



# Five Feathers

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## Welcome To The 50th Dixie

Welcome From the Dixie Vice-Chief and the Host Lodge Chief



**Robert Dunn**  
Dixie Vice-Chief

Unali'Yi lodge welcomes you to the wonderful Camp Ho Non Wah for the section's fiftieth anniversary of the Dixie Fellowship. Fifty years ago, the Dixie fellowship began to encourage the highest possible amount of spirit and fun that any conclave ever could. Unali'Yi hopes to make this year's Dixie Fellowship no exception.

I hope everyone has as much excitement built up for this year's Dixie as I do. I expect everyone is ready to show their

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**John Kohler**  
Unali'Yi Lodge Chief

Welcome to Camp Ho Non Wah, site of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dixie Fellowship. Camp Ho Non Wah is located on Wadmalaw Island, just 20 miles from Historic Downtown Charleston. The camp sits on the banks of Bohicket River and Fickling Creek. The name Ho Non Wah is translated as "the land of rising and falling waters".

In 1952, Unali'Yi was proud to host the first Dixie Fellowship. The name of our gathering was coined by our lodge's founder, J. Rucker Newbery. We also

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## "Test Yourself And So Discover"

Join NOAC Staff and Test Your Limits as an Arrowman

By: John Garwood, Section Vice-Chief



**Jay Widby, 2000**  
NOAC CVC assists with layout of NOAC newspaper

Six thousand arrowmen are coming to Bloomington, Indiana in July and you can have an impact on their experience. The 2002 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) holds excitement and fun for all. As a staff member, you can help to ensure the success of the conference. I encourage all of you not signed up for NOAC to apply for staff service positions.

With positions in American Indian events, camping and high adventure, communications, competitions and

recreation, inductions and ceremonial events, financial services, Founders' Day, shows, special events, support services, trading post, and leadership development (training), there is sure to be a position suited for each of you.

Staff members will have a unique experience by participating in the behind the scenes work that it takes to put on a national event. While working to insure a fun time for participants, you will have time to enjoy many conference events. You will also be compelled to meet and work with brothers from around the nation. Lasting acquaintances and friendships will be formed amongst staff members through the sharing of common work and experiences. Serving on NOAC staff is often a once in a

lifetime experience for arrowmen. If you are interested in staff positions, find more information and on-line applications at [www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org) or ask someone, like myself, to share his or her NOAC staff experiences with you personally.

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# Thank You

 You've Made a Difference

# Chiefly Speaking

 Dixie is Here

The 2001-2002 Section Administration would like to thank all the Section staff who made this year such a success.

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We would also like to thank all Arrowmen who donated their time and energy in pursuit of their NLS contract and laying the foundation as we have "A Golden Legacy" at the 2002 Dixie Fellowship. Without these Arrowmen who so unselfishly gave unto themselves, no common goal could have been achieved.




**Section Officers  
2001-2002**




Chief  
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John Garwood




Secretary  
Matt Smith




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Mac McLean





Yours in Service,



Michael Kirby

Dear Brothers of SR-5,

Wow! Dixie is here. Dixie is here. I cannot believe it is already here. Let me be one of the first to welcome you to the 2002 Dixie Fellowship. This is not just any Dixie, it is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I would like to thank you, as a participant of this fellowship, for coming. I want to challenge you to take full advantage of this weekend. Meet arrowmen across the section from South Carolina, Georgia and North Carolina. During Saturday morning, if you are not competing in ceremony, drum or sing competitions, please go to training. Whether if you are a new or old member of the Order of the Arrow, the training will help you understand the different concepts of the OA. In the afternoon, every lodge will be out to prove which lodge is the best, when the Quest for the Golden Arrow begins. What would Dixie be without the spirit? By the end of the weekend, we will see what lodge will win the spirit competition. After all the competitions and spirit, we will see what lodge will be named Lodge of the Year for 2002.

I would like to thank Unali'yi Lodge 236. This lodge has done a great job in getting ready for the weekend. Robert Dunn, the Dixie Vice-Chief, and Daniel Barton, the Dixie Adviser, have done an outstanding job in overseeing this Dixie. I hope you take time to experience Dixie. Go and see the Indian Village, which is located in the middle of camp. This is a beautiful camp and a great spot for Dixie. I would also like to thank those lodges who invited me to their Winter Banquets. I would like to thank Skyuka Lodge for a great LLDC. I got to observe the future of Skyuka Lodge and I believe it will be a great future. I would like to thank my officers this year, John Garwood and Matt Smith. These two gentlemen have done an awesome job. My coordinators have shown their greatest. Jonathan Hardin, Training, Greg Smith, Program, Jeff Pekarek, Indian Events, Bill Barry, Administration, and Brandon Johnson, Shows, have all been great this year.

