

The History

Of

Muscogee Lodge #221

Order of the Arrow

Seventy Three Years of Service

1942-2015

This history of Muscogee Lodge was compiled by Jacob Luksik utilizing information from various sources, including *A History of Scouting in Central South Carolina (1987)* by Tripp Clark, Muscogee Lodge Chief 1983-84 and 1985-86.

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Indian Waters Council

The Boy Scouts of America was organized on February 8, 1910. Columbia, SC organized a branch just two years later. Several troops were organized, but then disbanded, for a variety of reasons. During the early years of existence, The Boy Scouts of Columbia were very active in civic matters. They were often called upon to help during conventions, confederate reunions, State Fairs, festivals, charity work, and countless community events.

During World War I, the Scouts of Columbia rendered valuable service to their country by assisting the Red Cross and numerous government agencies. Moreover, they were especially helpful in the Liberty Bond Campaigns, selling many thousands of dollars' worth of bonds.

In 1916, the Columbia Council # 553 was formed, and it was recognized as a Second Class Council. In the spring of 1920, the council's status was upgraded to a First Class Council with the appointment of a paid Scout Executive.

In 1929, the Columbia Council's name was changed to Central South Carolina Council and its service area was broadened. Around this time, the Aquilla was formed. This was a pre-Order of the Arrow honor society for Eagle Scouts.

During the 1930s, the council continued to improve and soon became recognized as one of the outstanding councils in old Region 6. A camp was donated to the council by William Slocum Barstow. It was located on the present site of Fort Jackson in Columbia, SC. This camp had to be sold to the government in 1940 as part of the expansion of Fort Jackson in anticipation of World War II.

As the decades passed, the programs offered by the Central South Carolina Council expanded. In 1977, the Central South Carolina Council was recognized by Chief Scout Executive Harvey L. Price as the top council in the nation.

On January 1, 1979, the council's name was changed to Indian Waters Council, after a contest was held to choose a new name. At the same time, the district organization plan was changed to a more manageable plan of four districts plus a fifth division for Exploring. Before this time, the districts had fluctuated greatly and often, averaging about ten districts in the council with District Executives handling more than one district each.

In 1985, the Indian Waters Council was recognized as the featured council in the nation under the Quality Recognition Incentive Program developed by the National Council, BSA. In the fall of 1991, the council moved to its present location at 715 Betsy Drive, Columbia, SC.

The Indian Waters Council currently serves youth in eight counties of the midlands of South

Carolina. The council area is divided up geographically into seven Districts. These districts include Congaree (parts of Richland County), Catawba (parts of Richland County), Chinquapin (Saluda and parts of Lexington County), Edisto (Bamburg, Orangeburg, & Calhoun Counties), Etowah Creek (parts of Richland and Lexington Counties), Three Rivers (parts of Richland County), and Wateree (Kershaw and Fairfield Counties).

Camp Barstow

The first camp of the Indian Waters Council was a 211 acre piece of property donated by William Slocum Barstow. It was located on the present site of Fort Jackson in Columbia, SC. The first summer camp was held there in July 1930. It was an immediate success. In only its second year, 1931, 41% of the Scouts in the council attended summer camp, and 346 merit badges were awarded in camp. One of the highlights of the early years at Camp Barstow was a staff member who was an Indian from Oklahoma, Dan Tilden. In 1939, the summer camping season was cancelled because of a polio outbreak in Columbia.

However, the council did not have the camp for very long. It was sold to the government in 1940 as part of the expansion of Fort Jackson in anticipation of the war. Summer camp was held in 1941 at Burnt Ginn in Wedgefield, near Sumter, SC, since Barstow had been sold.

In 1942, the council located and purchased a site for its new camp in Lexington County near Gaston, SC (known as the second Camp Barstow). Scouts planted hundreds of acres of pine trees in the former farm fields. There was a small pond on the camp when it was purchased. The dam was built up to later increase the lake size to 36 acres. The camp officially opened on July 15, 1942. Not long after the opening of the second Camp Barstow, Mr. Barstow died.

Campers were originally housed in one-room cabins. In the early 1950s, Camp Barstow suffered the first of two fires and many of these cabins were destroyed. Wooden adirondacks were then built to house the campers. In 1965, most of the adirondacks were destroyed by another fire that swept through the camp. Over 300 Scouts and Scouters supported the fire-fighting effort that lasted 3 days. The adirondacks were rebuilt using concrete block.

In 1992, focus groups were held to discuss how the council wanted the camping program to advance over the next 50 years. Plans were made to include an expanded waterfront program. After consultations with various governing bodies, it was decided that the council could not expand on that lake due to environmental reasons (due to the impact on wetlands and wildlife).

A number of sites were selected for the relocation of Camp Barstow. Three tracts of land on Lake Murray were eventually purchased in 1994. This was the beginning of the third Camp Barstow.

The Gaston camp (second Camp Barstow) was sold with the terms of the sale allowing use of the camp facilities through the summer of 1995. On July 23, 1995 nearly 1,000 Scouts, Scouters, and families participated in a "Final Salute" to Camp Barstow in Gaston.

In 1995 the council kicked off a campaign to raise an estimated \$3.3 million needed to develop the new Camp Barstow. The executive board decided to keep the name of Camp Barstow. In 1996 the first summer camp program was held at the present Lake Murray Camp Barstow.

