



Five Feathers

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Issue 3

Looking Ahead to NOAC 2000

NOAC, What Is NOAC?



NOAC, or the National Order of the Arrow Conference is, simply put, the Order of the Arrow at its finest. It is

held every two years at a different college in the United States, and thousands of Arrowmen flock from around the country to partake in the festivities. This summer it will be at the University of Tennessee on July 29 - August 3. The Cost is \$280 for both staff and delegates.

So, the second question is, what's there to do at NOAC? Well, let's find out.

Training

NOAC offers some of the best

training opportunities anywhere. It offers classes on every topic associated with the Order of the Arrow, from Quillwork of the Dakota Sioux, to how to manage the mega-lodge. These instructional courses are designed to help Arrowmen develop their skills and interests. The classes also serve as a way to open up Arrowmen to new ideas and customs of other lodges. These courses are given by experts from across the United States and can be looked upon as one of the most important reasons to go to NOAC.

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Your Journey Has Almost Begun

The Road Trip to Dixie 2000

Enticing Outdoor Excursions

No Dixie Fellowship is ever complete without a road trip. The Five Feathers Publishing Staff took a recent road trip through scenic Asheville, NC in order to bring you the following advice for your Dixie journey. We would like to offer some advise, be sure to pack warm clothing because it has been known to snow at Camp Daniel Boone in April.

The Blue Ridge Parkway

The Blue Ridge Parkway (<http://www.ncnatural.com/Parkway/>) winds through the hazy blue mountains surrounding Asheville. This 470-mile scenic road connects the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia and the Great

Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina and Tennessee. The route follows the crest of the Blue Ridge and other ranges and overlooks offer scenic vistas of the Southern Highlands. Among the points of interest in the Western North Carolina region are Linville Gorge, Mount Mitchell, Craggy Gardens, Folk Art Center, Mount Pisgah and Shining Rock Wilderness.

The Blue Ridge Parkway has six entrances accessible from the greater Asheville area. A portion of the route is used by locals as a commuter highway that runs around the SE end of Asheville. Avid walkers, runners and cyclists are seen using it everyday of the year as part

of their fitness regime. It is an important part in the life of this active community.

Mount Mitchell

Located an hour's drive NE of

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Looking Toward The Future

Asheville on the Blue Ridge Parkway, Mount Mitchell (<http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/momi.html>) stands at 6,684 feet and is the highest point in eastern America. You can access the summit by car, but for a rewarding and exhilarating hiking experience, start your trek at Black Mountain Campground on the South Toe River. On clear days, it's a beautiful view from the top, but always a bit chilly so pack your parka!

Mount Pisgah

Take the Blue Ridge Parkway south from Asheville about 20 miles to find Mount Pisgah. A hiking trail leads to the 5,721-foot summit. It's a bit of a climb and has rewarding views. When you return to the Parkway, head south just a couple miles to the Pisgah Inn where you can get a great meal while admiring scenic views from the dining area.

Shining Rock Wilderness

Shining Rock is a 13,600-acre tract preserved to provide a primitive retreat from civilization. Located southeast of Asheville at Blue Ridge Parkway milepost marker 420.2, this wilderness area is known for its "shining rocks," huge, snow-white quartz rock outcrops that cap Shining Rock Mountain at 6,000 feet elevation. With 25 miles of trails, the Shining Rock Wilderness offers the outdoor enthusiast a wide variety of hiking options with spectacular vistas.



Here are this years lodge registration numbers for Dixie.			
Catawba	80	Unali'yi	60
Skyuka	98	Eswau	64
Bobwhite	70	Santee	80
Iti Bap	80	AKK	86
Muscogee	105	Tsali	100
TOTAL:		823	

Brothers,

The registration is in and I trust everyone is preparing their road trip for Dixie 2000 in beautiful Asheville, North Carolina. I can personally assure you that Dixie Vice Chief Andy Clark, Adviser Garrick "Doogan" Smith and Tsali Lodge have all been diligently preparing for the absolute best conclave east of the Mississippi. Look forward to nothing but the best!