I again challenge you to experience Dixie through many ways. Look for things to do as you experience Dixie. If this is your first or fiftieth Dixie, challenge yourself to do something you have not done before. If you have any questions you can email me at bosky185@yahoo.com. Thank you for your time and for coming to Dixie.

A Note from the Editor

# On Your Mark, Get Set, GO!

Quest for the Golden Arrow

By: Greg Smith, Section Program Coordinator

As I conclude



Where did the year go? It does not seem like another year has past and that Dixie is upon us.

For this final edition of the *Five Feathers*, articles have been prepared not only pertaining to the Dixie Fellowship, but also concerning the heart of Scouting. In an excerpt from The Character Factory, Baden-Powell recorded his thoughts on the importance of all scouts to live by the Scout Oath and Law. The significance of adherence to these fundamentals of Scouting not only speak well of our program and ourselves, but also to the encouragement we receive from our parents. I encourage each of you to share Baden-Powell's message on the important role our mothers play in each of our lives this Mother's Day.

Two other articles highlight opportunities that arrowmen have to fulfill our obligations of service to others. It is imperative that older arrowmen, especially those in leadership positions, remain active in the troop program. The other article addresses the opportunity arrowmen have to serve others by working as staff members at the upcoming National Order of the Arrow Conference.

To conclude my year as secretary, I thank all of you for the honor to represent you and I hope that my service has been adequate.

In Service,

Matthew Smith

What you don't want to miss out on this year is the Quest for the Golden Arrow. This is one of the coveted awards that is presented each year to the lodge that exemplifies themselves as the most versed in Scouting skills. There are 13 events, which include everything from the chariot race to tug-of-war. Everyone can participate with their lodge, whether it be actively competing in an event or cheering your fellow brothers on. Your lodge chief has probably already assigned who will be

competing with what event, but be sure that you see if there is anything that you can do.

If you have any questions about the Quest, see your lodge chief or find me and I'll be glad to answer your questions. Quest judges are reminded that there will be a meeting on Friday night. See your schedule for the time and location. We want to be sure that everyone has a competitive but sportsmanlike attitude during the Quest Events.

## What Will Occur on September 17th, 2002?



Unless it is your birthday, you likely do not know. However, September 17<sup>th</sup> is the date that the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) has selected to be Scouting's International Day of Peace. On this day, the 216 national scout programs that are members of WOSM will celebrate and explore peace around the world.

Due to the current situations in Israel and Afghanistan, it may be difficult to imagine peace in the near future. Indeed, no one knows what the future may hold, but by focusing on the methods and merits of peace, scouts and scouters will become better rounded individuals.

According to a contacted WOSM representative, the International Day of Peace event is very loosely organized. He stated that individual national scout programs are responsible for deciding what, if anything, they will plan for the day. Furthermore, to his knowledge, the Boy Scouts of America has never celebrated this international scout event.

This article does not seek to offer you any advice on what to do in response

to this special date. However, as our American scout movement typically has prided itself on producing scores of young men that have made good war fighters, it might be interesting to study the men scouting has produced that became extraordinary peacemakers. Will the Order of the Arrow be a part of this event?

Here are this year's Five Feathers submissions and points that go towards "Lodge of the Year"

Tsali	3/6pts	Catawba	4/8pts
Muscogee	4/8pts	AKK	4/8pts
Skyuka	1/2pts	Santee	4/8pts
Bobwhite	3/6pts	Eswau	4/8pts
Itibap	1/2pts	Unali'yi	1/2pts
		Tomo Chi-Chi	2/4pts

The *Five Feathers* is published quarterly. If you have an article and/or picture (with caption) for submission, please send it to the Section Secretary.

# Welcome from the Host Lodge Chief

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hosted the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1977 with the Order of the Arrow's founder, Dr. E. Urner Goodman, and the 45<sup>th</sup> Dixie Fellowship in 1997.

This weekend, we gather at the home of Unali'Yi, "the place where friends meet". We hope that our facilities will provide a great atmosphere for fun, fellowship, and competition.

I would like to thank the brothers of Unali'Yi for their hard work this past year. Although becoming distracted in September of 2001, we have done our best to put on what we hope will be a world class fellowship. I thank all of you for coming and hope you enjoy the weekend!

