



# Five Feathers

The official newsletter of Eastern Region, Section E-7- Order of the Arrow

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## Election Special Edition!

### Candidates for Section Chief

#### Andrew Adler

Hello! My name is Andrew Adler and I am running for your section chief. I am an Eagle Scout from Troop 89 out of Monroe, NC and a second term lodge chief from Itibapishe lti Hollo Lodge. Throughout my term as lodge chief, our lodge developed its working committees, created a season pass patch, and worked to become a section honor lodge at the 2021 Cornerstone Conclave.

In my scouting career I have taken some leadership trainings such as NYLT, the National Leadership Seminar, and a Section ACT Conference. I have served 4 years on camp staff, 2 of which were at Camp John J Barnhardt. I have in the areas of Outdoor Skills and Aquatics. I was fortunate enough to represent the lodge at the National Council of Chiefs at the Philmont Training Center in August of 2021.

If elected section chief, I would like to increase our section's communication to lodge officers and develop a section training.

#### Gabe Gainey

I'm Gabe Gainey from Santee Lodge, and I am running to be your next Section Chief. After serving two terms as Lodge Chief for Santee Lodge, I believe I have the skills and experience to represent your interests at the section level.

I would like to start by telling you a little bit about myself. I am an Eagle Scout from Troop 523 in Hartsville, SC. I was the Student Body President for my high school. I am a recipient

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of the Founders Award. I am a Vigil Honor member, and for several years I have served my lodge as a ceremonialist.

It is important to me that every brothers' voice is heard. Please approach me this afternoon, I would like to get to know as many of you as possible, and hear your ideas for the Section. After tonight, if elected, I would like to hear from each and every one of you because I know that representing you is more than voting the way you want me to vote; it is representing your interests at the section level. I look forward to working with, and for, you.

#### Matthew Hepp

Good evening, I am Matthew Hepp. I hail from Skyuka Lodge and have been serving in the OA since 2017. I am an Eagle Scout from Troop 33 in Rock Hill South Carolina. I have served in Skyuka lodge as Chapter Chief for 3 years and Vice Chief of American Indian Affairs. I have also served as a ceremonialist for the past 4 years and plan to continue serving until I age out. In the AIA department I have danced in both Northern Traditional and Grass dance. I plan on competing at NOAC in AIA in Grass dance. I sat my Vigil in fall of 2021 and earned my founders award and James E. West award the following year. Helping plan this year's Cornerstone Conclave has been an amazing experience. I have made many long lasting relationships that I will cherish for the rest of my scouting career. I was gifted the opportunity to serve cheerfully this year and have made many fond memories. I have enjoyed serving as Section Secretary for SR-5 and hope to continue serving cheerfully as E-7 Section Chief.

## **Jamie Martin**

My name is Jamie Martin and I am running for the office of Section Chief. I'd like to thank the host lodge and section staff for putting on another amazing conclave this year. In the past I have had the honor of serving as our Lodge Treasurer and Lodge Chief as well as the section Admin Coordinator for the past two years. Within the Order of the Arrow I enjoy playing the part of Allowat Sakima in ceremonies and participating in the different American Indian Activities that are offered.

In the next year if I am elected to the office of Section I would like to focus on a few things including training, communication between the lodges and the section as well as the overall appeal for our section Conclave. Training is a big part of what we do within the Order of the Arrow, there I would like to move more towards a NOAC approach to training. The section would provide the training session at conclave, with hand picked trainers that are very knowledgeable in that area. Also I would like to be proactive in the communication between the lodge and section level. This is so that not only do the lodges know what is going on at the section level, but so that the Section Officers know what Individual lodges need from them to have a successful year.

## **Jacob Taylor**

Jacob Taylor is a Vigil Honor member and Eagle Scout hailing from the Bob White Lodge 87. Formerly Lodge Chief in 2020, Jacob has held many positions in the lodge, including Lodge Vice-Chief of Administration for two terms (2018 & 2019), Chapter Chief (2017), NOAC Contingent Chairman (2018), Vigil Chief (2021-2022), and Ceremonies Chairman, in which he has served on the Pre-Ordeal team since 2016. In the Bob White Lodge, Jacob has also been awarded Founder's Award, the J. Rucker Newbery Service Award, the Lodge's yearly James E. West Award, and the Spirit Award. Currently, he attends Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina, where he studies Politics and International Affairs. As Section Chief, Jacob plans to develop further the tools needed for section leadership to effectively run events such as the Cornerstone Conclave. Early on, when beginning his lodge leadership, Jacob attended NLS and learned the importance of training and inspiring the next leaders of tomorrow. A goal as a Section Chief would be to develop more participation in the NLS program and provide scholarship assistance to train future leaders in scouting. It is also vital that our section leadership comprises those best suited for the job. As Chief, Coordinators and other appointed

positions would be selected through an application system where everyone has an opportunity to assist in conclave. He has spent the past five summers working on summer camp staff at the Robert E. Knox Scout Reservation and Camp Rainey Mountain. He also continues to work on summer camp staff for Camp Rainey Mountain in the North East Georgia Council as the Lead Instructor in the High Adventure Department. Jacob looks forward to continuing his service in Section E-7 and Order of the Arrow.

## **Candidates for Section Vice Chief**

### **Elijah Aiken**

Hello my name is Elijah Aiken, I am from Liberty SC and I am in Atta Kulla Kulla 185! I have served as Lodge Secretary, Lodge VC of Inductions, and the 2022 Special Events Coordinator for this years Conclave. I look forward to helping expand this sections brand through social media and providing more opportunities for our youth! I love God, Baseball, and the OA.

### **Grace Franklin**

My name is Grace Franklin. I am an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 91. I joined Scouts BSA on February 1, 2019 as the Founding SPL. I have since served as Troop Guide, OA Representative, and JASM. I became a member of the inaugural class of female Eagle Scouts when I passed my board on October 1, 2020. As a Camp Barstow staff leader, I earned my BSA Lifeguard and Level 1 COPE/Climbing certification. I started my OA journey in August 2019. In October of that year, I became the Vice Chief of Indian Affairs. I now serve as a Ceremonialist and Fancy Shawl Dancer. I attended NLS in Atlanta 2020. When COVID lead to several of our chairman positions being empty, I stepped in as Training chairman. I was elected Lodge Chief in October 2021 and proudly serve Muscogee Lodge. I have served as the Program coordinator this year, and I hope that you all enjoyed the quest events. I plan to continue serving the section in the upcoming year in whatever capacity I can.

## **Candidates for Section Secretary**

### **Dylan Blackmon**

My name is Dylan Blackmon. I'm from Troop 220 in Fort Mill, SC, where I am a Life Scout. I am in Crew 4213. There, I serve as the Vice President of Administration. Finally, I am in Skyuka Lodge #270 where I serve as the Lodge Secretary as well as York Chapter Secretary.