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"On This First Step" ArrowTech 2000 Leads Us Forward As A Section



Two years ago, ArrowTech was created to teach individual lodge members how to participate as effective functioning leaders. It was designed to

aid Arrowmen in Section SR 5 to develop the skills needed to lead a lodge.

This years course will take place on November 3-5, 2000 at the University of South Carolina in Columbia. The program is set up in three colleges: Administration, Program, and Inductions. Also offered for previous ArrowTech participants is the Masters Program, a more comprehensive program created around individual participants' needs. Further details on each college and the general program are listed in the 2000 Registration Packet.

One new program that will take place at ArrowTech this year is the new Lodge Adviser Training Seminar. It will take the place of the College of Adviser Relations. This is a brand new national training seminar that will begin in the spring of 2001, and ArrowTech has been chosen as the location for the pilot of this new program. Trainers from around the nation including national committee members and the actual course creators will be the instructors for this program. The classes are designed for lodge advisers, chapter advisers, and other key advisers in the lodge. It will take the knowledge that these active advisers already have and improve it to an even higher and more effective level. Any other newer adults are encouraged to

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Over 900 in Arrowmen from C across North Caro- S lina, South Carolina, pr and Georgia traveled to to Camp Daniel w Boone in the mountains of Western by North Carolina for the C

2000 Dixie Fellowship. Although the weekend was rather damp, all of the participants had a great time filled with fun, fellowship, and great mountain hospitality.

Once participants checked in and found their campsites, they ventured down to the opening show that was held

Your Journey's End The Final Good-bye to Dixie 2000

in the open pavilion due to the rain. Chanting between the spirited lodges of SR 5 could be heard throughout camp prior to the start of the show. In addition to a skit by the section officers and a welcome by the Section Chief, Jay Widby, the participants heard a speech by Joyce Dugan, former Chief of the Cherokee Nation. She challenged the youth "to step up to the plate" and improve the quality of our natural resources.

On Saturday morning, each lodge traveled around to three different knowledge-in-training sessions that ranged from the OA Troop Representative Program to Unit Elections. At these classes, Arrowmen learned about different programs and ideas that can be used to improve their lodge. In addition to the training sessions, all 10 lodges participated in

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DSA Award Presented



At the 2 0 0 0 NOAC, a f o r m e r Section SR 5 C h i e f received the Distinguished S e r v i c e A w a r d (DSA). Tee Pruitt, of Tsali Lodge 134,

Mac McLean presents Tee Pruitt with the DSA

received the highest honor that the Order of

the Arrow can present to one of its members. He was one of only the 36 Arrowmen that received the DSA this year at NOAC.

The DSA is given to Arrowmen every two years at the National Conference. This award is presented to those Arrowmen who have rendered distinguished service to the Order on a section, regional, or national basis. Since the first presentations in 1940 there have only been approximately 670 Arrowmen to receive this award.

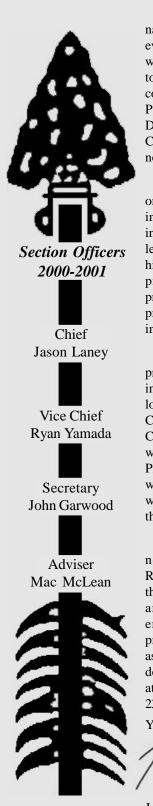
Tee served as a two-term lodge chief for Tsali Lodge, Section Chief, the website coordinator for the Southern Region, and the National Summit Vice Chief for Awards and Recognitions. Under his administration the ArrowTech Program was developed.

Tee was presented the award by Mac McLean, Section SR 5 Adviser, who received the DSA as a young adult in 1988. Mac is also a former Section Chief of SR 5

This is a great honor, and Tee Pruitt deserves our congratulations.



Chiefly Speaking Preparing For The Future



One year ago, over 1000 Arrowmen from around the nation gathered at Colorado State University for the first ever National Leadership Summit. At this conference, plans were laid out for our organization to have a new direction to move towards a greater involvement between lodges and councils. With the unveiling of the new Troop representative Program and a new interactive Lodge Leadership Development Course (LLD), the National Order of the Arrow Committee has given lodges the tools to make these changes, now it is up to each lodge to use them.

This year will be one of the most important in our organization's history because it will be up to the leadership in each individual lodge to take these ideas and make them into a reality. It will take a combination of enthusiastic youth leaders and council involvement to take each lodge to a new, higher level. To help each lodge in developing these new programs, the National Committee has included both programs in the Quality Lodge award for this year. The new programs will not start overnight, but must be gradually instituted.

Although individual lodges must make the new programs happen, they are not alone. Several resources are in place to help expedite this process. One great resource for lodges during this implementation period is the OA Resource CD that was unveiled at the 2000 National Conference. Contained in the CD is an updated version of the LLD along with an extensive section on the new Troop Representative Program. The leadership of section SR-5 is also eager to help with the process. The youth leaders are available to help with training, answering questions, or for general support that you may need during this period of growth.

