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Dixie 2003: The Tradition Continues A Look Ahead By: Brett Mahaffey, Dixie Vice Chief



Mahaffey enthusiasm and excitement, as potent as

The weekend of April 25-27, 2003 will see a new era dawning for the brothers of Section SR-5. With fond memories of our first 50 Dixies etched into our minds, we turn towards the next halfcentury with a sense

it has ever been. We learn to embrace change while, at the same time, clinging tightly to those traditions that have defined us throughout the years. For one weekend next spring, we, the brothers of SR-5, have a chance to relive a piece of the past and make our own special mark on the future. Indeed, as our selected theme for Dixie 2003 suggests, we will all have a chance to be there as "the tradition continues."

On behalf of the brothers of Santee Lodge, the Pee Dee Area Council, and Camp Coker, I would like to extend a warm invitation to all of you to come and enjoy the tradition and the fellowship that our conclave has come to embody.

The 2003 Dixie Fellowship promises to be an event to remember. Our lodge has been working tirelessly

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ArrowTech Let us Catch the Higher Vision **ArrowTech 2002 In Review**

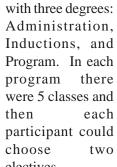
"Catch the Higher Vision," the theme for this year's ArrowTech challenged every participant to consider

how he or she could better serve the Order. As over 125 brothers from across SR-5 gathered to train and share fellowship the door was opened for more open communication of

ideas and tried experiences. The trainers were an assorted group from throughout the Region each bringing experience and knowledge to guide the participants to find their purpose and to challenge them

to find a new level to aim towards in their work with the Order.

ArrowTech has a college-like setup





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After a good night of sleep everyone was excited to begin the day with the morning training sessions. Each participant found new ideas and new

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approaches to how to accomplish what he wished to contribute to his position in the lodge. These sessions were interrupted briefly by lunch and then it was off to the afternoon classes. The last two sessions of the day were the electives where participants from each college were able to mingle with one another and learn about other aspects of the Order not directly associated with their college. Also, during this time, Section Chief, Jonathan Hardin led an informal meeting with the Council of Chiefs to discuss the proposals for the 2003 Dixie Fellowship. This meeting was a huge success with many issues being resolved prior to the actual COC meeting.

Saturday night everyone assembled for the closing banquet. During the feast,



former National Chief Carey Mignerey

Interlodge fellowship at the gave a
Banquet moving
address about taking chances and trying

new things. Also, a commencement ceremony was held for the graduating participants. After the banquet some brothers came together and watched "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring."

Sunday morning began with a worship service and then moved into the Council of Chiefs meeting. After a bit of discussion and a couple of laughs it was off to home as all the brothers of SR-5 bid each other farewell.

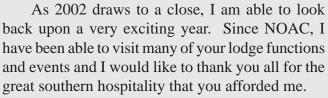
The weekend was a success, SR-5 caught the higher vision. Brothers from across our great section came together for training and the experience that they took away left an even greater impact on them.



Chiefly Speaking

A Look Back on 2002

Brothers,



In addition, thank you all for coming to ArrowTech and making it such a success. In November, over 125 lodge leaders traveled to Greenville, SC for the fourth ever ArrowTech training conference. Thanks to your support, attendance was higher than ever this year and immense amounts of knowledge were delivered to the leaders of the lodges that comprise section SR-5.

On Sunday of ArrowTech, the lodge chiefs of our section and the other members of the Council of Chiefs held their annual meeting to plan and prepare for the Dixie Fellowship. The November COC marked many important decisions, and the lodge chiefs of our section and the service lodge, Santee lodge, have set out to plan the greatest Dixie Fellowship ever! I hope that you are as excited as I am about Dixie – it will be spectacular!

As you and your lodge prepare for Dixie, please take note of the pre-fellowship deadlines that need to be met in order to acquire all possible points in several of the competitions, including the Lodge of the Year competition. The entire Dixie Fellowship procedures are available for download on the section web site, and a calendar of deadlines is in this issue of the Five Feathers.

