

# The Five Feathers

## Serving the Member Lodges of SR-5

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### Chiefly Speaking

As I write this letter to you, Jack Frost is nibbling at our noses. But as always, it is my hope and prayer that a strong commitment to service is tugging at our hearts.

Let me begin my comments by expressing my sincere congratulations to Mr. Russell Cann. As most of you know, in December Russell was elected to the post of Southern Region Chief. Russell, I feel I speak for all of the brothers of Section SR-5, when I say we are proud of you and we will do anything we possibly can to aid you.

By the time you receive this letter, Dixie Fellowship will be right around the bend. Arrowmen from eleven lodges will descend upon Camp Blue Heron for "An Adventure in the Spirit." When one thinks about that theme it becomes very appropriate. Just think about what other organization gathers three to four times a year to go out to camps and render whatever service is needed. More than that, what organization do you know that gives all of it's service cheerfully? I can think of only one such organization- The Order of the Arrow.

Therefore, the weekend of April 21-23, 1995, I hope to see all of you in Riceboro, GA as we seek to crystallize that "...Adventure of the Spirit."

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### Leadership Changes in SR5

Since the December Planning meeting, much has taken place regarding the changes of National and Section offices. At the meeting, Russell Cann was bestowed the ultimate honor of being elected Chief of the Great Southern Region. The Southern

Region includes ten sections from Virginia to Florida and South Carolina to Texas. Russell is our section's first National Officer since William O'Tuel was National Vice Chief in 1982. The last Region Chief from our section was Chuck Scales of the former Section 4. Russell will be traveling extensively to national meetings, NLS's all over the region , and other BSA meetings.

Mr. Cann is a Vigil Honor member and Past two-term Lodge Chief of Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge. He was Vice Chief of Administration for SR-5 between 1993-1994 and elected Section Chief of SR-5 in April 1994. Currently, he is a Freshman attending the USC Honor College on a NESAscholarship.

Selven Jones was elected as SR-5 Section Chief to complete the term of Russell Cann for Dixie '95. Selven is an Eagle Scout and has been Section Vice Chief for two years. He is a sophomore at Francis Marion University in Florence, SC.

Johnnie Brown was elected by the Section to serve as Section Vice Chief of Program in Selvin's stead. He has agreed to continue on as secretary as well, since the term is so short. Johnnie is Currently serving a triple capacity as he is also Muscogee's Lode Chief. He is a Freshman at Erskine College majoring in Business Administration and Pre-Law.



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# Lodge Reports

## News from around SR-5

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### Muscogee Lodge 221

*Johnnie C. Brown, Lodge Chief*

On January 28, 1995, Muscogee Lodge held its Winter Banquet at Meadowfield Elementary School in Columbia. This year's event brought more than 150 guests. This high attendance was probably due to the fact that our keynoter was the nationally acclaimed speaker and author, Dr. Muriel O'Tuel. Dr. O'Tuel was also the mother of William O'Tuel, who was a two-term Muscogee Lodge Chief, a Section Chief of SR-5, and a National Vice Chief. Prior to the Banquet, Dr. O'Tuel held a book signing and answered questions about her career. The banquet was a huge success!

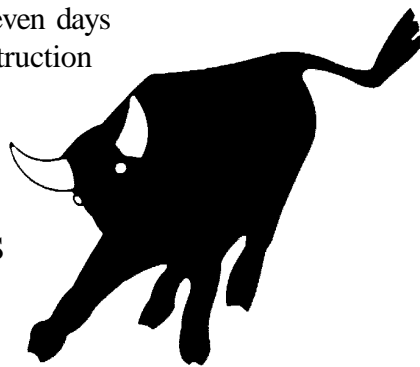
Muscogee Lodge also held a Spring Fellowship the weekend of March 10-12, 1995 at Camp Barstow, in the heart of Gaston, SC. Although the night temperatures dove into the twenties, the fellowship was an absolute blast. A "Bring Your Own Beef" (BYOB) Grill Party and Crab Soccer game were held Friday night. Saturday, the entire lodge participated in Service Projects and Dixie Quest Event competition. The Indian Affairs, Dixie Planning, and Lodge Business meetings were held on Saturday afternoon. A Brotherhood Ceremony and Patch Auction were held Saturday night.