# Welcome from the Dixie Vice-Chief

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excitement throughout the weekend in competition, spirit and fun. Unali'Yi Lodge has worked hard this past year to prepare for this weekend by hosting a number of workdays to prepare our camp.

This weekend, we host over 1,000 brothers from Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina. This should make Dixie weekend extremely fun. I hope everyone makes new friends with brothers from all the section's lodges. I'd also

like to ask everyone to be courteous to the camp and take care of it as you would your own home camps.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable weekend and I wish everyone good luck in competition.



## A Tradition To Be Proud Of

50 Years of Dixie

By: Riley Berg, National Vice-Chief



Riley Berg  
National Vice-Chief

It takes just one word, and people instantly know what you're talking about. That word is Dixie and if you aren't aware, your

section is the only one in the nation that gives its conclave this great title. I know little about SR-5, and even less about the Carolinas or Georgia, yet I do know that you have a long tradition of excellence for which you should all be proud.

This weekend, as I'm sure you know, is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dixie Fellowship. Whether this is your first time at the event, or perhaps you were here when the inaugural Dixie took place, take a second

to think about what an accomplishment 50 years is.

In 1952, an arrowmen attending the first Dixie Fellowship likely enjoyed 'I Love Lucy', or 'The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet' – two of the most popular shows of the time. He probably hadn't read Ernest Heminway's *The Old Man and the Sea* as many of us do in school, because it had just been published that year. If he read the news he might have known that the U.S. detonated the world's first hydrogen bomb, and a vaccine for polio was discovered. Not only that, but if a scout had a microwave it was quite a luxury – the refrigerator sized units cost a whopping \$1,200 in those days.

So, a lot has happened over the past 50 years, and the nation has seen trends come and go. One thing that has stayed constant is Scouting. We as a brotherhood constitute perhaps the most wholesome movement in the world today, and this is possible because of the values we hold – the same ones arrowmen did a half century ago.

Congratulations on this milestone, and here's to another 50 golden years. Have a great weekend!

# Before Leaving for College

## Find A Troop

By: Matthew Smith, Section Secretary

The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society. Yet, sometimes, its members stop being real scouts. I am talking of those Arrowmen who leave home to attend college and are unable to participate with their home troops. I admit, I too am one of these Arrowmen, but the problem is easy to fix. As most college campuses are at the heart of a local community, a scout unit is almost guaranteed to be nearby.

Without being an active member of a troop, the Order of the Arrow may seem to be unimportant to a new college freshman. Think about it. How high in priority will an organization, created to support troops, be if it's key leaders, youth from 18 to 21 years of age, are not part of a troop.

I speak from experience on this

subject. The purpose of our Order has never meant more to me than during my sophomore year, when I helped lead a Webelos Scout den. Once again, I regularly attended weekly scout meetings, taught scouting skills, and helped to insure that there will be a generation of OA members to follow myself.

Face it, not every arrowman in college can be a region or national chief and attend an OA event every weekend of the year. Participating in five or six lodge events a year is not enough to keep our skills fresh and our minds focused on the real purpose of Scouting, the troop's mission to instill the Scout Law and Oath in boys. Please, assist your college age lodge members to locate and participate in a scout unit in or around their college community.

# Section Adviser Awarded Distinguished Honor



Silver Antelope Medallion

Mac McLean has served as Southern Region Section Five Adviser since 1997. He has been involved in scouting for thirty years. As a youth he earned both his Arrow of Light and

Eagle Scout award. He has served as chapter chief, lodge treasurer and lodge chief of Santee Lodge. He also served two years as the Section Five Chief. Mac is a recipient of the Vigil Honor, Founder's Award, the Order of the Arrow Distinguished Service Award, Silver Beaver and the District Award of Merit. He has completed the Wood Badge Program and also earned the Scouter's Training Award. Mac currently serves on the Blue Ridge Council's Executive Board as the Camping Committee Chairman. He has served on staff for six National Leadership Seminars and three National Order of the Arrow Conferences.

For all the service Mac has given, he will be presented the Silver Antelope, the award for outstanding service to youth on a regional level. He will be presented this distinguished honor in the summer of 2002, during the National BSA Planning Meeting. Mac and his wife Camille are the proud parents of two children, Macon and Cates. Mac participates in both Cub Scouting and Girl Scouting with his two children. Mac is currently a certified tax attorney and a partner with Haynsworth, Sinkler & Boyd, P.A., in Greenville, South Carolina. When you see Mac McLean, please congratulate him on this high honor.

