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New Orientation Program Jump Start to Help Introduce Order By: John Mickey, Catawba Lodge

On January 1st the Order of the Arrow National Committee unveiled a new section of the National website, Jump Start. This new program is a way to help new Arrowmen understand the Order in which they were inducted. The program is a two part resource. An on-line website for the newly inducted brothers and a companion guide for lodge leadership to use to enact an effective new member orientation in their lodge. As lodges create this orientation program, more and more new

members will come back and membership retention will grow.

Jump Start leads Arrowmen through their Ordeal, explaining the purpose of every aspect of the Ordeal. The website provides information about the Order's past and important information in their trail to brotherhood. For Arrowmen who are working on attaining Brotherhood, Jump Start leads you through the process step by step. When you think you are ready, take the quiz. It is very thorough, covering

everything an Arrowman needs to know for his questionnaire.

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is advertised along with Northern Tier, Philmont Trail Crew, and other nationally sponsored events. This new program is a great tool to offer Arrowmen of all ages.

For more information on the JumpStart program check it out at www.jumpstart.aa-bsa.org



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



Brett Mahaffey

Order forms. We will be pouring over the information you've sent us, setting up campsite assignments and ordering merchandise. Work projects continue at

By the time you read this article, we will have already received your lodge's Dixie Registration and Pre-



Host Lodge Dixie committee

Camp Coker. Our two scheduled lodge workdays in February give us a chance to continue to address the needs for the Dixie Fellowship and you, the Brothers of Section SR-5.

earlier in the week to sit down and reflect on exactly what the Dixie Fellowship means to me. I remember attend-

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With the Fellowship itself less than three months away, I found some time

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Section Office

Qualifications

All candidates interested in running for a Section Office must be a registered member of a Section SR-5 lodge and under 21 throughout the entire term of their office. In addition, all candidates must have the approval of their Scout Executive (typically in a written letter) before they are nominated. This approval must be obtained and verified by Section Adviser Mac McLean prior to the 2003 Dixie Fellowship election. Please contact Mac McLean at (864) 277-8861 or afmkcc@aol.com for further information with regards to this requirement.

One additional item to take into consideration prior to the Saturday night elections is that speeches will be limited to three (3) minutes in length. There will be an appointed timekeeper for all three elections and he will notify each candidate with a warning signal prior to the expiration of the three (3) minutes. The three (3) minute time limit will apply to all three elections: section chief, vice chief and secretary.

This year, all candidates for section office who would like to have an article included in the "Candidates for Section Office" newsletter must bring a digital copy of the article on a disk to Trey Courtney, Section Secretary Adviser, by 8:00 p.m. on Friday April 25, 2003. You can turn these in to him at the COC meeting. This newsletter will be distributed on Saturday to every brother and will be a great resource for conveying information and ideas. If an article is not submitted by 8:00 on April 25th, it will not be included in the newsletter. If you have any questions about running for a section office please contact Mac McLean at afmkcc@aol.com or Jonathan Hardin at jonthanoa@aol.com.



Chiefly Speaking

Thoughts on Upcoming Opportunities

Dear Brothers,

The 2003 Dixie Fellowship is quickly approaching; your section officers, coordinators, and Santee lodge are working attentively to prepare an outstanding event for you this April. I am very excited, as I hope you are too.

In just a few short weeks, nearly 1000 Arrowmen from Georgia and the Carolinas will gather at beautiful Camp Coker in Society Hill, SC for fellowship, training, exciting competition, and great food. The 2003 National Chief, Nick Digirolamo, will join the festivities as Dixie unfolds.

Aside from Dixie, I would like to remind all Arrowmen of the amazing opportunity which lies before you this summer at the Philmont Scout Ranch and Charles L. Sommers Canoe Base: the Order of the Arrow high adventure programs. OA Trail Crew takes place at Philmont Scout Ranch, where you spend one week building trails and the next on your own OA Trail Crew trek that you plan yourself. The OA Wilderness Voyage is a two week adventure in the US/Canadian Boundary waters, rebuilding portage trails in coalition with the United States Forest Service, and experiencing the splendor of such a natural wilderness. Just like OA Trail Crew, Wilderness Voyage crews plan their own voyage through the boundary waters. The OA Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage is ultimately a journey that challenges Scouts mentally, physically, and spiritually.

