

Five Feathers

I feel that the greatest reward for doing is the opportunity to do more.

Samuel Johnson

Arrow Tech

by: Jay Widby, THINC Committee Chairman

The SR-5 THINC Committee proudly introduces ArrowTech. ArrowTech is the Section's newest program developed to aid in preparing arrowmen for lodge and chapter office. This bold new training program focuses on giving instruction to arrowmen on how to do their jobs as officers, thus completing an all encompassing training cycle for all lodges. ArrowTech will take place on the campus of the University of South Carolina and the training programs will model that of a modern University. Each arrowman can enlist in a division in which he holds or plans to hold an office. We will offer three unique colleges: Program, Administration, and In-



ductions. *More information on the course description, attendance, and cost for the weekend can be obtained from your Lodge Key Three. Contact them today!*

"ArrowTech '98 offers some of the best and

most inspirational training of any program that I have been involved with in the Order of the Arrow. By using the resources of the entire Section, ArrowTech brings together the best trainers and resources from the entire Southern Region. I now expect ArrowTech to be as fun and helpfull as a Dixie Fellowship."

-Scott Wyatt, Program Training Assistant

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Chiefly Speaking



by: Tee Pruitt, SR5 Section Chief

As summer draws to a close, and autumn is on the horizon, many of our programs and activities become heavily active once again. It is our responsibility as leaders and as Arrowmen to inspire our peers to do great things. Today's Ordeal Candidates are tomorrow's Lodge leaders. Soon, you have the opportunity to participate in a revolutionary, exciting training program that will teach Arrowmen knowledge currently not being offered in Lodge Leader Development Courses or National Leadership Seminars. The THINC committee has worked diligently to ensure the highest caliber of trainers in conjunction with impressive syllabi to offer you, the leaders of SR5, the best total Arrow Tech experience possible. Go to Arrow Tech, train for the future of your SR5 member Lodge!

Editor's Note

An addition to the Chiefly Speaking

by: Ricky Cardenas,
SR5 Section Secretary

Committee Chair Jay Widby and his staff have been working on this information packed weekend for you to enjoy. Make sure that you talk with you Lodge Chief or Lodge Adviser about Arrow Tech. Also, take what you learned from NOAC and use it the best way you can. Arrow Tech and NOAC are two of many ways to get leadership training, like the Boy Scouts Council Junior Leader Training Conference, Arrow Tech is a very informative tool to use as a lodge leader and to use for your lodge training sessions. Make sure to look in your mail box for your information packet on Arrow Tech. It will be the best weekend you ever spent in Scouting and the Order.



A Letter from the Editor

As I was visiting Muscogee Lodge at their Summer Fellowship on August 15, I was very amazed to see the interesting style of their business meeting. Unlike my home lodge's, I thought it was rather fun to watch and the way they handled lodge matters was very professional. I also had a chance to interact with their drum team, which is working on learning new songs, and had a chance to learn some songs myself. Things like this just amaze me about our member lodges and I want to say that I would encourage these type of things for your lodge. I am not saying you have to do it, but try to find any and all key things that stick out to you as a lodge brother and OA member. If you can't find any, try to visit one of our member lodges and see what happens at one of their events. You will be amazed to see what you will find.

I hope everyone has had a great summer and a very awesome NOAC. I hope that you are ready for school, and make sure to hit those books. See you this fall at your lodge's next main event and make sure to sign up for Arrow Tech, SR5's newest creation. Don't miss a great training opportunity.

Richard L. (Ricky) Cardenas
SR5 Section Secretary

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LODGE REPORTS

Atta Kulla Kulla #185

This summer was a very exciting and smooth one for Atta Kulla Kulla. Our second annual lodge barbecue was a great success with over 70 arrowmen in attendance. At the barbecue the lodge officers for 1998-99 were inducted and our lodge said farewell to Todd Shealy as our staff adviser while welcoming Robert Holly as his replacement. Summer Camp was very successful with almost 200 new ordeal members inducted. On Wednesday night of the 6th week of camp, four arrowmen were nominated for the Vigil honor, two youth and two adults. Atta Kulla Kulla sent 11 delegates to NOAC and all agreed that the trip was a huge success. We enjoyed joining with our brother lodges in the section in representing the Southern Region. Upcoming events in the lodge include the Fall Fellowship on October 2-4 at Camp Old Indian and our annual Winter Banquet on February 6 at Messiah Lutheran Church in Mauldin. Dixie preparations are well on their way and the lodge has planned to have two work days, one in the winter and one in the spring to help set up camp for this great event. AKK hopes to see you all there in April. For any information on AKK or any of its events, please contact Lodge Chief Travis Greer at (864) 288-6721 or email at Tjgreer2@aol.com.