No summer camp was held at Camp Barstow during 2003 and 2004, due to the lowering of Lake Murray by SCE&G (lake was lowered in 2002 to allow for repairs and major reinforcements to the Lake Murray dam which lasted for two years and left the lake at Camp Barstow dry).

In 2005 Camp Barstow reopened with dramatically improved facilities, and Muscogee Lodge hosted 2005 Dixie Fellowship at Camp Barstow. Adirondacks, shelters, and electricity were added to each campsite and an amphitheater was built. A recreation pavilion was also added. These improvements were made possible by many generous supporters. Among others, work was done by the Barstow Bears (a group of individuals devoted to the building of and upkeep to the improvements to the camp) and members of Muscogee Lodge. Although it took several years to recover from its two-year closure, in 2010 Camp Barstow had the largest percentage growth in attendance of any Scout camp in the U.S.

Camp Brownlee

In 1945, a 175-acre tract of land was purchased near Red Bank in Lexington County for a camp for black Scouts. The camp was named for W.J. Brownlee of Camden. Brownlee had been very instrumental in developing the "Negro Scouting" program in the council. Brownlee began his Scouting involvement as troop committee chairman for Troop 164 in Camden in the late 1930's or early 40's. Approximately \$5,000 was raised to develop the camp, which opened for summer camp programs in 1947 or 1948. In 1967, Interstate highway 20 was being built and its path intersected Camp Brownlee. The State of South Carolina took action to purchase a large portion of the Brownlee property, but Council leaders opposed the sale. Eventually, the land was sold -- 23.2 acres to the State, and the rest to other buyers. The Brownlee Trust Fund was established from the money made from the sale. This trust fund is used to provide camperships for under-privileged Scouts to attend summer camp at Barstow. 1969 was the last summer of camp at Camp Brownlee.

Muscogee Lodge

June 15, 1942 marked two beginnings for scouting in central South Carolina. One was the official opening of the new Camp Barstow at its Gaston area location. The other beginning was the chartering of Muscogee Lodge #221. Mr. J. Rucker Newbery, editor of the first OA handbook, and the degree team from Augusta, GA helped to start the lodge and preformed the first ceremonies. Interestingly, the first tap-out was conducted by Scoutmaster "Mickie" Emrie, who was not an Arrowman at the time, but went on to be very supportive of the OA in its early years. The first few ceremonies were held on Old OA Mountain, behind the director's cabin at the old camp. The lodge held its first meeting on November 20-21, 1942 and is considered as the forerunner of today's fellowships. By 1944 Muscogee Lodge had grown large enough to finally have 50 candidates to pass their Ordeal. Also in 1944 Muscogee Lodge assisted Indian Waters

Council President, Frank Needham, in making a film to promote camping at camp Barstow called, "A Day in Camp."

After the first few years, the lodge ceremony ring was moved to a tall flat-topped rock outcropping that is today on Hidden Valley Golf Course in Gaston, SC. This site had to be abandoned in 1958 because it was not camp property. On March 14-16, 1947 Muscogee Lodge hosted the first Area Z Conclave meeting at Camp Barstow. Roscoe Stevens, who was then Scout Executive, was also the Area Z leader that year.

In 1949 Muscogee Lodge issued its first patch, a five-inch round neckerchief patch, which was sold along with a white silk neckerchief that was made from an old parachute. In 1950 National realigned the areas, this move dissolved Area Z and we became part of Area 6-B composed of the lodges from North and South Carolina. Muscogee Lodge set another first that year by hosting the first Area 6-B meeting at Camp Barstow.

We were not with our North Carolina friends for long, for realignment faced us again in 1953. Again we hosted the first conclave of Area 6-C, that we participated in as a member lodge. Two years later, in 1955 the lodge issued its first pocket flap which had a notch for the button and was a modification of the first patch. On April 8-10, 1960 Muscogee Lodge hosted the Area 6-C "Golden Jubilee Fellowship" at Camp Barstow. Things went on operating on a normal schedule for a few years until no conclave was held 1969, but Muscogee Lodge hosted a Regional Training Session at Camp Barstow instead. Two years later, in 1971 Muscogee Lodge hosted the Area 6-C conclave once again. We remained in Area 6-C for twenty years.

In 1973 National once again realigned the sections; when this move took place we entered into Section SE-3B, made up of lodges of South Carolina and part of North Carolina. This new section's conclave took the nickname from the area to which many of the member lodges had previously belonged, and became known as the "Dixie Fellowship." Beginning in the mid-seventies, there was a conscious effort to make Muscogee Lodge more active in all aspects. Prior to this time, the lodge had only been active during the summer months with one or two meetings per year as the main functions of the lodge. Also there were Father-Son banquets in December, and the lodge always participated in the conclave on the sectional level. In 1974 under Lodge Chief Chuck Bowen, the lodge tried to implement a lodge committee system. Committees had existed in the very early years of the lodge, but had long since dissolved. This attempt to renew committees did not last long; however, in the late seventies Charlie Fitzsimmons and Devadas Lynton developed the committee system, which with only a few changes is still used today. Also in 1974 Muscogee Lodge published its first "Where to go Camping Book" and had its first fellowship patch made.