Both of these thrilling high adventure programs cost only \$100. If you are interested in participating, please contact your lodge chief as soon as possible. More information is available about each program on the National Order of the Arrow Web Site, at www.aa-bsa.org.

With the Dixie Fellowship, OA Trail Crew and Wilderness Voyage, and the National Indian Summer in nearby Asheville, NC, 2003 is shaping up to be an exhilarating year for the Order of the Arrow. I hope to see you at one of these events this year.

Yours in the Wimachtendienk,

Jonathan Hardin



Section Officers 2002-2003

Chief

Jonathan Hardin

Vice Chief

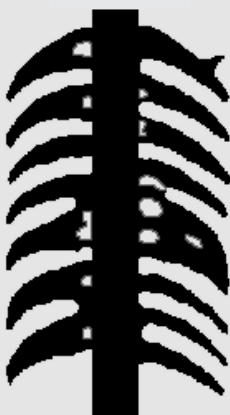
Lee Early

Secretary

John Garwood

Adviser

Mac McLean



A Note from the Editor

➤ A Challenge To Serve

My Brothers,

What is an Arrowman's purpose? Why did Dr. Goodman 88 years ago create this Order? I feel that one of an Arrowman's first duties is service. Service is a call that many shy away from or maybe feel forced to do. I feel that providing service can be one of the most fulfilling experiences that anyone can partake of. I would like for we as Arrowmen should take up the call of service prescribed by our founders and reach out into our communities to provide meaningful service to those who we depend on each and every day.

At all of our meetings in the OA we raise our right hand to the Scout Sign and repeat the Obligation of our Order. I would like to highlight one phrase, "...observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow, Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui..." The last word Witahemui is, as all of you know, Lenni Lenape for service. I think that this is one of an Arrowman's most important ideals.

Last semester, I made the decision to join Alpha Phi Omega, the nationally recognized Scouting Fraternity. My fraternity has a long standing tradition of focusing on providing Service to the community. From Adopt-A-Highway to building habitats for abandoned tigers we strive to provide meaningful service to all aspects of the community and nation. I feel that lodges have the ability and the duty to reach out into the community and provide meaningful service in our communities.

At a session that I taught at ArrowTech this year I was informed of how many lodges and chapters in SR-5 are providing this very service already. One that I still remember is a project that Atta Kulla Kulla lodge has done for several years now. The gobbler grab is a project that has Arrowmen collecting turkeys for the less fortunate. In Eswau Huppeday, a chapter went out and planned a district wide service project in which they cleaned up a creek in Gaston County. These are but a few examples of what your lodge or chapter can do.

A few years ago a program was instituted that was called "One Day of Service." This program had lodges go out on one day and do service. The idea behind this was noble, but I think as Arrowmen we have a responsibility to do service to the community throughout the year.

As I conclude this Note from the Editor, I would like to challenge you all to go out into your area and do service. We as Arrowmen are a group that has the ability to have a big impact in whatever we put our minds to.

Yours in the Order,



John J. Garwood



Dixie

➤ Continued...

ing my first Dixie as a young ordeal member in 1996. Immediately, I was caught up in the spectacle. To that point, I'd never experienced anything in Scouting quite like it. In years to come, I'm sure I'll look back on that as the single experience that kept me excited and involved not only in the Order, but in Boy Scouts as well.

Now, seven years later and I've found myself in the position of being the coordinator for the 2003 Dixie Fellowship. It's been, beyond a doubt, one of the most challenging and simultaneously rewarding things I've ever undertaken. I've had the opportunity to work with so many wonderful people over the past few months that there's no forum large enough for me to thank them all as much as they deserve. This will be the last leadership position I hold as a youth member in the Order of the Arrow, and I would be most misguided if I did not say that it has been fully worth it.