By: Travis Greer, *Lodge Chief*

Catawba Lodge #459

Catawba Lodge enjoyed a fulfilled NOAC experience. Catawba Lodge brought a delegation of 25 members. We also shared the bus with a long time brother lodge, Klahican, making the long trip to ISU. Catawba was represented well at NOAC, bringing home a top 10 finish in Fancy Dance by Chris Thompson and an 11th place finish in Grass Dance by me, Sean Gantt. We also had our Brotherhood team medal and an individual medal for Ben Blackman in Vigil. All in all we had a great time and met a lot of new people.

As you all should know, our annual Fall Fellowship/Invitational was held September 18-20 at Clear Creek Scout Camp. We had Wahissa Drum come and drum for us at our dance competition as well as teach a drumming class for us. Also, other lodges came and competed in ceremonial and dance competitions on Saturday. We had a total attendance of 170. The weekend was action packed with lots of Indian Lore activities for Arrowmen to do. Catawba Lodge will be having its LLTC on Oct. 30 - Nov. 1 and our Annual Banquet will be on December 2, 1998.

By: Sean Gantt *Lodge Chief*

Bob White #87

Bob White Lodge is wrapping up another great year and would like to extend their gratitude to the Section Officers for their hard work and determination in reference to the NOAC gatherings. Our Fall Ordeal was held on September 18-20 at Camp Linwood Hayne. One of the highlights of the weekend was our annual lodge officer elections at our Sunday general lodge meeting.

By: Jay Widby, *Lodge Chief*

Itibapishe Iti Hollo #188

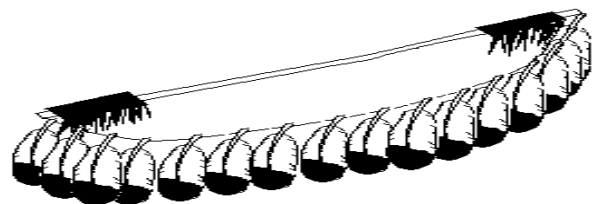
I hope each of you has had an enjoyable summer. Itibapishe Iti Hollo was active this summer in Camp Barnhardt's programs. We also had three arrowmen participate in the OA Trail Crew at Philmont. Though we sent very few arrowmen to NOAC, our lodge took a good deal from the Conference. We are currently preparing for our last Ordeal and our Fall Fellowship which is coming up soon as well.

By: John Stogner, *Lodge Chief*

Muscogee Lodge #221

Muscogee Lodge has had a very successful year this year. With our Section Lodge of the Year Award, other awards at the Dixie Fellowship, and the many new brothers that we have elected, the future of our Lodge looks very bright. At our recent Summer Fellowship we elected a new Lodge Chief, Zeb Young, a Brotherhood member of our lodge from Orangeburg, SC. I would like to thank Ricky Cardenas for being a guest at our Fellowship, I hope that he enjoyed his visit. At the Fellowship, we also elected the other new Lodge officers, inducted new Brotherhood members, and had six members keep their Vigil. I look forward to the future events of not only my lodge, but also of the Great SR5.

By: Greg McDaniel, *Immediate Past Lodge Chief*



Lodge Reports Continued

Tsali Lodge #134

Throughout the summer, Tsali Lodge has had brothers participating in many different activities from tapout ceremonies to the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew at Philmont Scout Ranch. We also had nine brothers attend the 1998 National Order of the Arrow Conference, four on staff and five with the contingent. Everyone who attended learned an enormous amount that will help improve our lodge and had an awesome time. This was our largest group to go NOAC and we are ready to take an even larger crowd to NOAC in Knoxville, TN. The next upcoming event will be our Fall Fellowship on October 16-18. I will get you all of the necessary information. Hope to see many of you there.

By: Jason Laney, *Lodge Chief*

Santee Lodge #116

Things are going well in Santee Lodge. After a great Spring Fellowship and a tremendous time at Dixie, we are now preparing for our annual Fall Fellowship on October 31- November 1, 1998. Please feel free to call me at (843) 479-5309 or you can e-mail me at allowat@usa.net if you have any questions about this event.