A major step at making the Lodge more organized came at the 1976 Summer Fellowship where a very vague Constitution was approved. This constitution was soon replaced by a more thorough one. The earlier constitutions were also vague and short lived. Beginning with this 1976 version, the lodge has continually operated under some constitution or set of lodge rules. At the 1977 Summer Fellowship, Muscogee Lodge divided into two chapters. This chapter system lasted only one year, and in 1978 the lodge was re-divided into four chapters: Ehalluchsit, Wischiki,

Tschitanek Woakus, and Sukeu Sipo. Also, in the summer of 1978 Muscogee Lodge held its first OA Week, and in the summer of 1979 our first Indian Pageant was presented at OA Week.

Many changes in ceremonies and inductions occurred about this same time. Following the Brotherhood ceremony at the 1976 Summer Fellowship, aspects of the ceremonies were changed to meet the standards set by National.

In August of 1978 the first *Fox's Tale*, was published, the name of which, was suggested by Staff Advisor Bill Tyson. For some years prior to this, going back at least as far as 1973, the lodge had published a newsletter called, "The Muscogee Arrowman." This early newsletter was published sporadically. The introduction of the *Fox's Tale* was the beginning of the regularly published newsletter. Also, in 1978 the first Lodge Officers Training Conference was held, and the Lodge Bead System was implemented.

April 18-20, 1980 Muscogee Lodge under the leadership of SE-3B Dixie Vice-Chief Devadas Lynton hosted the Dixie Fellowship at Camp Barstow. The theme for the weekend was, "Kindling the Flame." The quota was set for 35 brothers per Lodge and a total of 322 brothers attended. Bill Downs, the National Executive Secretary for the OA, was a featured guest. This Dixie was truly one that will not be forgotten, for nearly half of the delegates got sick from bad beef stew that was served on Saturday night.

Also in 1980 the first Lodge Plan Book was published and Muscogee Lodge sent the second largest delegation to the National Indian Seminar in St. Louis. The Indian Affairs and the Dance Team showed a big surge in 1979, and peaked in 1980 and 1981. Unfortunately, the younger Arrowmen did not pick up this enthusiasm, and the Dance Team began to decline rapidly, and it would fade away until the 1990's.

In 1981 the lodge again began having Lodge Banquets, and they were no longer restricted to only Fathers and sons. Instead, the Arrowman's entire family was invited to attend. Also that year, because of the increasing number of Ordeal Candidates, it became necessary to change the tap-out ceremony from an actual tap-out where the tappers memorized the candidates to be tapped, to a call-out ceremony, where the candidates' name was called. In 1982 the sections were again realigned resulting in the loss of three North Carolina Lodges, but the return of two of our Georgia friends, Bobwhite and Tomo Chi Chi. The result was section SE-5. In December 1982, William O'Tuel, a two-term Muscogee Lodge Chief who was currently Section Chief was elected to the office of National Vice-Chief, and remains the highest National position anyone in Muscogee has ever held. In 1982, the previous Pre-Ordeal ring was built at the old camp.

In September 1983 Muscogee Lodge hosted the SE-5 Indian Seminar again at Camp Barstow, with 112 bothers from the section attending. Also that year Muscogee Lodge was recognized nationally with the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award. This award is given annually to the top twelve lodges in the nation that excel in camping promotions.

Muscogee Lodge continued to make notable financial contributions to the Camp Barstow. For many years, the lodge has given the council an annual donation of one thousand five hundred dollars. In 1983 the lodge donated five hundred dollars for the purchase of a P.A. System for the

camp. Then in late 1984 the lodge donated three thousand seven hundred dollars to renovate the kitchen. At the same time that this work was being done, the OA's storage room was built on the side of the Dining Hall.

Also in 1984, pine beetles infested the area around the lodge ceremony ring. After removal of the trees, the ring was so badly damaged that a new site had to be found. The new ring was cleared and in working order by the Spring Fellowship when it was used for the Brotherhood Ceremony for the first time.

April 26-28, 1985 Muscogee Lodge, under the direction of SE-5 Dixie Vice-Chief Tripp Clark, hosted the Dixie Fellowship at Camp Barstow. The theme celebrated was, "70 years in the Spirit," this was in honor of the seventieth anniversary of the founding of the OA, and four hundred eighteen people were in attendance for this event. The following year at the 1986 Dixie Fellowship, hosted by Bob White Lodge, Muscogee Lodge gave the strongest showing that anyone can remember the lodge ever giving at a section meeting. The lodge won awards for best newsletter and planbook, and retired the ceremony plaque having won it three years in a row. The lodge placed second in the Quest for the Golden Arrow and in the lodge display competition. Muscogee Lodge also won the Norman Alston Spirit Award and was chosen as Section Honor Lodge, the top lodge in SE-5 overall. Muscogee Lodge won six of twelve competitive awards and placed second in two others.

September 19-21, 1986 Muscogee Lodge hosted the Section Indian Seminar again at Camp Barstow. At the 1987 Dixie Fellowship hosted by Tomo Chi Chi Lodge, Muscogee Lodge was chosen as Section Honor Lodge for the second consecutive year and again dominated the ceremony competitions. On June 15, 1987 Muscogee Lodge commemorated its forty-fifth anniversary with a birthday party held at Camp Barstow.