# Do Your Mothers Proud

By: Lord Robert Baden-Powell, Scouting Founder



Lord Robert Baden-Powell

A really good manly fellow is seldom to be found who was not also a good son to his mother. There is only one pain greater than that of losing your mother, and that is the pain your mother would

suffer if she lost you. I do not mean by death, but by your own misdeeds. Has it ever struck you what it means to your mother if you turn out a "wrong un" or a waster? - she who bore you and brought you up, she who taught you your first steps, your prayers, your straight ideas, and was glad when you showed that you could do things?

All her loving work and expectations have been thrown away, and the pain she suffers by seeing you slide off into the wrong road is worse than if she had lost you in death. Make your career a success whatever line you take up and you will rejoice her heart. Make her happy in any way you can - you owe it to her, and if she dies, it will be your greatest comfort to think that at any rate, you did your best for her and were a credit to her while she lived.

*Excerpt from: The Character Factory: Baden-Powell's Boy Scouts and the Imperatives of Empire by Michael Rosenthal.*

# Lodge Reports



**Muscogee**  
Jonathan Hardin,  
Lodge Chief

Muscogee Lodge is happy to be here and see you all at Camp Ho Non Wah for the 50th Dixie Fellowship. In the past few weeks, all the foxes in central South Carolina have been gearing up for this weekend, and we are glad to be here with the lodges of SR-5.

In recent news, Muscogee hosted our Spring Fellowship on March 22-24, 2002 at Camp Barstow. This was the largest Spring Fellowship ever held at that camp and a good time was had by all. At this fellowship, a new flap and backpatch were available for the first time to commemorate our 60th Anniversary.

After Dixie, we are excited about many upcoming events, including our May Ordeal, a Lodge BBQ, and our Summer Ordeal and Fellowship.



**Catawba**  
Jeff Womack,  
Lodge Chief

Catawba Lodge is very excited that we are celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Dixie Fellowship with Unali'yi at Camp Ho Non Wah. We have been working very hard over the past few months to prepare our selves for this event and are ready for all of our hard work to come alive.

Besides Dixie, we have been preparing our selves for Catawba's biggest event of the year, our 1<sup>st</sup> Ordeal/Beaver Festival. This event will be held at Camp Grimes on May 17-19. We expect around 600 scouts and scouters to attend this event. Everyone will be

working hard that weekend fixing and building things for our camp that will open a few weeks later. Two weeks after our 1<sup>st</sup> Ordeal, we will be having our 2<sup>nd</sup> Ordeal at Clear Creek Scout Camp on May 31 - June 2. There, we will be doing the same things that we did at Grimes, making the camp ready for the Cub Day Camp. If anyone is interested in attending these events send an email to chief@catawbalodge.org.

With all the hard work that we have been doing or are about to do, I am sure that we all look forward to the summer break, but when we get to these events and see all of the work we have done it will all be worth it. I hope that all lodges are doing as well as ours. Catawba looks forward to seeing all our friends at Dixie.



**Santee**  
Lee Early,  
Lodge Chief

During the weekend of April 5-7, Santee Lodge hosted its annual Spring Fellowship at Camp Coker in Society Hill, SC. During this weekend, everyone enjoyed a movie night, quest events, and our annual Santee patch auction. Thanks to the members of Santee and members from other lodges in SR-5, we were able to raise a significant amount of money to assist in purchasing a permanent lodge display and to underwrite our annual Order of the Arrow week pageant this summer.

In addition to the excitement the program for Spring Fellowship offered, Santee inducted two new Ordeal members and one Vigil Honor member. We would like to congratulate Brother

Charles Mathis of Cheraw, SC for having been bestowed the Vigil Honor in recognition of the many years of service that he has given to the Pee Dee Area Council and Santee Lodge 116.

The main discussion topic of the weekend revolved around the 2003 Dixie Fellowship, which is to be hosted by Santee Lodge next April. I would like to announce the appointment of Brother Brett Mahaffey as the Vice-Chief of the Dixie Fellowship for 2003. Brett is a Vigil Honor member from Myrtle Beach, SC and he currently attends Clemson University. The members of Santee Lodge and the Pee Dee Area Council are very excited and looking forward to hosting SR-5's renowned Dixie Fellowship in 2003.