Happy holidays and a wonderful new year to you and your family!

Yours in the Wimachtendienk,

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Jonathan Hardin



Section Officers

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Chief

Jonathan Hardin

A Note from the Editor

In Search of Leaders

My Brothers,

This is a very exciting time for the lodges of SR-5. With new administrations taking over where their predecessors left off, planning their lodge's future and how to accomplish those lofty goals that are now laid out before them; it is appropriate I think to take this Note from the Editor to discuss finding one's niche in service to the lodge. Everyone cannot do everything. We each have skills and interests that limit what we will enjoy and will therefore do. As a leader, it is important for you to realize this.

When I was beginning my term as Eswau Huppeday Lodge Chief I had this same dilemma. I had to seek out those best suited for the position and who would be able to contribute to my vision of where to take the lodge. For those of you Lodge Chiefs reading this article I am confident you know of what I speak. This is one of the most important decisions a leader has to make. If he chooses a person ill-suited for the position he is selected for then that aspect will not be the very best it can be; however, should the leader choose someone with an enthusiasm for that aspect of the organization then it will be sure to fulfill all of his expectations.

As I said before everyone is suited for his interests. Take for instance, a ceremonies team member may not be the best candidate for Ordeal Master. He may seem to be an amazing leader, but he may choose to neglect his responsibilities so he may participate in an activity that he truly enjoys.

Last December and January I was working on my God and Life Award which is a religious award that is used by many Protestant Denominations. During my work on this award I spent many hours discussing the Church and how to serve with my pastor John Boggs. In several of these meetings we discussed servant hearts. I define a servant heart as a person who will do whatever is asked of them because they are willing to serve. These people are great to work with because they are willing and excited about the chance to serve somewhere they are needed; however, without a heartfelt desire to continue in the program servant hearts often become burned out and must move onto a new project because they do not feel a urge to serve because of a love of the project.

Don't lose hope my brothers for there is an answer. Finding that person who is willing and feels a true desire to serve may seem to be too good to be true. They will need little motivation and may even be needed to be told when to stop. These leaders have no concern for personal gain and serve merely to advance that to which they feel a connection.

These may be difficult to find. I am confident, however, that with development of your lodge's leadership and grooming of younger Arrowmen that one day it is possible that you will have youth that are dedicated to each and every aspect of the Order.

This utopian possibility may seem to be impossible, therefore I challenge each of you to seek out and find these youth. A little work and development now may lead to an infinite amount of desire for activity in the OA. Remember, if you give them something to do, they will come back.

In WWW John J. Harwood

John Garwood

Dixie

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to make sure that every part of this Dixie will be special in its own unique way. We have devoted a great deal of time and manpower to the improvement of our camp's facilities. We are also currently lining up a qualified, knowledgeable, and able staff to ensure that the weekend runs as smoothly as possible. I urge everyone to come to Camp Coker next April and enjoy what promises to be "the best Dixie ever."

Very soon, the Santee Lodge website (www.santeelodge.org) will have an entire section devoted to the 2003 Dixie Fellowship. It will include such information as driving directions to Camp Coker, menus, schedules, and maps. All lodges should soon be expecting to receive their registration packets in the mail. Instructions and deadlines will be provided with these. Should you require any additional information or should any questions or concerns arise, please do not hesitate to contact me at the information provided below. I will be more than happy to assist you.

Again, I strongly wish that all of you be able to attend the 2003 Dixie Fellowship. I thank you all for your endless outpouring of support and encouragement and I look forward to seeing you next spring.

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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 secretary@sr5.org. The next submission deadline is Friday, January 31st.

What Are You Doing This Summer?

2003 Indian Summer - National Program

Do you like fun? Do you like learning? Do you like Indian lore? Well if so, the Order of the Arrow has the perfect conference for you! It is the National Order of the Arrow Ceremony and Native American Indian Conference, or

in short, the Indian Summer.

