Christopher and several other scouts who were observed "not singing". All scouts were taken on an inspection tour of the Independence Class aircraft carrier "the USS Monterey." Aracoma Lodge #481 preformed the Pre-Ordeal Ritual for a huge class of Ordeal candidates. Yustaga Lodge conducted the Brotherhood Ritual for 20 candidates after all Ordeal members and visitors had left.

1954

On Sunday, January 12, 1954 Officers of area V-a met in Montgomery to discuss the plans of the Area Conference to be held in Birmingham on April 23-25, 1954. Bill Daffron represented Aracoma Lodge. Accompanying him was Edgar Christopher, Tom Adams, Charles Christopher, and Alan Siegal.



The Tuscaloosa News, Tuesday, January 12, 1954.

On April 23-25, 1954 thirty-two members of Aracoma attended the 1954 Area Conference at Camp Indian Valley, Birmingham, Alabama. Aracoma won the area V-a award for participation, and Tommy Thigpen was elected North Area Deputy Chief. The Lodge presented an "Indian Make-up" workshop and conducted a Calling-Out, Pre-Ordeal, and Retreat ceremony.

On July 30-31, 1954 16 Scouts and Scouters received their Ordeal at Camp Horne. The scouts were:

Scouter	Troop	City
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Tommy Burns	Troop 55	Tuscaloosa
Jimmy Coleman	Troop 13	Greensboro
Lee Fox	Troop 85	Wilsonville
John Hanby	Troop 55	Tuscaloosa
Don James	Troop 43	Tuscaloosa
Billy Levie	Troop 36	Centreville
Johnny Long	Troop 117	Jasper
Gus Paepcke	Chairman: Council Camping and Activities	
Lewis Payne	Troop 117	Jasper
Bobby Pugh	Troop 43	Tuscaloosa
Ronnie Riffe	Troop 161	Tuscaloosa
Fred Sides	Post 118	Tuscaloosa
Harold Sides	Post 118	Tuscaloosa
O.D. Sides	Post 118	Tuscaloosa
Lawrence Smith	Past Council President	
Fred Wood	Troop 36	Centreville

With the induction of the above Arrowmen Aracoma Lodge had 81 members.

1955

The Area V-a Lodge Chiefs met in Montgomery on January 9, 1955 at the Whitley Hotel for an all day session to plan the 1955 Area V-a Fellowship Conference to be held in Mobile, Alabama on April 15-17. Pensacola and Tuscaloosa had no representatives at this meeting. Aracoma was responsible for teaching Indian Dance Instruction (with Cherokee 50 and Yustaga 385), "Camp Promotion in Unit and Council, giving a report for the 1956 Conference to be hosted at Camp Horne, and in charge of lighting the Saturday night campfire.

In March 1955 19 members of Aracoma Lodge received their Brotherhood. Conducting the ceremony was members of Cherokee Lodge #50 from Birmingham, Alabama.

Twenty-three members of Aracoma attended the 1955 V-a Conference on May 15-17 at Camp Pushmataha, Mobile Alabama. Aracoma conducted a discussion on "Camp Promotion in the Unit and Council", and held an Indian dance workshop. Aracoma also conducted the fire lighting ceremony, performed the Eagle Dance, and reported on plans for hosting the 1956 Conference at Camp Horne (Tuscaloosa, Alabama). Charles Christopher was elected Deputy Chief for the 1956 Conference. No Ordeal or Brotherhood candidates were inducted during this Conference.

In July 1955 Aracoma held an Indian Pageant for the Kiwanis Club in Centreville, Alabama. Another Indian pageant was presented in Vernon for the Kiwanis Club later this same month. Lodge membership now stood at 73. Aracoma Lodge #481 completed several projects at Camp Horne and Camp O'Rear during the past summer. One of the biggest jobs was the completion of a path and a seven-foot bridge over a swampy area at camp. In September the Lodge inducted 25 Ordeal and 7 Brotherhood members into the lodge and a Christmas Banquet and dance was held during the Christmas holidays. Charles Christopher was elected the new Lodge Chief with Don James elected secretary. Lodge Advisors are William A. Levie and William A. Daffron.

In September the Area Conference Chief David Ivey (Cherokee #50) and Deputy Area Conference Chief Charles Christopher (Aracoma #481) are corresponding with Area officials on preliminary plans that will lead to the Area V-a Chief's meeting in Montgomery next January. David and Charles will also represent the Area in a conference in Bloomington, Indiana on December 28-30 1955 for discussing plans for the 1956 National O.A. Conference. Funds for the expenses of the Area V-a delegate are from surplus of previous Area Conferences.

The Area Conference Patch Contest for designing the 1956 Area Fellowship emblem has been announced by Area V-a leaders. The instructions for designing this new patch is included below:

“The new patch should show Area V-a, 1956, some central design to represent the conference site, Order of the Arrow, W.W.W., and as this is the fifth Area V-a conference, either a numeral or letter 5. It should be of two colors on a third color background. It should be of a size to fit on the right pocket flap or below the button. It may be of any shape including a circle, oval, tepee, shield, arrowhead, inverted arrowhead, leaf, animal, etc. The design must be on white paper, in drawing ink, with watercolor or crayon lettering or design. January 1, 1956 is the deadline for entries. All designs must be in the judge’s hand or postmarked not later than the above date. Only members under 21 years of age can submit a design.”

1956

On the weekend of April 13-15, 1956 Aracoma hosted the 1956 Area V-a Conference at Camp Horne in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. David Ivey was the Area Conference Chief and the Deputy Area Chief was Charles Christopher. Thirty members of Aracoma served as the host corps. Bobby Pugh of Aracoma won a trophy for designing the conference patch. The cost was \$4.00 for the weekend.



1956 Area V-a Conference Patch designed by Bobby Pugh

Tuscaloosa News, April 15, 1956

Sunday, April 15, 1956

Scouts Gather At Horne For Annual Conference

Over 250 members of the Order of the Arrow, a Boy Scout honor campers organization, gathered here this weekend at Camp Horne for the fifth annual Area V-A conference. The scouts represented seven lodges from 65 Alabama and Northwest Florida counties.

Host lodge for the three day meet was Aracoma. Lodge No. 481 of Tuscaloosa with Lodge Chief Don James overseeing activities.

The meeting kicked off Friday night with a campfire program presided over by Area Chief David Ivey of Birmingham, assisted by Deputy Chief Charles Christopher of Tuscaloosa. The Arrowmen were welcomed by L. R. (Dutch) Smith of Tuscaloosa, chairman of the Black Warrior council camping committee and past council president.

Numbered among yesterday's activities were group discussions of O. A. and lodge activities; a special presentation on Alpha Phi Omega, a college scout service fraternity, by Tommy Thigpen of the University of Alabama; ceremonial costume and Indianlore workshops; and election of new area officers.

The crowning point of the three-day festivities came last night with the area Indian dance competition among lodges. The winning lodge received a floating trophy and will represent the area in the national dance competition to be held in Bloomington, Indiana, next fall.

This conference will close this morning with a interdenominational chapel to be led by the Rev. John Taylor of the Southside Baptist Church and the Rev. Vern Taylor, minister of music at Calvary Baptist Church.

Tuscaloosa News, April 15, 1956

Aracoma held a discussion on "Camping and Service Projects", conducted a workshop on "Advanced Indian Dancing", and performed the "Blackfoot Medicine Dance." Alpha Phi Omega members from the University of Alabama gave a talk on Scouting in College.

Aracoma held a Summer Pilgrimage at Camp Horne on August 7-8, 1956. Thirty-two Ordeal and nine Brotherhood members were inducted. Active membership in the lodge was now 65.

A Christmas Banquet was held on December 21, 1956. Past lodge Chief Charles Christopher entered the United States Naval Academy.

1957

Twenty-two members of Aracoma Lodge attended the May 3-5, 1957 V-a Conference at Camp Tukabatchee, Montgomery, Alabama. Aracoma won first place in the Indian Dance competition performing the Tobacco Dance. Aracoma conducted a discussion on "Aims and Ideals of the Order of the Arrow" and held a workshop on "Ceremony Equipment and Accessories." Andy Davis was elected Lodge Chief to replace Bobby Pugh as Bobby resigned to attend college.

During the summer of 1957 Aracoma set up a special camp to train junior leaders in the troop leaders, and the Indian Dance Team danced at the County Fair in Columbiana, Alabama. Aracoma inducted 45 Ordeal (with another 20 to be inducted in the fall) and 11 Brotherhood members. The Lodge completely remodeled the council ring at Camp Horne. The September 1957 edition of "The Quiver" states: "Aracoma Lodge is bragging about their new Lodge Patch and will have them on display at the 1958 Conference."

1958

The March 1958 edition of “The Quiver” notes of Aracoma building a new lodge building at Camp Horne.

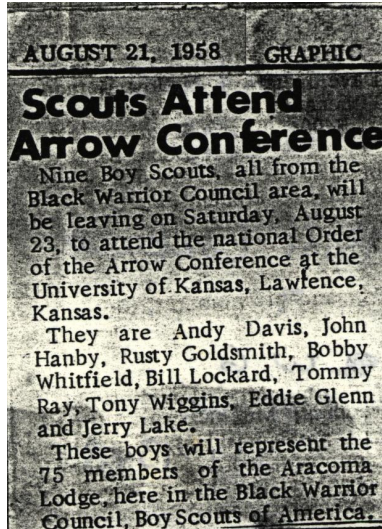
“Aracoma Lodge is planning an Arrow building at Camp Horne. It will overlook the ceremonial circle from a nearby hill. Blue prints have been completed and much material has already been donated. The labor for laying the cement foundation has been donated and the O.A. members hope to complete the building themselves. The lodge has new pocket insignia and neckerchiefs in time for the Area V-a Conference.”



First neckerchief and lodge flap, March 1958

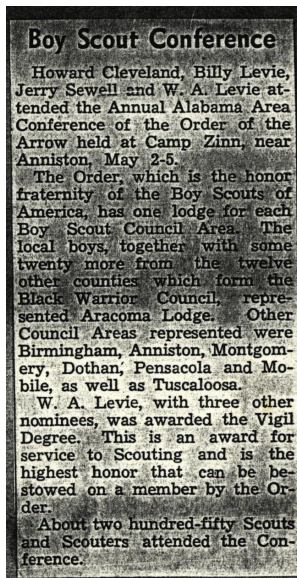
Thirty members of Aracoma attended the May 2-4, 1958 V-a Conference at Camp Zinn, Anniston, Alabama. Aracoma’s Dance Team Performed the Medicine Pipe Dance.” The complete order of presentation was Cherokee, Cowikee, Achuanachi, Youstaga, Alibamu, Aracoma, Woa Cholena. Aracoma conducted a discussion group on “Camp Promotion” and an Ordeal workshop. The Lodge performed “The Medicine Pipe Dance”. Bill Levie and the Aracoma campfires exhibit was spectacular with electric lights showing through the redlined logs, while Rusty Goldsmith filled in as the bugler. Sam Rickman served as an Indian Dance judge from Aracoma. Extra conference patches sold for \$0.50/ea. Aracoma’s first Lodge neckerchief came out just in time to be work at this conference.

Area Chief Andy Davis and eight other members of Aracoma attended the 1958 National Order of the Arrow Conference at the University of Kansas located in Lawrence, Kansas on August 25-28. Earnest Strong (Achunanchi Lodge Advisor) inducted Andy Davis as the elected Area Chief for the 1959 Area V-a Conference.

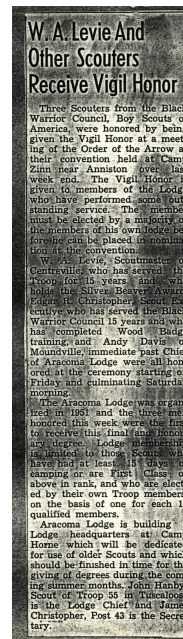


The Tuscaloosa News, August 21, 1958.

Aracoma held two inductions during the 1958 summer. Forty-two Ordeal, eleven Brotherhood, and Aracoma's first three Vigil Honor members were inducted at Camp Zinn. The Vigil Honor members inducted were Edgar Christopher, Andy Davis, and Bill Levie.



The Tuscaloosa News, 1959.



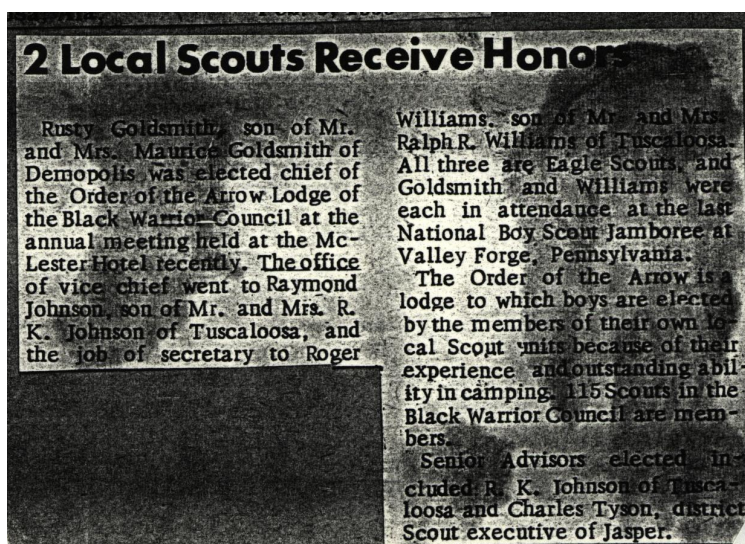
The Tuscaloosa News, 1959.

As of September 1st the active Lodge membership was 105.

1959

On December 14th, 1958 the Area V-a Chiefs met in Montgomery Alabama. Conference Chief Andy Davis (Aracoma Lodge) presided aided by Deputy Conference Chief Bill Kennedy (Yustaga Lodge). The Indian Dance Pageant Rules were set, the Area V-a Award rules approved. The 1959 Area Conference Patch was selected by Lodge Chiefs. It was also decided that no inductions of any type would be held at the Conference, as those ceremonies would be better given in the Lodge Circle. The highlight of the 1959 Area V-a Conference will be the presence of Dr. E. Urner Goodman, founder of the Order of the Arrow.

Twenty-eight members of Aracoma attended the May 1-3 1959 V-a Conference at Camp Tukabatchee, Montgomery, Alabama. Andy Davis served as Area Chief and Rusty Goldsmith was elected Lodge Chief, Raymond Johnson – Vice Chief, and Roger Williams - Secretary.



The Tuscaloosa News, 1959.

Andy Davis gave greetings to all the lodges on Friday night. The Keynote Address was given by Dr. E. Urner Goodman, founder of the Order of the Arrow. Unfortunately Dr. Goodman could not attend due to illness but he did send a tape-recording of his speech. On Saturday Aracoma held workshops on “Balanced Lodge Year-Round Program” and “Building and Lighting Campfires.” Aracoma’s dance team performed the “Big Small, Little Small” dance. Edgar Christopher was one of the dance judges. The final closing Ceremony and Arrow song was led by Aracoma. Aracoma was one of six (out of seven) lodges that won the Area V-a Award. Lodges winning the award were Cherokee, Alibamu, Cowikee, Woa Cholena, Youstaga, and Aracoma. The award (hand-

made by Charles B. McGee) was a quiver with the conference patch and a suitable letter inscribed.

On April 18th-19th an Order of the Arrow Training Seminar was held for lodge and area officers by Area V-a staff at Camp Tuckabatchee. The training was conducted by Gene Bowden of the National Volunteer Training Staff; and Martin Lockford, new National O.A. Secretary. Over seventy Scouts and Scouters from Area V-a were in attendance along with members from Columbus Georgia, Jackson Mississippi, and Huntsville Alabama. Edgar R. Christopher was on the faculty.

In 1959 Charlie Tyson was inducted into the Vigil Honor. Also of note was the introduction of a new "Explorer" program in the February 1959 issue of "The Quiver."

1960 - 1970

The next 10 years of Aracoma history is a bit cloudy. Little is known about Lodge activities. Membership was down, attendance at lodge functions was low, but Aracoma continued to attend Area Conferences.

1960

Twenty-two members of Aracoma attended the April 29-May 1, 1960 Area V-a Conference at Camp Indian Valley, Birmingham, Alabama.

1961

Eighteen members of the lodge attended the May 5-6 1961 at Camp Euchee, DeFuniak Springs, Florida.

1962

Fourteen members attended the 1962 Area V-a Conference at Camp Zinn, Anniston, Alabama.

1963

Sixteen members attended the May 3-4, 1963 Area V-a Conference at Enterprise, Alabama.

1964

Aracoma attended the May 1-3, 1964 Area V-a Conference at Camp Tukabatchee, Montgomery, Alabama.

In 1964 the Lodge decided to break away from the cornstalk design on their for their first two lodge patches and issue a patch with an emblem found at Moundville – the “Rattlesnake Disk”. As Moundville is a prehistoric Indian village site south of Tuscaloosa, it was decided by the Lodge that the symbols used by these Indians should be use on the Lodge patches.



1965

Aracoma attended the 1965 Area V-a Conference at Maubila Scout Reservation in Jackson, Alabama. Allen Francis served on the public relations staff of the 1965 National Order of the Arrow Conference held at the University of Indiana at Bloomington. George Swindle was inducted into the Vigil Honor.

1966

In 1966 the O.A. Regions re-aligned, and Aracoma was now part of the V-E Conference. Aracoma attended the April 30-May 2, 1966 Area V-E Conference at Comer Scout Reservation, Mentone, Alabama. Aracoma inducted 22 Ordeal, 20 Brotherhood, and 1 Vigil Honor member (Lynn Tirey) into the lodge.

1967

Aracoma attended the 1967 V-E Area Conference at Camp Indian Valley, Birmingham, Alabama. The lodge inducted 18 Ordeal and 19 Brotherhood members into the Lodge.

1968

Aracoma attended the 1968 Area V-E Conference at Camp Euchee in DeFuniak Springs, Florida. During the summer Aracoma inducted 55 Ordeal, 14 Brotherhood, and 4 Vigil Honor members into the Lodge. Errol Wilson was elected Lodge Chief, Dennis Miles, Jim Brittan, and David Swindel – Vice Chief. Aracoma held a banquet in November.



The Tuscaloosa News, December 14, 1968.

1969

Aracoma attended the April 25-27, 1969 Area V-E Conference at Maubila Scout Reservation, Jackson, Alabama. During the year Aracoma inducted 67 Ordeal, 42 Brotherhood, and 5 Vigil Honor members into the Lodge. A new lodge flap was introduced to Aracoma. This basic design was used for the next 12 years.



1970

Aracoma attended the 1970 Area V-E Conference at Comer Scout Reservation, Mentone, Alabama. Aracoma put out the Conference newspaper “The Rappin Papper.” On November 21 Aracoma held a “Father and Son Banquet” at the Holiday Inn in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The Lodge inducted 79 Ordeal, 45 Brotherhood, and 5 Vigil Honor members during the year.

1971

On April 23-25, 1971 Aracoma attended the Area V-e Conference at Camp AlaFlo near New Brocton, Alabama. Aracoma’s Rick Williams served a Section Vice-Chief. In the summer of 1971 Aracoma inducted 34 Ordeal, 37 Brotherhood, and 5 Vigil Honor members into the Lodge. Aracoma created its first Brotherhood neckerchief. These neckerchiefs were not for sale. One had to earn it by becoming a Brotherhood member.