In 1987 the lodge also committed itself to the task of raising fifty thousand dollars to erect a Training Conference building at Camp Barstow in memory of two-term Muscogee Lodge Chief William B. O'Tuel. In the summer of 1987 a new "Muscogee Lodge Welcomes You," sign was erected at the entrance of Camp Barstow. At the 1988 Dixie Fellowship, hosted by Tsali Lodge at Camp Daniel Boone, Muscogee Lodge was selected as Section Honor Lodge for the third consecutive year thus retiring the plaque after only its third appearance. In time for the Summer Fellowship the Pre-Ordeal ring at Camp Barstow was moved. The new site selected was the same site once used for the Brotherhood Ceremonies. Also in 1988 Muscogee Lodge sent a delegation of ten Arrowmen to the 1988 NOAC at Colorado State University. At this conference, the *Fox's Tale* was chosen as the top newsletter in the Nation.

At the 1990 Dixie Fellowship, hosted by Atta Kula Kula Lodge at Camp Old Indian, Muscogee Lodge was awarded the Section Lodge of the Year Award, formerly known as Section Honor Lodge Award, for the fifth consecutive year. In the summer of 1991 Muscogee Lodge sent a delegation of ten Arrowmen and three staff members to the 1991 NOAC at Indiana University. Also a new lodge flap, designed by Justin Ferrick, was introduced to the lodge, and the same basic design has been kept, up to the present day. Santee Lodge held the 1991 Dixie Fellowship at Camp Coker, and at this Fellowship Muscogee Lodge's planbook was the top place in the section and the newsletter was second in the section. In the late spring a new council ring was

built behind the first aid lodge at Camp Barstow. It was used for tap-out ceremonies for the first time at summer camp. Also in 1991 the new pre-Ordeal ring was used for the first time.

In 1993 Muscogee Lodge hosted the Dixie Fellowship. This fellowship was unusual because it was held at Fort Jackson, not at Camp Barstow. The theme for the event was, "A New Beginning," and eleven lodges were in attendance.

In 1995 Muscogee Lodge and the Indian Waters Council said goodbye to Camp Barstow in Gaston, SC only to say hello to the new Camp Barstow on the Little Saluda River. The first summer of operation for the new Camp Barstow was in 1996; however Muscogee Lodge began holding Fellowships and Ordeals at the new camp as early as August 1995. Starting at the 1997 Dixie Fellowship hosted by Unali'yi Lodge, Muscogee Lodge won the Lodge of the Year Award four consecutive times. The first was a four-way tie with Bob White Lodge, Santee Lodge, Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge, and Muscogee Lodge in 1997. Muscogee would go on to retain the Lodge of the Year in 1998, 1999, and in 2000 which brought the total number of years having won the award since its inception in 1986 to eleven. Muscogee won Lodge of the Year again at Dixie Fellowship in 2002.

The Lodge operated normally from 1997 until 2002 when the decision was made to close Camp Barstow for two years during the drawback of Lake Murray. Muscogee Lodge did have one small conflict during the summer of 2003 when the decision was made to re-divide the Chapters into five from the previous four. The fifth chapter was named Tschitaneu Aptonagan. Over the next two years Muscogee Lodge would play a key role in giving Camp Barstow a makeover, while preparing to host the 2005 Dixie Fellowship at the Camp. Drastic changes were made at Camp Barstow and Muscogee Lodge, when not working on Camp, was out winning the Lodge of the Year Award at the Dixie Fellowship for 2003 and 2004.

When 2005 finally arrived Muscogee Lodge and the Indian Waters Council were racing against time to finish the upgrades to Camp Barstow before the 2005 Dixie Fellowship, but more importantly for the re-opening of Camp Barstow for Summer Camp. The Lodge continued to work on the new and improved Council Ring, which would hold over 1,000 Arrowmen for the first time in April of 2005.

Working through 2005 and into 2006, many changes occurred in the Lodge. We would re-charter as a National Quality Lodge and later go on to win Lodge of the Year at the 2006 Dixie Fellowship hosted by Bob White Lodge. An OA Week was added for the 2007 Summer Camp Season.

2007 would be a hectic year for Muscogee Lodge, as we had two lodge chiefs. The first, Mason Thomas, went on to being elected Section Chief for SR-5 and later to become the first Southern Region Chief from Muscogee. The second Lodge Chief, Chris Browy, would take the reins and help lead the lodge to retain the distinction of National Quality Lodge.

The Lodge of the Year Award was first awarded in our Section in 1986. It was originally proposed and advocated by former Muscogee Lodge Chief and National Vice Chief, William B. O'Tuel in the early 1980's. Through the years, Muscogee Lodge is proud have earned Lodge of

the Year at the Dixie Fellowship a total of 18 times, including at the 2014 Dixie Fellowship, where we won Lodge of the Year, Section Honor Lodge, and Quest for the Golden Arrow.

The Quest for the Golden Arrow is a competition that includes several Scout skills (such as fire building, tent pitching, and knot tying) and athletic events (such as cross country and ultimate frisbee). Since 1997, Muscogee Lodge has won the Quest for the Golden Arrow 11 times at the Dixie Fellowship, including the 2015 Dixie Fellowship.

Matt Forster, our Lodge Chief in 2011-2012, went on to serve as Section Chief of the Southern Region 5 in 2013.

In recent years, Muscogee Lodge's main events have been our fellowships, ordeals, and the annual banquet. Vigil candidates are called out at the Friday night campfire at the Fall Fellowship. Until 2013, we hosted three (Spring, Summer, and Fall) ordeal weekends and three fellowship weekends at Camp Barstow. In 2013, we decided to combine the summer ordeal and fellowship weekend into one long Super Summer Fellowship weekend (Thursday through Sunday), which has been a big hit with our lodge. At the 2013 Super Summer Fellowships, our lodge completes service projects for the camp, conducts various training sessions, and has chapter strives to earn one or more of the awards available, including Quest for the Golden Fox (Scout skills and athletic competitions, modeled after the Quest for the Golden Arrow at Dixie Fellowship), Spirit Award, and Chapter of the Fellowship Award.