The Indian Summer will take place from August 2nd through the 7th in 2003. It will take place at the lovely Ridgecrest Conference Center in Asheville, North Carolina.

Now, who exactly can come to the Indian Summer? Well, any Arrowmen with an interest in learning more about American Indian culture and Arrowmen who wish to expand their skills and

understanding of the Order's ceremonies are invited. The conference is projecting about 1,000 Arrowmen to participate in this event.

> The primary goal of this conference is to elaborate and expand a

> > participant's understanding of American Indian culture at a pace in which the students can learn more. Arrowmen will have the chance for hands on experience with American Indian crafts, singing, dancing, customs, traditions, Indian games, and conducting a

Need to improve your skills in generating a successful Call-out, Ordeal, Brotherhood and Vigil Ceremony? Well

Powwow.

you are in luck because participants will also delve deeper into the ceremony world of settings, props, understanding the ten induction principles, symbolism, knowing the lines, and development of low-cost ceremonial costumes.

The call for an Indian Summer came from fellow Arrowmen themselves. They desired another seminar like the Indian Seminar, which took place at Philmont in 1997.

The demand for such a conference was recognized by the National Order of the Arrow Committee, so they endorsed it.

Do not miss your chance to attend such an awesome experience. Come on down, learn about American Indian culture, and expand your knowledge in Order of the Arrow ceremonies



Eswau Huppeday to Again Host Seminar 2003 Carolina's Indian Seminar

🗽 By: Adam Lutterloh, Eswau Huppeday Lodge

Two PowWows, hundreds of dancers with brilliant colors flying to the beat of a drum, fellowship with brothers from around the country, instruction from some of the most knowledgeable people we can find... All these things can only mean one thing, Carolina's Indian Seminar (CIS). CIS, which is hosted by SR-5's own Eswau Huppeday Lodge, will be held on the weekend of January 24-26, 2003 at the Mitchell Community College Continuing Education Center in Statesville, North Carolina.

A myriad of opportunities are available at CIS. Friday night will consist of a PowWow open to everyone, featuring Dance Styles Overviews and a little warm up for what is to follow. Saturday will be filled with training sessions. Those

attending will be able to learn all the basic styles of Indian dance along with many American Indian Crafts. Many American Indian Skills will be taught and demonstrated throughout the weekend by experienced trainers. One of the largest hobbyist PowWows in North Carolina will take place on Saturday night, this one being much more formal. A religious service will be held on Sunday and afterwards participants will leave for home. Participants will also be able to find those needed materials at the many vendors who will be available throughout the weekend. Whether a seasoned dancer, or someone just starting to find interest in this exciting aspect of our Order this is the event to be

Carolina's Indian Seminar is a

wonderful opportunity to expand your knowledge on almost every facet of American Indian Lore. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jeff Whisenant at eswaucis@twave.net, or visit the website at http://users.twave.net/jafowiz/ cis.htm. The cost this year will be \$28 for attendees and \$14 for instructors teaching one session, and the cost is free for those teaching at least 2 sessions. registration deadline will be January 3, 2003 and no registration forms will be accepted via email. If you are at all interested please contact your lodge leadership to make sure that you are included in your lodge's contingent.



A Legacy of Servant Leadership

OA's Strategic Plan Gives Vision for Brotherhood By: Carey J. Mignerey, 2000 National Chief

Region Chiefs unvail '03-'07

Strategic Plan at NOAC



Carey Mignerey

The close of 2002 will bring about a new year, and a new direction for the Order of the Arrow. Beginning in January, the Order of the Arrow—both lodges and the national organization—will usher in the 2003-2007

Strategic Plan. The title of this document is "A Legacy of Servant Leadership," which recognizes the Order's past achievements but recommits us to realizing

this end.

This plan replaces the current strategic plan, which provided guidance for 1998-2002 and included the change in OA logo, shift to "Scouting's National Honor Society", introduction of the troop

representative program, and other notable changes. The new plan will include less visible changes, but will still seek to position the Order of the Arrow so that we might best serve Scouting.