1972

Aracoma attended the May 5-7, 1972 Area V-E Conference at Camp Tukabatchee in Montgomery, Alabama. The year 1972 was a growth year for both the Lodge and Camp Horne. Aracoma would host the 1973 Section Conclave at Camp Horne and there was much work to be done preparing for this event. During the spring of 1972 the new dining hall was completed just in time for Summer Camp. During the next nine months the Lodge built a new council ring for Camp Horne. Aracoma inducted 83 Ordeal, 15 Brotherhood, and 6 Vigil Honor members into the Lodge.

1973

Seventeen years after it last hosted a Section Conference, Aracoma hosted the SE-4A Section Conclave at Camp Horne on April 27-29, 1973. Aracoma went all-out for Conclave and had girls from the local high school serving soft drinks to the delegates when they arrived at camp. But the hot air balloon rides were the main attraction.



During the summer Aracoma inducted 91 Ordeal, 32 Brotherhood, and 7 Vigil Honor members into the Lodge.

1974

Aracoma attended the 1974 SE-4A Conclave at Camp Sequoyah near Delta, Alabama. Bruce Armistead (Aracoma) served as Section Chief. Aracoma inducted 73 Ordeal and 33 Brotherhood into the Lodge.

1975

In 1975 Aracoma attended the SE-4A Conclave at Comer Scout Reservation in Mentone, Alabama. Aracoma inducted 99 Ordeal, 33 Brotherhood, and 5 Vigil Honor members into the Lodge during the summer. On December 14th the annual officer and committee chairman training session was held at the University Housing Office.

1976

In 1976 Aracoma attended the SE-4A Conclave on April 23-25. This event was held at Maubila Scout Reservation near Jackson, Alabama. Jim Andrews served as Section Vice-Chief and Marty House designed the Conclave patch.



Patch designed by Marty House

During 1976 Aracoma presented several Indian Pageants as part of the Bicentennial Celebration of the United States. Performances were held near the Ferguson Center at the University of Alabama, Cordova, Jasper, Carbon Hill and the Lodge. The Black Warrior Council issued a special patch for all (lodge members and scouters) who participated in the Bi-Centennial event.



1976 OA Pageant

Aracoma issued a special lodge flap with red, white, and blue borders to commemorate the Bicentennial. During the Summer Aracoma hosted the first National Leadership Seminar in the SE-4A section at the University of Alabama.



(Replace with correct patch)

Aracoma inducted 100 Ordeal, 42 Brotherhood, and 5 Vigil Honor members into the lodge during the summer of 1976.

1977

Aracoma attended the 1977 SE-4A Conclave at Camp Westmoreland near Florence, Alabama. The year 1977 also marked the 25th Anniversary of the lodge. Aracoma issues a blue arrowhead patch to commemorate the event.



Aracoma inducted 84 Ordeal and 38 Brotherhood members into the lodge. The year 1977 saw the introduction of the Fleur-de-les (FDL) on all scout-related patches. This inclusion was to help National curtail the creation of non-authorized patches from being created and passed off as legitimate Scouting items. Aracoma re-issued the S1 to include the FDL.



1978

Aracoma attended the 1978 SE-4A Section Conference at Camp Ala-Flo near Enterprise, Alabama. During the summer the lodge inducted 66 Ordeal, 32 Brotherhood, and 7 Vigil Honor members into the Lodge.

1979

In 1979 Aracoma attended the SE-4A Conclave at Camp Tukabatchee in Montgomery, Alabama. This even was held on April 20-22. Bob Matthews served as Section Vice-Chief. Aracoma inducted 92 Ordeal, 50 Brotherhood, and 3 Vigil Honor members into the lodge during that summer.

1980

In 1980 Aracoma hosted the SE-4A Conclave at Camp Horne. Aracoma's 142 member host corps put on another extravaganza. Highlights were the 28 members of the Black Warrior Council Post 34 Jazz Band (Milton Powell, director), 30ft OA sashes, fireworks, and a hot air balloon that couldn't take off because of high winds.



Black Warrior Council Post 34 Jazz Band, Milton Powell director.

The piece-de-resistance was Tom Strong, Aracoma's Lodge Advisor as Allowat Sakima in the parody of the Coca-Cola commercial with Mean Joe Green. In the commercial Mean Joe Green comes off the football field limping, sweating, and tired. A kid comes up to him and gives him a coke. Mean Joe drinks down the Coke and in appreciation he says "Hey kid" and throws the kid his jersey. In the parody, Allowat comes in from a hard day of being Chief. A young brave comes up to him and give him a coke. Allowat drinks the coke and says "Hey kid" and throws him his breechcloth just as the lights go out. Bob Matthews served as the Section Chief.



In the summer of 1980 Dave Davis, Jerry Rogers, and Jere Williams attended the National Leadership Seminar at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. During the summer the lodge inducted 47 Ordeal, 12 Brotherhood, and 4 Vigil Honor members into the Order. The lodge also issued its first round patch. This “Camp Promotions and Elections” patch could be earned by going out to a troop and promoting camping at Camp Horne and Order of the Arrow elections.



1981

Twenty-eight members of the Lodge attended in a new section - SE-3 and attended Conclave at Camp Sequoyah near Birmingham, Alabama. The Lodge performed the "Devil Dog Dance." Aracoma's dance team also performed at an Indian Festival at DeSoto Caverns near Childersburg, Alabama. The Lodge inducted 70 Ordeal, 26 Brotherhood, and 4 Vigil Honor members. Aracoma was represented by Erik Nelson, Bob Matthews, Neal Burton, and Fran Viselli at the 1981 National Order of the Arrow Conference.

Aracoma issued its first new lodge flap design since 1969. This design was used from 1981 to 1982.



1982

In 1982 Aracoma had a total of 373 active youth and adult Arrowmen. Twenty-nine members attended the 1982 SE-3 Section Conclave at Camp Comer Scout Reservation at Mentone, Alabama. Lodge Adviser Jerry Rogers designed the conclave patch.



Designed by Jerry Rogers

Aracoma celebrated its 30th Anniversary in the summer of 1982. In commemoration of the anniversary the Lodge issued an anniversary patch – a fully embroidered version of the lodge's first flap (the F1) with the dates "1952-1982."



Randy Ford, Erik Nelson, Water Davie, and Jerry Rogers attended the National Leadership Seminar at Valdosta, Georgia. During Fall Fellowship held at Camp O'Rear the lodge inducted 68 Ordeal, 30 Brotherhood, and 2 Vigil Honor members (James Ford and Randall MacDonald) into the Order. Lodge elections were held during this weekend. Erik Nelson was selected Chief, Harry Wolfe Vice Chief of Indian Lore, David Sheerer Secretary, and Steve Shelton Treasurer. Committees on outdoor programs and services were formed.

This year also saw the release of Aracoma's first "Where To Go Camping" booklet. This book was split into six sections. They are: I) Permits, Forms, and Insurance, II) Camping in the Black Warrior Council, III) Camping in Alabama, IV) Hiking Trails in Alabama, V) High Adventure Information, and VI) a Camping and Hiking Index of Southwestern United States.

1983

Thirty members from Aracoma attended the 1983 SE-3 Conclave at Camp Euchee in DeFuniak Springs, Florida. Neal Burton served as Section Chief and Jerry Rogers designed the Conclave patch.



Designed by Jerry Rogers

Aracoma inducted 81 Ordeal, 31 Brotherhood, and 4 Vigil Honor members into the lodge during the summer.

1984

Twenty-four members of Aracoma attended the 1984 SE-3 Conclave from April 27-29. The Conclave was held at Camp Jackson, Scottsboro, Alabama. Randy Ford served as Section Chief. Randy had sort of a trademark – a red bandanna – that he always wore as a sweatband around his head. One of the highlights of Conclave was an auction to raise money for the “Indian Campership Fund.” While Randy was conducting the auction someone sneaked up behind him and removed his bandanna. Randy was furious. He grew angrier while it was being auctioned off by one of the other section officers. It became quite a contest to see who would become the owner of Randy’s bandanna. The members of Aracoma Lodge pooled their money and won the bandanna with a bid of \$42.00. This was a lot to pay for a bandanna, but the reaction of the crowd and Randy was worth it. The members of Aracoma Lodge threw Randy’s bandanna into the campfire. Randy was dismayed – he couldn’t believe that the members of his own lodge would purchase his bandanna for \$42.00 and then burned it. But Randy was a good sport about it and the money was going to a good cause. The Section raised over \$300.00 for the campership fund.

Aracoma members attended Brotherhood weekend on June 1st to 3rd at Camp O’Rear and attended Ordeal Weekend on the 10th to 12th of August at Camp Horne. Sadly, during the month of August Marvin Price of Troop 45 died of a heart attack. Marvin was an active Scouter in both Troop and Lodge functions.

During the summer of 1984 Robert Lake, Paul Lake, Jerry Harper, and Jerry Rogers attended the National Leadership Seminar at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery,

Alabama. The lodge also inducted 55 Ordeal, 19 Brotherhood, and 2 Vigil Honor members into the Order. On November 17th and 18th Aracoma hosted Fall Fellowship at Camp Horne. On Saturday night Aracoma held it's first scouting auction to raise funds for new costumes for the Ceremony and Dance Team. The auction raised \$172.45. Aracoma issued two fellowship patches. One was red silkscreen on white felt; the other was black silkscreen on red felt. Both had a canvas backing. The white patch (75 created) was sold unrestricted. The red felt (25 created) were given to Lodge officers and winners of a wide game held at the Fellowship. A new silkscreened neckerchief was made this year for lodge Arrowmen to purchase.



1985

Twenty-eight members of Aracoma attended the SE-3 Conclave at Camp Ala-Flo near Enterprise, Alabama on April 19-21, 1985. Aracoma's ceremony team won first place in the ceremony team competition. Aracoma's dance team performed the "Devil Dog Dance." During Ordeal Weekend (July 19th to 21) the lodge built a new ceremony ring at camp as the old ceremony ring was being encroached upon by cutting of timber on camp property. Aracoma inducted 90 Ordeal, 42 Brotherhood, and 2 Vigil Honor members into the Order.

This year the lodge issued its first set of Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil flaps. The flaps are identical except for their borders. The black border represents Ordeal, the red border represents Brotherhood, and the white border represents Vigil. This basic design was used in 1985, 1986, and 1987.



Ordeal flap

Brotherhood flap

Vigil flap

1986

In 1986 thirty members of the lodge attended the 1986 SE-3 Conclave on April 18-20. The Conclave was held at Camp Tukabatchee. 1986 was an active year for Aracoma. Many activities / workdays were held at Camp Horne to prepare for Aracoma's hosting of the 1987 SE-3 Section Conclave. In July of 1986 nine members of the Lodge received a special award – a gold mylar bordered lodge flap. This award was given for distinguished service to the lodge.



Each recipient of the award (all Vigil Honor members) was given a plaque and lifetime membership in the lodge. The following lodge members received this award:

Walter Davie	Carl Hoobler	Gresham House
J.A. Matthews	Erik Nelson	Monty Newman
John Price	Jerry Rogers	Steve Shelton

Ordeal and Brotherhood Weekend was held on July 18th to 20th. Sixty-seven Ordeal members were inducted into the Order, and thirty lodge members became Brotherhood members. In August Jerry Harper, Chris Holloway, Allen Kipp, Robert Lake, Rodney Kip, and Erik Nelson represented the Lodge at the National Order of the Arrow Conference held at the University of Michigan. These members of the lodge placed 3rd nationally in the volleyball competition at the Conference.

During the November 1986 Fall Fellowship Jerry Rogers was presented with the Founder's Award.

During Fall Fellowship over 80 Aracoma members were at camp. Much work was done at the new dining hall, OA building, council ring, and the warehouse in preparation for the upcoming 1987 Conclave. The youth elected the 1987 Lodge Officers. They are: Robert Lake (Chief), Chris Holloway (Vice-Chief of Indian Lore, re-elected), Jon Hall (Vice-Chief of Administration), and Wayne Harris (Vice-Chief of Records and Finance). This year marked a large increase in the number of youth Arrowmen who ran for office.

After the elections the lodge watched the Alabama vs. LSU game, had a cracker barrel, and then watched a movie.

1987

In 1987 Aracoma hosted the SE-3 Section Conclave at Camp Horne on April 24-26. The members of Aracoma decided to dedicate the Conclave to Mr. Edgar Christopher, former Black Warrior Scout Executive and the creator, founder, and one of the first Vigil Honor members of Aracoma Lodge #481. Seventy-five members of the Lodge served as host corps for the Conclave. The Conclave opened with the raising of 3 30ft O.A. sashes to Aaron Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man." After raising the sashes lights hung between trees representing the "O.A. Constellations" were turned on and really stood out with upper lake as a backdrop. Actors from the National Scouting Museum in Murray, Kentucky presented two short plays to the Conclave audience. Jerry Harper served as the Section Secretary and Jerry Rogers designed the Conclave patch. The 1987 Conclave was hailed as the best Conclave ever.

Aracoma designed and had manufactured a Conclave flap with a black border. Unbeknown to the lodge, the manufacture tried several other colors on the border and threw them into a junk barrow. A patch trader from another lodge purchased a few of these and found that they sold well. The patch manufacture contacted the Lodge Advisor asking if he could sell the remaining patches to this dealer. The Lodge Advisor said "No" and directed that the remaining flaps be sent to the lodge. These 150 extra flaps (50 red border, 50 white border, 50 yellow border) were given out to those lodge members who participated in every lodge work day prior to Conclave, and also participated in the Conclave.



In August Aracoma celebrated its 35th Anniversary with a special event at Mound State Part in Moundville, Alabama. The lodge issued an embroidered pocket flap to commemorate the anniversary.



Each person attending the event was presented with a white felt arrowhead anniversary patch (100 made). There was a red felt anniversary patch (35 made) which was presented to Lodge officers and winners of an Indian skills contest which included axe and knife throwing, throwing a spear with an atlatl, archery, fire building with flint and steel, and a volleyball game.



Aracoma inducted 69 Ordeal, 32 Brotherhood, and 2 Vigil Honor members into the Order.

1988

On April 15-17, 1988 thirty-eight members of Aracoma attended the SE-3 Section Conclave at Camp Winnataska near Leeds, Alabama. Aracoma's ceremony and dance team competed in the section competition. Jon Hall found "Mr. Axe" so the lodge received the "Mr. Friendly Axe" award. In August Jack Baker, Jon Hall, Jerry Harper, Allen Kipp, Rodney Kipp, Barry Price, and Russ Robertson attended the 1988 National Order of the Arrow Conference at Ft. Collins, Colorado. In 1988 Aracoma inducted 60 Ordeal, 25 Brotherhood, and 5 Vigil Honor members into the Order. A new lodge flap was issued in 1998. This basic design was used until 1994.

The next few years do not have much information on them. Members of the lodge are currently attempting to document these years in more detail.

1989

In 1989 Chris Hollaway served as Section Vice Chief. Aracoma attended the SE-3 Section Conclave at Comer Scout Reservation, Mentone, AL.

1990

In August of 1990 Aracoma attended the SE-3 Conclave held in Jackson, Alabama. Also during the year Russ Robertson, Wayne Harris, Seaborn Whatley, and Rodney Kipp attended the National Order of the Arrow Conference at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

1991

In 1991 Aracoma attended the SE-e Section Conclave at Camp Euchee, DeFuniak Springs, Florida. Aracoma inducted 64 Ordeal, 30 Brotherhood, and 3 Vigil Honor members into the Order.

1992

In 1992 members of Aracoma attended the SE-3 Conclave at Comer Scout Reservation hosted by Achunanchi Lodge #135. Lodge members also attended NOAC in Knoxville, Tennessee.



1993

In 1993 members of Aracoma attended the SR-8 Conclave hosted by Cowikee Lodge #224 at Camp Alaflo.

1994

In 1994 members of Aracoma Lodge attended the SR-8 Conclave held at Camp Tukabatchee. Members of the lodge also attended NOAC held in West Lafayette at Purdue University.



1995

In 1995 members of Aracoma Lodge attended the SR-8 Conclave at Camp Thunder.

1996

In 1996 members of Aracoma Lodge attended the SR-8B Conclave hosted at Camp Jackson by Kaskanampo Lodge #310. The first Native American Events NOAC flap designed and created by Mr. Lahey was issued to lodge members. The Native American Events patch of different designs would be issued for the next 5 NOACs.



1997

In 1997 members of Aracoma Lodge attended the SR-8B Conclave hosted at Camp Pine Mountain, Columbus Georgia. The hosts of the Conclave were Chatahoochee Lodge #204. In 1997 Aracoma celebrated its 45th Anniversary. Aracoma issued two anniversary patches and a new regular flap. The regular lodge flap was used until 1999.

Aracoma also held another Native American Seminar and created a pocket dangle for the event.



Aracoma 45th Anniversary

Regular lodge flap

1998

In 1998 members of Aracoma Lodge attended the SR-8B Conclave hosted at Camp Maubila, and members also attended the 1998 NOAC at Iowa State University, Ames Iowa.. A Native American Event patch was issued for the NOAC trip. Aracoma also held another Native American Seminar and created a pocket dangle for the event. Aracoma also issued a new version of the Camp Promotions and Elections patch.



On July 11th to 12th Aracoma hosted an Ordeal and Brotherhood weekend at Camp Horne. On December 5 the Lodge held Elections for the 1999 Lodge Officers. They were Patrick Hampel (Chief), Greg Kitchens (VC of Administration), Jason Stephens (VC of Records & Finance), Andy Burns (VC of Program), Paul Borden (VC of Indian Lore-Ceremony), and Jay West (VC of Indian Lore-Dance). Also during this day the chimney was removed from the lodge building and the space re-framed and sided with new wood. New roofing was added on the roadside and the entire roof was painted with silver sealing to protect it from rust. Old doors in the building were replaced with steel doors and new dead locks. The porch was sanded and repainted, as was the interior roof. The lodge costume room was also cleaned and reorganized. Fall Fellowship was held at Moundville State Park on the same weekend as the Black Warrior Council Encampment.

1999

Newly elected Lodge Chief Patrick Hampel and the Lodge Executive Committee laid out goals for 1999. The goals are: 1) Become a National Honor Lodge, 2) have effective Camp Promotions, 3) have a great Conclave, 4) rebuild the Ceremony Team costumes, 5) send delegates to the National Leadership Seminar, 6) attain the E. Urner Goodman Award and the Service to America Award, and most importantly 7) HAVE FUN. The new lodge officers created several new committees in preparation of the upcoming Conclave. On January 9th Camp Horne hosted the Council of Chiefs meeting at Camp Horne. This was the first time that Aracoma held such a meeting. Beaver Day (a conclave work weekend) was held on April 9th to 11th.

