



The Fox's Tale

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Winter 2010

WINTER BANQUET RECAP:

A TIME TO HONOR OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILY'S

Clay Johnson

Vice Chief of Program

If you were not present at the winter banquet on Saturday January, 23, you really missed a good one. The evening started off with a silent auction in which many attendees participated in. Afterwards we heard a few words from Lodge Chief, John Cuenin, and a prayer by Chase Crowder before segueing into dinner, provided to us by Champs Catering. Our speaker for the evening was Mr. Mark Anderson, the program adviser for Philmont Scout Ranch. Mr. Anderson was a great speaker and provided great insight as to what it's like being out at Philmont doing what he does and some of the things he has seen and experienced while out there. After Mr. Anderson's speech we heard Scout Executive

Doug Stone give the Council report, and Lodge Chief John Cuenin give the State of the Lodge Address. If you have ever been to one of our Winter Banquets before you know that one of the more active parts of the night is the awards segment. The Chapter awards this year both went to chapter 5, headed by Chapter chief Jared Ott, who glad fully accepted both awards. Multiple brotherhood awards were given out, and awards went to all of this year's Vigil Honor members. This year's Founder's Awards were given to John Cuenin and Brad Hutto. Brandon Poole was also given award designated by the Key 3 to go to the best chief of the year, excluding the lodge chief. The night closed with

the instillation of our 2010 officers, a quick talk about Dixie from Dixie Chairmen, Brandon Poole and Jonathan Haines, and some closing words by Lodge Adviser Stan Haines. All in all it was a fantastic evening full of great food, great speeches, and an all around good time. If you weren't at the winter banquet this year, I highly encourage you to be there next year. 🍀

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CHIEF'S CORNER: YOUR PLACE IN THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

John Cuenin

Lodge Chief

We have a very unique situation ahead of us. As you all should know, the Boy Scouts of America is turning 100 this year and we will be able to participate in the festivities and help set the Boy Scouts up for success in the next hundred years. As a member of the Order of the Arrow, you have a special opportunity to serve the Indian Waters Council and the Boy Scouts of America this year.

We all know that it is unlikely that any of us will be around for the 200th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, so let's make a great effort to make this

year as awe-inspiring as possible and use it to show others that we really do enjoy serving them.

This year we have the opportunity to serve on staff for Summer Camp, many events around the Council, and the Council Camporee that will close out the year. I am afraid to say that most of the staff positions for the National Jamboree have been filled but to those of you who are staffing, thank you for your service to Scouting. Even if you don't serve on staffs for a Council event or Summer camp, there are always service opportunities everywhere you look, so let's cheerfully serve our fellow man to the highest of our ability and

let them know that the Scouts are 100 years old and still going strong.

This is our year, so let's take advantage of it and make it the best the Boy Scouts of America has seen in a long time. Let's get out there and work our tails off to give our fellowman a taste of what the Boy Scouts really do. Let's help change our image and help make the Scouts something the American people can believe in again!

I look forward to being with you for the next year and making this the greatest year that this Lodge, this Council, and the BSA has ever had! 🦋

BUILDING THE ROAD TO A SUCCESSFUL DIXIE

Brandon "Moose" Poole

My brothers the time of year that all of us wait for is just around the corner. With Dixie just a few months away it is time to start preparing for what should be another dominating performance by Muscogee Lodge. This year Dixie will be located in Travelers Rest, SC at Camp Old Indian and will be hosted by Atta Kulla Kulla. As in the past Dixie's there is sure to be plenty of fun, fellowship, competitive events, and patch trading. More importantly, however, is what both myself and my assistant Dixie Chairman,

Jonathan Haines, have planned for the lodge to make the 2010 Dixie the best Dixie since Muscogee hosted it in 2006. It was decided that this year's theme should be Road Construction. For this theme we plan to equip every delegation member with a hard hat and a reflective vest and then reroute other lodges all over camp as we repair the unlevel terrain of Camp Old Indian. We also plan to make At Work Signs, Slow Down: Lodge Chiefs at Play and many other things to litter the camp with. The Quest Events for this year includes: Archery, Canoe Race,