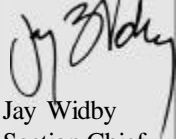
Over the past few months, I have had the tremendous opportunity to travel throughout the section and fellowship with nearly every lodge in SR 5. Undoubtedly being able to attend your lodge functions and meeting all the members in the Section is without a hesitation the most rewarding part of my job. From watching renowned vegetarian Lodge Chief Sean Gantt host the largest steak banquet to hearing Will Parker, our Past National Chief, speak about his experiences in the OA at Catawba's Banquet to the ferociously competitive "Chapter Feud" at Eswau Huppeday's Back on Track Banquet to the retiring of the Section Lodge of the Year plaque at Muscogee's Banquet to the snowed out Skyuka Banquet (fear not, I will be there for the makeup on February 19, 2000) to the Bob White Lodge Quail Tech Training Conference and Banquet these past few months have been truly special. If I have not had the opportunity to attend one of your events yet, I would certainly love to come! Drop me a line at widbyj@bellsouth.net and let me know the details.

In addition, I also represented Section SR 5 at the recent National Planning Meeting in Westlake, Texas where the new national and regional officers are elected as well as the pre-planning for the National Order of the Arrow Conference is begun. For those of you who attended ArrowTech, Section SR 5's premier training conference in Columbia, SC, our new National Chief Carey Mignerey and Southern Region Chief Jim Cheatham were both guest trainers at the conference. This is the second year in a row ArrowTech has had the future National Chief in attendance to train the Lodge leaders of SR 5.

As we move closer to the Dixie Fellowship and National Order of the Arrow Conference, look for more updates and news broadcast on our Section Email List. If you are in a leadership position in your Lodge, I highly encourage you to head over to the Section Web Site at www.bsa.net/sc/sr5 and join the SR 5 mailing list.

I look forward to seeing each of you at an upcoming event and the Dixie Fellowship.

I remain,
Yours in Service,


 Jay Widby
 Section Chief



Section Officers 1999-2000



Chief
Jay Widby



Vice Chief
Greg Smith



Secretary
Jason Laney



Adviser
Mac McLean



A Note from the Editor

Fulfilling Our Promise



It is such an exciting time in our section with Dixie being just a mere two months away and NOAC quickly following. This year has been an amazing time for Section SR 5 and I am proud to be part of a team of dedicated Arrowmen that came together to pull it off. One of the things that I have enjoyed most about this year is the many friendships that I have made. From being

welcomed at lodge functions to working with many of you at section events, I will always treasure the happy times that I have experienced.

One of the changes that was made this year was a new design for the Section newsletter, The Five Feathers, but one thing is still missing. There needs to be a new logo to accompany the revamped look. To aid in this process, we are having a contest for a new logo for the newsletter. There are no restrictions on the design, but it should include

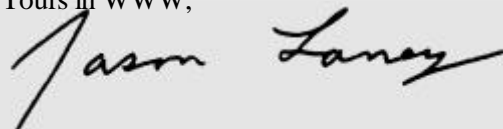


“Section SR 5” and be OA related. The winning logo will be chosen at the Dixie Fellowship, and the designer will receive a new Section back patch. All designs should be submitted to Section Secretary Jason Laney or the Section office at the Dixie Fellowship. I look forward to seeing the many different designs and we will try to include the new logo in the next mast production.

Serving this year as a section officer has been a great experience in my life, and I urge each of you to seriously consider serving in some section capacity. Possibilities include: being a member of a committee, trainer at ArrowTech, or running for a section office, and I am sure that you will not regret that choice. I encourage you to look over the “Running for a Section Office Guidelines” on page six of this issue, and if you have questions about a specific position please feel free to contact the respective officer.

In conclusion, I would like to thank each of you again for all of your help and support this year in our many endeavors. I also want to remind you of the March 31st deadline for “Issue 4” articles. This deadline includes lodge reports and candidate intention articles. Please send all submissions to SR5FF@aol.com. If you ever have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 828-298-2344 or jhlaney@aol.com and I look forward to seeing you at the Dixie.