In 1999 Aracoma Lodge hosted the SR-8B Conclave at Camp Horne, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Attending the conclave was Cherokee Lodge #50, Achunanchi Lodge #135, Alibamu Lodge #179, Cowikee Lodge #224, Kaskanampo Lodge #310, Woa Cholena Lodge #332, and Yustaga Lodge #385. Aracoma lodge members worked for over a year to get camp ready. Aracoma issued a Service Lodge flap to their members, a participation patch for members who attended the Conclave, and a Host Corps pocket patch for those who worked at the Conclave. Section officers handed out a special “Thank You” patch to those people who went above and beyond helping with the conclave. This “Thank You” patch was not restricted to Aracoma Lodge members.



Aracoma Lodge and Post 45 held the annual Indian Pow Wow on February 26th to 28th. Those who attended the event received a pocket dangle to wear on their uniform.



Fall Fellowship was held at Camp O'Rear in Jasper, Alabama in September. It was a cold weekend but many repairs were done to the Adirondacks around camp.

2000

On April 14th to 16th members of Aracoma Lodge attended the SR-8B Conclave at Camp Sequoya. The Conclave was hosted by the one year old Coosa 50 Lodge. Aracoma also issued another Native American Seminar patch for those attending the 2000 NOAC. The dance team won many awards and several individuals placed in the Top 5 in their respective dance categories. A Native American Event at the Post 45 building at Fayette.



On April 28th to 30th Aracoma held a Brotherhood weekend at Camp Horne. It was well attended and enjoyed by all involved. On July 14th to the 16th Aracoma had one of the largest Ordeal Weekends this year. Total membership for Aracoma lodge topped 400 members (youth and adult). Fall Fellowship was held at Camp Horne on December 8th to December 10th. During this weekend the lodge held a Vigil Honor meeting. One of the subjects brought up was updating Jerry Roger's "The History of the Order of the Arrow in Alabama" 1952 to 1987 Vigil Honor list. Vigil Honor members were tasked to write down names of those one remembered that received Vigil, as well as their date of induction and Vigil name. Daniel Homan, Vice Chief of Records and Finance, announced the 2001 Dance Seminar and upcoming Spring Fellowship in 2001. The Lodge purchased two new sets of regalia for the Ordeal and Brotherhood team. A Brotherhood ceremony was held.

Erik Nelson stepped down as Lodge Advisor to spend more time as a Tiger Cub Den Leader with his son's Cub Scout Pack. He will remain involved with the lodge ceremony team. Clif Homan became the new Lodge Advisor this year.

2001

In 2001 members of Aracoma Lodge attended the SR-8B Conclave hosted at Camp Sequoia. Aracoma won the following awards at its last Conclave with SR-8B: Individual Dance: 1st Place Fancy/Feather – Patrick Kenyon, 2nd Place Deion Agnew, 3rd Place James Odom. Jay West won 1st Place in Traditional Dance, and Aracoma won 1st Place in Group Dance, Drumming and Singing, Volleyball, and O.A. Jeopardy.

After the SR-8B Conclave Aracoma was moved into Section SR-1. This section includes lodges from Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas.

This year the National Order of the Arrow Committee started a new award to promote further service by Arrowmen. The Arrowman Service Award will be a white ribbon suspending a red arrowhead and compass rose that can be worn on your uniform shirt. The requirements for this award are based in three areas: personal, lodge activities, and general service to the community.

The Ceremony team also issued a new flap for those either performing with, or helping with, the various ceremony teams. This flap must be earned but everyone in the lodge (youth and adult) has the ability to earn it (see appendix for requirements.) Aracoma also held another Native American Seminar or Powwow at Fayette. A pocket dangle was created for the event.



Ordeal weekend saw approximately 70 new Ordeal members were inducted into the lodge. During Fall Fellowship one of the topics was an OA Orientation. This orientation is for helping members learn more about the Ordeal and the basics of the Order of the Arrow. The class on "The OA at the Section Level" was conducted by SR-1 Vice-Chief David Willers. Other classes included patch trading, ceremony teams, and dance teams. Afternoon activities included volleyball and Wischixin.

2002

In 2002 members of Aracoma Lodge went to the 2002 National Order of the Arrow Conference. Our lodge contingent traveled to Indiana University and came back with three of our fancy dancers placing in the Top Ten. James Odom placed 2nd in the nation, Deion Agnew placed 5th, and Patrick Kenyon placed in the top ten. The cost for this trip was \$305.00. A NOAC flap was issued for the contingent.

Pocket patches (dangles) for the 2002 Native American Seminar / Spring Fellowship held in Fayette on February 22nd to the 24th at the Post 45 building, and the 2002 Beaver Day. Activities at the Fayette Powwow include Youth Dance Competition, Silversmithing, Beadwork and Medicine Bags, Drumming and Singing, Basic Dance instruction, Hide tanning, and Judging instructions.



Aracoma also attended the SR-1 Conclave hosted by Quinipissa Lodge #479 and received the Quality Lodge Award.



Jamey Graham was in charge of cooking and serving catfish, hushpuppies, and Pepsi at the Conclave Founders Day. Total cost for the fish and hushpuppies was \$188.00. Aracoma Arrowmen won the following awards at the 2002 Conclave: Fancy/Feather Dance, 1st Place Deion Agnew, 2nd Place Patrick Kenyon, Traditional Dance, 1st Place Jay West, 2nd Place Hunter Dorough. Grass Dance 1st Place Daniel Homan. Aracoma also won first place in Group Dance, Drumming and Singing, Ceremony Pre-Ordeal (Beginner, Jim Burroughs, Mitchell Dryska, Judson Miller, and Steve O'Neil), and 1st Place Founder's Day Festival Activity and Display.

On November 1st – 3rd Aracoma held its Fall Fellowship at Camp Home to celebrate Aracoma's 50th Anniversary. Morning Seminar Sessions I and II consisted of

Native American Dance and Regalia (Parade Field), Introduction to the Ceremony Team (Sunday night campfire ring), Patches of Aracoma Lodge (Trading Post), Lodge History (Hulsart side room), and Beadwork (handicraft area). After bunch Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil members held their own meetings (Seminar Session III) at the Trading Post, Chapel, and Sunday night campfire ring for 45 minutes. Seminar Sessions IV consisted of The Adult Role in the OA (Chapel), Beadwork (handicraft area), Introduction to the Ceremony Team (Sunday night campfire ring) and Lodge History (Hulsart side room)

To celebrate the 50th year of the lodge, Aracoma issued an arrowhead patch (the A5), arrowhead pin, and the S34. A new Brotherhood neckerchief was also made available for lodge Arrowmen to purchase.



Aracoma's 50th Anniversary A5, A5 pin, S34

New Brotherhood neckerchief.

James Sexton, Aracoma's Lodge Chief, describes how the 50th anniversary items were distributed in the following text:

My name is James Sexton and I am the current lodge chief of Aracoma 481. I want to thank you for writing this article about what we did at our 50th. We really wanted to make the occasion special and your article really enhances what we were trying to accomplish.

To help you with the facts I called my staff advisor, Rob Fikes, and he gave me these numbers:

- *300 Arrowheads were made, one for each member of the lodge and they had to be in attendance of the fellowship weekend to receive the patch.*
- *1000 flaps were made so that each member could receive three and buy one more if they attended.*
- *The brotherhood neckerchief has not been made.*

The final night of the weekend we set aside 10 sets of arrowheads and patches to be auctioned off for the next five years. One set will be made available to youth only and the other for adults and youth. These funds will

be put into our lodge's account. Our LEC had already predetermined that we would burn all remaining patches to ensure the funds will be put into our lodge's account. Our LEC had already predetermined that we would burn all remaining patches to ensure the value of the patches and to protect them from inflation. That night at the closing campfire after ensuring that every one received an arrowhead, we burned the rest of the arrowheads. At dinner we allowed people to the opportunity to purchase one more flap, but not the arrowhead. The rest of those were burned as well.

The total number of Arrowheads in circulation comes to 175, counting the ten that are to be sold over the next ten years. The number of flaps is not as easy to put an exact figure on, but we estimate no more than 500.

On behalf of my lodge I want to extend my thanks again for interest in our lodge's unique activity.

Thanks --James Sexton

On November 8th to November 10th, Aracoma attended the First Annual Camporee of the American Indian Scouting Association hosted by Charles Lahay at the J.C. Park in Jasper, Alabama. Classes were 45 minutes long and began at 9:00am. An AISA patch was given to each participant as they paid their \$3.50 fee, and participation ribbons could be earned by attending at least 5 classes.

The lodge inducted 86 Ordeal members, 22 Brotherhood members, and 6 Vigil Honor members. The new Vigil Honor members are Lois Dorough, Rob Fikes, Michael Hartin, Patrick Kenyon, Rock O'Neal, and James Sexton.

The E. Urner Goodman Camping Award is an award presented to only two lodges per section. The purpose of the award is to encourage and challenge Order of the Arrow members and lodges to increase their effectiveness in promoting and increasing Scout camping in each council. In 2001 Aracoma Lodge #481 (Black Warrior Council #6) and Chilantakoba Lodge (Southeast Louisiana Council #214) were the two lodges in the Southern Region that won this prestigious award. In 2002 Lodge Advisor Clif Homan and past Lodge Chief Daniel Homan went to New Orleans to accept the award on behalf of Aracoma Lodge and the Black Warrior Council.



Clif Homan and Daniel Homan accepting the E. Uerner Goodman Camping Award

2003

Aracoma attended the SR-1 Conclave in Wiggins, MS. The host lodge was Ti'ak Lodge #404. Aracoma's 81 contingent members (most ever taken to a Conclave event) traveling over 17,000 man miles to get to Conclave. Aracoma placed first in all Dance categories that Aracoma Arrowmen competed in. The drum and singing team "The Lightning Singers" won an unprecedented 14th consecutive championship. The pre-ordeal ceremony team won its second consecutive championship, and the newly formed Ordeal team placed first in the beginner's competition. For the second consecutive year Aracoma received the SR-1 Quality Lodge Award and was issued the following patch by the Section.



On February 21st to 23rd Aracoma held a Native American Seminar in Fayette, Alabama using the Post 45 building run by Charles Lahay. Lodges, Explorer Posts, and Girl Scouts from all over the Southeast were invited to attend. Events included Basic Dance (youth), Individual Judging - Cherokee (Adult), Impact of Native Americans, Hide Tanning, and classes on creating chokers, dream catchers, beadwork, and Jingle Dresses. The cost was \$15.00 per person.

A pocket dangle was issued to everyone who attended the event.



Aracoma Lodge performed a "One Day of Service at Y's Acres on Keene's Mill Road on Saturday November 1st from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Aracoma members cleared up brush and painted benches at their council ring.

2004

The members of Aracoma Lodge attended the SR-1 Conclave held in Monroe, LA at Camp T.L. James. Host lodge was Comanche Lodge #254. For the third consecutive year Aracoma received the SR-1 Quality Lodge Award.



Aracoma won an impressive amount of awards during this conclave. Awards include: Daniel Homan (1st place) in Fancy/Feather, David Wilson (1st place) and Hunter Dorough (3rd place) in Traditional Dance, John Brackett (1st), Mark Elenburg (2nd Place), Jarod Owens (3rd Place) in Grass Dance, Aracoma Drum and Singing (1st place), 1st Place in Ceremony Pre-Ordeal (Advanced, team was Jim Burroughs, Rick Byrne, Judson Miller, and Steve O'Neil, with Jim and Steve taking best Allowat Sakima and Kitchkinet), 1st Place Ceremony Ordeal (Advanced, team includes Rick Byrnes, David Wilson II, Andrew Duncan, Jackson Kelley, with Rick taking Best Meteu, Jackson taking Best Kitchkinet, and Andrew taking best Nutiket), 2nd Place in Plan Book, Where To Go Camping, and Website, 1st Place Founders Festival, 3rd Place Arrowmen Challenge, and 1st Place in Man Miles (23,433). Aracoma brought 73 people to the Conclave.

A new lodge flap was designed and became known as "The duck of death." flap due to a black mallard being shown on the patch. In theory this black mallard was actually a shadow of the second duck, but "The duck of death." sounded much better than "a ducks shadow". On Ordeal Weekend Aracoma inducted 33 new Ordeal members. During the weekend the lodge cleared large amounts of brush, painted the dining hall, and the old lodge was cleaned up.

Aracoma members attended the 2004 NOAC, issuing another Native American flap in the process. Aracoma also held another Native American Seminar and created a pocket dangle for the event.



The 2004 OA Banquet was held on October 9th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the University Church of Christ in Tuscaloosa. Aracoma's Fall Fellowship was held on the weekend of December 2nd to 4th.

2005

Aracoma Lodge had 60 members attend the SR-1 Conclave held at Camp Pioneer held by Akela Wahinapay Lodge #232. Aracoma did well at this Conclave, coming back with the following awards: 1st Place Drumming and Singing, 1st Place Pre-Ordeal (Advanced, Jim Burroughs, Rick Byrne, Judson Miller, Steve O'Neil), Ceremony Ordeal (Advanced, Rick Byrnes, David Wilson II, Andrew Duncan, Jackson Kelly), 1st Place Ceremony Brotherhood (Beginner, Judson Miller), 1st Place Ceremony Pre-Vigil (Rick Byrne), and Man Miles.

Aracoma also held another Native American Seminar and created a pocket dangle for the event.



2006

The members of Aracoma Lodge attended the SR-1 Conclave held at Camp Seminole, Starkville, MS. Host lodge was Watonala Lodge #169. Aracoma again dominated the conclave, winning the following awards: Jeff Leonard 1st Place in Chicken Dance, Hunter Dorough 2nd Place Traditional Dance, John Brakett 2nd Place Grass Dance, 1st Place Drumming and Singing, and 1st Place in Ceremony Pre-Ordeal (Advanced), Ordeal (Advanced), Brotherhood (Advanced), Pre-Vigil (Advanced), Chief's Cup Display, and Goodman Games.

Aracoma members attended the 2006 NOAC and created another Native American Events flap for lodge members to trade with.



On October 20th to the 22nd Aracoma provided service for the 2006 Black Warrior Council Encampment. An arrowhead shaped patch was given to all those (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venture Crew) who attended the encampment.



The American Indian Scouting Association's Francis X. Guardipee Grey Wolf Award recognizes American Indian or non-Indian adults for distinguished service to American Indian youth in scouting. Honoring Francis X. Guardipee the first American Indian to become a ranger within the National Park Service. Guardipee was the first American Indian ranger at Glacier NP (1933-1947) who also founded a Boy Scout Troop in 1916 and worked with youth until his death in 1970. Members who have been honored with the Francis X. Guardipee Award in American Indian Scouting Association are commonly known as "Grey Wolves" because of the pendant that symbolizes the award. Requirements for the Grey Wolf Award included: 1) Be a registered member of the Girls Scouts of the USA or the Boy Scouts of America, 2) Actively serve American Indian youth through Girl Scout program, Boy Scout program, or both, for at least 15 years. 3) Part of the years of service must have been as a troop leader or advisor, or a den leader / scout master.

In 2006 the American Indian Scouting Association awarded Aracoma Lodge member Charles Lahay (Metis) the Francis X. Guardipee Grey Wolf Award. At the time the award was given there were only 47 other people who had been awarded this honor.

2007

In 2007 Aracoma hosted the 2007 SR-1 Conclave. Lodge members spent many months getting Camp Horne ready for use. One of the major projects done was the re-vamping of the Friday night council ring. The old brick setup was removed, the council ring landscaped, and a new control box was put in place. Electrical wire, speaker wire and Cat5 wire was run from the main control booth to a center box and to posts on the left and right side of the council ring. Aracoma issued a Host Lodge flap as well as a Service lodge flap. Lodge members who attended the conclave also received a Delegate and Participant patch.



During this year Aracoma celebrated its 55th Anniversary. An Anniversary flap was issued as well a new standard flap. Two round patches were issued – one with a red background for the 55th Anniversary, and one with a white background that could only be earned by attending the 55th Anniversary fellowship.



Aracoma also held another Native American Seminar and created a pocket dangle for the event.



Ordeal Weekend held July 6th to 8th was a great success. Forty-five new candidates were inducted into the lodge. Fall Fellowship will be held on November 30th to December 2nd at Camp Horne.

2008

In 2008 members of Aracoma Lodge attended the SR-1 Conclave held by Chilantakoba Lodge #214. Other lodges attending this Conclave are Alibamu, Chattahoochee, Coosa, Echeconnee, Egwa Tawa Dee, Ini-to, Mowogo, and Waguli. Aracoma also held another Native American Seminar and created a pocket dangle for the event.



The Founders Day even was very interesting. One of our distinguished Arrowmen decided that the outside temperature wasn't warm enough for him so he guzzled down a couple of bottles of Alabama's finest hot sauce, "Alabama Sunshine," and decided to follow it with a shot or two of "Golden Eagle" syrup. I suppose he was just ensuring that at least one Aracoma member participated in one of the unscheduled memorable experiences. During the conclave business meeting Jordan Hammons, Aracoma's Lodge Chief, was elected as SR-1 Section Chief.

Brotherhood Weekend / Spring Fellowship was held at Camp Horne May 2nd to the 4th. During this fellowship Jordan officially stepped down from Lodge Chief. Lee Spain, the VC of Administration, graciously accepted the honor and charge of Lodge Chief for the remainder of the term. Lee Spain: *"The members of Aracoma Lodge are looking forward to meeting and fellowshiping with the brothers in our new section, and wait with anticipation for another exciting, fun filled conclave with our new found friends!"*

Summer camp was great this year. Aracoma Lodge held meetings every Tuesday evenings to go over logistics of the Tap-Out Ceremony to make sure everything would be in place Thursday nights. Aracoma members worked very hard on the Thursday Tap-Outs. Everyone had a good time and did a good job.

Ordeal weekend was changed due to new ideals that were implemented. There are still a few kinks to work out but the job got done and everyone had fun. The Lodge had 49 ordeal and 25 brotherhood candidates.

One Day of Service was October 18th. Aracoma split the lodge into districts to cover more ground and get more work accomplished. Aracoma picked up trash around several communities to help with the beautification improvement of our cities. On October 24-25 Aracoma staffed the annual “Cub Haunted” session for Cub Scouts and parents at Camp Horne. The theme for the weekend focused on Halloween and fall activities. Activities included a haunted trail, pumpkin carving, hay rides, BB gun shooting, and astronomy held at night.

The lodge had its 56th Fall Fellowship on December 5th to the 7th at Camp Horne. During this weekend the lodge held elections on Saturday and elected Matt Duncan as the 2009 Lodge Chief.

2009

In March roughly 25 Arrowmen attend the Black Warrior Council Pinewood Derby. Aracoma also had people from our Unit Elections Committee and Summer Camp Promotion Committee visit Troops throughout our council and hold OA elections while promoting Summer Camp. The Drum and Dance Team as well as our Ceremony Teams have begun updating their regalia (made possible by private contributions). These teams also go to council troops to perform at Courts of Honor for Boy Scouts as well Crossing Over Ceremonies for Webelos graduating to Boy Scout. These Lodge activities is making a positive impact on membership.

At Spring Fellowship this year, our Arrowmen accomplished a great deal of needed improvements across Camp Horne. Twenty-six Order members obtained Brotherhood (31% of possible Brotherhood candidates). Other Brotherhood ceremonies will be held later in the year for the other 69% to earn Brotherhood.