By: Mills Connelly, *Immediate Past Lodge Chief*



by: *Mills Connelly, SR5 One Day Chairman*

As you may or may not know, every Lodge in the nation is asked to do one day of service to their communities, hence the name "One Day!" Although we always give service to our camps, this program encourages us to give service to our community.

This year, One Day is on November 14. All Lodges should begin immediately to make arrangements to give a day of service to their communities. The service can be anything community oriented, such as a Toys for Tots drive or picking up trash after a community festival or around a city park.

A letter is going out to all Lodge Chiefs and/or Advisors. But in the meantime, begin to come up with ideas for projects to give your Chief. Lets help to make the One Day program a success Section-wide.



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New Section Webpage

by: Ricky Cardenas, Section Secretary

Have you ever seen the Section webpage before? Sure you have. Well, if you haven't, then you have missed a lot of action packed information. The Section webpage is an area where you can find all kinds of stuff from Dixie Highlights to the latest breaking news. Section Officers and Advisers emails, phone, addresses, Key 3 information and so much information on this page that you would have to print it all out. There is more!! If you have someone that would be willing to give the Web Coordinator, Mike Nail, some info from your lodge for him to put on the webpage about your trip to NOAC, call him at **(704)864-4255** or email at **mmail@hotmail.com**.



Councils of Chiefs Announcement

As the next issue of the Five Feathers is approaching your mailbox soon, the Section needs names and addresses from each lodge to mail out an efficient amount of newsletters. If you think that you have not given the Section your 20 names and addresses for our database, or have already submitted names and want to add more to your prior list, please email Ricky Cardenas, SR5 Secretary at **Catawba459@aol.com** or call him at **(704) 875-3311**. Please make sure that you do this ASAP as we need this vital information to inform you of happenings in Section SR5. The next COC will be at Arrow Tech on November 7th.

Order of the Arrow to offer Northern Tier Program to Arrowmen

by Jason Accola, former Region Chief

You have been to Philmont? You have done Trail Crew. Now, experience the Voyage! The summer of 1999 will mark the kick-off of the Order of the Arrow's most exciting program to date — The OA Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage. For only \$100, participants ages 16-20 will have the opportunity to spend two weeks in the Boundary Waters, one of America's most pristine wilderness areas. Stationed at the Charles L. Sommers National High Adventure Base, the OA Voyage program will include one week of portage trail and campsite maintenance and will conclude with a one-week adventure into the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

During their Voyage, participants from across the nation will experience an exclusive OA program that will be both challenging and inspirational. Dates of the two-week program for the summer of 1999 are June 9, 16, 23, 30; July 7, 14, 21; and August 4, 11. Earlier this sum-



mer, a design team composed of four Arrowmen, Jason Accola, Ryan Racicot, Brain Yancey, and David Yoder spent the months of June and July at the Charles L. Sommers High Adventure Base. They led crews into Boundary Waters and learned the operation of the Northern Tier program.

In addition to their responsibilities as staff members, the design team has laid the foundation for the program that will be implemented over the course of the project's duration. Information regarding the OA Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage can be found online at <http://host.scouter.net/oavoyage>. Applications can be picked up at local council offices or from lodge advisers, or they can be downloaded from the internet. Further inquiries can be directed to Jason Accola by e-mail at: accola@uiuc.edu.

Muscogee Lodge Goes to NOAC!!!

by: Sam Long, Muscogee Lodge #221

As the snooze alarm sounded for the second time at 3:30am on July 30, I asked myself WHY was I getting up before dawn during the last weeks of my summer vacation??? An hour later, the answer was clear as 13 of my fellow lodge brothers and I were literally packed into a 15 passenger van destined for Iowa 1200 miles away and the 1998 National Order of the Arrow Conference. We along with 7,000 other arrowmen from all over the nation and some international places descended on Ames, Iowa August 2 for an incredibly action-packed, fun and educational experience. What memories we left with four short days later!