I encourage each of you to take a role in one of these new programs. Whether it is serving as a Troop Representative or member of the lodge training committee, there is always a need for interested youth. I hope that you

are successful in your endeavors with these new programs, and if I can be of assistance in any way, please do not hesitate contacting me at chief@sr5.org or 828-298-2344.

Yours In Brotherhood,



Jason Laney

A Note from the Editor Thoughts on OA Communication



Dear Brothers,

The Five Feathers has begun its journey through the 2000-2001 season. I have been working hard to create a great format to allow the best output of information to SR 5. I hope that we can have a good year and that I can get all information that is needed to the Section. A good leader is approachable so I want all my Brothers to

know that I am a person that you can come up to and make a request and I'll do my best to get whatever you need done.

I also want to issue a challenge to the lodges of the Section. I would like to institute a section of the Five Feathers to allow each lodge a chance to discuss an area of lodge program in which they are strong. From Indian Affairs to Unit Elections the topics are endless. This will allow the section to grow in knowledge and give a chance for a lodge to show off its knowledge in a specific area. I hope that this will be a successful attempt because I feel that it is a good way for the lodges to be able to share their knowledge and enable each lodge to perhaps strengthen in an area that it is weak in.

Also, the Section website has moved! Christopher Maxey and Tripp Clark have diligently worked to move the site to an address that is easier and quicker to get to. It is located at www.sr5.org. So go and check it out. If you want to make any additions or changes to the site, please e-mail those corrections to both webmaster@sr5.org and webadviser@sr5.org. We have a great website and it is a great asset for the communications of the Section. Thanks Chris and Tripp!

Also, I encourage each of you to get involved in the Lodge and Section activities. The possibilities that lie before you are only attainable if you try your best. If everyone fails to take a risk and try something new, we would all be in a non-progressing world. Even as E. Urner Goodman formed our Order, he took a risk and see what his risk has spawned. So reach out. And remember, "You need seek no rocky summit for these high places are within you." Look to your heart and you can find an infinite amount of ambition and hope.



If your lodge ever wants to publicize an event or write an article for the Five Feathers about an event please feel free to. I will try to get it into the next newsletter.

I wish you all luck in the coming year.

Yours in WWW Dartumo

John J. Garwood

ArrowTech 2000



take an individual college to improve their knowledge of that particular area. This new program will be a great tool in improving each lodge in the section, because a better-trained adult is a more effective adviser.

Many lodges have recently had lodge events where they promoted ArrowTech, so the ArrowTech committee has extended the final registration deadlines. The new final is October 10, 2000 and the cost is \$70.00. Any requests for registration after the final deadline must be approved by the ArrowTech committee and Section Keythree.

This year's program is sure to be one of the best in the course's history. A combination of both a great college program and the new pilot adviser program will provide a first class training opportunity for lodge leaders and advisers throughout the section. If you have any questions or would like more information on ArrowTech, check out the section web site at www.sr5.org



The *Five Feathers* is published quarterly. If you have an article and/or picture (with caption) for submission, please send it to John Garwood at JJGarwood@prodigy.com. The next submission deadline is Monday, November 13, 2000.

A Moment For Reflection A Note From The Vice-Chief



Imagine for a second if you will a beautiful pearl necklace handcrafted by a masterful jeweler. Each bead is placed with absolute care on the thin slender string. One cannot help but

marvel at the overall aesthetic appeal of the necklace. It is the jeweler's intent for his work to go undetected, yet still capture the awe of his audience through the presentation of the final product. Such a line can be drawn in the work of the section in its facilitation towards our

fellow brothers in the lodges for which we are here to cheerfully serve.

Brothers, as Section Vice Chief, my observations of the goals that this section leadership has set for itself allow me to assure you that this year is to be a pinnacle in the regards to bridging SR 5 to the 21st century. Hopefully I will be given the chance to acquaint myself to you all throughout the rest of my term and thereafter. Brothers, remember Kichkinet's part of the Pre-Ordeal ceremony that tells us: "This ordeal is but a shadow of the rigors of the journey, But its joys are also shadows of a brighter, greater beauty in a life of cheerful service." I challenge each of you to monitor the work of the section for this present term, for we are striving to uphold that part of our obligation which tells us to "seek to preserve a cheerful spirit even in the midst of irksome task and weighty responsibilities." Remember brothers, Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui!

Yours in the Spirit of Brotherhood,

Ryan Yamada

Your Journey's End

the morning ceremony competitions, and five lodges took part in the team singing competitions.

The afternoon was highlighted by two Dixie traditions, the Quest for the Golden Arrow and the song and dance competitions. The Quest events are composed of 10 lodge sponsored events including: egg toss, rope throw, canoe race, and others along with three section sponsored events: cross country run, tug-ofwar, and ultimate Frisbee. While their brothers competed in the Quest events, over 80 dancers performed in the Parade of Braves and Dancing competitions. Arrowmen competed in five dance categories including: Traditional, Straight,

> Grass, Old Style, and Fancy.