On April 17-19, 2009 members of Aracoma Lodge attended the first SR-9 Conclave held at Camp Comer. Other lodges attending this Conclave are Alibamu, Chattahoochee, Coosa, Echeconnee, Egwa Tawa Dee, Ini-to, Mowogo, and Waguli. Aracoma created a conclave patch based on the 1966 Area V-E Conclave patch.



Aracoma walked away with several awards. Some of the awards that were presented to Aracoma this year were: First Place BBQ Cook-off (Butch and Kristal Bradford), Honors Award with the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony team and First Place Native American drumming. Andrew Duncan, William Booth, Travis Pavino, Matt Duncan, and Reggie Roakes won individual dancing awards. And former Section Chief Jordan Hammons (from Aracoma) remains the Pie Eating Champion.

To celebrate Camp Horne's 85 Anniversary the council and lodge got together to create a two-piece patch. Aracoma issued the lodge flap while the bottom pocket patch was issued to campers who attended Camp Horne.



Aracoma also issued dangles for its Spring Fellowship, Ordeal weekend, and Fall Fellowship. The Spring Fellowship, Ordeal Fellowship, and Fall Fellowship was held at Camp Horne



2010

On April 16-18, 2010 members of Aracoma Lodge attended the SR-9 Conclave held at Camp Tukabatchee in Molena, GA. There were 746 members of the various lodges attending. Attending lodges were Alapaha, Alibamu, Aracoma, Chatahoochee, Coosa, Echeconnee, Egwa Tawa Dee, Immokalee, Ini-to, Mowogo, Pithlako, and Waguli. Aracoma won the BBQ challenge and had 58 members attend. The Pre-Ordeal team received honors and the Brotherhood team performed better than they have in years. The lodge also finished two new headdresses which were used by the Ceremony teams at the SR-9 Conclave.

The lodge participated in the 2010 Black Warrior Encampment held at Moundville Archaeological site on October 24th to 26th. Among the many activities is the teaching of the First Aid and Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge. The theme for this encampment was “Western”. Thus most all scouts came dressed in their best western attire. Aracoma issued the service corps ring. The center piece was issued by the Black Warrior Council for all those who attended.



Aracoma also issued a new standard issue flap and several smaller patches that, when put together, form a ring around an event flap.



Designed by Hayes Looney

On December 11th the Lodge held its annual banquet at Camp Horne. The lodge made an extra effort to contact lodge members who had been inactivated for up to 40 years. Lodge members from the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s attended with their families, and the pool and boating area were opened for everyone’s enjoyment. The lodge issued a large, yellow ring that encompassed the above patches. A Certificate of Appreciation was

issued. It is similar to the above multi-patch patch but is one solid, white patch. During the year the lodge inducted 26 Brotherhood new members.



Conner Nelson, chairman of the OA Lodge Restoration Committee (James Ford, Advisor), created a great plan to restore the lodge. The broken cross-member was fixed, a drainage route around the lodge was created to keep the water and mud from hitting the wood parts of the building, and an electrical box was placed outside the building.

Ordeal Weekend was held on July 9th to 11th at Camp O'Rear.

2011

Aracoma lodge started out the New Year with a new electronic newsletter, a Facebook page, and a Yahoo E-Group. April 2nd found Aracoma at Camp Horne for a lodge service day. Many projects were completed.

On April 15-17, 2011 members of Aracoma Lodge attended the SR-9 Conclave held at Camp Thunder. Ini-to served as service lodge. As this was the first time Aracoma had been to Camp Thunder in quite some time a large back patch was created to celebrate this event.



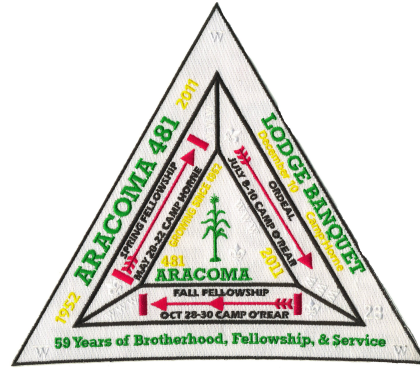
Aracoma once again dominated the Conclave winning multiple awards in all areas. Aracoma's website won 1st place, and in the inter-Lodge competition Aracoma won 1st Place in Dodge Ball, Volleyball, BBQ Competition, and 2nd place in the Lodge Chief Pie Eating contest. The lodge honored in Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, and Brotherhood Ceremonies. In the Dance and Drum competition Aracoma won 1st Place in Drum, 3rd Place in Fancy Dance (William B.), 2nd and 3rd Place in Straight Dance (Reggie R. and Andrew H.), 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place in Grass Dance (Matt D., Jared K, Jacob W), 1st and 2nd Place in Gradd Dance Regaila (Jared K, Jacob W.), 2nd Place in Straight Dance Regalia (Reggie R.), and 3rd Place in Traditional Dance Regalia (Wesley S.).

Given all the honors won above it comes as no surprise that Aracoma also won the SR-9 Honor Lodge for 2011.

Spring Fellowship was held on May 21st to May 23rd with May 22nd being designated as "Beaver Day." Ordeal Weekend was held on July 8th to 10th at Camp O'Rear, while Fall Fellowship was held on October 28th to the 30th. For each of these event a small patch is issued. When these pieces are put together they form a triangle similar to the circular pieces given out in 2010. The large outer triangle ring was given out at the Lodge Banquet held on December 10th at Camp Horne.



Designed by Hayes Looney



Aracoma also came out with its first two-piece patch – the S44 and X2



The S44 flap and X2 patch combined

In 2011 Clif Homan stepped down as Lodge Advisor. Mike Duke accepted the position of Aracoma Lodge Advisor and Jason Eierman became the Lodge Staff Advisor.

Also in May lodges of the Southern Region (SR-9, consisting of lodges in Georgia and Alabama) came together to provide aid to the victims of natural disasters by participating in the “Southern Region ReliefCorps.” This project was specifically aimed at helping victims of the devastating tornados, floods, and wildfires that affected every state in the Southeast. Tuscaloosa, Alabama bore the brunt of a high-end EF4 multiple-vortex tornado in April that resulted in the death of 64 people in Tuscaloosa, Jefferson, and Greene County. Many sections and lodges helped make this project a success, and the OA National Committee gave the largest single donation to the project. Special recognition was given to members of Aracoma Lodge of Tuscaloosa, Alabama for providing significant time to the project; members of Alibamu Lodge of Montgomery, Alabama for raising the most money, and members of Pilthlako Lodge of Waycross Georgia for donating the largest quantity of food to the disaster victims in Tuscaloosa. A silver patch was given to participants who donated \$10 to the Southern Region ReliefCorps project and a gold patch was given to participants who gave five or more hours of service helping disaster victims.

2012

On April 20-22, 2012 members of Aracoma Lodge attended the SR-9 Conclave held at Camp Benjamin Hawkins. Lodges attending this conclave include Alibamu, Aracoma, Chattahoochee, Coosa, Echeconnee, Egwa Tawa Dee, Ini-to, Mowogo, Pithlako, Waguli, and Withlacoochee. Aracoma won an award for having the most service hours of any lodge in the section. Aracoma's drum team won 1st Place Signing for the 3rd year in a row. Jacob Walker won 3rd Place in Grass Dance and Grass Dance Regalia, Andrew Herring won 3rd Place in Straight Dance and in Straight Dance Regalia, and Wade Owens won 2nd Place in Grass Dance and Grass Dance Regalia.

Aracoma also issued a set of six flaps for the following events: Conclave, Spring Fellowship, Ordeal Weekend (July 6th to 8th), Fall Fellowship, the OA Banquet, and a Chief's award handed out to those who did exceptional service to the lodge over the year. Fifty people attended Spring Fellowship and 11 Arrowmen were inducted into Brotherhood.

2013

To start the year, Aracoma Lodge held an Officer Orientation for the incoming LEC members. This event was held at Camp O'Rear, in Jasper, Al. from January fourth through the fifth. Between officers, adult advisers, trainers and volunteer staff, sixteen people attended.

Later the Lodge brought nine members to NLS held at a beautiful YMCA camp in Antioch, Tennessee on March 1-3.

Aracoma Lodge had a healthy representation of twenty-nine members at SR-9 Conclave on April 26-28. The event held at Bert Adams Scout Reservation saw Aracoma participate in many events including ceremony, drum and dance, lodge activities and of course lots of patch trading. At this event a patch was given out to all Section members in anticipation of the 2014 SR-9 Conclave to be held at Mound State Park.



Spring Fellowship was held May 17-19th at Camp Horne in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Forty-three members attended this event. The weekend was spent working on setting up camp for the summer but also included a large amount of cleanup from a storm that had hit camp in late April. Many trees had to be removed and several buildings needed repairs due to the near-tornado winds.

Summer camp kicked off in June, with the Lodge holding a Call Out ceremony on the Thursday of all three weeks of Boy Scout Resident Camp. All candidates received information on Thursday night and then proceeded to begin the Ordeal process during camp.

Following Summer Camp was Ordeal on July 5-6. This was Aracoma's most highly participated event for 2013 with 82 people in attendance. During this event, the lodge members complete service hours to close down camp for the summer. Brotherhood and Ordeal ceremonies were held.

To help prepare the Lodge to host Conclave in 2014, SR9 held a Section Leadership Seminar at Moundville Archaeological Park from August 23-25. Aracoma had 31 members attend this event.

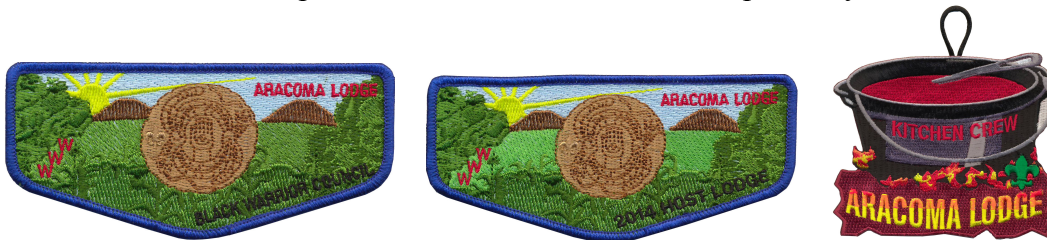
Fall Fellowship was also held at Moundville Archaeological Park on November 15-17. Seventy-three members attended this event. At this function, the lodge enjoyed a great weekend of fellowship and was reminded of our history through a rededication on one of the mounds. Two members were selected for Vigil at this event, Jeff Blanchard and Nathan Giles. The lodge also elected new officers this weekend. Wesley Worley was elected chief.

To wrap up 2013 Aracoma held a Banquet on December 14th. The lodge enjoyed an end of the year function at St. Marks Church in Northport. Approximately 40 lodge members attended the event. Congratulations to James Ford for becoming the first recipient of the Warren G. Finney Camp Horne Service Award!

2014

To kick off 2014 Aracoma Lodge held an Officer Orientation Training event for the incoming LEC members at Camp O'Rear, in Jasper, Al. This event was held January 3-4. A total of 20 lodge members attended the event.

Aracoma hosted the SR-9 Conclave at Mound State Park April 25-27, 2014. At the time it was the most attendees at a Conclave by Aracoma and SR-9. Aracoma had 94 members in attendance and nearly 1000 people attended the weekend event. Food was cooked and served onsite by Southern Resources Dining and was outstanding. Two flaps and a patch for the kitchen crew were issued to participants, people who worked at Conclave, and those who spent all weekend in the kitchen respectively.



Aracoma also issued an inverse of the 2013 round given out last year, and a Vigil Rededication triangle was created. It was suppose to be given out at the Vigil Rededication but due to issues with the SR-9 Section leaders it was sold at the Aracoma trading post.



The next month was Spring Fellowship at Camp Horne. This event went from the 16-18th of May with 43 in attendance.

Records indicating when Call Outs were held and how many people were called are missing. However Aracoma Lodge held three Call-Out ceremonies during Summer Camp, one for each week of summer camp.

Ordeal was held July 11-13th at Camp Horne. 104 members attended this event, the highest attendees for an Ordeal in many years.

Fall Fellowship was held at Camp Horne from October 24-26th with 64 members in attendance. Elected Nathan Giles as Lodge Chief, Jeff Blanchard as Vice Chief of Administration, Wesley Worley as Vice Chief of Inductions, Kyle Beasley as Vice Chief of Program, Eric Smallwood as Secretary-Treasurer

To bring the year to a close the Lodge held a Banquet on December 13th at University Church of Christ. The function had about 60 members in attendance.

2015

Aracoma began the year by attending the SR-9 Conclave at Camp Sidney Dew outside Rome, Georgia on April 24-26. The 32 Arrowmen from the Black Warrior Council traveled to the Northeast Georgia camp and had a great experience. The lodge competed in most activities including the various ceremony competitions, drum and dance events as well as the various inter-lodge competitions. The lodge issued a conclave flap for this event.



National came out with an Arrowman Service Award that one could earn. The patch earned would be worn on the individual's sash. There were 15 total requirements for the award – Arrowmen only had to complete 6 of the requirements.

In May Aracoma helped host the council's annual Beaver Day to set up camp. The 43 Arrowmen plus several troops put in a hard day of work to help prepare camp for another summer camping season.

In June the lodge held callout ceremonies each Thursday night during summer camp. A total of 51 Scouts and Leaders were elected into the lodge. All of the candidates were present during the July Ordeal held at Camp Horne. Justin Newman served at Ordeal Master while Will Mariable was his adviser.

In early July, several buses containing members of Aracoma Lodge traveled to Camp Comer to view and participate in ArrowTour. ArrowTour was a traveling display to celebrate the centennial year of the Order of the Arrow. The nearly 30 Aracoma members that attended had a great time fellowshiping with the other lodges while in Mentone.

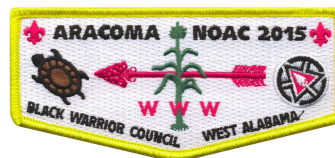
Late July saw Aracoma send one of its largest contingents to the National Order of the Arrow Conference in recent history. The event was held on the campus of Michigan State in East Lansing, Michigan. The cost of the trip was \$950 - \$475 for NOAC registration, \$475 for travel expenses. This was the centennial NOAC as well as the largest ever NOAC. With nearly 17,000 people in attendance it was quite a spectacle. The lodge chartered a bus and added in a few stops on the way to Michigan. The group enjoyed side trips in Bowling Green, KY, Indianapolis, IN, and Chicago, IL.

Once at NOAC, the lodge members participated in a variety of training sessions as well as the other activities linked to NOAC. One of the highlights of the trip was the

ceremony team receiving honors for its portrayal. Brandon Warren, Harrison Sentell, Jeff Blanchard and Nathan Giles were on the team. Also in attendance at NOAC were Cooper Gilchrist, Christian Maynard, Nick Davis, Justin Newman, A.J. Spencer, Alex Kincaid, Hayden Oliver, Seth Giles, McCahill Smith, Bailey Swedenburg, Seth Knight, Taylor Geer, Luke Bolton, Greg Gilchrist, Billy Hughes, Gayle Davis, Jared Kornegay, Kevin Warren and Teresa Giles. Noah Warren served as youth chair of NOAC and Wayne Harris served as Contingent Leader. Jordan Hammons and Keith Swedenburg represented Aracoma Lodge on the NOAC staff.



The lodge created several approximately 15 patches for members to purchase and a lodge Centennial neckerchief. These range from the S61 to the S69, the lodges first jacket patch J1. The S64 to S69 are positioned around the J1 to make a much larger patch. A majority of the patches sold were used to supplement the cost of the bus rental at NOAC. The difference between the S64 (yellow bordered patch) is the border colors. The border colors are Yellow, Cyan, Purple, Black, Orange, and Blue. Each border color represents different decades in the history of the patches issued by the lodge.



In November the lodge held Fall Fellowship at Camp Horne celebrating the 100th anniversary of The Order of the Arrow. This event saw 103 members along with several guests attend. The weekend was highlighted by lots of fun and fellowship. Four members were recognized with the Vigil honor - Kyle Beasley, Donnie Mims, Kevin Warren and Teresa Giles. The lodge issued four patches over the weekend to celebrate

the centennial. Each attendee received a white/red arrowhead for registration. A participation award was sold on Sunday morning. This patch is commonly called the Christmas Tree patch due to its color scheme. At the Vigil ceremony a special Vigil version of the arrowhead patch was issued. Finally, a white/green arrowhead was given out to those that won the afternoon activity.



The weekend concluded with lodge elections. Kyle Beasley was elected Lodge Chief, Noah Warren Vice Chief of Administration, Wrenn Ramsay Vice Chief of Program, Matthew Levan Vice Chief of Inductions and Jeff Blanchard Secretary-Treasurer. Also Scout Executive Ed Martin made a special announcement of the decision to appoint Wayne Harris the new Lodge Adviser for 2016. Also, Wayne Harris was awarded the Founder's Award from 2014 that had been lost in the mail.

Two lodge members (Seth Giles and Wrenn Ramsay, Jasper Alabama) attended the Northern Tier experience in December. Both thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Ely, MN.

2016

The lodge banquet for 2015 was held on January 23rd 2016 at the University Church of Christ. This was the first family lodge banquet in many years and it was well received. The lodge had 81 members registered and another 45 family members came to enjoy dinner and fellowship. Walter Davie (recent Superintendent of the Tuscaloosa County School System and Vigil Honor member of Aracoma) gave the keynote address at the banquet. The lodge recognized those who contributed throughout the year, and awarded the Centennial Awards to Jordan Hammons and Warren Finney. Mrs. Finney accepted the award for her husband while being surrounded with former Troop 89 members. Jordan's father accepted the Centennial Award on behalf of his son Jordan as he was unable to attend the banquet. The lodge greeted some special visitors to its annual banquet - members from the Alibamu Lodge. Alibamu Lodge assisted greatly in the organization of Aracoma Lodge and Aracoma Lodge owes a special debt of gratitude to them for our creation. Nathan Giles and Mike Duke received the Founder's Award from the lodge. Also special recognitions were given to the new class of Vigil recipients, NOAC contingent, and lodge officers. Scout Executive Ed Martin also spoke briefly. The evening concluded with the final notes from outgoing lodge chief Nathan Giles and retiring lodge adviser Mike Duke and the new Advisor Wayne Harris. The installation of the new officers followed their final thoughts and the evening concluded. Aracoma Lodge also recognized their achievement of a Bronze level lodge for 2015 in the Journey to Excellence program.

With the changeover in lodge officers and lodge advisor, Aracoma starts the New Year with a new vision, new staff and a new adviser (Wayne Harris). A majority of the officers joined adults at the Winter Gathering in Georgia at Camp Thunder on the weekend of January 8-10. The new lodge chief and lodge adviser (Wayne Harris) attended the Council Of Chiefs meeting while the other members of the Lodge Executive Council enjoyed the AIA events of the weekend. Kyle Beasley, Matthew Levan, Wrenn Ramsay and Noah Warren attended the event along with Kevin Warren, Andrew Herring, Jared Kornegay and Wayne Harris.

The following weekend saw the newly elected officers travel to B-Wyn Farms in Marbury, AL to participate in the Lodge Leadership Development program. Training sessions were conducted by Nathan Giles, Hayes Looney and Wayne Harris. Kevin Warren also attended the event to assist with cooking duties. The officers worked through several modules of training, reviewed and set goals for the JTE program. The entire group (with the host, Matthew and Brandt Laird) visited the Confederate Memorial Museum.