Mirrored after the BSA's Strategic Plan, the OA's plan identifies three areas of concentration for the next five years: leadership, service, and financial support. Additionally, the specific objectives of each point have been divided into national priorities and local priorities. For instance, a section conclave training program is a national priority, while expansion of the troop/team representative is a local one.

In order for lodges to effectively implement the strategic plan, each will begin to develop an annual "Lodge Plan." The Lodge Plan will be somewhat like the lodge goals that most officers and LECs develop yearly, but will incorporate

significant interaction with council leadership. In meeting with council leaders, the lodge can identify which elements of the BSA and OA strategic plans are most important for lodge emphasis during the year.

The strategic plan and the Lodge Plan development process were unveiled to lodges at the 2002 National Order of the Arrow Conference in Bloomington, Indiana. All lodge key three members were invited to attend the National Council of Chiefs, where they were provided information and resources to initiate

incorporation of the 2003-2007 Strategic Plan. Those materials are available, for anyone interested, from your section leadership.

The first pillar of the strategic plan is leadership. On a national level, this will include a reevaluation

of current training programs, exploration into new methods of development, a section conclave training initiative, strengthening of the lodge assistance program, and expansion of the NLATS, NLS, and LLDC programs. On a local level, the leadership initiative focuses on assisting units with programming, use of Scoutreach, expansion of the troop/team representative, and other council-oriented programs.

For more information, visit the national OA Web page from the national conference devoted to this exciting new direction for the Order:

http://www.oa-bsa.org/programs/splan/strategicplan.htm

This is the first of a three-part series on the 2003-2007 Strategic Plan. Read future issues of the Five Feathers for more information!

Lodge Reports



Eswau Huppeday Thomas White, Lodge Chief

After a great year, Eswau Huppeday Lodge is on a roll. At NOAC, we won our fifth straight National Dance Team Championship, we had 2 brothers make the top ten in Old-Style, we honor medaled in Ceremonies, and we won the NOAC spirit award. We plan on continuing these efforts as well as many others in the upcoming year. We are currently underway on creating a new Lodge Planbook, a new Where to go Camping Guide, and we are working on a new layout for our newsletter.

At our Fall Fellowship, we inducted 7 brothers into the Vigil Honor. They are Jeff Rasmussen, Zack Queen, Brian Barrett, Brendon Haney, Kevin Shook, Bobby Quick and Boyd McNealy. We also held our 4th annual Chapter Box-Car race, where each chapter builds a car as prescribed by the rules, and they race. We held a Brotherhood Ceremony, inducted our new Lodge Officers, and had a Luau planned, but due to rain it had to be canceled.

We also had our LLDC, which was a success. Our Lodge officers learned a lot of new information, and we would like to thank Trey Courtney for coming up to Camp Bud Schiele and helping us with our Training. We are looking forward to a great year, and we can't wait to go down to Santee for Dixie 2003.



ItibapPaul Culp,
Lodge Chief

Dear Brothers of SR-5 I hope the holidays are approaching you with feelings of joy and happiness. As for us in Itibap we are in the continuing stage of transition and growth for our lodge. At our recent lodge gathering, the Fall Fellowship, we held our lodge elections for the 2003 lodge

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year. The results determined that Brian Boggs will hold the position of Lodge Chief. I am pleased to say that I am looking forward to a few years of officer retirement. My heart goes out to those who serve in a lodge position, for I know that it can take a lot out of a person, but also that it helps an individual grow in so many positive ways. Itibap has seen many changes in the last year; we hope to see that the lodge keeps moving in the direction that it is going. The lodge has placed the unit elections forms online (www.itibap.org) and hopes to reform the way we communicate. Communication had become an integral part of our lodge as we look to building and re-establishing Itibap as one of the premier lodges in SR-5. As the past few years have shown, Itibap is indeed growing from the small lodge we once were, to the lodge that pulled off an extraordinary Dixie, and now presently the lodge that is still evermore looking to stretch new boundaries in new growth and innovation. We plan to conclude our lodge year with our annual winter banquet where we will hold our training for all arrowmen and recognize those in our lodge that demonstrate the purpose of the Order in their lives. To all the lodges in SR-5 I send you thoughts of progress and perseverance.