The Dixie Fellowship means something different to all of us, but, in a unique way, it also binds us to another. That's what makes it special, something to look forward to every spring. I hope you all have the opportunity to attend this April and form your own memories and reflections of our great event. On behalf of the Brothers of Santee Lodge, I look forward to seeing all of you!



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, March 28th.

Dixie Training Competition

Jonathan Malphrus, Training Coordinator

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Jonathan Malphrus

of the next couple months.

I'm also very excited about a new

Everything seems to be running smoothly in the Training sector for Dixie. I've had great participation from the lodges thus far, and I'm really looking forward to working with all of the trainers

opportunity presented at this year's Dixie. In accordance with the National Committee, the Section will be providing a training session on the National Strategic Plan and how it affects each and every lodge. The requirement will allow for SR-5 to develop a "Section Training Team" to teach this session at the Dixie Fellowship and then to continue in the service of our Brothers throughout Georgia and the Carolinas. I am currently looking for individuals from any lodge wishing to become involved in training on the Section level or to continue their involvement even

after they have aged out. If you or anyone you know might be interested in becoming part of this new and helpful group, please contact me, Jonathan Malphrus at, jmalphr@clemson.edu.

Dixie Program Competition

Greg Smith, Program Coordinator

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Greg Smith

for grabs to any Lodge. It is exciting to see such a spectacular show of sportsmanship in each of the events that the Quest has to offer.

I hope that everyone has already begun to prepare for all of the events that test our Scouting skills in a variety of ways. As you also know, we have

I hope that everyone is excited about the upcoming Section Conclave. This will be a great opportunity to gather with our fellow brothers to join in fun competition and fellowship. This year's Quest for the Golden

Arrow

is up

thrown in a couple of fun competitive events in order to match ourselves with each other in good old fashion Scouting fun.

Be sure to check your Guidelines for details on each of the events. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone at (843) 953-1346 or e-mail at SmithG@Citadel.edu. I do ask that you remind the judges from your lodge about the meeting that will be held



Bob White Lodge in the tent pitching competition

on Friday evening. Details will be given out at the opening show.

I am excited and ready

to see what your Lodge has got. Who is going to find the Golden Arrow? Who is going to complete and win the Quest? Let's have a good competition and I look forward to seeing you at the 2003 Dixie Fellowship.



Dixie Administration Competition

Michael Kirby, Administration Coordinator

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Newsletters, Planbooks, Where-to-go-Camping Books, Totem Poles are just some of the competitions that will be held during the Administration events during Dixie. I just want to remind lodges that I need the name of your



Michael Kirby

website judge by March 22, 2003, so that I can give them the necessary materials to start the website judging on April 1, 2003. Also, the COC in

petition will stay at five points. Finally, give the adults something to do at Dixie



Michael watching the totem pole carving

November approved to equalize the participation points at Dixie. They approved to award ten points to each lodge that participates in the noted event except for Knowledge and Training and Quest for the Golden Arrow which will stay at fifteen points and the Totem Pole com-

and let them judge events. Dixie judging is a wonderful way for the adults to participate, so please recruit judges for the four areas of Dixie(Quest, Training, Administration and American Indian Events). Email me at bosky185@yahoo.com if you have any questions regarding Administration.



Dixie Shows

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Ben Pochardt

shows. We are honored to have the 2003 National Chief Nick Digirolamo as our guest speaker and we have



Brothers singing during the Saturday Night Show

some more interesting people lined up to give their words of wisdom. We are currently working on a slide presentation that will involve pictures from all the lodges and their events this year.

In order for the shows to be some of the best ever, the shows staff is going to need the help of every Arrowman attending the Dixie. When walking into the

shows and when it is appropriate, we need for everyone to get a little wild and crazy and show the spirit for which Dixie is known. I guarantee that we will have the best shows ever seen at a Dixie. With your help I think that we can all set the standard for what every Dixie show should be like for years to come.