The membership consisted of 50 Ordeal members, 29 Brotherhood members, and 33 Vigil members. During the 2016 year Aracoma had a total of 113 members. In April

the lodge ceremony, drum, and dance teams held a training weekend. During this weekend lodge members also participated in several work projects during the weekend. Nearly 100 service hours were recorded in addition to training held by the teams.

For the first time Aracoma is offering a discount for those member who pays for all lodge weekends at the 2016 Spring Fellowship. Those paying for the entire year will receive an Annual Pass patch. This item will be designated the X6. The lodge is also taking a more active role in the Black Warrior Council's annual food drive. There are three patches with differing borders. The red-border patch is earned only by members of Aracoma Lodge. The black-border patch can be earned by any registered member of the Black Warrior Council. A gold-bordered patch is earned by earning three of the red or black border patches.



Annual Pass OA



Scouting for Food

On April 15th to April 17th forty-five members of Aracoma Lodge traveled to Camp Rainey Mountain in Clayton, Georgia to attend the SR-9 Conclave. Aracoma created a trader flap and a delegate flap to take to the event. The trader flap has a black border and the delegate flap as a silver border.



Conclave Trader Flap



Conclave Contingent Flap

Back in 2001 the lodge ordered 101 Ceremony Team patches. Given out over the last 15 years, the supply of these items has dwindled down to just a few left. The lodge ordered a new run of patches but the first set of 100 from the manufacturer did not come with a backing on them. Remembering what happened in 1987 when misprinted patches

were sold, these non-backed patches were kept and another set of 100 (with the BSA backing) was ordered. Both sets are now intermixed and will be randomly handed out to those who complete the Ceremony Team requirements for the patch.

On April 15th to 17th Aracoma attended the SR-9 Conclave at Camp Rainey Mountain, Georgia. Mowogo Lodge was the service lodge. Approximately 30 Aracoma Arrowmen attended. Aracoma's Drum team placed 2nd, the lodge placed 2nd for Attendance Race, and placed 3rd the lodge's website. In 2016 the lodge invested both money and time in building new adirondacks at Camp Horne. This work was written of in the SR-9 newsletter, "Nine Feathers."

On October 7th to the 9th Aracoma Lodge held its Fall Fellowship on October 7-9 at Camp Horne. Aracoma had six Scouts seal their membership in the lodge by gaining Brotherhood status thus making the lodge eligible for the Journey to Excellence Gold award. This award has been an ongoing project for members of our 2016 LEC. During the weekend, Aracoma provided cheerful service through many work projects including work on the exterior of the Hulsart Center and the construction of beds in Adirondacks at Camp Horne. The climbing tower was open to troops and crews from around the council, as well as the Arrowmen. We also prepared for "Cub Haunted," a Halloween themed weekend for Cub Scouts. Arrowmen had a great time playing Capture the Flag and watching Alabama beat Arkansas. During halftime, we held our lodge elections. At our LEC meeting Sunday morning we decided on new merchandise to be sold in 2017. The lodge members had a great time providing cheerful service and fellowship! The lodge also collected and donated over 900lbs of food to the Beat Auburn / Beat Hunger program.

The Lodge Banquet this year was held on December 10, at the University Church of Christ in Tuscaloosa, AL. Out of 94 participants, 47 were members of the lodge, and 47 were guests. We welcomed the 2016 Ordeal class of 32 scouts. The Brotherhood offered at both Spring and Fall Fellowship included 25 brotherhood members. Two Arrowmen were selected for our 2016 Vigil Class (Noah W. and Ginger Green). Our keynote speaker for the event was the Black Warrior Council Scout Executive and Vigil Honor Member, Mr. Bill Gosselin. Members of Aracoma Lodge who sent above and beyond were given a Chief's Coin.



Aracoma Lodge Chief's Coin

One of our major achievements of 2016 was the acquisition of Journey to Excellence Gold (JTE). The JTE Gold is a lodge growth award earned by hard work and determination throughout the year. It recognizes continuous improvement as a lodge and being well-rounded in many areas. Frequent attendance at events, cheerful service, training courses, troop visits, and membership retention are some of the many requirements a lodge must meet to earn this award. To commemorate this achievement we issued special Gold border lodge flaps only sold at the lodge banquet. The success of the lodge in recent years is due to the lodge as a whole, whether it was attending events or helping with service projects to better the community. The regular flap is available at any lodge function.



Journey to Excellence flap



Current lodge flap

The lodge was also the recipient of the Southern Region “We Support Camping” award. The purpose of the award is to encourage and incentivize lodges to sharpen their focus on their camping support programs within the council. There are five mandatory items and choose three additional items out of a list of seven. A complete listing of requirements can be found at <http://southern.oa-bsa.org/docs/>.

2017

In 2017 Aracoma brought back the Cornstalk Chronicle newsletter for electronic distribution to their members. The lodge also offered the Aracoma Annual Pass. This pass allows one to pay for all Lodge events for the year at one time.

January rolled in with officer training at B-Wyn Farms in Verbena. The officers spent a prosperous weekend planning for the new year and setting goals for gold. Once again Aracoma will offer an annual pass to members and some new dates have been set on the computer. Also in February, 19 members of Aracoma traveled to Camp Tukabatchee for Indian Winter. This event was enjoyed by all. On February 24th we brought back the long lost Winter Fellowship weekend. James Ford held a session on Lodge and Camp history, “Tiny” held a session on making and caring for regalia, as well as many others. Aracoma also incorporated a new activity for the weekend – a “Polar Plunge.” Arrowmen were required to jump off the upper lake dock and swim to the dam in order to earn the patch. This event was quite successful with 42 arrowmen in attendance and over half of them participating in the lodge’s first polar plunge in the cool, crisp lake at Camp Horne.



Polar Plunge patch

April found Aracoma on its way to Camp Lumpkin in LaGrange, GA for the SR-9 Heartland Gathering Conclave. The lodge was #2 in attendance according to the goals set by the section. The lodge had 52 members go to conclave and once again found our way to make our mark on the event. The ceremony, drum & dance and athletic teams all competed and the lodge was awarded the Southern Region Camping Award. However, the best thing that came out of the weekend was the election of Troop 41’s Joseph Barnes to the position of Section Secretary.

The lodge issued two flaps for this event. The first flap with the red and white border was the Contingent flap. The second flap (solid red border) was issued as the lodge trader flap.



Conclave Contingent Patch



Conclave Trader Patch

The lodge gathered in May to assist with the annual Beaver Day at Camp Horne. This spring fellowship saw 64 members come out to camp during this annual cleanup for the approaching summer season. We also had 16 members complete their Brotherhood during this weekend. During summer camp in June the lodge held 3 call out ceremonies. This brought the lodge 53 new Ordeal members during the July function that was attended by 117 total lodge members. During the weekend Aracoma also recognized 4 new Vigil members.

As fall rolled in, Aracoma provided support for various events including district camporees, Cub Haunted and Bobcat Day. The lodge also held Fall Fellowship and enjoyed a wonderful weekend of fun and fellowship. The 69 members enjoyed excellent food, patch trading and a great Alabama victory over Mississippi State. Elections were held during halftime of the game and the new officers for the upcoming year were decided.

Lodge Chief	Cameron Wyatt
Vice Chief of Administration	Matthew Levan
Vice Chief of Inductions	Cole Everett
Vice Chief of Program	Jim Lindsay
Secretary-Treasurer	Devin Gaboya

The final event of the year was the annual banquet. This year's banquet was held at Camp Horne and we presented the Finney award to our beloved Camp Ranger John Price. The event saw many old Scouters come out in support of Mr. Price and his 25 years of service to the Black Warrior Council and Camp Horne. The function came only a day after the Tuscaloosa area was blanketed by snow but the nearly 100 in attendance enjoyed the function as the lodge recognized the new members, acknowledged the old officers and installed the new officers.

2018

The year began with the annual planning of lodge functions at B-Wyn farm. The officers enjoyed good food and fellowship as they gathered information needed for another successful year.

In early February, five lodge members journeyed to Black Creek Scout Reservation in Sylvania, Georgia for Indian Winter. This camp will be the site of the 2019 Section Conclave. Plan on a long, long, long ride in April. The lodge also held Winter Fellowship the end of February. This event was the first One Day of Service for the year and 49 Arrowmen worked to clean up at Moundville Archaeological Park. The lodge also provided lunch for another 45 UA students and forestry interns that were present that day.

In April Aracoma attended the SR-9 Section Conclave at Camp Comer in Mentone, AL. This event was hosted by Coosa Lodge and saw a large group of our members in attendance. The 44 members participated in a variety of competitions and events while visited with other Arrowmen from across the section. Aracoma saw its drum team finish in the top 3 while the lodge also got awards for its website and attendance ratio. For the second year in a row the lodge was awarded the Southern Region “We Support Camping Award”. The weekend concluded with Joseph Barnes being elected Section Vice Chief.

May saw the lodge return to Camp O’Rear for a weekend of service at our northern facility. The 44 members spent a weekend of service. The dining hall got a thorough cleaning, the road was trimmed back and a temporary extension was added off the new trail bridge to help with keeping the path dry. The lodge also had 10 members complete their Brotherhood.

The July Ordeal was again held at Camp Horne to assist with the closing of camp for the season. A large amount of projects were completed by the 68 people that attended the weekend. Of those in attendance, 23 of were inducted as new members into Aracoma. The lodge also recognized 7 members that held their Vigil on Friday night.

Aracoma departed for NOAC on July 26th with a contingent of 19 members with 3 staff members already in Bloomington prepping for the event. We stopped in Nashville to have lunch at the food truck bizarre in downtown. Our first day’s journey then had us tour the Corvette museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky and then dinner at Cracker Barrel in Cave City.

After a night in Cave City, we arose for an early tour of Mammoth Cave. After lunch, we traveled to visit the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln before arriving in Louisville, Kentucky. During our days in Louisville, we visited the Louisville Slugger Factory, the

Kentucky Science Museum, went to a Triple A baseball game, spent a day at Kentucky Kingdom and even hiked to Indiana.

Our time at Indiana University began with a visit to the Trade-O-Ree and lunch with our Aracoma NOAC staff members, Joseph Barnes, Jordan Hammons and Hayes Looney. During the conference Aracoma was well represented in a variety of activities. From the opening parade of flaps until the final show, all of the lodge proudly represented the section and council as the 2017 JTE Highest Scoring Lodge. If only we had some of those plates for tonight's meal....

Luke Lindsay was the chief designer of the NOAC Infinity Gauntlet patch set. Those that attended the 2018 NOAC are listed below:

Joseph Barnes***	Jon Hall	Hayes Looney***
Chris Covin	Jordan Hammons***	Zach Parker
Chris Crumpton	Wayne Harris	Cary Shuttlesworth
Dalton Crumpton	Ayush Kotru	Chase Shuttlesworth
Cole Everett	Parker Lent	Mason Strachan
Detrek Gaboya	Matthew Levan	Kevin Warren
Devin Gaboya	Jim Lindsay	Cameron Wyatt
	Luke Lindsay	

***NOAC Staff member

In early fall the lodge helped support and staff a variety of activities in all three districts. They worked at the various Bobcat Day/Fishing Derby's, Fall Camporees and the Cub Haunted Events. Between all of these events, our members provided service for well over 1500 Scouts, Leaders and Parents.

The first weekend of October saw Aracoma make its inaugural visit to White Bluff Scout Reservation. The 20 Arrowmen that worked that day cleared the roadways, dropped several dead trees, mowed grass and prepared the venue for any fall visitors that it may have.

November brought about the conclusion to our events for the year. The 58 members that were in attendance at fall fellowship spent a relaxing weekend at Camp Horne. Good food and fellowship were the main themes of the weekend. Although, during the weekend we did install a new podium at the Livingston Chapel that was put into use on Sunday morning. We held elections on Saturday night for the 2019 year and sold 2017 JTE Gold Championship patches. The evening was finished out with a great victory by the Crimson Tide as they took down the host LSU 29-0. Roll Tide!!!

The lodge banquet concluded Aracoma functions for the year. Forest Lake Methodist provided the venue for the event and the food was catered by Dickies BBQ. Over 100

Arrowmen, family members and guest attended the event. The lodge recognized new Ordeal members, new Brotherhood members and awarded items to our newest Vigil members. The ceremony team and drum and dance team recognized those that had earned their awards. The chief was presented a thank you from the lodge and Mr. Ken Gaddy of the Bryant Museum graciously accepted a framed set of patches for the facility. The patch set included the council produced set of UA patches along with 2018 Conclave patches, lodge flap and council strip.

Kevin Warren recognized the NOAC contingent and provided Contingent Adviser Wayne Harris with a framed set of patches. Kevin was also recognized as the only person to earn the Kitchen Crew patch for the year. Finally, Luke Lindsay and Detrek Gaboya issued the first patches of the Elangomat series. Cantrell Bridier, Bode Williams, Nick Hildreth and Dalton Crumpton were presented this award.

The chief announced that Aracoma had once again reached the GOLD level for the annual JTE program. With the new officers installed, the banquet was adjourned and the new year soon to begin.

2019

The year began with the annual planning of lodge functions at B-Wyn farm. The officers enjoyed good food and fellowship as they gathered information needed for another successful year.

In early February, 19 lodge members journeyed to Camp Tukabatchee outside of Prattville for Indian Winter. We enjoyed an extensive weekend of training and fellowship at the SR-9 event. Later in February, the lodge enjoyed a winter fellowship at Camp O'Rear. During the event, the membership enjoyed fun and fellowship while also participating in some AIA training. Members also enjoyed the distribution of the 2nd metal flap that the lodge has produced.

In April Aracoma attended the SR-9 Section Conclave at Black Creek Scout Reservation in Sylvania, GA. This event was hosted by I-Tsu-La Lodge and was attended by 19 members of Aracoma. While participating in a variety of competitions and events, we visited with other Arrowmen from across the section. Aracoma saw its drum team finish in the top 3 while the lodge also received its third consecutive Southern Region "We Support Camping Award". The weekend concluded with Joseph Barnes being elected Section Chief, solidifying him as a three-term section officer. The theme for the Conclave patches for the year was centered around the State of Alabama's 200th Birthday. The lodge received special permission from the 200th anniversary commission and Governor Kay Ivey to produce the patches.

May saw the lodge return to Camp Horne for a weekend of service in preparation for the coming summer camp season. The 38 members spent a weekend of service. Lodge members worked on general camp cleanup during the weekend. The lodge also had 8 members complete their Brotherhood.

At summer camp, we once again held call-out ceremonies on Thursday night each week. This came after our traditional Tuesday evening ice cream social. The July Ordeal was again held at Camp Horne to assist with the closing of camp for the season. A large amount of projects were completed by the 74 people that attended the weekend. Of those in attendance, 27 of were inducted as new members into Aracoma.

In early fall the lodge helped support and staff a variety of activities in all three districts. They worked at the Cub Adventure Day, Fall Camporees and the Cub Haunted Events. Between these events, our members provided service for well over 1500 Scouts, Leaders and Parents. Additionally in the fall, the lodge created a 200th anniversary council strip that was made available for all Scouters to purchase during this celebratory year of our state's founding.

November brought about the conclusion to our events for the year. The 77 members that were in attendance at fall fellowship spent a weekend of service and fellowship at Camp Horne. Good food and fellowship were the main themes of the weekend while we worked on projects to prepare camp for Indian Winter. With a huge amount of service completed during the weekend, we set the tone to get camp in great shape for the SR-9 event in January. We also held elections for the new year and again watched the Crimson Tide gather another win over Mississippi State. The weekend also saw 6 new Brotherhood members join our ranks while 7 Ordeal candidates completed the first part of their journey as the lodge held a rare but necessary makeup Ordeal. During the weekend 4 members held their Vigil. They are

Careful Thinker -- Jim Lindsay.

Quick Grasshopper -- Chase Shuttlesworth

Helpful Heart – Gayle Davis

Healing Antelope -- Justin Levan

After fall fellowship, the membership was been busy on a huge checklist of items to finish up the Indian Winter prep. Extensive work around camp to remove stumps, gather potential firewood as well as cleaning in the dining hall, repairing benches and many other tasks have occupied the members during the end of the year. The drum team again invited to perform at the VA during Native American month festivities. This was a well-received performance from the veteran's and employees that attended.

Finally, the lodge initiated its fundraising plan to renovate the lodge building in anticipation of the 100th anniversary of the council in 2022. This initiative will provide for the renovation and upgrades of the lodge building. As donations are received, the donor will be presented with a special thank you patch according to the level of donation.

The last event of the year was the annual banquet which was held at Trinity United Methodist Church in Tuscaloosa. 65 lodge members, family and friends attended the

event on December 19th. The lodge celebrated not only another great year but the 200th birthday of the state of Alabama. During the event the lodge recognized all new Ordeal, Brotherhood and Vigil members. Cameron Wyatt and Kevin Warren received the Founder's Award. The lodge was also treated to the stories of two Arrowmen, Dave Davis and Rod Reilly, as they shared stories of their individual trips traversing the Appalachian Trail during 2019. Finally, the new officers were installed into place for the 2020 years.

Lodge Chief Jim Lindsay

Vice Chief of Administration Chase Shuttlesworth

Vice Chief of Inductions Thatcher Rotenberry

Vice Chief of Program Luke Lindsay

Secretary-Treasurer Will Atkins

During the 2019 year, Aracoma Lodge once again qualified for the Southern Region "We Support Camping Award" and obtained enough points to be considered a "High Performing Lodge".

2020

The new year began with the lodge continuing its efforts to prepare for Indian Winter. They hosted a workday the weekend of the year. 35 members came out to Camp Horne to prep for the SR-9 event. Unfortunately, the following weekend brought severe storms to the area and the event was postponed until February.

February brought better weather and over 200 Arrowmen from around the section to Camp Horne. Aracoma, as host, had the largest contingent. The 74 members of the host lodge set the tone for a very busy and very enjoyable weekend event. With favorable comments from the lodges in attendance, Aracoma followed through on their promise to provide an excellent venue and experience for the 2020 Indian Winter. The lodge racked up slightly over 1000 service hours in the preparation for the event.

The lodge followed Indian Winter with a great Winter Fellowship the last weekend in February. During this Brotherhood weekend, 11 members confirmed their commitment by completing their Brotherhood. The lodge enjoyed a relaxing time of games, sports and general fellowship. The event was attended by 42 members.

In early March, Jim Lindsay, Will Atkins, Luke Lindsay and Wayne Harris traveled to Atlanta to participate in the NLS/DYLC program. This event was held at the Atlanta area scout office and allowed all of the participants to learn many methods of strengthening the leadership within the lodge.

April brought about a new world and a new standard. As we moved toward spring break, the world stopped and so did Scouting. The SR-9 Section Conclave was cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States. The event did as many items in our world and transitioned into a virtual event that included the standard Council of Chief's meeting. During this meeting, the decision was made to move the 2021 Section Conclave from Camp Tukabatchee to Camp Patten. However, our lodge continued to persevere thru the pandemic while following federal, state and local protocols. During the 5 months "shut-down" period, we saw the council properties undergo an extensive facelift and cleaning. Over 2000 hours of service was committed to the council properties from mid-March until mid-August by lodge members. Projects were completed at Camp Horne, Camp O'Rear, White Bluff and the council office.