**Skyuka**  
Matt Whisonant,  
Lodge Secretary

Brothers, hello again. Skyuka is off to a great start this year, with our first event going very well. We held our Spring Fellowship at Camp Charles Lea in Cowpens, SC, even though it was way too cold for March. We held the First Annual Skyuka Lodge Games on Saturday, having competitions ranging from knot tying and lashing to fire building and canoe races. Everybody had a great time in this new approach to our Quest Event preparation for Dixie. We crowned our first ever "Lodge Champion" at breakfast the next morning for the most points accumulated over all 11 events, with Scott Prevatte placing second and our lodge chief, Jonathan Malphrus, taking home the hardware with first. We also picked up where we left off last year, inducting 23 ordeal

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members and converting 2 new brotherhood members. Skyuka is chomping at the bit, so y'all better be ready down in Charleston, because we're coming to play.



**Eswau Huppeday**  
John Garwood,  
Lodge Chief

Aloha brothers! Your groovy brothers from Eswau have been shooting the curl to get ready for Dixie. Now that Dixie has finally arrived, we are ready to hang ten and catch a wave in fun and fellowship.

We have had a gnarly time preppin' up for this weekend. We are also working to improve our already kickin' lodge program. We wish you all luck in all we do this weekend.

"And we'll have fun, fun, fun til our daddies take our Dixie away! Hawaii 560!"



**Bob White**  
Michael Gehrt,  
Lodge Chief

Since last time we talked, we have had the largest ordeal in lodge history. We had 94 candidates and 23 brotherhood inductees. We ran out of tools at camp which, has never happened before. Now our archery range at camp is great looking and much larger. We also did a lot of work by our pre-ordeal ring. Coming up, we have our Beaver day at camp to get ready for summer camp 2002. Then we have our Block Party, where all we do is have fun out on a lake. Hope to see everybody at DIXIE 2002. Have a good weekend.



**Tomo Chi-Chi**  
Kirk Blaine,  
Lodge Chief

Tomo Chi-Chi Lodge just held our annual spring fellowship where we enjoyed a fun-filled weekend of brotherhood and learning. Our main goals for this weekend were brotherhood conversion and preparation for Dixie. We had a very large class of brotherhood candidates go through to further their obligations to our Order. We also practiced many of the skills necessary to complete the competitions at Dixie. Our next objective is unit elections. The next ordeal will take place in May at Camp Blue Heron. As many of you know, we have had the same flap design for 12 years. We are currently in the process of designing a completely new flap. As our present one does, it will represent the coastal empire very well. You will not be disappointed. See ya at Dixie!



**Atta Kulla Kulla**  
Heath Ramey,  
Lodge Chief

Since the last time I reported on the status of Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge we have held one lodge event. The Spring Fellowship was March 22-24, 2002. We had an outstanding attendance of 160 brothers at the event.

At the Fellowship, chapters competed in spirit, quest events and other events. The chapters had such spirit themes as: circus, CIA, and construction workers. The chapter that won the Spirit Award was Ca-Nu-Pa. All chapters competed in quest events. We had such quest events as: tug of war, egg toss, rifle

shooting, archery and others. The chapter that was awarded with the Quest For the Golden Arrow Award was Allogagan Wulit.

We also held lodge officer elections for the 2002/2003 year. The following arrowmen were elected to serve the lodge:

Lodge Chief: Heath Ramey  
VCA: Ryan Bajan  
VCIA: Russell Hedden  
VCC: Kevin Etzkorn  
Sec./Treas.: Ben Pochardt

Their term will start directly after Dixie Fellowship. Congratulations to all of these arrowmen. The lodge also prepared for Dixie during the weekend. We also held the Vigil nominating committee meeting. The weekend was closed out Sunday morning with an awards ceremony.

All of us in whippoorwill country would like to wish all of the lodges in the section a weekend full of fun and fellowship at Dixie.



**Tsali**  
Chris Hoover,  
Lodge Chief

I hope everyone has enjoyed there spring break. Tsali Lodge has been pretty busy these past couple of months. We had our winter banquet back in February and had a great turn out. We held an LLD for our new officers. We held our Spring Fellowship April 5-7. We look forward to seeing everybody at the Dixie.

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## Section Calendar

### Upcoming Section & National Events & Deadlines...

May 31	NOAC Fees Due
June 23-29	Philmont OA Adviser Training
July 27 - August 1	NOAC 2002 - Indiana University - Bloomington, Indiana
Sept. 15-21	Philmont OA Staff Adviser Training
October 1	OA Charter Renewal Kits Available
November 1-3	COC Weekend
November 15	OA Lodge Support Pak Available
November 30	OA Service Grant Applications Due
December 31	Lodge Charter Renewal Deadline