The

2003 Dixie Fellowship is rapidly approaching and I am excited about the shows aspect of this year's Dixie. The shows staff has been working to come up with some meaningful, funny and most of all entertaining segments that will fill both the Friday and Saturday night

A Legacy of Servant Leadership Lodge Reports

Plan Calls for Renewed Commitment to Service

By: Carey J. Mignerey, 2000 National Chief



Carey Mignerey

The 2003-2007 Order of the Arrow Strategic Plan, "A Legacy of Servant Leadership," identifies three areas of focus for the brotherhood in the coming years: leadership, service, and financial support. The emphasis on service is a renewed commitment to one of the principle foundations of the Order.

In calling for increased service, the strategic plan lists action items for both the national organization and also for local lodges. In cooperation with council leadership, lodges will develop annual plans that incorporate the core features of the strategic plan into their annual priorities. Developing these priorities with the council is the number one way to effectively serve the strategic goals of the Order.

Local councils are called upon to provide service in several ways, beyond their current commitments. The most significant way for lodges to serve their council is through a reevaluation of the camping promotion efforts currently undertaken. Lodges should "find ways

to increase the number of youth who participate in camping." Moreover, lodges should also commit themselves to finding more ways to improve council facilities year-round.

Closely related, the strategic plan calls upon lodges to begin developing camper-retention programs. These are programs to be conducted at summer camp that encourage campers to return year after year. Many camps, particularly some in the mid-west, have successfully implemented these camp programs with great success.

Finally, lodges will be asked to implement the Leadership in Service program. This program is not completely developed, but work is currently underway within the national committee and in a related task-force to

fully develop it. Essentially, Leadership in Service will be structured to be an organized service project, possibly coupled with a training element.

For more information, visit the national OA Web page from the



Bob White members build new boating dock at Camp Linwood Hayne

national conference devoted to this exciting new direction for the Order:

<http://www.oe-bsa.org/programs/splan/strategicplan.htm>

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



Bob White
Kane Bonnette,
Lodge Chief

Bob White Lodge #87 is happy to report that our affairs have been going well since the last Five Feathers was distributed. The Lodge earned Quality Lodge for the first time in several years, fulfilling all requirements except the (optional) sending a Lodge Adviser to NLATS. The lodge also pulled off an excellent Winter Banquet, where we were pleased to have Trey Courtney as our guest speaker. The biggest question left after the Banquet however: How long until Jay Widby sews his DSA knot on a Uniform?

Bob White is also gearing up for its Spring Ordeal/Fellowship on March 14-16. Inductions is planning for one of the largest Brotherhood classes in years after our 96 candidate ordeal last spring. Not to be outdone, Program is planning for a fun-filled weekend to rival even Dixie in pure enjoyment value. Nevertheless, Dixie won't be a letdown for our Lodge. In fact, Bob White plans to run away with the golden arrow and the spirit award this year, not to mention Lodge of the Year. SR-5, watch out! We're going to 'hunt' you down come April.



Tomo Chi-Chi
Douglas Hess,
Lodge Chief

Hey Brothers of SR-5, man what a year down in Tomo Land, We had our XMAS Dinner, and it went well, we had a great home cook meal, in a great speaker, we also presented the Adult service award, and then final we had the Arrowman of the Year award, in then to top it off, we had great Music, Provided by one of our brothers; wow what a great

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time, well now we our planing our Spring Fellowship, which is at great camp Blue Heron, we will be working on the Dixie events, in setting up our teams, wow, what a great year, keep it up Tomo Chi-Chi, and SR-5.



Catawba
Lee Shelton,
Lodge Chief

Since the last report, Catawba held its Annual Banquet. After having been postponed twice due to weather conditions, our Banquet was held on Friday, the 13th of December at Clear Creek Scout Camp. Around a hundred Arrowmen were in attendance, and in the absence of our guest speaker who could not attend due to scheduling conflicts, our own Section Chief graced us with encouraging words.