At our annual banquet in January, we celebrate the accomplishments of our lodge during the past year and formally recognize our new brotherhood and vigil honor members. Since inception, the Muscogee Lodge has awarded the Vigil Honor to approximately 300 brothers. Other awards that may be earned in the lodge include the Founder's Award, The Ralph E. Grier Chapter Award, and the Charles Youngblood Service Award.

Introduced at the 1981 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the Founder's Award was created to honor and recognize those Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to their lodge. The award is reserved for an Arrowmen who demonstrate to fellow Arrowmen that he or she memorializes in his or her everyday life the spirit of achievement as described by founder E. Urner Goodman and cofounder Carroll A. Edson. Twenty three Arrowmen from Muscogee Lodge are recipients of this award.

The Ralph E. Grier Chapter Award is based on a chapter's efficiency in a variety of areas. Topics taken into consideration include camp promotion, unit elections, chapter attendance at lodge functions, chapter meetings, chapter representation at lodge Executive Committee Meetings, chapter-wide competitions (i.e. ceremonies), chapter service, chapter Brotherhood conversion, special chapter activities, and chapter spirit.

The Charles Youngblood Service Award is given annually to the chapter that has conducted the most service throughout the lodge year. The total number of service hours given are computed

by the numbers shown on the monthly chapter forms divided by the total dues paid members in the chapter at the end of the year.

Muscogee Lodge has actively participated in the National Order of the Arrow Conferences throughout our history. We have sent delegations to every NOAC for at least the past 40 years, competing in many competitions, including dance, parade of braves, team singing, and ceremonies, placing nationally on several occasions. Our lodge has placed in several competitions. During the 2009 NOAC, Muscogee Lodge placed 4th in the Southern Drum and Sing. During the 2012 NOAC, Matthew Barnes placed 3rd in the Prairie Chicken Dance and his brother, Caleb Barnes, placed 4th in the same event. The lodge's drum team also placed 5th in Southern Drum. Muscogee also had success in the Ultimate Frisbee competition, winning first place in 2009 and 2012. We look forward to celebrating 100 years of the OA at the NOAC in August 2015.

Muscogee Lodge # 221 is now it its 73nd year of existence. We are proud of our history and look forward to any challenges we may face in the future, while continuing to promote the ideals of Scouting, promote camping and responsible outdoor adventure, and to develop leaders of character.

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Muscogee Lodge Chiefs

Lodge Chief's in the 2010's

2015 Stuart Park
2014 Josiah Peeler
2013 John Weir (18 months)
2012 Matt Forster
2011 Matt Forster
2010 John Cuenin & Brandon Poole

Lodge Chief's in the 2000's

2009 John Cuenin
2008 Skyler Hutto
2007 Mason Thomas & Chris Browy
2006 William McCormick
2005 Blake Parsons
2004 David Goza
2003 Thad Mobley
2002 Johnathan Hardin & Fred Descy & Thad Mobley
2001 Fred Descy
2000 James Worley

Lodge Chief's in the 1990's

1999 Greg Smith
1998 Zeb Young
1997 Greg McDaniel
1996 Brian Evans
1995 Adam Lamkin
1994 Johnnie Brown
1993 Bobby Canefield & Ryan Barnette
1992 Creg Bradley
1991 Regie Bedenbaugh
1990 Scott Ellison

Lodge Chief's in the 1980's

1989 Tripp Bradley 1988 Dexter Loeble 1987 Matthew Delk 1986 Mike Senn 1985 Tripp Clark 1984 Jody Styron 1983 Tripp Clark 1982 Andrew Gorgey 1981 William B. O'Tuel 1980 William B. O'Tuel

Lodge Chief's in the 1970's

1979 Mike Copeland
1978 Devadas Lynton
1977 Eric Carr & Charles FitzSimons
1976 Tommy Mattox
1975 Tom Shealy
1974 Brad Hutto
1973 Chuck Bowen
1972 Joe Christie
1971 Charles Coleman & Joe Christie
1970 John Coleman

Lodge Chief's in the 1960's

1969 Richard Chalk
1968 Ed Craig
1967 Rusty Robinson & Ed Craig
1966 Joe Turner
1965 Joe Turner
1964 Robert Davis
1963 Rodney Gunter
1962 William D. Rodgers, Jr.
1961 Jimmy McClary
1960 Bill Rodgers

Lodge Chief's in the 1950's

1959 Matthews Black 1958 Matthews Black 1957 Cooper Black 1956 Babcock Fitch? 1955 Babcock Fitch 1954 Cooper Black 1953 Charles Shealy 1952 Joe Cave 1951 unknown 1950 Jim Ulmer? Lodge Chief's in the 1940's

1949 Harry Bozardt
1948 Eugene Payne
1947 Maxie Collins
1946 Gene Pate
1945 Arlan Cotter
1944 Robert Rayle
1943 Furman Anderson
1942 none

Muscogee Lodge Vigil Honor Recipients Muscogee Lodge Vigil Honor Recipients 2010's