The projects included general maintenance around the properties but also saw the addition of a new porch to the OA lodge and the beginnings of the bathrooms that will be added to the facility. Fundraising efforts for the lodge renovations have topped \$10,000. One key item within this fundraising has been the over 30,000 pounds of scrap metal that has been removed off Camp Horne. We are looking forward to the use of our lodge building during the summer camping season in 2022.

This would allow for the 2020 host to still get to host the event. Unfortunately, it will push the Aracoma host date farther into the future.

In July, the lodge pushed its annual Ordeal to the fall but still had a fellowship. 31 members attended this event and it was the first time many of us had seen each of since February. The day was filled with small projects and some much-needed safe socialization. Plus, we had the first lodge meeting on the new porch of the OA lodge.

In August, the LEC was involved in a virtual Council of Chiefs meeting and ACT Conference. This daylong event was concluded with the videoing of the first ever Virtual Callout ceremony. This item was broadcast in mid-September as our lodge chief, Jim Lindsay, announced the 2020 Ordeal candidate list.

In early fall the lodge helped support and staff a variety of activities in all three districts. They worked at the Cub Adventure Day and the Cub Haunted Events. Between all of these events, our members provided service for many Scouts, Leaders and Parents.

November brought about the conclusion to our events for the year. The 66 members that were in attendance at fall event saw Aracoma induct 26 new members as well as 3 new Brotherhood members. This weekend allowed for the continuation of the work projects from the spring as the lodge totaled over 500 man hours of work.

The busy weekend also saw the recognition of 3 new Vigil members, the conclusion of the 3rd metal flap sales, the introduction of the new standard flap and the new Aracoma Ordeal exposition. This Sunday event preceded the lodge elections and allowed the new Aracoma members to learn about the Order of the Arrow and Aracoma activities and events.

The lodge hosted its annual banquet at Camp Horne due to the lingering effects of the COVID year. The event was held in the dining hall and attended by 80 Arrowmen and their family members. We recognized those that were instrumental in the hosting of Indian Winter as well as recognizing new members, new Brotherhood members and Vigil members.

2021

The year began with the residual affects of COVID as the SR-9 Indian Winter event was cancelled. However, the officers did conduct training at Camp Horne. The officers reviewed the lodge policy, procedure, worked on patch designs and set the calendar for the year. In February, winter fellowship was attended by 51 members. This was the first Brotherhood weekend of the new year. Lodge members enjoyed a great time of fellowship, patch trading and some good food. This event also saw the start of the cancer patch sales as the first three were issued.

In April, the lodge traveled to Camp Patten in south Georgia. The Conclave was a great success even if it took a few days to get there. 20 members had a great time trading flaps that reflected the recent Alabama football championship. Roll Tide!

The annual Beaver Day weekend in early May has 21 members help with setting up summer camp. Since no one had really used camp in over a year, much of the work small jobs to make sure things were still in working order. The weekend provided for a final time to spruce up the camp before it opened back up in June. During summer camp, the lodge held two ice cream socials and two call out ceremonies. Each week, the lodge actively promoted participation within the lodge and camp. Over 90% of the camp staff were also members of the OA

The Ordeal saw 17 new members join the lodge as we worked extensively on some clearing and cleaning of brush around the lake. We also worked on several other improvements projects around camp. On Sunday, the lodge held its second annual Exposition for new members.

Fall fellowship came early in the year due to the Alabama football schedule. We again got to watch the Crimson Tide beat up on Mississippi State, Roll Tide, but also enjoyed a relaxing weekend at camp. Some members traded patches while others helped to bury the electrical lines on the parade field and some members completed their Brotherhood. Lodge elections were held during the weekend and new officers will be sworn in at the lodge banquet. The LEC meeting provided information about NOAC and how to save some money on the event costs. They decided how to allocate the money raised from the cancer awareness patches and reported that the lodge building's new construction should begin within a few weeks.

The year ended with the annual banquet being held at Forest Lake Methodist Church. The meal was catered by their in-house team and everyone had plenty to eat. Recognitions for new members as well as new Brotherhood members took place. The event was attended by 85 Arrowmen and their families.

The lodge presented a check to Ordeal Member Jack Plowman to assist with expenses as he battles cancer once again. The funds were generated from the patch sales of the Cancer Awareness patch series. Also, the lodge recognized those that earned the Ceremony team patch, Cook team patch and Drum /Dance patch. Three units (T56, T120, T17) received recognition for being Units of Excellence for the 2020 year. Clif Homan made a Charlie Walker Donor Awareness Award presentation to Mitchell Gryska. Erik Nelson facilitated the deliverance of the 2020 (Luke Lindsay, Nick Hildreth) and 2021 (Jim Lindsay, James Ford) Founder's Awards. The lodge finished the year as a "Thriving Lodge" according to the current PMP standards.

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Ceremony Team Patch Requirements

Principal Parts

1. Participate in at least 3 ceremonies including one of the following: Vigil, Brotherhood, Order, or Pre-Ordeal.
2. Participate in at least six scheduled practices in one calendar year. This cannot be a regular lodge function.
3. Compete at Conclave or the National Order of the Arrow Conference (excluding Vigil).

Non-Speaking Parts (Guides, Fire Tenders, etc)

1. Serve as a backup by learning the principal role for at least one ceremony.
2. Participate in at least 3 ceremonies including one of the following: Vigil, Brotherhood, Ordeal, or Pre-Ordeal.
3. Participate in at least six scheduled practices in one calendar year. This can not be a regular lodge function.
4. Observe Lodge team competition at Conclave or the National Order of the Arrow Conference.

Adult Participation

1. Assist the team with coaching, training, and evaluation during at least 6 practice sessions. This cannot be a regular lodge function.
2. Attend and provide assistance before and after a minimum of three (3) ceremonies including one of the following: Vigil, Brotherhood, Ordeal, or Pre-Ordeal.
3. Judge or observe the ceremony team competition at Conclave and / or the National Order of the Arrow Conference.
4. Assist with construction and / or maintenance of ceremonial regalia on at least 4 occasions.



The Charlie Walker Donor Awareness Program

In the 1990's the Boy Scouts of America unveiled the Organ Donor Awareness program to promote knowledge about organ donation. The National Organ Awareness program was initially successful; however, in recent years the program hasn't had much active promotion. The members of Aracoma Lodge decided to create a new program to further promote the importance of organ donation.

Charlie Walker was a Scout in the Black Warrior Council who passed away while awaiting a lung transplant. Upon his death, Charlie was able to donate several of his organs so that other people could lead healthy lives. The members of Aracoma Lodge took note of his selflessness and felt that it would be a fitting tribute to name an organ donor awareness program after him.

The Charlie Walker Organ Donor Awareness Program is a sub-program of Aracoma Lodge 481 of the Black Warrior Council. It was originally only available for members of Aracoma Lodge. However the Lodge Executive Council made the decision to open the Charlie Walker Donor Awareness Award to anyone who is registered in any branch of the Boy Scouts of America.

The requirements for the award are as follows:

1. Make an approved presentation to a group about the importance of organ donation. For project approval mail a copy of your presentation to the address below or email it to: cwalkerdonor@gmail.com
2. Register as an organ donor on the Alabama Legacy Organ and Tissue Donor Registry: www.legacyalabama.org/legacy_donor_registry.php
3. Lead someone to register as an organ donor on the Alabama Legacy Organ and Tissue Donor Registry www.legacyalabama.org/legacy_donor_registry.php.

All those competing the requirements will be awarded a 4" round patch and certificate. If requirements 1 and 3 are completed twice a second patch may be purchased for \$15. This money will be used to fund the program.



Charlie Walker Donor Awareness Award

The Warren G. Finney Camp Horne Service Award

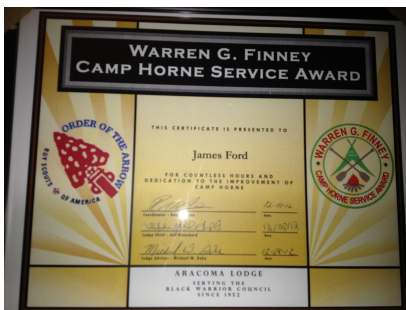
Mr. Finney was a lifelong Scouter in the Black Warrior Council and was dedicated to the constant improvement of Camp Horne. The amount of time and resources that Mr. Finney gave to Camp Horne cannot be measured in minutes and hours OR dollars and cents – it can only be measured in the 1,000s of lives that he touched. Both adults and youth, even to this day, are able to see Mr. Finney’s handiwork all over Camp Horne. Aracoma Lodge LEC decided to honor Mr. Finney with the creation of the Warren G. Finney Camp Horne Service Award. This award is given to an individual that has the same mindset and belief in giving back as Mr. Finney did – one who gives unselfishly of their time, talent, and resources to the betterment of Camp Horne. While the amount of time and resources he gave to Camp Horne may never be achieved by anyone else, we should all aspire to leave a legacy as honorable as Mr. Finney’s – everything was done for and with the youth of this council in mind.

The Warren G. Finney award was first given in 2002 to the namesake of the award, Mr. Warren G. Finney. After presenting Mr. Finney with the award it was decided that it would not be given out for a minimum of 10 years as a show of respect for the amount of dedication it takes to even be considered for this award. The award is not an annual award - it is awarded on an "as deserved" basis from 2012 forward. It can only awarded to one individual per calendar year and the recipient must be a past or present member of the Order of the Arrow. In 2012 Rob Fikes presented the Warren G. Finney Camp Horne Service Award to James Ford.

Warren G. Finney Camp Horne Service Award Award Recipients

Warren G. Finney – 2002

James H. Ford III – 2012



Rob Fikes presenting The Warren G. Finney Camp Horne Service Award to James Ford at Aracoma’s 2012 Lodge banquet.

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Conclave Section Officers

Tom Adams	-	Area V-a Assistant Area Chief	-	1953
Tommy Thigpen	-	Area V-a North Deputy Area Chief	-	1954
Charles Christopher	-	Area V-a Deputy Area Chief	-	1955
Charles Christopher	-	Area V-a Deputy Area Chief	-	1956
Andy Davis	-	Area V-a Chief	-	1959
Rick Williams	-	Area V-e Vice-Chief	-	1971
Bruce Armistead	-	Section SE-4a Section Chief	-	1974
Tom Strong	-	Section SE-4a Advisor	-	1974
Tom Strong	-	Section SE-4a Advisor	-	1975
Jim Andrews	-	Section SE-4a Vice-Chief	-	1976
Tom Strong	-	Section SE-4a Advisor	-	1976
Bob Matthews -		Section SE-4a Vice-Chief	-	1979
Bob Matthews -		Section SE-4a Chief	-	1980
Neal Burton	-	Section SE-3 Chief	-	1983
Randy Ford	-	Section SE-3 Chief	-	1984
Jerry Harper	-	Section SE-3 Secretary	-	1987
Jason Whatley -		Section SR-8 Chief	-	1996
Jordan Hammons	-	Section SR-1 Chief	-	2008

Aracoma Lodge #481 Vigil Honor Members

(Names in italics are deceased Vigil Honor members.)

Name	Date	Vigil Name	English Translation	Vigil Location other than Camp Home
<i>Edgar Christopher</i>	5/2/1958		<i>White Sunshine</i>	<i>Camp Zinn</i>
Andy Davis	5/4/1958		The Magician	Camp Zinn
W. A. Levie	5/4/1958		West Wind	Camp Zinn
Don James	5/2/1959			
<i>Charles Tyson</i>	6/1/1959		<i>Induction</i>	
No Vigil Honor	1/1/1960			
No Vigil Honor	1/1/1961			
No Vigil Honor	1/1/1962			
No Vigil Honor	1/1/1963			
<i>George Swindel</i>	5/25/1965		Bear	
Lynn Tirey	4/19/1966		Willing One	
No Vigil Honor	1/1/1967			
Eddie Snowden	6/1/1968		Talker	
James Sledge	6/1/1968		One Who is Able	
Jim Britain	6/1/1968		Diligent One	
<i>Lloyd Nelson</i>	6/1/1968		<i>Teacher</i>	
Allen Rowland	7/26/1969		Fast Runner	
David Swindel	7/26/1969		White Oak	
Rick Williams	7/26/1969		Swimmer	
Thomas Daniel	7/26/1969		Valuable One	
Dennis Miles	7/26/1969		Active One	
Sydney F. Barringer	7/18/1970		Tall One	
Donald Russell	7/18/1970		Red Cedar Tree	
Keith Clark	7/18/1970		Leader	
Thomas Daniel	7/18/1970		Counselor	
Tom Strong	7/18/1970	Nisanisohan	One Who Strengthens	
Edmund Segner	7/17/1971		Zealous One	
James Shamburger	7/17/1971		One Who Enjoys	
Lewis Sharman	7/17/1971		Fisherman	

Michael Williams	7/17/1971		Persevering One
William Rey	7/17/1971		Inquiring One
Chris Kyle	7/16/1972		Quiet One
Clarence Stephens	7/16/1972		Trader
Hollis Ezell	7/16/1972		Teacher of Small Ones
Keith Jackson	7/16/1972		Red Beaver
Milton Powell	7/16/1972		Drum Beater
Jerry Rogers	7/16/1972		Big Rock
Bruce Armistead	7/15/1973		Reliable One
William Barringer	7/15/1973		Silent One
Albert Harper	7/15/1973		Hard Worker
George Douglas	7/15/1973		Unlucky One
George Partridge	7/15/1973		Seeker
Ross Statham	7/15/1973		One Who Creates With Hands
Travis Mills	7/15/1973		Chief Cook
<i>No Vigil Honor</i>	<i>1/1/1974</i>		
Don Barton	7/20/1975		Calm Minded One
Daniel Walters	7/20/1975		Speaker
Eddie Douglas	7/20/1975		Deep Thinker
James Russenogle	7/20/1975		Arrow
<i>Warren Finney</i>	<i>7/20/1975</i>		<i>Busy One</i>
Jim Andrews	7/25/1976		Strong One
Frankie Gallimore	7/25/1976		Friendly One
Mickey Morris	7/25/1976		One Who Does Good Work
Randy Nevin	7/25/1976		He Who Is Concerned
Steven Douglas	7/25/1976		One Who Enlightens
Walter Davie	7/25/1976	Witschewan	Helpful One
John Price	010/8/77	(Choctaw)	Stubborn Worker
David Davis	010/8/77	Chipota hila (Choctaw)	Small Dancer
John Rainer	10/15/1977		Quiet Man
Robert Matthews	10/15/1977		Slender Fox
Robert Sweeney	10/15/1977		Skillful Beaver
Walter Davis	10/15/1977		Great Bear
David McCoy	10/15/1977		Slow Cook

Bruce Kaetz	10/7/1978		Excited Merchant	
David Cabe	10/7/1978		One Who Enjoys Cooking	
Eric Walters	10/7/1978		Worthy One	
<i>Gresham House, Jr</i>	<i>10/7/1978</i>		<i>Capable One</i>	
<i>Jeff Dollar</i>	<i>10/7/1978</i>		<i>One Who Enjoys Hiking</i>	
Mike Williams	10/7/1978		Mighty Worker	
Scotty Vines	10/7/1978		Generous Teacher	
Mickey Washburn	10/13/1978	Gunammochk	Otter	
Sam Cooke	10/13/1979	Wihantowagan	Good Spirited One	
Danny Ball	10/13/1979	Espan Elavwit	Raccoon Hunter	
William Ashmore	10/18/1980		Wood Cutter	
Joseph Matthews	10/18/1980		Traveling Bear	
Chuck Gilliland	10/18/1980		Loyal Worker	
<i>Monty Newman</i>	<i>10/18/1980</i>		<i>Spirited One</i>	
Neal Burton	10/1/1981		Quiet One	
Marvin Price	10/1/1981		Long Talker	
<i>Carl Hoobler</i>	<i>10/1/1981</i>		<i>Patient One</i>	
Randal Ford	10/1/1981	Lungwamen	Dreamer	
Randall MacDonald	10/2/1982		Quiet One	Camp O'Rear
James Ford	10/2/1982	Nageuchsowagan	One With Confidence	Camp O'Rear
Erik Nelson	7/15/1983	Mawachpo Memhallmund	Collector Trader	
Scott Posey	11/1/1983		Trustworthy One	
Vince Huffstutler	11/1/1983		Indifferent One	
Greg Simpson	11/1/1983		Squirrel	
Jerry Boatright	6/6/1905	Achunanchi Lodge #135		
David Sherer	11/15/1984	Meechgalhukquot	Redheaded One	
Steve Shelton	11/15/1984		Quiet One	
Jerry Harper	6/1/1985		He Who Gives First Aid	
John Huff	6/1/1985		Clown	
<i>No Vigil Honor</i>	<i>1/1/1986</i>			
Buell Harris	7/18/1987	Klamhattenamin	Calm Minded One	
Chris Holloway	7/18/1987	Wulantowagan	He Who Has Good Spirits	
<i>No Vigil Honor</i>	<i>1/1/1988</i>			

Jon Hall	2/2/1989	Mechmauwikenk	Camper	
Joey Banks	2/25/1989		One Who Delivers the Message	
Keith Swedenberg	2/25/1989	Gettemagelensit	Humble Farmer	
Allen Kipp	2/25/1989	Aschhowin	Swimmer	
Rodney Kipp	2/25/1989	Lilchipin Witatschkasin	Diligent Adviser	
Wayne Harris	2/15/1990	Wiquihillau	Tired One	
Larry Strickland	2/24/1990		Jocular One	
Steve Taylor	2/24/1990		Lone Talker	
Chad Englebert	2/24/1990	Tachachiwi	Modest One	
Chris Straley	11/9/1991	Klamachpin Pedhakquon	One Who is at Leisure	
Russell Robertson	11/9/1991		One Who is Big and Wide	
Jay Watkins	11/9/1991		Lucky Grey Fox	
Seaborn Whatley	11/1/1992		One Who Grows Fast	
Chris Sentell	11/18/1992	Nosogamen	Follower	
Michael Palmer	11/4/1993	Wulelendum	Merry One	
Jack Kennedy	11/4/1993	Gokhos	Owl	
Patrick Ryan	11/4/1994	Nuwingi	Willing One	
Russ Shaw	3/24/1995	Achowalogen	Hard Worker	
Jason Whatley	3/24/1995	Achgiguwen	Jocular One	
John Long	3/24/1995	Gentgeen	Dancer	
<i>Charles Lahay</i>	3/24/1995	Metellen Machque	Ten Bear	
James Berry	10/1/1995	Klamhattennamin	Calm Minded One	
Chris Armstrong	10/9/1996	Nagatamen	Reliable One	
Mason Primm	10/9/1996	Gunaquot	Tall One	
Alan Snyder	10/9/1996	Amendchewagan Najundam	Stubborn One Who Carries a Load	
<i>No Vigil Honor</i>	<i>1/1/1997</i>			
James Lollar	8/20/1998	Lilchipin	Diligent One	Moundville
Paul Borden	8/26/1998	Ganschapucak	Big Rock	Moundville
Roger Worthington	9/27/1998	Wunita	Able One	Moundville
Matthew Laird	9/27/1998	Tindeuchen	Fire Maker	Moundville
Stephen Hudson	9/28/1998	Tulpe	Turtle	Moundville
Patrick Hampel	9/28/1998	Tgauchsin Achowalogen	Good Natured Worker	
Jason Stephens	8/27/1999	Sasappis	Lightning Bug	
Gene Pilkington	9/16/1999	Woapsunetopalis	White Warrior	