The Lodge has also sponsored Cold Weather events in the month of January. Scouts from around Mecklenburg County Council attended our Cold Weather Training on January 4th, and participated in various classes to sharpen camping skills. Some of the bravest troops then made their way up to Camp Raven Knob on January 25-26 for the Cold Weather Camping trip. With lots of snow and ice, many troops opted out, but for those who did come, a great time was had.

Catawba is looking ahead towards its Spring Fellowship at Mecklenburg Scout Reservation in March. During this time, any final lodge preparations for Dixie Fellowship are made. Our lodge has been graced with a Service Grant from the National OA for \$5000 towards the construction of a woodworking shop at the Frontier area at Camp Grimes, and this will be a major focus of our Spring

Fellowship weekend.

Our lodge is very excited about the upcoming activities, and we're pumped up for Dixie 2003! See you all in Society Hill!



Eswau Huppeday
Thomas White,
Lodge Chief

Eswau Huppeday has been very active lately. We just completed our Carolina's Indian Seminar and it was a great success. I would like to thank everyone who went for going and braving the bad weather that we had right before the weekend. Eswau is also planning many chapter service projects to help represent the OA in our communities.

Our next Lodge Event is March 1, which is our Camp Work Day. Our Spring Fellowship is also March 21-22. We will be doing a Webelos Transition Ceremony on that Friday night, and we have many fun events planned for the weekend. We are preparing for the Dixie and we can't wait to get to Camp Coker.



Atta Kulla Kulla
Heath Ramey,
Lodge Chief

Since the last time I reported on the status of Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge, we have seen a lot of things happen. Our Executive Committee approved a financial donation to the Blue Ridge Council Capital Campaign. We also conducted our Section One Day of Service Project called the "Gobbler Grab". We also held our Winter Banquet.

The Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge Executive Committee approved a \$10,000 Donation to the Blue Ridge Council Campaign. The money donated

from AKK will go toward the recreation of the Rifle Range at Camp Old Indian. The Range will be named after Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge 185. The first \$5,000 was given to the council in 2002 and the next \$5,000 will be given in 2003.

Our Lodge completed the SR-5 One Day of Service Project with the 2003 "Gobbler Grab". This project was a great success with 4 chapters of our lodge collecting a total of 685 turkeys that were donated to the following organizations: Loaves and Fishes of Greenville SC, Haven of Rest of Anderson SC, Salvation Army of Greenwood SC, and Boys Home of Newberry SC. As you can see our Turkeys that we got donated were put to good use for the needy in the upstate of South Carolina.

The Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge Winter Banquet was held Feb. 1, 2003. We had a good attendance of around 120 Arrowmen. The Founders Award was given to Justin Rakey and Doug Henry. A great catering company catered the night in. We also had State Senator Hutto from Orangeburg as our Guest Speaker. The night was tipped off with a year in review slide show. All who attended had fun and fellowship.

As I sit here and look into the future and see what is in store for AKK I see that we have our Spring Fellowship and Dixie 2003. At the Spring Fellowship our lodge will elect new officers to run AKK, their term will begin after Dixie 2003. At Dixie 2003 AKK will again be in FULL force to take the Spirit Award for the 7th time in a row. We have gotten it since 1997 why stop now. All of us in Whippoorwill Country wish the BEST OF LUCK to the other lodges in the section! As we say in South Carolina, "See Y'all later!"

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Section Calendar

Upcoming Section & National Events & Deadlines...

March 2-22	Philbreak
March 14	Remainder of Dixie fee due to Santee
March 14	Deadline for Trail Crew Applications
March 22	Website Judge & URL due to Michael Kirby
March 28	Five Feathers submission deadline
April 1	Website judging begins - Camp Coker, SC
April 25-27	2003 Dixie Fellowship
August 2-7	Indian Summer - Asheville, NC
November 7-9	NLS / NLATS