Muscogee Lodge knew things were going to great when we checked into Friley dorm that Sunday morning. What a cool dorm with a convenience store, dining room, and great campus views from our 5th story windows. Exercise from climbing all those stairs all day helped to burn calories from all the unlimited great food in the Friley cafeteria. All week, the nightly shows were outstanding including the E. Urner Goodman show and the Native American show. Every morning we headed across campus to attend outstanding classes put on by top Arrowmen from across the nation. During the afternoons, we visited all the special displays like TOAP, exhibit and the OA museum. Every afternoon ceremony teams and dancers participated in evaluation sessions and compared notes with other brothers on how they do things in their lodges. One of the highlights of the entire conference was to hear the children of Dr. Goodman speak about their father during "Visions of the Founder." A required stop every day was the Trading Post and the Food Court in the Memorial Union to see what was going on. Good fellowship was shared every night sitting outside of Friley talking with everybody and enjoying the wonderful weather in Iowa.

Needless to say, much thread was traded at the tables outside the Memorial Union. Great fun and fellowship was THE happening at the Great SR5 Section gathering where the one-and only SR5 Section Chief Tee Pruitt placed the mega pizza order of ALL time for Ames!!! Most of our National officers stopped by to visit and consume some pepperoni. It was really good to meet them all in such an informal setting as our section gathering was. Tee really brought us together as a section and many new bonds were forged there. Dixie will really be fun next year at Old Indian. Thursday morning we left Ames after the conference had gone by way too quickly. Although we were really tired (sleep? what is that?), we traveled home to our lodge with many new ideas and great things to share with all our brothers not fortunate to go. Guess what? NOAC 2000 will be in Knoxville, TN, so start saving your money now to go and we'll see you there.

A Journey of a Lifetime

by: Jason Laney, Tsali Lodge Chief

This past July, I was able to experience Philmont Scout Ranch for the first time through the Order of the Arrow. I served on the OA Trail Crew for two weeks and we built hundreds of feet of trail leading up to the Tooth of Time. For two weeks, we were placed into crews of nine to eleven experienced arrowmen, who were lodge, section, or national officers.

For the first week, we set up camp at a large field about fifty minutes below our work site. Each day we hiked up to the work site and began clearing and finishing a new trail. You are surrounded by the wonderful Philmont wilderness when you work and are treated to breathtaking views whenever you lift your head. We all



Back row (L to R) Will Parker, Matt Laudone, Chris Ferhman, Eric Groncy, Adam Moerschell, Trevor Romney, Jason Jenson, and Jason Laney. Front row (L to R) Richard Becker, Drew Scranton, Jason Gehlen, and Josh Wright

programs planned out for them.

The second week was when we ventured out on our trek. There are many cool things that the trail crews do that other crews do not such as planning their entire trek, special activities at camps throughout the ranch, and most of all two Philmont staff foreman/leaders. During the seven day trek, we toured Cyphers Mine, stayed at Beaubien dude ranch, watched the sunrise on top of Baldy Mountain, plus much more. Everything that we did was exciting and throughout the seven days we hiked over fifty miles.

I highly recommend the OA Trail Crew for any arrowman who



learned a lot about creating new trails and how to work as a group on a project for an extended time. The food at the work site is great too, much better than base camp food. We had steaks, fresh vegetables and fruit, bread, and stew.

During the first week, you are not just working. Everyone is brought together to do group sessions and many different activities that enlighten you about the Order of the Arrow and life in general. These sessions and ceremonies are one of the major things that I will remember about my experience and have given me many many different ideas to help improve my lodge. They are very unique in that regular crews do not have such

wants a life changing experience for only \$100. This year there will be two trail crew programs happening simultaneously, one at Charles L. Sommers High Adventure Base in Ely, Minnesota and the Trail Crew at Philmont. Both will be equally exciting and a great experience for all that attends. If you have any questions about the program, feel free to call or e-mail me at (828) 298-2344 or at JHLaney@aol.com.

Through all my experiences with the Order of the Arrow, the one that has best represented what the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service stands for is the OA Trail Crew Program. Be sure to check it out next sum-

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Section Planning Calendar

October 1.....Recharter packets mailed to Scout Executives
 October 16-18.....Tsali Fall Fellowship
 October 23-25.....Unali' yi Fall Ordeal
 October 23-25.....Muscogee Fall Fellowship
 October 30 - Nov. 1.....Catawba Executive Officer Retreat
 October 30 - Nov. 1.....Santee Fall Fellowship

November 6-8.....Eswau Huppeday Lodge Officer Training
 November 6-8.....Arrow Tech Training Weekend
 November 7.....SR5 Council of Chiefs "Dixie Planning Meeting"

December 2.....Catawba Annual Banquet

Please submit dates and corrections to Ricky Cardenas, SR5 Section Secretary.