Skyuka Greg Garrison, Lodge Chief

Skyuka Lodge is doing extremely well. We held elections at our Fall Fellowship on October 25-27 at Camp Bob Hardin. This year's elected officers have an extreme amount of potential, and will work hard in order to serve Skyuka Lodge. This year, we brought the largest contingent to Arrowtech,

which was an overwhelming success. We got a lot of new training and ideas at Arrowtech, in order to better our lodge. We have our LLDC coming up on December 7th in Lockhart, SC. This promises to be a worthwhile event to train our lodge's leadership. We will be holding our annual banquet on February 1st in Gaffney, SC. If anyone wishes to attend a fellowship held by Skyuka Lodge or visit one of our exclusive camps, get in touch with me at garrisonj2@winthop.edu.



Catawba Lee Shelton, Lodge Chief

As 2002 winds down, Catawba Lodge is still going strong planning for many upcoming events. Our Fall Fellowship was held from September 20-22 at Clear Creek Scout Camp, and it was a great success, with around 200 Arrowmen attending to learn, serve and share in fellowship. At this event, our new officers for the 2002-2003 year were elected: Lee Shelton, Lodge Chief; Tom Cox, VC-Program; David Wheeler, VC-Inductions; Sean Smith, Secretary; Dustin Counts, Quartermaster. We also recognized 12 new brothers as Vigil Honor members of the Order. In October, we held our Lodge Leader Development Course to train our newly elected officers and appointed chairmen.

Looking ahead, the next event for Catawba Lodge is our Annual Banquet, held on the first Wednesday in December. Our guest speaker will be Maj. Gen. Tom Sadler, who has been a very influential Scouter in our council for a number of years. In January, our lodge will sponsor our Cold Weather Training, in which Scouts from all over the council come to learn about topics

such as cold weather equipment, cooking, sleeping, clothing, and others. Our training for Elangomats and Unit Election teams will also occur at this event. After the Cold Weather Training, troops are invited to the Cold Weather Camping weekend, where Scouts have the ability to put into practice the skills they learned at training.

Our lodge is very excited about the coming year and the activities we have planned. We look forward to seeing you all at the Dixie Fellowship in April.



Bob WhiteKane Bonnette,
Lodge Chief

Bob White Lodge #87 has had a particularly active period since the last Five Feathers contained lodge reports. Our Lodge elected new leaders into Lodge offices, with Kane Bonnette serving as Lodge Chief, Frank Toole serving as Vice-Chief of Administration, Joe Dorsey serving as Vice-Chief of Inductions, and newcomer Josh Ball serving as Vice-Chief of Program. The Lodge Key 3 also changed dramatically with Rick Mann taking over as Lodge Adviser and Perry Patton serving as Staff Adviser.

However, these changes have not slowed Bob White's progress at all. The lodge continued its service to the council by assisting with the Cub Scout Spooko-ree and hosting the Council Summer Camp Promotional Dinner, where excellent times were had by all. Bob White is also streamlining its Troop Representative program with expansions and extra chairmen in each Chapter. University of Scouting benefited from three well taught sessions dealing with the OA. Wrapping up the local events,

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the lodge is nearly finished planning the Winter Banquet, to be held on December 14th.

Within the section, our lodge has remained strong. The lodge sent nineteen Arrowmen to Arrowtech this year, earning degrees in all three colleges. Dixie planning was also strong, as the lodge introduced many important amendments to the Dixie Guidelines. Dixie planning within the lodge is also going strong, so all the other lodges need to watch out!