On Saturday night, spectators watched a ceremony highlighting the Legend of Tsali performed by two former lodge and section chiefs from Tsali Lodge, Tee Pruitt and David Kafitz. Following the ceremony were speeches by the section officer candidates and the election. The new section officers for 2000 are: Section Chief Jason Laney,



ason Laney, Section Vice Chief R y a n Yamada, and Section Secretary J o h n

Garwood. Following the Saturday show, six lodges participated in the Group Dance competitions.

The rain cleared and the sun came out on Sunday morning for the closing show. Awards were presented to all winners from the weekend including Lodge of the Year and Quest for the Golden Arrow to Muscogee Lodge and Spirit Award to Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge. Following the awards presentations, the



three new section off i c e r s were installed into office and S e c t i o n Chief Jay W i d b y gave his

closing address. To close the weekend, new Section Chief Jason Laney performed his first official duty by appointed four coordinators who then threw Widby into the freezing Lake Allen.

Josh Johnson of Catawba Lodge sums up the weekend by saying, "We all had a great time and can't wait until Dixie next year."



http://www.sr5.org

On Saturday July 29th over 6000 Arrowmen descended on the town of Knoxville, TN. They came from around the country to share in the fellowship that is the National Order of the Arrow Conference. Although Saturday was hectic with hundreds of lodges checking in, the spirits of all attending were high and eager to have fun.

Sunday morning opened with the first of the training sessions. These sessions ranged from American Indian Crafts to Ceremony Improvements to the WWW on the WWW.com. Arrowmen had an endless choice on what to learn. That afternoon brothers were evaluated in ceremonies and competed in many different sports. Individual Dance Competitions began as well. The Opening Show was held that night where the National Officers introduced themselves.

day, but Arrowmen could now participate at The Outdoor Adventure Place (TOAP), scuba diving, kayak and other fun things. Also, the rest of the individual dance competitions were held. Monday night's show was about the history of the Order as well as the DSA presentations.

Tuesday was also very similar to Monday and Sunday. However, it was very important to two lodges in our section because the Team Dance Competition was held on Tuesday. Tuesday night's show was the American Indian Activities Show where two dancers form Catawba lodge and the Eswau Huppeday lodge dance team danced in front of all the participants.

Two great honors at NOAC are winning the Team Dance and Team Singing Competitions. This year,

winning lodges. Congratulations to Eswau Huppeday Lodge, National Dance Team Champion, and Unali'yi Lodge, National Team Singing Champion. These two teams also performed at the Tuesday night show.

Wednesday was Founders' Day and all of our lodges had a blast. At Founders' Day all the lodges present set up booths and gave away tons of stuff. The Oscar Mayer Weenie mobile was present as well as several inflated training obstacles set up by the U.S. Marine Corps. To close the day was the exciting theme show. It was set on the coast of North Carolina and the Laser light show was amazing.

Thursday everyone packed up and headed home, but the memories and friendships will last a lifetime.

Monday ran the same way as Sun-

Section SR-5 is home to both of these Indian Seminar Carolina **Dance, Instruction, Crafts, and Fun**

Eswau Huppeday Lodge 560 is pleased once again to invite your lodge to participate in the 17th annual Carolinas OA Indian Seminar. Eswau is looking forward to another super weekend of instruction, dance, crafts, fun, and fellowship.

Location: Mitchell Community College Continuing Education Center in Statesville, NC.

Date: Friday, January 19, 2001 to Sunday, January 21, 2001 (Plan to arrive no earlier than 5:00 p.m.)

Size Limit: This year, the college has set the limit to 400 participants.

Deadline: You Must preregister by January 2, 2001. Registrations will be taken on a first-come (PAID), first-serve basis.

Cost: The cost this year is \$25 per person. The registration fee will include Friday crackerbarrel through Sunday breakfast, information booklet, and a patch.

Eswau Huppeday is in the process of lining up a staff of very knowledgeable instructors. They will have sessions on Traditional, Fancy, Grass, Straight, and Ladies dance and clothing. In addition, there will be sessions on beadwork, quillwork, bustle construction, drumming, OA ceremonies, and much more. If there are specific topics you would like to see covered, please let us know. They will try to find a qualified instructor and get the session on the schedule. If you are interested in teaching a class, please contact Ed deTorres (see below).

Please see that this information is passed on to Arrowmen in your lodge who have a genuine interest in Indian craft and culture. Since the Continuing

Ed Center can accommodate separate bathroom and sleeping facilities for ladies, we want to invite female members of coed Posts also. We will be using the classrooms and gym for sleeping quarters.

If you need any information please visit the official CIS website at: http://users.twave.net/jafowiz/cis.htm or contact: Jeff Whisenant, Seminar Adviser 1141 Fairview Street

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Section Calendar

We upcoming Section & National Events & Deadlines...

October 2	OALodge Charter Renewal Kits Out
October 21	One Day of Service
November 3-5	Arrow Tech / COC Meeting
November 30	O A Service Grant applications Due
December 31	Lodge Recharters Due
-	Dixie 2001 - Camp Barnhardt, NC