Yours in WWW,


Jason Laney

Ceremonial Update

OA Acknowledges Ceremony Errors

The Official Order of the Arrow Website has announced that the revised Ceremony For The Ordeal book #34993A contains errors on the book's diagrams. These errors occurred on pages 7 and 8. (The incorrect diagrams are also repeated on page 24) The errors are the following:

- Diagram 6 on page 7 has the letters “N” and “M” switched on the diagram.
- The Diagrams on page 8 has “A” used when an “M” was needed, an “M” where an “N” was needed, and an “N” used where an “A” was needed.

The diagrams have been corrected and reprinted. Please check out the National OA Website for these changes in pdf format; the page is <http://www.oa-bsa.org/annc/g00/correctord>.

As a reminder to all of you, at Dixie we will be competing using these new ceremonies as revised by National.



The *Five Feathers* is published quarterly. If you have an article and/or picture (with caption) for submission, please send it to Jason Laney at sr5ff@aol.com. The next submission deadline is Friday, March 31, 2000.

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Dance Competitions

In addition to training, NOAC serves as the ultimate dance competition. Hundreds of dancers in each of the five dance categories: traditional, grass, old style, straight, and fancy, compete for recognition of their talents at one of the NOAC shows.

Ceremony Teams Evaluation

Almost every lodge in the nation sends at least one of its ceremony teams to be evaluated at NOAC. Though in the past it was considered a competition, now this event is used to help teams improve upon their own ceremonies and thus improve the candidates' conception of the ceremony.

Each team is given a rating of participant, achievement, merit, or honor. They are also offered some objective criticism by experienced judges, and other ceremony teams.

Patch Trading

The patch trading found at NOAC is unparalleled. The trading carried on at National Jamboree is but a furtive glimpse of the patch trading conducted at NOAC. Many lodges also create special NOAC flaps for each year they attend. Now, unlike jamboree council strips, these patches often come in multiple parts with as many as four or five separate parts all forming to create a picture. The trading at NOAC has, in fact reached such amazing heights, that now, in conjunction with NOAC a trade-

o-ree is also held in the nearby town or towns, generally about one per night.

Shows



Shows are also an attractive addition to the entire NOAC experience. Every night a different show is held in the college coliseum. All the Arrowmen join to partake in amazing brotherhood, and have a great time. These shows usually include live music, Native American dancing, the National Chief and Vice Chief, and important guests such as Miss Teen USA. These shows often have an underlying theme and serve to teach Arrowmen important moral or historical lessons. It is also at these shows that new ideas and policies are revealed by the National Committee.

Special Events

In addition to all these activities at NOAC, there are also several special events. Probably the most memorable is Founder's Day. On this day, all the lodges gather to join in fun and games, and learn about other people and places from around the country. Many lodges will set up booths that pertain to their respective cities and/or states. One can try gumbo from Louisiana, cheese from Wisconsin, or even learn about the Dr. Pepper museum in Waco, Texas. There is also a Pow-Wow, and Miss Teen USA often makes a cameo appearance.