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## Year of Service

The National Order of the Arrow Committee has declared 1995 as "The year of service." The committee plans to focus all of its service efforts toward the revitalization of Philmont Scout Ranch in the same way local lodges focus on service to the local camp.

Trips to Philmont to participate in the service projects for 1995 will last 14 days each. You will spend seven days working on construction of a new trail. This new trail will stretch from Vaca Camp to US Highway 64 in Philmont's central country.



# PHILMONT

The remaining days will be spent hiking Philmont's splendid back country with your crew. You must be at least 16 years old by the date your program begins, but not 21 by its conclusion. All applicants must be physically capable of the strenuous labor involved. There are nine different crew dates from June 13 through August 22.

A Philmont Retreat has also been planned for this summer. The purpose of the Retreat is similar to that of a NOAC. Training sessions will be offered on such topics as Organizing American Indian Events, Ceremonial Events, Quality Program Development, and Showmanship. Each lodge is allowed eleven slots (8 youth & 3 adults) with a required \$50 deposit.

For more information on these events, contact your lodge adviser or Selven Jones (803-661-1369) or Johnnie Brown (803-379-3775). National has recently extended the deadline for each of these events, so there is still time to register if you act now!

# DIXIE UPDATE!

Tommy Callaway, Vice-Chief of Dixie

The 1995 SR-5 Dixie Fellowship is only weeks away. I hope that the registration process for your lodge went along well and that there were no problems. By now each lodge should have received a printout of everything that your lodge has purchased. We need to know if there were any mistakes-my phone number is (912)927-6644. Reminders for Dixie :

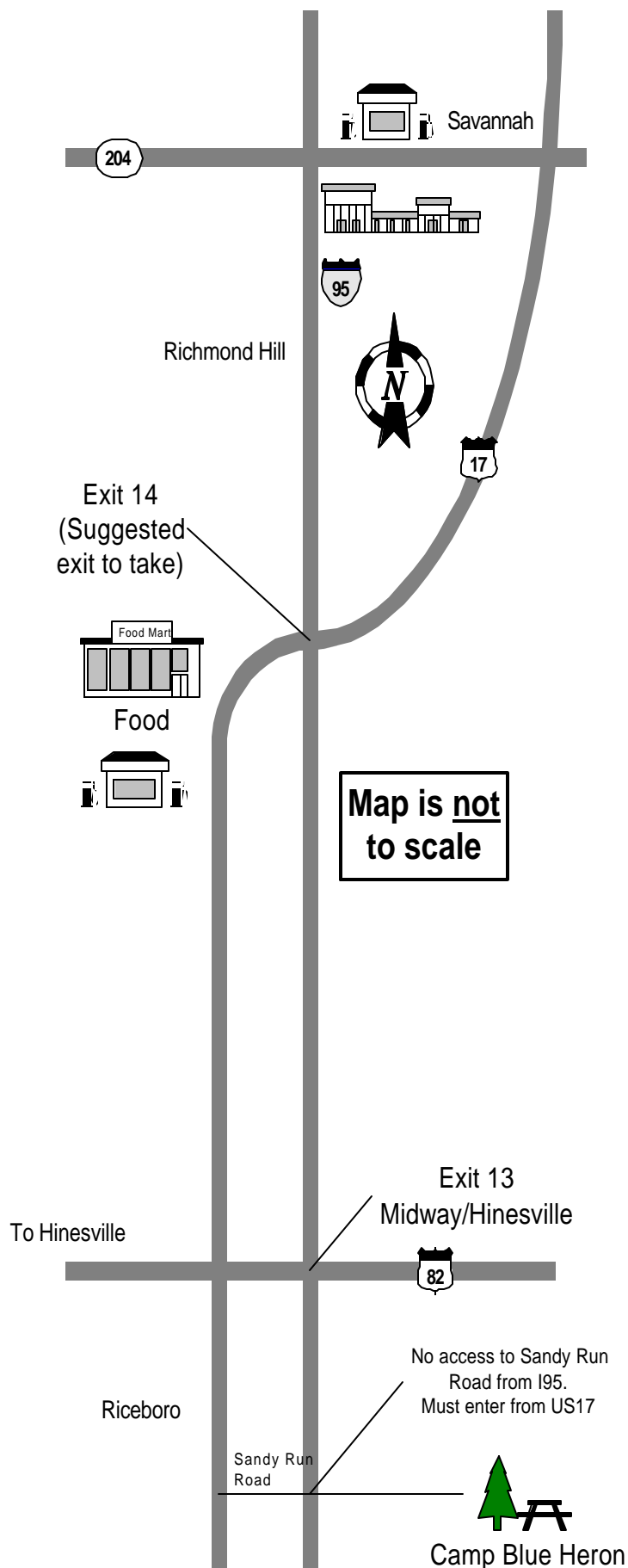
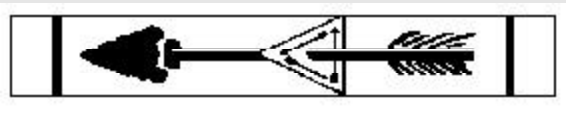
- \*All delegates must provide their own tents.
- \*All delegates must provide a current health form at the time of registration
- \*There will be a judges meeting on Friday April 21, 1995 at 11:00pm and the location will be announced at registration on Friday.