Greg Kitchens	9/16/1999	Wulaptonaelchukquonk	One Who Advocates Our Cause
Andy Burns	9/16/1999	Klamhattenamin	Calm Minded One
Joshua Stephens	9/16/1999	Weuchsowagen Tschutti	Knowledgeable Comrade
Clifton Homan	9/16/1999	Nuwingi	The Willing One
Jay West	11/17/2000	Takachsin Gentgeen	Lead Dancer
Richard Katz	12/9/2000	Tachachiwi	Modest One
Richard Henry	12/9/2000	Mbi Memsochet	Water Traveler
Daniel Homan	12/9/2000	Tgauchsin	Good Natured One
Paul Hardin	12/1/2001		Strong Servant
Jamey Graham	12/1/2001		Younger Brother Who Lends a Hand
Brandon White	12/1/2001	Anicus	Ground Squirrel
William Hughes	12/1/2001	Mawachpo Weuchsowagan	Collector of Knowledge
James Hardin	12/1/2001	Memhallamund	Trader
Michael Hartin	7/19/2002	Achewon	Strong One
Rick O'Neil	7/19/2002	Machked Sakquelendamen	Red Troubled One
Patrick Kenyon	7/19/2002	Ilan	Man of Valor
Robert Fikes	7/19/2002	Woapalanne	Bald Eagle
Lois Dorough	7/19/2002	Lehellechemhaluwet	One Who Gives Life
James Sexton	7/19/2002	Gelachelendam	Funny One
<i>No Vigil Honor</i>	<i>1/1/1986</i>		
John Hagler	8/14/2004	Wewingtonheet	Talker
Luke Scott	8/14/2004	Amocholes Memsochet	Canoe Traveler
Thomas Brooks	8/14/2004	Gisichenaxin	He Who Is Prepared
Jimmie Hardin	8/14/2004	Ahoaltuwi Guka	Loving Mother
Adam May	8/14/2004	Pilapeu	Big Boy
Rick Byrne	8/14/2004	Apuelendam	One Who Thinks Easily
Steve O'Neil	8/14/2004	Kschilandeke Wulaku	Summers Eve
Jacob Cameron	12/3/2005	Lilchpin Mikmossit	Diligent Worker
Thomas Brooks	12/3/2005	Memsochet	Traveler
Matthew Hartin	12/3/2005	Silent Strength	
Christopher Register	12/3/2005		Grateful Independent One
Ron Cameron	12/2/2006		

Mary Jane Taylor	12/2/2006	Alogagon	Servant Of The Lord	
Hunter Dorough	12/2/2006			
Mark Elinburg	12/2/2006	Witschingen Milan	Helpful Teacher	
Luke Cameron	12/2/2006	Gilkisen	Laughing One	
Michael Duke	12/1/2007	Wapantpeuleno Gischihan	Gray Hair Who Creates With His Hands	
Ryan Rainwater	12/1/2007	Klampeechen	Still Water	
David Hartin	12/1/2007	Pakantschiechen Wuliechsin	Accomplished Communicator	
David Wilson	12/1/2007	Nipawin Gunaquot Nischa	To Stand Tall Two	
Jordan Hammons	12/1/2007	Guttgennemen Pehpatamas	Spiritual Worker Who Gives Back	
Robert Rainwater	12/5/2008	Niskelan Clampeachen	Rain Water	
Judson Miller	12/5/2008	Machtapamukwot Netopolis	Dark Warrior	
David Wilson	12/5/2008	Elgigunk Wenitschanit Simaquon	Big Daddy Cornstalk	
Andrew Duncan	12/5/2008	Netami	Ace	
Matthew Duncan	12/5/2008	Woapasum	Sunshine	
Richard Byrne	11/14/2009	Amangi Tuney	Big Bearded One	
John Newman	11/14/2009	Apatschin	He Who Comes Back	
Lee Spain	11/14/2009	Lakusin Achsin	Rock Climber	
Jared Kornegay	11/14/2009	Lilchpin Tupe	Diligent Turtle	
Wayne Duncan	10/23/2010	Gettemagelensit Achgeketum	Humble Teacher	Moundville
Joe Spain	10/23/2010	Nihillatchi	Free One	Moundville
Manly Neighbors	10/23/2010	Wulilisseu Wendamen	Kind Fisherman	Moundville
Kristal Bradford	10/23/2010	Allogagan	One Who Serves	Moundville
Jacob Walker	10/23/2010	Tgauchsin	Good Natured One	Moundville
Connor Nelson	10/23/2010	Luppoewagan	Witty One	Moundville
Reginald Roakes	10/29/2011	Gischitehen Moskimus	Determined Rabbit	
Jonathan Hess	10/29/2011	Tatchen Weuchsowagan	Little One with Knowledge	
David Crump IV	10/29/2011	Nageuchsowagan Allogagan	Trustworthy Servant	
<i>No Vigil Honor</i>	<i>1/1/2012</i>			
Jeff Blanchard	11/16/2013	Gischeleman	One Who Creates with Mind	
Nathan Giles	11/16/2013	Wischiki	Busy One	
Jimmy Greene	10/25/2014	Klamachpin Ktemaque	Quiet Beaver	

Hayes Loony	11/25/2014	Kikehwèt Ahkonachimu	Healer Who Tells Long Story	
Kyle Beasley	10/14/2015	Tangetto Haniquis	Small Grey Squirrel	
Teresa Giles	10/14/2015	Klamachpin Takachin	Quiet Leader	
Donny Mims	10/14/2015	Wiakskitakot	One Who Mixes Sound	
Kevin Warren	10/14/2015	Wulaptonaelchukquonk	He Who Advocates Our Cause	Dora
Ginger Greene	5/7/2016			Northport
Noah Warren	5/7/2017		He Who Guards Shallow Water	
Taylor Geer	7/15/2017		He Who Has Good Spirits	
Nicholas Hildreth	7/15/2017		Hard Worker	
Harrison Sentell	7/15/2017		Scout Who Guides Young People	
Brandon Warren	7/15/2017		Owl with Big Heart	
Wrenn Ramsay	7/15/2017		High Minded One	
Joseph Barnes	7/14/2018		Big Smile	
Andrew Herring	7/14/2018		Big Drum Beater	
Luke Lindsay	7/14/2018		Cautious One	
Matthew Levan	7/14/2018		Knowledge Seeker	
Tim Patrick	7/14/2018		Busy One Who Cares	
Cameron Wyatt	7/14/2018		Quiet Chief	

Members of Aracoma Lodge who received their Vigil from another lodge.

Name	Vigil Date	Location Vigil was earned
Howard Swann	Unknown	Unknown
Alan Scott		
Rod Riley	1/1/1968	Woa Chelena Lodge 322
Richard Losch	5/25/1975	Amiskwi Lodge #505

Aracoma Lodge Officers

1952	Lodge Chief	Tom Adams
1953	Lodge Chief	Tom Adams
1954	Lodge Chief	Tommy Thigpen
1955	Lodge Chief	Charles Christopher
1955	Secretary	Don James
1955	Lodge Adviser	Bill Daffron
1955	Lodge Adviser	William Levie
1956	Lodge Chief	Don James
1956	Secretary	Bobby Pugh
1956	Lodge Adviser	Bill Daffron
1956	Lodge Adviser	O.D. Sides
1956	Lodge Adviser	Grady Hendricks
1957	Lodge Chief (Jan.-May)	Bobby Pugh
1957	Lodge Chief (May-Dec.)	Andy Davis
1958	Lodge Chief	John Hanby
1958	Vice-Chief	Rusty Goldsmith
1958	Secretary	Jimmy Christopher
1958	Lodge Adviser	R.K. Johnson
1959	Lodge Chief	Rusty Goldsmith
1960	Lodge Chief	Roger Williams
1961	Lodge Chief	Unknown
1962	Lodge Chief	Billy Ray
1963	Lodge Chief	Alton Pens
1964	Lodge Chief	Bill Miller
1965	Lodge Chief	Bill Mize
1966	Lodge Chief	Lynn Tirey
1967	Lodge Chief	Lynn Tirey

1968	Lodge Chief	Erroll Wilson
1968	Vice-Chief Choctaw Dist.	David Swindel
1968	Vice-Chief Mountain Dist.	Jim Britain
1968	Vice-Chief Prairie Dist.	Dennis Miles
1968	Secretary	Eddie Snowden
1969	Lodge Chief	Erroll Wilson
1969	Vice-Chief Choctaw Dist.	Rick Williams
1969	Vice-Chief Mountain Dist.	Bob Jones
1969	Vice-Chief Prairie Dist.	Dennis Miles
1969	Secretary	David Swindel
1969	Lodge Adviser	Lawrence Yeager
1970	Lodge Chief	Erroll Wilson
1970	Vice-Chief Choctaw Dist.	Eddie Segnor
1970	Vice-Chief Mountain Dist.	Don Russell
1970	Vice-Chief Prairie Dist.	Billy Rhinehart
1970	Secretary	David Swindel
1970	Treasurer	John Myers
1970	Lodge Adviser	Jim Gibbons
1971	Lodge Chief	Keith Clark
1971	Vice-Chief Administration	Mike Williams
1971	Vice-Chief Indian Lore	Lewis Sharmen
1971	Vice-Chief Program	Donnie Thomas
1971	Secretary	William Rey

1971	Treasurer	Greg Brough
1971	Lodge Adviser	Jim Gibbons
1972	Lodge Chief	Stan Stricklen
1972	Vice-Chief Administration	William Rey
1972	Vice-Chief Program	David Unietas
1972	Secretary	Keith Jackson
1972	Treasurer	Hollis Ezell
1972	Lodge Adviser	Tom Strong
1973	Lodge Chief	Keith Jackson
1973	Vice-Chief Administration	Bruce Armistead
1973	Vice-Chief Program	Ross Statham
1973	Secretary	Hollis Ezell
1973	Treasurer	Eddie Douglas
1973	Lodge Adviser	Tom Strong
1974	Lodge Chief	Keith Jackson
1974	Vice-Chief Administration	Dan Walthers
1974	Vice-Chief Program	Dan Killingsworth
1974	Treasurer	Andy Lyles
1974	Lodge Adviser	Tom Strong
1975	Lodge Chief	Sidney Barringer
1975	Adviser	Tom Strong
1976	Lodge Chief	Jim Andrews
1976	Adviser	Tom Strong
1977	Lodge Chief	Stephen Douglas
1977	Vice-Chief Administration	Evan Fitts

1977	Vice-Chief Indian Lore	Billy Mathews
1977	Vice-Chief Program	Eric Walters
1977	Secretary	Ed Baird
1977	Treasurer	Jim Andrews
1977	Lodge Adviser	Tom Strong
1978	Lodge Chief	Bob Mathews
1978	Vice-Chief Administration	Mike Anderson
1978	Vice-Chief Indian Lore	Mickey Morris
1978	Vice-Chief Program	Bruce Kaetz
1978	Secretary	Dave Davis
1978	Treasurer	Jeff Dollar
1978	Lodge Adviser	Jerry Rogers
1979	Lodge Chief	Bob Mathews
1979	Adviser	Tom Strong
1980	Lodge Chief	Dave Davis
1980	Adviser	Tom Strong
1981	Lodge Chief	Dale Davis
1981	Vice-Chief Administration	Neal Burton
1981	Vice-Chief Indian Lore	Randy Ford
1981	Secretary	Randall McDonald
1981	Treasurer	Matt Perrine
1981	Lodge Adviser	Jerry Rogers
1982	Lodge Chief	Randy Ford
1982	Vice-Chief Administration	Erik Nelson
1982	Vice-Chief Indian Lore	Tim Hilton

1982	Secretary	Randall McDonald
1982	Treasurer	Larry Burnette
1982	Lodge Adviser	Jerry Rogers
1983	Lodge Chief	Erik Nelson
1983	Vice-Chief Administration	Scott Posey
1983	Vice-Chief Indian Lore	Harry Wolfe
1983	Secretary	David Sherer
1983	Treasurer	Steve Shelton
1983	Lodge Adviser	Jerry Rogers
1984	Lodge Chief	Steve Shelton
1984	Vice-Chief Administration	Al Hale
1984	Secretary	Vince Huffstutler
1984	Vice-Chief Indian Lore	Scott Posey
1984	Lodge Adviser	Jerry Rogers
1985	Lodge Chief	Steve Shelton
1985	Vice-Chief Administration	David Sherer
1985	Vice-Chief Records	Jerry Harper
1985	Vice-Chief Indian Lore	John Huff
1985	Lodge Adviser	Jerry Rogers
1986	Lodge Chief	Robert Lake
1986	Vice-Chief Administration	Chris Thigpen
1986	Vice-Chief Records	Chris Holloway
1986	Vice-Chief Indian Lore	Allen Kipp
1986	Lodge Adviser	Jerry Rogers
1986	Assoc. Adviser	Erik Nelson

1987	Lodge Chief	Robert Lake
1987	Vice-Chief Administration	Jon Hall
1987	Vice-Chief Records	Wayne Harris
1987	Vice-Chief Indian Lore	Chris Holloway
1987	Lodge Adviser	Rodney Kipp
1987	Lodge Adviser	Jerry Rogers
1987	Assoc. Adviser	Erik Nelson
1988	Lodge Chief	Chris Holloway
1988	Vice-Chief Administration	Russ Robertson
1988	Vice-Chief Records	Joey Banks
1988	Vice-Chief Indian Lore	Allen Kipp
1988	Lodge Adviser	Rodney Kipp
1988	Assoc. Adviser	Erik Nelson
1989	Lodge Chief	Chris Holloway
1989	Vice-Chief Administration	Russ Robertson
1989	Vice-Chief Records	Chris Sentell
1989	Vice-Chief Indian Lore	Jack Baker
1989	Lodge Adviser	Rodney Kipp
1990	Lodge Chief	Russ Robertson
1990	Vice-Chief Administration	Chris Sentell
1990	Vice-Chief Records	Jay Watkins
1990	Vice-Chief Indian Lore	Wayne Harris
1990	Lodge Adviser	Rodney Kipp

1991	Lodge Chief	Russ Robertson
1991	Vice-Chief Administration	Chris Sentell
1991	Vice-Chief Records	Jay Watkins
1991	Vice-Chief Indian Lore	Jack Baker
1991	Lodge Adviser	Rodney Kipp
1992	Lodge Chief	Chad Englebert
1992	Vice-Chief Indian Lore	Jay Watkins
1992	Lodge Adviser	Rodney Kipp
1993	Lodge Chief	Jack Kennedy
1993	Lodge Adviser	Rodney Kipp
1994	Lodge Chief	Mason Primm
1994	Lodge Adviser	Russ Shaw
1995	Lodge Chief	Jason Whatley
1995	Lodge Adviser	Russ Shaw
1996	Lodge Chief	Patrick Ryan
1996	Lodge Adviser	Russ Shaw
1997	Lodge Chief	Mason Primm
1997	Lodge Adviser	Russ Shaw
1998	Lodge Chief	Chris Armstrong
1998	Vice-Chief Administration	Matt Laird
1998	Vice-Chief Program	Mason Primm
1998	Vice-Chief Records	Patrick Hampel
1998	Vice-Chief Ceremony	Stephen Hudson
1998	Vice-Chief Dance	John Long

1998	Lodge Adviser	Erik Nelson
1999	Lodge Chief	Patrick Hampel
1999	Vice-Chief Administration	Greg Kitchens
1999	Vice-Chief Program	Scott Stephens
1999	Vice-Chief Records	Jason Stephens
1999	Vice-Chief Ceremony	Paul Borden
1999	Vice-Chief Dance	Jay West
1999	Lodge Adviser	Erik Nelson
2000	Lodge Chief	Andy Burns
2000	Vice-Chief Administration	Scott Stephens
2000	Vice-Chief Program	Greg Kitchens
2000	Vice-Chief Records	Daniel Homan
2000	Vice-Chief Ceremony	Patrick Hampel
2000	Vice-Chief Dance	James Hardin
2000	Lodge Adviser	Erik Nelson
2001	Lodge Chief	Daniel Homan
2001	Vice-Chief Administration	Rick O'Neil
2001	Vice-Chief Program	Richard Henry
2001	Vice-Chief Records	Madison Underwood
2001	Vice-Chief Ceremony	James Sexton
2001	Vice-Chief Dance	Patrick Kenyon
2001	Lodge Adviser	Clif Homan

2002	Lodge Chief	Richard Henry
2002	Vice-Chief Administration	James Sexton
2002	Vice-Chief Program	Michael Hartin
2002	Vice-Chief Records	Davis Leavelle
2002	Vice-Chief Ceremony	Rick O'Neil
2002	Vice-Chief Dance	Daniel Homan
2002	Lodge Adviser	Clif Homan
2002	Assoc. Adviser	Rob Fikes
2002	Assoc. Adviser	Charles Lahay
2002	Assoc. Adviser	Chris Sentell
2003	Lodge Chief	James Sexton
2003	Vice-Chief Administration	Michael Hartin
2003	Vice-Chief Program	Steve O'Neil
2003	Vice-Chief Records	Luke Scott
2003	Vice-Chief Ceremony	Adam May
2003	Vice-Chief Dance	John Brackett
2003	Lodge Adviser	Clif Homan
2003	Assoc. Adviser	Rob Fikes
2003	Assoc. Adviser	Charles Lahay
2003	Assoc. Adviser	Chris Sentell
2004	Lodge Chief	Steve O'Neil
2004	Vice-Chief Administration	John Brackett
2004	Vice-Chief Records	Trey Brooks

2004	Vice-Chief Ceremony	Adam May
2004	Vice-Chief Dance	Jared Owens
2004	Lodge Adviser	Clif Homan
2004	Assoc. Adviser	Billy Hughes
2004	Assoc. Adviser	Charles Lahay
2004	Assoc. Adviser	Chris Sentell
2005	Lodge Chief	Trey Brooks
2005	Vice-Chief Administration	
2005	Vice-Chief Records	David Henderson
2005	Vice-Chief Ceremony	Judson Miller
2005	Vice-Chief Dance	Jess Leonard
2005	Lodge Adviser	Clif Homan
2005	Assoc. Adviser	Billy Hughes
2005	Assoc. Adviser	Charles Lahay
2005	Assoc. Adviser	Chris Sentell
2006	Lodge Chief	Rick Byrne
2006	Vice-Chief Administration	Christopher Register
2006	Vice-Chief Records	Scott Lee
2006	Vice-Chief Ceremony	Judson Miller
2006	Vice-Chief Dance	Hunter Dorough
2006	Lodge Adviser	Clif Homan
2006	Assoc. Adviser	Rob Fikes
2006	Assoc. Adviser	Charles Lahay
2006	Assoc. Adviser	Chris Sentell
2006	Assoc. Adviser	Billy Hughes