SanteeKyle Hughes,
Lodge Chief

I would like to begin by saying what an honor it is to serve as the 2002-2003 Santee Lodge Chief. Since I have become a member of Santee, I have seen this lodge in some of its best and worst times. It now becomes my obligation as Chief to carry on and urge this group of great scouts to continue reflecting the true meaning of the Arrow. I am very proud of the hard work of the 2002-2003 Lodge Executive Committee and the "DIXIE" Committee thus far. If planning and initiative are any means to judge, I strongly believe this will be the best "DIXIE" in 50 years.

So far, Santee has held the annual Lodge Leadership Development Conference and Fall Fellowship. During this weekend we held Ordeal inductions, Brotherhood inductions, and a select group of brothers were recognized for their exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest with the conferring of Vigil Honor. We are looking forward to our annual Winter Banquet this January. I can't wait to see all of the brothers of SR-5 at "DIXIE" in April.



Atta Kulla Kulla Heath Ramey, Lodge Chief

As the months of summer diminish and the Fall months fast approaching it is time for Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge to reflect on what has happened in our lodge since we last reported. Our lodge has been busy all summer conducting Ordeals every week of summer camp, executing a Lodge Cookout, sending 20 arrowmen from our lodge to NOAC and organizing and holding our Fall Fellowship.

At Camp Old Indian we conducted 7 ordeals, one each week of camp. We inducted 250 new brothers this summer, and many brothers also sealed their membership by going through the brotherhood ceremony. The Atta Kulla Kulla annual Lodge Cookout was held in June and it was a great time for all arrowmen. Many stories were told and games played. A great time was had by all

The Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge was well represented at the National Order of the Arrow Conference, we sent 20 great arrowmen from the lodge. The Contingent left a few days early and did some touring of Kentucky Caverns and Indianpolis. As soon as AKK arrived at NOAC it was off to represent our lodge and SR-5 the best we knew how to and that was by participating in almost all competitions and evaluations. Our Lodge came back from NOAC with several accomplishments including: A NOAC Honor Website that ranked 2nd in the nation, NOAC 2002 Spirit Award winner (only 20 lodges received this), Starsearch National Champions, Top 14 in Volleyball, and good qualifiers in the individual dancing. At Founders Day our lodge booth displayed things about South Carolina and our lodge, we also gave out Clemson stuff and peach candy, we had a very popular booth. So as you can see our lodge was well represented at NOAC 2002! We had a great time!

The "BIG DIG", the Atta Kulla Kulla lodge fall fellowship was held October 13-15, 2002 at Camp Old Indian. As a promotional gig the lodge administration started weeks ahead of time calling this fellowship the "Big Dig." The "Big Dig" was meant to get chapters to dig up everyone in their chapter and bring them to the fall fellowship. It was a success, the attendance was record breaking at 218 arrowmen. This broke our old record of 213 set at the 2001 fall fellowship. The weekend was filled with training sessions, spirit among chapters, quest events and just plain fun and fellowship. We also held our vigil honor induction this weekend as well. Congratulations to the following arrowmen for having the vigil honor bestowed upon them: Ben Pochardt, Jeff Pekarek, Barratt Park, Justin Rakey, Matthew Hedden, Vic Shelburne, Robby Hill, Bob Cooper, Dan Atkinson and Karl Nolte.

As I sit here looking for what the future holds in store for our lodge I see that we have our Winter banquet coming up on Feb 1, 2003 and our spring fellowship approaching after that. Those events will be here before you know it, it is never to early to start planning! All of us in Whippoorwill Country would like to wish all the lodges in SR-5 the best of luck in the upcoming months and as we say in South Carolina "See y'all later!"





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Section Calendar

Upcoming Section & National Events & Deadlines...

December 31 Lodge Charter Renewal Deadline

January 24-26 Carolina's Indian Seminar

January 31 Five Feathers Deadline

February 7 Dixie Deposit & Pre-Orders due to Santee

March 14 Remainder of Dixie fee due to Santee

April 25-27 Dixie Fellowship

August 2-7 Indian Summer