

Chiefly Thoughts
Service Through Brotherhood
Kevin Tidwell, Lodge Chief

I want you to remember your Ordeal experience and what really stood out to you. For some it was sleeping out under the stars; others might remember how proud they were when they received their sash after a hard day of work. The Ordeal offers many amazing values and experiences, each as important as the last. While doing service projects during my Ordeal, I remember thinking about my fellow troop mates that had also gone through the same challenges in years previous. During Fellowships I always find myself thinking about how far I have come in my time as an Member of the OA. I think about all the places I've seen and the people I have met. Each one of us have a Story(ies) to tell about our Scouting Adventure in the Order of the Arrow. The smallest gesture to our fellow Scouts can be the difference in success of our Order.

To our new members of the Lodge, I wish you all success in your new Chapter of your Scouting Adventure. Each of you are the future of Muscogee Lodge and all its activities. You never know who could be the next Lodge Chief or Adviser. It's your actions that effect your Future.

The fourth point of the Scout Law is "A Scout is Friendly." In explaining the meaning of Friendly we sometimes elaborate further: "A Scout is a Friend to All." In the book of Psalms (Psalm 133) we read : "How good and how pleasant it is, when brothers dwell together as one!"

Between the Spring & Summer Ordeals, nearly 100 new Arrowmen have become a part of Muscogee Lodge. Again, I want to congratulate all of our brothers who completed their Ordeal this year. (As an aside, the National OA has said that we will continue the practice of referring to all members of the OA – both female and male – as "brothers" and "Arrowmen.") All of us now have a significantly expanded circle of friends.

I encourage all of you to get to know these new friends better. Attend Lodge and Chapter events. When you do, make it a point to introduce yourselves to others, especially new members. I want to remind our more senior or veteran members to recall what it was like to be a new Arrowman. At one point, you too, did not know many others in the Lodge – so reach out to newer members – you can usually tell them by their bright, clean sashes – and make them feel welcome.

What more can you do in the spirit of "A Scout is Friendly?" Perhaps within your Unit, there are Scouts or Scouters who have not attended an OA event recently. Invite them to an upcoming activity! Perhaps you can offer a ride or split transportation. It is always more fun to attend events with Friends.

Remember, A Scout is a Friend to All.



2020 Lodge Calendar



A Scout is Friendly
Dan Wagner, Lodge Adviser

THE FOX'S TALE FALL EDITION 2019

MUSCOGEE LODGE 221 | ORDER OF THE ARROW | INDIAN WATERS COUNCIL, BSA

Fall Fellowship Fun
Caleb Barnes, VC of Program

Come and join us for a great Fall Fellowship! As always we will have our Vigil Honor recognition, Brotherhood Conversion, Great Training Opportunities, and Service to Camp Barstow. Besides all of the annual activities, did I mention that we will also have FUN! Your Leadership is working on fun Chapter competitions and activities to make this a completely awesome weekend, more details listed later on in the Fox's Tale and online. Our kitchen staff will be cooking delicious food, as always, all weekend to keep you fueled up for all of the excitement. Other things on the agenda are the silent patch auction and open Native sing session. On Saturday we will be electing our youth leadership for the next year. This is a change as of this past Spring Fellowship for our officers to coincide with the school year. If you would like to run for an office please contact the advisor for that position or the Lodge Chief to learn what that position entails so you are prepared for those responsibilities. On behalf of all of the Lodge Leadership, we are looking forward to seeing everyone at Barstow for another great weekend of fun and fellowship!



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Fall Fellowship Fun (continued from Page 1)

Quest Events

- Miniature Pumpkin Toss
- Bobbing for Apples
- Greased Pumpkin Run
- Fire Building

Training Sessions

- Brotherhood Study Session
- Women in American Indian Activities (AIA)
- Intro to Camp Barstow Kitchen Basics
- Leaders of Lodge (for those wanting to run for Lodge Office)
- Communication with Slack

Other Activities

- Chapter Pumpkin Carving Competition
- Lodge Business Meeting
- 2020 Lodge Leadership Elections
- Patch Auction
- Campfire (each Chapter needs to prepare a skit)
- Barstow Cinema

Special Events

- Muscogee-opoly
- Vigil Recognition
- Brotherhood Conversion



Argument In Favor of a Lodge Vice Chief Kevin Tidwell, Lodge Chief

A lot of changes have happened to our Lodge over the last year. One of those changes the Lodge has created is the voting for Lodge Officers from Spring Fellowship to Fall. One of the large arguments I have seen come out of this is about the Lodge Chief running for a Section Position at Dixie (Annual Section Gathering), effectively leaving us without a Lodge Chief for a long period. During the SSF Executive Committee meeting the idea of creating a Vice-Chief was brought up. The responsibilities of the VC would be as follows:

- Assisting the VC Program and Lodge Chief with planning and running Fellowship
- Can step into the Lodge Chief position if Chief should resign
- Attending Planning Meetings

As Lodge Chief, I have found myself in a position where a role as described above is necessary. Myself and my other Vice Chiefs have found ourselves bringing this up countless times, and we believe that it is important to create this position to resolve a problem with changing our election date. The vote to create this position will take place at our Business Meeting at the Fall Fellowship, and I hope each of you will be in support of this new position.

Argument Against a Lodge Vice Chief Joseph Carsuo, VC of Inductions

I do not think that this position is necessary or would even be beneficial to the Lodge in the future. In the line of succession, the Vice Chief of Program would be the next in line for Chief, if the Chief would be removed or resign from his term. With the current organization of the Lodge, the new "Lodge Vice Chief" position is redundant and unnecessary. When an Arrowmen becomes Lodge Chief they are making a promise to every member in the Lodge that they will represent them and the Lodge for the next year. And for someone to become Lodge Chief just so they can use it as an advantage to get to a Section Position is despicable and really comes to question if they were even worthy to represent our Lodge in the first place.

I do think that being Lodge Chief can help your odds at getting a section position, but that means actually being a Lodge Chief for a whole year, not half a Lodge Chief for half a year. If you have any ambitions to become a section officer or even going on to become a region or national officer you should make proper planning that you complete your term as Lodge Chief then take a hiatus or maybe serve as a Lodge Chairmen between Fall Fellowship and Dixie, so that you can run for that section position in April.