2007	Lodge Chief	David Wilson II
2007	Vice-Chief Administration	Jordan Hammonds
2007	Vice-Chief Records	
2007	Vice-Chief Ceremony	Andrew Duncan
2007	Vice-Chief Dance	
2007	Lodge Adviser	Clif Homan
2007	Assoc. Adviser	Rob Fikes
2007	Assoc. Adviser	David Wilson
2007	Assoc. Adviser	Charles Lahay
2007	Assoc. Adviser	Billy Hughes
2008	Lodge Chief	Jordan Hammonds* / Lee Spain * Elected Section Chief in April 2008
2008	Vice-Chief Administration	Lee Spain
2008	Vice-Chief Records	Matthew S.
2008	Vice-Chief Ceremony	Matthew Duncan
2008	Vice-Chief Dance	Spencer S.
2008	Lodge Adviser	Clif Homan
2008	Assoc. Adviser	Rob Fikes
2008	Assoc. Adviser	David Wilson
2008	Assoc. Adviser	Erik Nelson
2008	Assoc. Adviser	Billy Hughes
2008	Assoc. Adviser	Charles Lahay
2009	Lodge Chief	Andrew Duncan
2009	Vice-Chief Administration	Connor Nelson
2009	Vice-Chief Records	Kyle Hagood

2009	Vice-Chief Ceremony	Matthew Duncan
2009	Vice-Chief Dance	
2009	Lodge Adviser	Clif Homan
2009	Assoc. Adviser	David Wilson
2009	Assoc. Adviser	Erik Nelson
2009	Assoc. Adviser	Billy Hughes
2009	Assoc. Adviser	Daniel Homan
2010	Lodge Chief	Matthew Duncan
2010	Vice-Chief Administration	Hayes Looney
2010	Vice-Chief Records	Reggie Roakes
2010	Vice-Chief Ceremony	Jonathan Hess
2010	Vice-Chief Dance	Jared Kornegay
2010	Lodge Adviser	Clif Homan
2010	Assoc. Adviser	David Wilson
2010	Assoc. Adviser	Erik Nelson
2010	Assoc. Adviser	Daniel Homan
2011	Lodge Chief	Hayes Looney
2011	Vice-Chief Administration	Manly Neighbors
2011	Vice-Chief Records	Will Falls
2011	Vice-Chief Ceremony	Connor Nelson
2011	Vice-Chief Dance	Jacob Walker
2011	Lodge Adviser	Clif Homan
2011	Assoc. Adviser	David Wilson
2011	Assoc. Adviser	Erik Nelson










2011	Assoc. Adviser	Daniel Homan
2012	Lodge Chief	Jeff Blanchard
2012	Vice-Chief Administration	Andrew Herring
2012	Vice-Chief Ceremony	Donnie Mims
2012	Vice-Chief Dance	Jacob Walker
2012	Lodge Adviser	Mike Duke
2012	Assoc. Adviser	David Wilson
2013	Lodge Chief	Nathan Giles
2013	Lodge Advisor	Mike Duke
2014	Lodge Chief	Jeff Blanchard
2014	Vice-Chief Admin	
2014	Vice-Chief of Program	
2014	Vice-Chief of Ceremonies	Noah Warren
2014	Vice-Chief of Drum and Dance	Eric Smallwood
2014	Lodge Advisor	Mike Duke
2015	Lodge Chief	Nathan Giles
2015	Vice-Chief of Administration	Jeff Blanchard
2015	Vice Chief of Inductions	Harrison Sentell
2015	Vice Chief of Program	Kile Beasley
2015	Secretary / Treasurer	Eric Smallwood
2015	Lodge Advisor	Mike Duke
2015	Lodge Assistant Advisor	Scott Stephens
2016	Lodge Chief	Kyle Beasley

2016	Vice-Chief of Administration	Noah Warren
2016	Vice-Chief of Program	Wrean Ramsay
2016	Vice-Chief of Inductions	Matthew Levan
2016	Secretary / Treasurer	Jeff Blanchard
2016	Lodge Advisor	Wayne Harris
2016	Lodge Assistant Advisor	Scott Stephens

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The following are item issued by Aracoma Lodge #481. Items are listed with their Blue Book designations if applicable. Where more than one issue of an item exist the text MVE (multiple variations exist) and how many (A, B) will appear. Example: XX01 MVE A, B would indicate that two versions of item XX01 exists.

For a complete listing of all patch variations please see The Blue Book or James Ford's memorabilia website at <http://www.oaimages.com/~blackwarriorcncl/>
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 <p>A1 1953-1957 300 total issued MVE A, B</p>	 <p>V-a Conference Camp Horne 1956</p>	 <p>N1 1957</p>
 <p>F1 1957-1964 200 issued MVE A, B</p>	 <p>F2 1964-1969 220 issued</p>	 <p>S1 1969-1974 MVE A, B, C</p>
 <p>S2 "Yellow Eye" 1973 220 issued</p>	 <p>SE-4A Conclave Camp Horne 1973</p>	 <p>S3 1976 440 issued MVE A, B</p>

 <p>eR1976-1 1976 MVE A, B</p>	 <p>S4 1977-1981 600 issued First flap containing an FDL.</p>	 <p>A02 Silver Anniversary 1977 175 issued</p>
 <p>R1 1980-1988 150 issued</p>	 <p>SE-4A Conclave Camp Horne 1980</p>	 <p>S5 1981 MVE A, B, C</p>
 <p>S6 1982 30th Anniversary 200 issued</p>	 <p>S7 1982-1985 220 issued MVE A, B</p>	 <p>N2 1984-1987 220 issued</p>
 <p>eX1984-1 1984 75 issued</p>	 <p>eX1984-2 1984 25 issued</p>	 <p>S8 Ordeal flap 1985-1987 525 total issued MVE A, B, C</p>




 <p>S9 Brotherhood flap 1986-1987 225 total issued MVE A, B</p>	 <p>S10 Vigil flap 1986-1987 110 issued MVE A, B</p>	 <p>S11 Lifetime Membership 1986 15 issued</p>
 <p>N2 1984-1987 200 issued</p>	 <p>A3 1987 100 issued</p>	 <p>A4 1987 35 issued</p>
 <p>S12 1987 Conclave Host 1987 400 total issued MVE A, B</p>	 <p>S13 1987 Conclave Work Day Participation 1987 50 issued</p>	 <p>S14 1987 Conclave Work Day Participation 50 issued</p>
 <p>S15 1987 Conclave Work Day Participation 50 issued</p>	 <p>SE-3 Conclave Participant patch 1987</p>	 <p>SE-3 Conclave Host Corp patch 1987</p>

 <p>S16 Ordeal flap 1987 125 issued</p>	 <p>S17 Brotherhood flap 1987 75 issued</p>	 <p>S18 Vigil flap 1987 25 issued</p>
 <p>S19 35th Anniversary 400 1987 issued</p>	 <p>S20 1988-1992</p>	<p>S21 (error in The Blue Book.)</p>
 <p>S22 1988</p>	 <p>S23 1994 MVE A, B</p>	 <p>1995 National issue given out by Aracoma</p>
 <p>S24 NOAC flap 1996</p>	 <p>eX1996-1 Native American Seminar 1996</p>	<p>This space intentionally blank</p>
 <p>S25 45th Anniversary 1997 600 issued</p>	 <p>R2 45th Anniversary 1997 300 issued</p>	 <p>S26 1997</p>

 <p>S27 1997</p>	 <p>eX1999-1 Native American Seminar 1997</p>	 <p>S28 1998</p>
 <p>S29 Conclave Service Lodge 1999</p>	 <p>S30 1999</p>	 <p>eX1999-1 Native American Seminar 1999</p>
 <p>SR-8B Conclave Camp Horne Participant patch 1999</p>	 <p>SR-8B Conclave Camp Horne Host Corps patch 1999</p>	 <p>SR-8B Conclave Camp Horne Special thanks patch 1999</p>

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 <p>SR-8B Conclave Camp Horne Vigil Rededication 1999</p>	 <p>S31 NOAC flap 2000</p>	 <p>eX2000-1 Native American Seminar 2000</p>
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 <p>S32 Ceremony Team 2001 107 created MVE A, B, C</p>	 <p>eX2001-1 Naive American Seminars 2001</p>	 <p>eR2001-2 Beaver Day 2001</p>
 <p>eR2001-3 Fall Fellowship 2001</p>	 <p>S33 NOAC flap 2002</p>	 <p>A5 50th Anniversary 2002 500 issued</p>
 <p>A5 pin 50th Anniversary 2002</p>	 <p>S34 50th Anniversary flap 2002 1000 issued</p>	 <p>eX2002-2 Native American Seminar 2002</p>

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 <p>eR2002-2 Beaver Day 2002</p>	 <p>P2 2003 250 issued</p>	 <p>eX2003-1 Native American Seminar 2003</p>
 <p>eR2003-2 Beaver Day 2003</p>	 <p>eR2003-3 Fall Fellowship 2003</p>	 <p>S35 2003-2007 500 issued (Known as the "Duck of Death")</p>
 <p>S36 NOAC flap 2004</p>	 <p>eX2004-1 Native American Seminar 2004</p>	 <p>eR2004-2 Spring Fellowship 2004</p>
 <p>eR2004-3 Fall Fellowship 2004</p>	 <p>eX2005-1 Native American Seminar 2005</p>	 <p>eR2005-2 Spring Fellowship 2005</p>

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 <p>eR2005-3 Fall Fellowship 2005</p>	 <p>S37 NOAC flap 2006 200 issued</p>	 <p>eX2006-1 Native American Seminar 2006</p>
 <p>eA2006-2 Moundville Encampment 2006 300 issued</p>	 <p>S38 Conclave Host Lodge 2007 500 issued</p>	 <p>S39 Conclave Service Award 2007 100 issued</p>
 <p>SR-1 Conclave Camp Horne Delegate patch 2007</p>	 <p>SR-1 Conclave Camp Horne Participant patch 2007</p>	 <p>SR-1 Conclave Camp Horne "Coffee Cup" 2007</p>
 <p>S40 55th Anniversary 2007 500 issued</p>	 <p>eX2007-1 Native American Seminar 2007</p>	 <p>eX2008-1 Native American Seminar 2008</p>

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 <p>eR2008-2 Spring Fellowship 2008</p>	 <p>S42 Camp Horne Anniversary flap 2009 200 issued</p>	 <p>eX2009-1 Spring Fellowship 2009</p>
 <p>eX2009-2 Ordeal Weekend 2009</p>	 <p>eX2009-3 Fall Fellowship 2009</p>	 <p>SR-9 Conclave patch 2009</p>
 <p>S43 2010 500 issued</p>	 <p>R8 Aracoma Event patch 2010 500 issued</p>	 <p>R8, eX2010-1, eX2010-2, eX2010-03, and eX2010-5 2010 250 of each segment issued</p>
 <p>eR2010-6 Certificate of Appreciation 25 issued</p>	 <p>S44 2011 500 issued</p>	 <p>X2 Pocket Patch 2011 500 issued</p>

<p><i>Hold for combined picture of S44 and X2.</i></p>	 <p>SR-9 Conclave 2011</p>	 <p>X3 2011 500 issued</p>
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 <p>X3, eX2011-1, eX2011-2, eX2011-3, and eX2011-4 combined</p>	 <p>eR2011-5 Certificate of Appreciation 25 issued</p>	 <p>S45 Conclave flap 2012 250 issued</p>
 <p>S46 Spring Fellowship 2012 250 issued</p>	 <p>S47 Ordeal Weekend 2012 250 issued</p>	 <p>S48 Fall Fellowship 2012 250 issued</p>
 <p>S49 OA Banquet 2012 250 issued</p>	 <p>S50 Chief's Award 2012 50 issued</p>	 <p>S51 NOAC 2012</p>
 <p>X04 NOAC 2012</p>	 <p>S51 + X04 NOAC 2012</p>	 <p>S52 Conclave 2013 250 issued</p>

 <p>S53 Spring Fellowship 2013 250 created</p>	 <p>S54 Ordeal Weekend 2015 250 issued</p>	 <p>S55 Fall Fellowship 2013 250 issued</p>
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 <p>S56 OA Banquet 2013 250 issued</p>	 <p>S57 Certificate of Appreciation 2013</p>	 <p>eR2013-1 Pre-2014 Conclave patch 2013 Designed by Rob Fikes.</p>
 <p>S58 2014 Conclave 2014</p>	 <p>S59 2014 Conclave Host 2014</p>	 <p>S60 Drum Team Service Award 2014</p>
 <p>X05 Conclave Kitchen Crew 2014 Designed by Wayne Harris</p>	 <p>eR2014-1 Conclave Patch 2014 Designed by Rob Fikes.</p>	 <p>eX2014-2 Vigil Rededication 2014 Conclave 2014 Designed by Rob Fikes.</p>



eR2014-3
Fall Fellowship
2014



S61
NOAC Contingent flap
2015
200 issued
Designed by Jordan
Hammons.



S62
Centennial flap
2015
300 issued
Designed by Jordan
Hammons.

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S63
Conclave flap
2015
100 issued



S64
NOAC Contingent
1 of 6
2015
200 issued
Designed by Wayne Harris



S65
NOAC Contingent
2 of 6
2015
200 issued
Designed by Wayne Harris



S66
NOAC Contingent
3 of 6
2015
200 issued
Designed by Wayne Harris



S67
NOAC Contingent
4 of 6
2015
200 issued
Designed by Wayne Harris



S68
NOAC Contingent
5 of 6
2015
200 issued
Designed by Wayne Harris



S69
NOAC Contingent
6 of 6
2015
200 issued



R10
NOAC Centennial
2015
300 issued
Designed by Jordan
Hammons



J01
NOAC Contingent
2015
125 issued
Designed by Brandon
Warren.

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N3
NOAC Centennial
Designed by Jordan
Hammons.
2 per life
100 issued



eA2015-1
Fall Fellowship Event
2015
Designed by Jordan
Hammons.
150 issued



eA2015-2
Fall Fellowship Participant
2015
Designed by Jordan
Hammons
150 issued



eA2015-3
Fall Fellowship
Vigil Rededication
2015
Designed by Jordan
Hammons.
50 issued



eA2015-4
Fall Fellowship
Game Winners
2015
Designed by Jordan
Hammons.
75 issued



X6

2016



X7
Lodge Food Drive
2016



Council Food Drive
2016
(not a lodge issue)



Council / Lodge
Food Drive Award
2016
(not a lodge issue)

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 <p>S70 Conclave trader 2016 200 made</p>	 <p>S71 Conclave trader 2016 100 made</p>	 <p>MOS-1 Chief's Award Coin 2016 100 made</p>
 <p>MOS-2 Lodge Belt Buckle 2017 117 made</p>	 <p>X09 Polar Plunge 2017 100 made</p>	
 <p>S74 Conclave Contingent 2017 100 made</p>	 <p>S75 Conclave Trader 2017 300 made</p>	

Aracoma Lodge Operation Rules

ARTICLE I NAME AND AFFILIATION

Section 1 - The name of this lodge of the Order of the Arrow shall be Aracoma Lodge #481, W.W. W.

Section 2 - This lodge shall be affiliated with the Black Warrior Council, Boy Scouts of America, and shall be under the supervision of the council camping committee and the administrative authority of the Scout Executive.

ARTICLE II ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - The requirement for membership in this lodge shall be as required in the latest edition of the Order of the Arrow Handbook.

Section 2 - The procedure for the Ordeal Ceremony shall be as stated in the latest edition of the Order of the Arrow Handbook and the Ceremony of the Ordeal.

Section 3 - All unit elections for membership must be cleared through the Lodge Unit Elections Committee.

Section 4 - The Executive Committee of the lodge may select Unit, District, or Council Scouts for nomination for induction into the Order of the Arrow.

Section 5 - There shall be an induction fee for each new Ordeal member based on the cost of the following items:

- Membership Card
- Order of the Arrow Sash
- Order of the Arrow Handbook
- Aracoma Lodge Pocket Flap
- Yearly dues
- Current copy of Lodge by-laws
- Subsistence during the Ordeal
- Other material deemed necessary by the Inductions Committee

ARTICLE III REQUIREMENTS FOR BROTHERHOOD MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - The requirements for Brotherhood membership shall be as stated in the latest edition of the Order of the Arrow Handbook.

Section 2 - The procedure for the Brotherhood induction shall be as stated in the latest edition of the Order of the Arrow Handbook and the Ceremony of the Brotherhood.

ARTICLE IV REQUIREMENTS FOR VIGIL HONOR MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - The requirements for Vigil Honor membership shall be stated in the latest edition of the Order of the Arrow Handbook.

Section 2 - The procedure for the Vigil Honor induction shall be as stated in the latest edition of the Order of the Arrow Handbook and the Ceremony of the Vigil.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

Section 1 - The officers of this lodge shall be:

Lodge Chief
Lodge Vice-Chief of Administration
Lodge Vice-Chief of Records and Finance
Lodge Vice-Chief of Ceremony
Lodge Vice-Chief of Dance

These officers must be under 21 years of age during their entire term of office.

Section 2 - The Executive Committee of this Lodge shall be composed of each elected Lodge Officers, the immediate past Lodge Chief, all Lodge Committee chairmen, the Lodge Lay Adviser, the Council Scout Executive and the Staff Adviser.

Section 3 - Lodge officers shall be elected at the first Lodge meeting after September 1st of each year. The term of the officers shall be from January 1st to December 31st. Officers may succeed themselves.

Section 4 - The Lodge shall hold a training conference annually for the purpose of training the newly elected officers and operating committee chairman.

Section 5 - Any elected officer may be removed from office as follows:

1. A petition signed by at least thirty (30) percent of the current lodge membership showing cause for the action must be presented to the Lodge Executive Committee.
2. A hearing shall be held before the Lodge Executive Committee, with the Officer being charged and the member(s) making the charge.
3. The petition is then brought before the membership and voted upon. A two-thirds vote is required to finalize the removal from office.

Section 6 - If the office of Lodge Chief is vacated during the term of office, the First Vice-Chief (Administration) shall fill the office. If any other office is vacated, the Lodge Chief shall appoint a successor with the approval of the Lodge Executive Committee.

Section 7 - All officers must reside within the boundaries of the Black Warrior Council during the entire term of office.

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

Section 1 - The Lodge Chief shall appoint such standing committees as may be required for the operation of the Lodge. All appointments must be approved by the Lodge Executive Committee.

Section 2 - All committee chairmen must be under 21 years of age during their entire term of office.

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

Section 1 - The lodge shall hold at least six (6) meetings during their calendar year.

Section 2 - The Lodge Executive Committee shall meet at least six (6) times during the calendar year.

ARTICLE VIII DUES

Section 1 - All funds of the Lodge shall be handled through the regular accounting procedures of the Black Warrior Council.

Section 2 - Lodge dues shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) per calendar year. Nonpayment of dues by July 15th or the First Ordeal Weekend shall disqualify active membership.

Section 3 - Inactive members may be reinstated upon payment of the present years dues plus one (1) years back dues.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

Section 1 - These by-laws are subject to amendment at any time provided the amendment has been submitted to the Lodge Executive Committee at least one (1) month prior to a lodge meeting and that notice has been sent to all active members.

Section 2 - A two-thirds (2/3) vote shall be required for passage of the amendment.