Year	Name	Indian Name
2014	Bary Sebaugh	Bear With Heart Big As The World
	Barbara Luksik	Mother of Twilight
	Ronald Kuebler	Spiritual Guide
	Patrick Grandstaff	Helper
	Jared Woodard	Cheerful Warrior
	Kevin O'Dell	One Who Is Firmly Fixed
	Robert Hunter Dabbs	Wise Fox
	David Bailey	Bird of the Dance
2013	Brantley Carter	Seeker of Knowledge
	Kevin Desrochers	Strong Spirited Eagle
	Ethan Dilley	He Who Helps Others
	Carter Edenfield	Graceful Singer
	Joey Eppich	Thick Legged Traveler
	Mac Kelly-Stover	Cheerful Bear
	Jacob Luksik	Eagle at Twilight
	Colt Protheroe	Guards the Path of Leadership
	Robert Underwood	To Speak the Exact Truth
	Robert Dabbs	Happy Teacher
	Julie Delger	Experienced Animal Doctor

	Jim Fisher	Humble Servant
	Darrin Luksik	Trusted Guide
2012	Matthew Barnes	Dancer Who Drums
	Stuart Park	Eagle Who Speaks Much
	John Weir	Laboring Eagle
	Brian Crooks	Warrior Dancer
	Josiah Peeler	To Stand in the Circle
	Kenton Dilley	Warrior Who Walks Humbly
	Jeff Grandstaff	Skillful One Who Quietly Does Good
	Jerry Ott	Patient Father
	RI Smith	Servant to Brethren
	Jay Hennig, III	unknown
2011	Jay Hennig, III Kyle Corey	<i>unknown</i> He Who Follows the Arrow
2011		
2011	Kyle Corey	He Who Follows the Arrow
2011	Kyle Corey Frederik Holm	He Who Follows the Arrow Traveler Fixed in Purpose
2011	Kyle Corey Frederik Holm Christopher Neal	He Who Follows the Arrow Traveler Fixed in Purpose Wild Indian Man
2011	Kyle Corey Frederik Holm Christopher Neal Connor Sharpe	He Who Follows the Arrow Traveler Fixed in Purpose Wild Indian Man Friendly Snake-Master
2011	Kyle Corey Frederik Holm Christopher Neal Connor Sharpe Mark Baldino	He Who Follows the Arrow Traveler Fixed in Purpose Wild Indian Man Friendly Snake-Master <i>unknown</i>
2011	Kyle Corey Frederik Holm Christopher Neal Connor Sharpe Mark Baldino Troy Forster	He Who Follows the Arrow Traveler Fixed in Purpose Wild Indian Man Friendly Snake-Master <i>unknown</i> Valued Servant Leader
2011	Kyle Corey Frederik Holm Christopher Neal Connor Sharpe Mark Baldino Troy Forster Jay Leeper	He Who Follows the Arrow Traveler Fixed in Purpose Wild Indian Man Friendly Snake-Master <i>unknown</i> Valued Servant Leader Skillful Teacher

Johnathan Kent	One Who Cooks Well
Jared Ott	Strong Hunter
Brian Parks	Good Spirited and Helpful Friend
Ryan Turbeville	Quiet Servant
David Bauer	Willing Builder
Kathy Bauer	Caring Water Guard
Bill Fort	Bright Bird Head
Lynn Turbeville	Mother Eagle
Greg Turbeville	Beaver Who Speaks Loudly
Dan Wagner	Strong Teacher

Muscogee Lodge Vigil Honor Recipients 2000's

Year	Name	Indian Name
2009	Brandon Crooks	Dancer Who Cooks
	Matthew Forster	Stranger with Willful Heart
	Clay Johnson	Peaceful Thunder Fox
	Andrew Sears	Fast Feather Dancer
	Bruce Cannon	Silver Buffalo
	Scott Desrochers	Wise Protector
	Kevin Kent	Hard Laborer Who Makes One Happy
	William McCrackin	One Who has Knowledge to Share

2008	Jamie Spitzer	Friendly Traveler
	Justin Desrochers	Strong Hearted Friend
	Alex Cartledge	Eagle Who is Greatly Honored
	Jeff Will	Animal Doctor
	Carol Haines	Wise Mother Who Cares for Many
	Sherry Bailey	Reliable Servant
2007	Jimmy "Newt" Grant	Quiet Newt who Serves
	John Michael Roby	Unseen Servant Friend
	Justin Hall	Spiritual Servant Leader
	Brandon Poole	Accomplished Dancer
	Emmitt Sherron	Wise Teacher
	Rick Born	Chief Nurse
	Tony McCluney	Hard Working Servant
	Tracy Macpherson	Doctor Who Heals Little Ones
2006	Keith Barron, Sr.	Spiritual Healer
	Don Gibson	Great River Chief Who Walks Humbly
	Geoffrey Hardin	He Who Speaks Often and Goes Upward
	Velda Howard	Loving Mother Who Helps Others
	Skyler Hutto	Confident Guide of the Red Foxes
	Dallas Jackson	Preacher of the Word
	Rusty Suydam	Hunter
	Mark Whitman	One Who Helps Younger Brothers