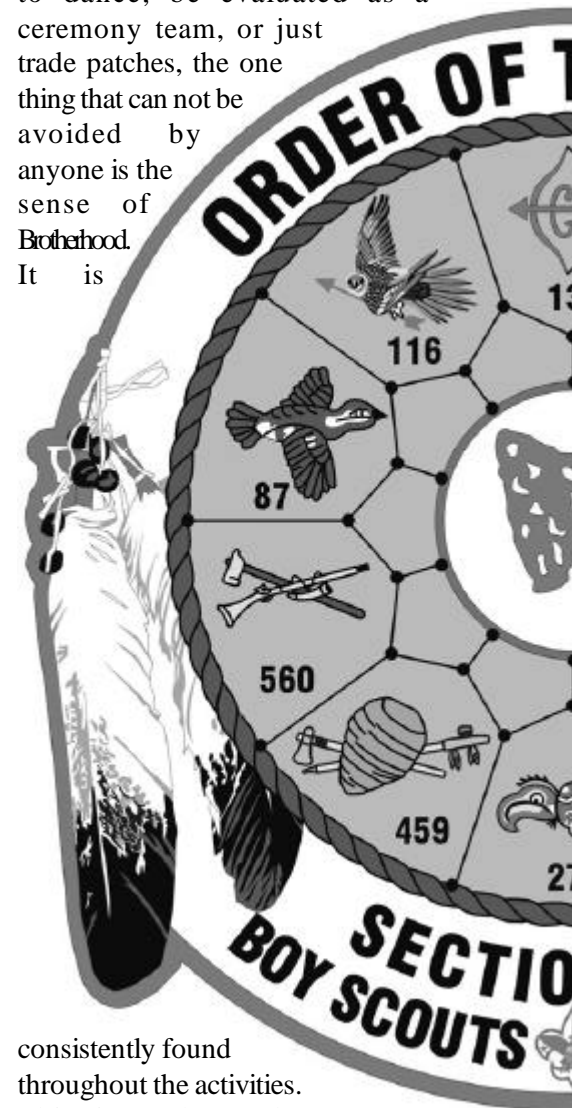
Another special event at NOAC is

the conferring of the Distinguished Service Award upon Arrowmen who exemplify our promise to live in cheerful service.

Brotherhood

Whether you are going to NOAC to dance, be evaluated as a ceremony team, or just trade patches, the one thing that can not be avoided by anyone is the sense of Brotherhood.

It is



consistently found throughout the activities.

This is perhaps the most important reason for a person to go to NOAC. We are the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service and it is going to NOAC that reaffirms our brotherhood and refreshes our motivation to continue to live in the service of others.



NLS

No NLS in 2000

The Southern Region has changed the method by which the National Leadership Seminars are conducted for 2000 and 2001. Under the new plan, the National Leadership Seminar will be held in four sections in 2000 and the remaining four sections in 2001. Each

National Leadership Seminar will be attended exclusively by members of the Section where it is held. As

such, Section SR 5 will not



have National Leadership Seminar in 2000. Our National Leadership Seminar will be conducted in 2001 at a location to be determined by the Region and Section Key 3.



Another Stellar Seminar

Eswau Huppeday hosts widely acclaimed event

On the weekend of January 21-23, Eswau Huppeday Lodge held their annual Carolinas Indian Seminar (CIS) in Statesville, NC. Several of SR 5's lodges attended this event which is arguably one of the biggest Indian events in the entire Southern Region. Along with the lodges of our section, several other lodges from all over the country came as well...some came from as far away as New York. The event also had a special guest to attend. Carey Mignerey, the National OA Chief was on hand for the weekend. This was Carey's third time to attend a CIS.



The weekend started off with an introductory powwow Friday night. Here the experienced dancers showed off their dances and their regalia (dance outfits) while Eswau Huppeday's Ed DeTorres gave general descriptions of each dance style. This is where the scouts who were interested in getting started in dancing got ideas on what styles and designs they would like to start out with.

Saturday was spent on education. Like ArrowTech, CIS had several classes that scouts could go to and learn things about Indian Affairs. There were classes taught on singing, ceremonies, beadwork, crafts, history, and even on how to organize your own powwow. There were also classes on all of the different styles of dancing where scouts can learn how to make and dance the styles that most interested them.

Unfortunately, throughout Saturday



afternoon, the rumors of bad, wintry weather forced several attendants to pack up and leave early. As the day drew on, the flurries that appeared outside soon turned into an all out snowfall, leaving the CIS in 3 or so inches of snow by evening time. However, not all participants decided to pack up and head home because of the snow. Several stayed and danced at the Saturday night powwow which consisted of a Grand Entry, a hoop dance exposition, and finally an address by



Carey Mignerey.

On Sunday morning, the remaining scouts had breakfast, went to a non-denominational church service, and then headed home. Despite the bad weather, the Indian Seminar was a success. I would like to Congratulate Ed DeTorres, Jeff Whisenant, and the rest of Eswau Huppeday for an excellent weekend. Best wishes in your preparation for the 2001 Carolinas Indian Seminar.