Cross Country, Fire Building, Knot Tying, Fire Building, Rope Throw, Arrow & Softball throw, Tent Pitching, Chariot Race, Tug 'o War, Volleyball, and Rifle shooting. If any Arrowmen who plan on going to Dixie would like to compete in these events please contact me at poolebc@email.ec.edu. Also anyone who would like to join the Drum/Sing team or Ceremony team to maybe have a chance to compete at Dixie please send an email to vcindianaffairs@muscogeelodge.org or vcinduction@muscogeelodge.com. I hope to see many of you at Dixie where Muscogee Lodge will once again win Lodge of the Year. 🦋



My Fellow Arrowmen,

This is a remarkable time in the history of Boy Scouts of America, and in-turn, the Muscogee Lodge and Indian Waters Council! With the advent of a yearlong celebration of turning 100 years-old, our entire organization has much to be proud of. As our Council President and former Lodge Chief Brad Hutto says, very few things in this world have the strength and endurance to see their centennial year.

How true that is! Most people don't live to that ripe old age and very few businesses and institutions in our society do, either. So what has made the Boy Scouts different? For more than 120 million young people who have worn the Scouting uniform in this country since 1910, the answer is probably quite simple and can be found in the Boy Scout Oath, Law, and Motto, as well as in the way those principles are instilled.

Through world wars, economic tumult including a depression and severe recessions

like today, dramatic social changes, and through thick and thin, Scouting has lasted the test of time by being prepared for things to come and staying true to the principles reflected in the Scout Oath and Law. In doing so, the BSA has facilitated transformational positive changes in the lives of millions of young people, their families and communities. The fact that most of those changes take place in the outdoor classroom through caring volunteer leadership makes it even more meaningful and lasting.

Over the next year and throughout our entire organization we will be celebrating that heritage like never before. I encourage you to be a part of them and contribute to the success. The strengths of Scouting mean nothing if we do not give them meaning and take an active role. And why not celebrate them? Everyone loves a celebration!

First and foremost, there are lots of activities planned for Muscogee Lodge in 2010 that are highlighted in this issue of

The Fox's Tale and I hope you can be there! But, make sure you don't miss out on other big events taking place. Whether it's joining in the BSA Parade through downtown Columbia on February 15th (Presidents Day); taking part in the region's largest food drive (Scouting for Food in February); visiting the BSA memorabilia display at the State Museum January 29-June 20th; or participating in the new Eagle Scout Career Day on June 3rd; there are lots of ways to get plugged-in to the biggest celebration in our history. And those are just some of them in the year's first six months! The best way to find out more is through your troop leadership or directly at the council website at www.indianwaters.org.

By keeping plugged-in and active in your local troop and in Muscogee Lodge through these activities and more, you will be a part of something big and historic. Here's to another 100 years of success! 🍀

Hey Wischiki,

I just wanted to introduce myself as your 2010 Chapter Chief. I'm really looking forward to this year and I know that we're going to have tons of fun. I am going to be working on boosting chapter participation and chapter spirit. I plan on

doing this by creating Chapter merchandise, such as Wischiki hats, shirts, and a dangle patch. I would like to have your input on some design ideas for these items. If you have any com-

ments or suggestions please don't hesitate to email me at desrochers09@gmail.com.

Yours in WWW 🍀
Kevin Desrochers



VC OF INDUCTIONS REPORT

Matthew Forster

VC of Inductions

I'm looking forward to see all of you at the ordeals and fellowships. I would like to encourage and inspire all ordeal members to seal their membership by completing their brotherhood board. This year my goal is to have all of the brotherhood number (for Lodge of the year) done before Fall Fellowship. This is going to be a joint effort between all of the members of the lodge.

The first opportunity for ordeal members to seal their membership will be at the Spring Fellowship. The requirements for brother-

hood are found in the Order of the Arrow handbook on page 50. And also on the lodge website under resources there is a brotherhood study guide. Brotherhood boards will be held on Saturday with a brotherhood ceremony Saturday evening.

Your chapter chiefs should be contacting you about your troop's unit elections and camp promotions. The first opportunity for new candidates to be called out will be the Friday of the Spring Fellowship at Camp Barstow. 🐾

CALENDAR

March 2010

Mar 12th

Call Out

Mar 12th - 14th

Spring Fellowship

April 2010

Apr 23rd - 25th

Dixie Fellowship

May 2010

May 14th - 16th

Spring Fellowship

July 2010

Jul 16th - 18th

Summer Ordeal

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