2005	Luke Bower	One Who Gives Back
	Robert Harris	Silent Hard Worker
	William McCormick	Enthused Leader
	Wes Sears	Grass Dancer
	Mason Thomas	Loyal Leader and Servant
	David Barron	Cal-Minded Leader
	Stanley Haines	Joiner of Cheerfulness and Service
	Gene Clark	He Who Walks Humbly
	Luther Lown	Cloth Trader
	Vicki Wheatley	Reliable One Who Cares
	David White	Humble Messenger
	Michael D. Farrell	He Who Carries Burdens Cheerfully
2004	Blake Parsons	Strong Spirituous Brother
	Chris Browy	Lead Singer
	Bobby Bloom	Brother Bear
	Robert Sears	Diligent Teacher
	Stan Haines	Hard Working Eagle
	Cliff Parsons	Eagle Heart
2003	Nate Bloom	Nighthawk
	David Goza	Seeker of Greater Knowledge
	Craig Wheatley	One Who Delivers
	Glen Green	He Who Is Able

	David Farrell	unknown
	John E. Sifford	Thundering Buffalo
	Dana Fleming	Willing Servant
	Palmer Wheatley	Quiet One Who Cares
	Christopher Hardin	unknown
	Bill Eisele	unknown
2002	Bob Hamilton	Beaver Who Gives Laughter
	Terry Goza	Diligent Wood Cutter
	Skip Hardin	He Who Speaks Truly
	Steve Hunt	One Who Encourages
	Keith Barron, Jr	Unseen Servant
	Greg Hunt	He Who Leads Quietly
	Jay Tucker	Humble One Who Does Good Work
	Eric Wessinger	Quiet Laborer
2001	Hunter Eisele	Quiet Merchant
	Jeff Bloom	Good-Natured One
	Thad Mobley	Helps Along Younger Brothers
	Tommy Donaldson	Elder Brother Who Gives Back
	Jonathan Campbell	Humble Dancer
	Christine McNeill	Willful Teacher
2000	Jonathan Hardin	Diligent Seeker of Knowledge
	George Faller	War Eagle

Mary Hull	Strong Parent
Larry Parrish	Helpful One
Joseph Zac Cartledge	Drum Beater
Steven Galloway	Eagle Dance

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Year	Name	Indian Name
1999	Hardy Childers	Nimble One
	Lloyd Cartledge	Peaceful One
	Robert Cope	Diligent One
	Fred Descy	He Who Serves
	Henry Wessinger	Laughing One
	Steve Galloway	Buffalo
	Jamie McIntosh	Ground Squirrel
	Matt Baskins	Modest Laborer
1998	Eric Albert	Quiet Slane
	Chuck Bland	Silent Helper
	John M. Graham	Skilful Building
	Johnny Hull	Spirited Dancer
	James Jordan	Wise Traveler
	Bryce Plexico	One Who Holds The Knowledge

1997	Dave Cartledge	Humble Laborer
	Brian Evans	Confident Leader
	Carl Horn	Strong Bear
	Sam Long	He Who Keeps A Promise
	Archie Maddox	Servant of the Lord
	Greg Smith	Mature Accomplished Leader
	Robert Shull	He Who Carries A Load
1996	Johnnie Brown	Knowledgable One
	Barbara Butler-Long	First Woman
	Jesse Garvin	Great Fire
	Greg McDaniel	Active One
1995	Jose "Ace" Acevedo	He Who Makes One Happy
	Al Green	Wood Duck
	Adam Lamkin	One Who Is Hightly Esteemed
	Mike McIntosh	He Who Enjoys Dancing
1994	Charlie Gwinn	Generous One
	Scott Lyons	Cheerful Laborer
	Andrew Hall	Loyal Dancer
1993	Wain Westbury	Spiritual Teacher
1992	Chris Stock	Silent Leader
	Jeffery Cook	Fast Running Deer

1991	Creg Bradley	Silent Leader
	Henry Hall	To Shine Light Unto Someone
	Paul Hudson	Scholar
	Brian Kitts	Amusing One
1990	Regie Bedenbaugh	One Who Can Be Trusted
	Jimmy Feagin	Firemaker
	Justin Ferrick	He Who Is Prepared
	Bryan Hanna	Humble One
	Paul Miller	One Who Can Carry A Load
	Scott Pennington	Loyal One

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Year	Name	Indian Name
1989	Tripp Bradley	One Who Is Ready
	Scott Ellison	One Who Is Able
	Mikee Johnson	Hard Worker
	J.C. Jones	Cook
1988	Brian Carpenter	Determined One
	Matthew Delk	Hopeful One
	Richard Hudson	Teacher
	Dexter Loeble	One Who Grows Fast

	Paul Mitchell	Father
	George Weathers	Bearface
1987	Tom Baker	One Who Does Good For Others
	Robert Barron	Bookreader
	Boyd Gilpin	Excited One
1986	Tommy Feagin	Sensitive One
	Aubrey Haynes	Overseer
1985	Joe Agostini	One Who Delivers
	Lee Haynes	Contented One
	Ranny Keys	Collector
	Jim Leventis	One Who Does Good Work
	Mike Senn	Companion
	Jody Styron	One Who Carries A Load
1984	David Davis	Helpful One
	Marvin Downaig	One Who Gets Attention
	Jay Folk	Small One
	Bobby McGuirt	Fast Dancer
	Ollie Quickmire	Canoe Man
	Bud Shuler	Humble One
	Frank Staley	One Who Waits
1983	Troy Carpenter	Young Deer
	Tripp Clark	He Who Is Prepared