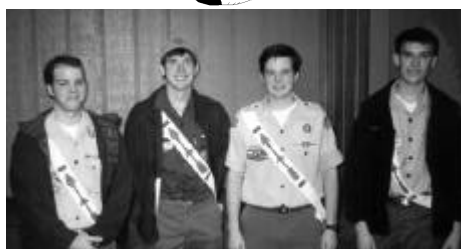


Running For Office



All candidates interested in running for a Section Office must be a registered member of a Section SR 5 lodge and under 21 throughout the entire term of their office. In addition, all candidates must have the approval of their Scout Executive (typically in a written letter) before they are nominated. This approval must be obtained and verified by Section Adviser Mac McLean prior to the 2000 Dixie Fellowship. Please contact Mac McLean at (864) 277-8861 or afmkcc@aol.com for further information with regards to this requirement.

This year all candidates for section office who would like to have an article included with the Dixie welcome newsletter must submit the article by March 31st. This newsletter will be distributed at the beginning of Dixie to every brother and will be a great resource for conveying information and ideas. The article should be sent to Section Secretary Jason Laney at SR5FF@aol.com before the deadline to allow time to produce the newsletter prior to the conclave. If an article is not submitted on or before March 31st, it will not be included in the newsletter. If you have any questions about running for a section office please contact Mac McLean at afmkcc@aol.com or Jay Widby at widbyj@bellsouth.net.



Jay Widby, Todd Knaperek, Will Parker, and Jason Laney at Catawba Lodge's Annual Banquet.

Lodge Reports



Tsali 134

Jason Laney,
Lodge Chief

Tsali Lodge is very excited about hosting this year's Dixie. We have been planning for this for a while, and we hope that everyone in the Section has a great time at Camp Daniel Boone. We would also like to announce that we will be holding our annual Winter Banquet February 26th at Woodland Hills Baptist Church. We are honored to have Southern Region Chief Jim Cheatham be our guest speaker. At the banquet we will be giving out awards to new Ordeal and Brotherhood members, have a Vigil tap-out, and present the Founder's Award. Also at the banquet, we will be holding our LLD program. With trainers like Tee Pruitt, Jay Widby, Kevin Anderson, and Jason Laney we believe we are going to have one of the best training sessions ever. That's it from Tsali Lodge. We hope to see all of you at Dixie 2000.



Catawba 459

Rod Fincannon,
Lodge Chief

In the past few months Catawba Lodge has been very busy. We hosted a cold weather training on January eighth, that was open to any and all scouts, at which we had a very good attendance. Unfortunately our cold weather camping trip was canceled due to icy conditions. Nevertheless we are now preparing for several exciting events.

Catawba will have our "One Day" project on February the nineteenth, where we will sort food gathered by "Scouting for Food" at the Loaves and

Fishes warehouse in Charlotte. We are also preparing for two fellowships. The first being our own Spring Fellowship that will be held on March seventeenth through the nineteenth, at Mecklenburg Scout Reservation, at which we will prepare for Dixie. Second of which will be Dixie.



Skyuka 270

Roger Revell,
Lodge Chief

No trails were cleared, no bridges were built, and no buildings were repainted, but the Lodge still put up a good show in the name of Brotherhood. For the first time in more than ten years, the York Chapter played host to the rest of the lodge for the Fall Fellowship. The fellowship is the one weekend of the year that the Lodge dedicates entirely to the enjoyment of its brothers and this event did just that.

From ultimate frisbee to a blow-up moonwalk, Arrowmen spread out across the Anne Springs Close Greenway in search of a little fun.

"This was definitely the best fellowship I have been to since I joined the lodge. I haven't sat down since I woke up this morning because there is so much to do," said Brandon James.

There was a little business completed at the fellowship. Lodge elections were held on Saturday night after more than thirty hours of heavy campaigning by the candidates.

On Sunday morning after the tents were packed and the camp cleaned, brothers said their farewells to one

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another and departed back to their homes. The weekend was a great success and will be a wonderful memory to all who attended.