I look forward to seeing everyone and their lodge in full spirit at Camp Blue Heron for Dixie Fellowship. Let me know if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions!

## NOAC 1996

*from the National Bulletin*

The National Order of the Arrow Conference will return to Indiana University in 1996. The conference opens on Sunday, August 11, and concludes Thursday, August 15. It is anticipated that attendance will be open to 7,000 Arrowmen and that the youth to adult ratio will continue to be 2 to 1. Additional information will be available in late fall of 1995.



# SR5 ONLINE!

Starting with this issue, we are pleased to announce that the SR5 "Five Feathers" is hitting the "Information Superhighway." If you are connected to America Online or another service such as CompuServe or Prodigy which has Internet access you can contact us at the "Five Feathers." Our ID on America Online is SR5OA. From the Internet or other service we can be reached at SR5OA@AOL.COM. What can this service be used for? Lots! First, it is the preferred method for sending articles because we can import your submissions directly into the newsletter without rekeying the information. Second, it is a great way to send address changes or additions to the list of Arrowmen who should be receiving the newsletter. We can also send information directly to you - faster and quicker than the mail. Eventually, we hope to have most of the section documents available as files which we can send directly to requestors over the "net" - competition scoresheets, competition rules, meeting minutes, past issues of "The Five Feathers," etc. To send you anything, though, we must have your Internet address. Therefore, any readers who have Internet addresses are asked to pass those on to us. We will be building a list of SR5 Arrowmen who are "online."

## Membership Fee Increase Approved

The National Order of the Arrow Committee, at its December 18, 1994 meeting, approved a motion to raise the Order's annual membership fee to \$1.50. The new change will go into effect during the 1996 rechartering period. This is a 50 percent increase. Lodges should plan appropriately when building their operating budgets for next year.

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## Year of Service Award

Lodges conducting service projects during the 1995 Year of Service will be presented a certificate of recognition for their efforts. The service project must be approved by the Scout Executive to qualify.

In addition, qualifying lodges will be eligible to purchase a Year of Service patch for participating lodge members. Details on ordering the certificate and patch will be detailed in the spring issue of the National Bulletin.

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