	Gus Eubanks	Comrade
1982	John Carpenter	Reliable One
	Paul Kirby	One Who Has Good Spirit
	Bill Loeble	Trader
	Bryant O'Tuel	One Who Gets Attention
1981	Mike Bernhard	He Who Is Concerned
	Chris Duncan	One Who Exerts Himself
	Andrew Gorgey	One Who Exerts Himself
	Jack Neal	Gracious One
	Rick Roberts	Calm Minded One
	Art Seel	To Labor Hard
1980	Mike Brugh	To Labor Hard
	Ron Flaherty	He Speaks A Good Word To Us
	David Cray	Bald Eagle
	Johnny Mellette	To Rely On
	William O'Tuel	Straight Dancer
	Jerry Stewart	To Be Good Natured

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Year	Name		Indian Name
1979	Mike Copeland	Old Dancer	

	Ralph Foster	Writer
	Devadas Lynton	One Who Gives Direction
	Emory Markwood	Hiker
	Tommy Mattox	Little Chief
1978	Charlie Fitzsimmons	Dancer
	Neal Smith	Secretary
	Freddy Sox	Determined One
	Carl Bailey	Thin One
	Woody Carothers	One Who Instructs
	Jay Epting	Diligent One
	George Fant	Chief
	Bruce Howell	Book Reader
	Jack Montgomery	One Who Has Authority
	Scott Browy	Worker, Hard Worker
1977	NONE	
1976	Eric Carr	First
	John A. Gay	Quiet One
	Charles Green, Jr.	Thinker
	Joe S. Jones	Discerning One
	James C. Smith	Instructing One
	L. Yon Suber	Diligent One
1975	Al Gilpin	Active One

	Francis Herndon	Experienced One
	Tom Hill	Thin One
1974	Kenneth H. Allen	Leader
	David A. Butterfield	Runner
	Frank Herndon	Little Canoe
	Michael E. Hodges	Camper
	Brad Hutto	Helpful One
	Edgar R. Millard	Counselor
	Albert W. Welch	He Who Does Good For Others
1973	Chuck Bowen	Loud Speaker
	Joseph Christie, Jr.	Good Natured One
	William M. McCullar	Large One
	Jessie K. Osterhoudt	Swimmer
1972	John Coleman	One Who Creates With His Hands
	Ted Grandy	Strong One
	R.L. Hartman, Jr.	Big Boy
	Rodger Truax	Preacher
1971	none known	
1970	Richard E. Chalk, Jr.	Big Boy
	William W. Coleman	Valuable One

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Year	Name	Indian Name
1969	Ronnie Collins	Strong One
	Edward M. Craig, Jr.	Teacher
	Terry L. Foster	Wounded One
	John W. Hall	Understanding One
	William Rotereau	Strong One
1968	Ben Covington	unknown
1967	Arthur Brown	Patient One
	L.H. Buff, Jr.	Teacher
	Ernest C. Franks	Fast Talker
	William E. Presnall	Lightning
	Robert B. Robinson	Well Behaved
1966	none known	
1965	Larry Bridgers	Laughing One
	Jerry Ellisor	Patient One
	Earl Fullmer	Well Behaved
	Albert P. Lyons III	Cut Finger
	John Mincey	Little Man
	James A. Teeter, Jr.	Fast Talker
	Joe Turner	Well Behaved
1964	James H. Branham	Camper

	Thomas Bright	He Who Walks Alone
	Robert Davis	Turtle
	Davis M. Durham	Shot in the Leg
	Dewey R. Miller	One Who Encourages
	Joseph Patterson	Little Man
1963	Frank I. Feller, Jr.	The Patient One
	Larry W. Lineburger	The Loud Talker
	Jere Ratcliffe	Little Leader
	Karey D. Waldrop	Great Bear
1962	Robert Campbell	Boat Traveler
	William K. Easterling	Goose Hunter
	Henry H. Hemble	One Who Practices Much
	Jimmy McClary	Silly Horse
	Walter O'Cain	One Who Encourages
	Wes Shuler	Fast Talker
1961	Phil Adams	Big Wolf
	William Rodgers, Jr.	The Moose
1960	Stan Hurteau	Beaver
	Bill Rodgers	Medicine Man

Muscogee Lodge Vigil Honor Recipients 1950's

Year	Name	Indian Name
1959	Matthews Black	Quiet Leader
	Frank Bonnell	Rawhide
	Harvey Kitchens	Big Bear
1958	H. Cooper Black	The Swimmer
	Robert Buchannan	Wise Owl
	Kenneth B. Hopper	unknown
1957	none known	
1956	George Bames	The Naturalist
	Buford Hill, Jr.	The Canoeist
	Stan Eubanks	unknown
1955	none known	
1954	W. B. Chandler	Big Beaver
	Ralph E. Grier	Bold Eagle
	Carlton L. Sligh	Black Bear

Muscogee Lodge Founder's Award Recipients

Founder's Award Recipients 2010's

2014 Josiah Peeler & William McCormick
2013 Jonathan Haines & Stan Haines
2012 Matt Forster & Art Seel
2011 Brandon Poole & Charlie Gwinn
2010 John Cuenin & Brad Hutto

Founder's Award Recipients 2000's

2009 Skyler Hutto & Robert Sears2008 Chris Browy & Tommy Baker2007 Mason Thomas & Larry Parrish2006 Hunter Eisele & Francis Herndon2005 Jonathan Hardin & Velda Howard

Founder's Award Recipients 1990's

1998 Tripp Clark 1991 John E. Carpenter

Founder's Award Recipients 1980's

1986 Davis M. Durham