Santee 116
Chris Lee,
Lodge Secretary

Santee Lodge 116 is at the beginning of our 62nd year of service to the Pee Dee Area Council. We are excited about the upcoming year, during which time Santee will have a full schedule. We are kicking off with a Workday on Feb. 12th, followed by Spring Fellowship from March 10th to 12th, both at Camp Coker. During the Fellowship, we will once again induct new brothers into the Order, and give others the opportunity to seal their membership in the Brotherhood. If you wish to attend, contact our Council Service Center or an active member of Santee Lodge for information.

One of the most recent projects in which we have played a key role is the construction of the new 65 foot repelling tower with zip line for the camp's COPE course. Santee is once again planning several projects at our camp, which may include the completion of the new activity field and the addition of new elements on the COPE course. Each of these efforts will greatly enhance year-round program at Camp Coker.

We would like to welcome David Lee as our new Lodge Adviser. He has served the Lodge and Council in many capacities and we wish him well in this new endeavor. And finally, we look forward to seeing you at Dixie Fellowship in the thin air of Camp Daniel Boone.



AKK 185
Michael Kirby,
Lodge Chief

Atta Kulla Kulla is gearing up for Dixie 2000. We are also making plans for our upcoming Winter Banquet that will be held on February 5. We are expecting about 70 Arrowmen and their families there.

We are excited about our 60th Anniversary this year too.



Muscogee 221
Jonathan Hardin,
Lodge Editor

Brothers of the Section,

At the recent Winter Banquet Muscogee Lodge continued its preparation for the 2000 Dixie Fellowship. We also registered Lodge brothers who wished to attend for NOAC. At this Banquet, Muscogee was delighted and honored to be able welcome the Section SR 5 Chief, Jay Widby.

Awards were passed out and received by many brothers. These awards included Brotherhood and Vigil Honor recognition, Service awards, different Chapter awards, and various others. We were also honored to welcome Lt. Colonel Surles of the United States Army as our guest speaker.

Now upcoming is the 2000 Spring Fellowship. This fellowship will be a fun-filled and exciting event that no Brother would want to miss. If you would like to attend the Muscogee Lodge's Spring Fellowship, then please contact Lodge Chief James Worley. Mr. Worley can be reached at (803) 772-1605 or through internet mail at wordlybird@prodigy.net and there is a

\$5 late fee if you register any time after March 9, 2000.

Muscogee hopes to see all of you at the Dixie Fellowship, and would again like to encourage all OA brothers from any Lodge to come attend our Fellowships.



Itibap 188
Chad A. Drye,
Lodge Chief

With the new year and new officers, we are continuing our lodge's success. We have just inducted our new officers at our annual Winter Banquet/ Training weekend. The officers know what is expected of us, and we will not be content unless we reach our goals. Already this year, after having only one event so far, we already have new members volunteered for our dance team and our ceremony teams. We have also seen our attendance pick up more so than what we've had at previous events.

We are in high spirits coming into this year's Dixie Fellowship at Camp Daniel Boone. We plan on having a strong showing this year, just as in the past, and everyone will know we are there. I know it's still a whole year away, but I just couldn't go without reminding everyone that we will host the Dixie at Camp John J. Barnhardt in 2001. We are very excited about this and have all our plans in motion getting ready for the section to visit us.

Also in 2000, we are celebrating our lodge's sixtieth anniversary. We look forward to having another great year, in keeping with our past 59 years. A special patch has been made commemorating this event, so all you patch traders out there look for it at a Dixie trading table near you.



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Section Calendar

Upcoming Section & National Events & Deadlines...

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| February 28 | Medical Forms, Extended reservation, Delegate List and remainder of fees due to Tsali Lodge |
| March 1 | Lodge NOAC Reservation Confirmation due to National |
| March 25 | Lodge Where to Go Camping Book, Newsletters, and planbooks due to:

Chris Pair
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| March 31 | Lodge articles due to sr5ff@aol.com for publishing |
| April 14-16 | Dixie 2000 - Camp Daniel Boone, NC |
| June 1 | Full NOAC Conference fee due to National |
| July 29 -
August 3 | NOAC 2000 - Knoxville, TN |