

Once the team is assembled anyone that is close enough can preform one. With this, technical Chapter borders would not require anyone to drive two hours to a unit that is ten minutes from someone else.

I believe that this model solves a lot of our lodge's current problems. As such I would like to encourage all of you if you are thoroughly convinced to vote for this solution when it is brought to a vote at the Spring Ordeal.

Changes to the Vigil Process

Hunter Hackett, Vigil Chair

The Vigil Selection Committee has made some changes for the upcoming year. NOAC inspired these changes for our Lodge to try a different approach to how we perform our honored traditions for the Vigil selection, call-out, & induction ceremonies at Camp Barstow in our Lodge. Vigil Nomination forms are on our Lodge website. These are the new dates.

Spring Fellowship - Vigil

Nominations due

Summer Fellowship - Vigil Call-Out

Fall Fellowship - Vigil Induction

Thank you for your feedback and respect.

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events for the year with the assistance from immediate past LEC. This allows the new LEC to be more engaged with planning the fellowships instead of only planning and running one fellowship. Making a more engaging fellowship that will be enjoyed by all our members. In 2018 several of our fellowships promised things that never happened and in 2019 we want to fix that. If we make promises we plan to keep them. And with the new plan for elections we can do that. The LEC decided to put this incredibly important decision to a vote. The Voting will take place at the 2019 Spring Ordeal during our Business Meeting. I

strongly encourage you to vote in favor of this new system. It's a new beginning for Muscogee, and with your support it can become reality.

Call to Action

Frank the Fox

All of these will be discussed Friday Night at the Spring Ordeal and voted upon at that time. If you are interested in having your opinion heard please make sure to be in attendance at the Spring Ordeal. In addition the Spring Ordeal will also play host to the Dixie Fellowship Prep Weekend where we hope to fill as many of the contingent tasks/ event as possible and to practice with those who plan to be in attendance.

If you have not yet registered for the Spring Ordeal or the Dixie Fellowship please visit www.muscogeelodge.org to do so today! We look forward to a vibrant discussion during the Spring Ordeal and can't wait to see you all there.



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Moving Lodge Elections

Kevin Tidwell, Lodge Chief

2019 is a new beginning for Muscogee Lodge. The entire LEC is determined to make changes that are necessary to restructuring the lodge to better the future. One of those changes we would like to implement is our current election system. For a few years now the Lodge has held its annual elections at our Spring Fellowship.

While it sounds good on paper to vote at the first event of the year, it has left a lot of problems for the new LEC members to deal with. At our Annual Planning/Business Meeting before our Banquet, the LEC sat down to discuss this current system. The general agreement among us was that the current system is not providing a good program overall. Take example when we elect a Lodge Chief or VC of Program. The Lodge Chief is immediately placed into the position with little to no time to be trained on what their position is. Most of you know that we plan our year before the banquet. The LEC plans three fellowships, but is only involved in ONE event. Their terms end at the first event they got to plan the overall theme for. Then the newly elected LEC is left running an event they had no involvement in planning. If our LEC is not interested in the themes, how can you expect our other members to be engaged? While the LEC was discussing this it was brought up about why we elect this way. The idea was brought up to move the voting to Fall Fellowship. The reason for this system would be better is quite simple. The new LEC is elected in October, allowing a training period so they understand what their jobs are in the lodge. In place of the current system that just throws the LEC into their positions. Then at the Planning/Business meeting before the banquet; they plan the

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Upcoming Events - 2019

Mar 15-17	Spring Ordeal Camp Barstow	Aug 8-11	Summer SUPER Fellowship Camp Barstow
Apr 26-28	Dixie Fellowship Camp Bud Schiele	Sep 14	Day of Service TBD
May 17-19	Spring Fellowship Camp Barstow	Oct 11-13	Fall Fellowship Camp Barstow



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The Cons of Moving Elections
Peter Stone, Chapter Chief

I believe that Muscogee Lodge should keep the leadership election during the Spring Fellowship. Having elections moved to the fall would interrupt terms for lodge leaders seeking section positions during Dixie and will have to step down from their early term if elected Section Chief. The spring elections



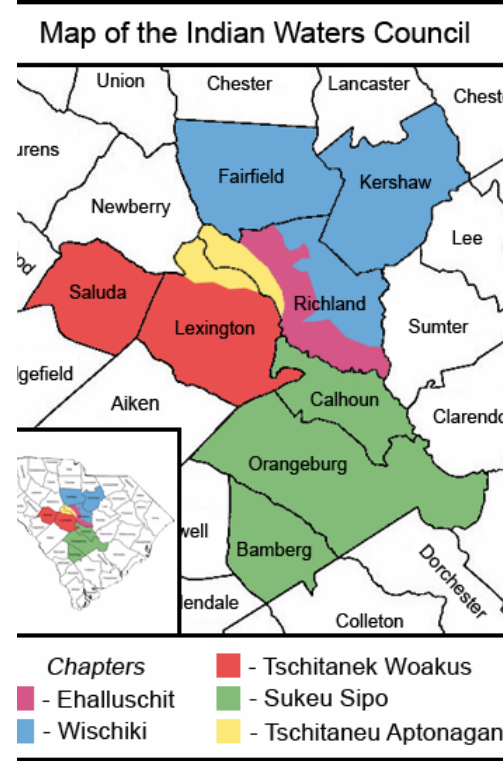
work better because the section officers and lodge officers would begin and end their terms within a few weeks of each other.

Another reason against moving the elections to the fall would be the fact that leaders would have extended terms going

through the summer and fall that they didn't anticipate when becoming an officer.

Chapter Realignment
Tommy Kepley, Lodge Secretary

With the creation of the new Capital Rivers district, forcing the merger of Ehalluchsit and Wischiki Chapters, much thought has gone into the best way to realign the chapters to maintain or improve lodge spirit and to keep the lodge a functional system. Chapters are important to the lodge because they provide structure, division for fellowship



competitions such as quest events (which, spoiler alert: will be making a resurgence in 2019!), and chapters provide necessary services such as CUPEs, call outs, and crossover ceremonies to the districts they serve. Because of the potential effects of this change, the LEC has debated over many different solutions.

The old saying goes, if

it's not broken, don't fix it; well the current chapter system isn't broken and I don't think a drastic change has to be made just because a realignment is happening. The current chapters serve the lodge and council well, they are not too small to have too few members, but are not too big to cover an area that takes hours to drive. Since the current chapters work well, the best solution to the realignment issue seems to me to be to try to find the best way to keep the chapters



mostly the same as they already are. For Tschitanek Woakus, Tschitaneu Aptonagan, and Sukeu Sipo this is not a problem, the simplest option for these chapters is to not change them. The problem comes with Wischiki and Ehalluchsit.

My proposal to the LEC for chapter alignment would address the Wischiki and Ehalluchsit problem by creating one large chapter, then subdividing this large chapter into two smaller groups that are divided along the current Wischiki and Ehalluchsit boundaries. For all intents and purposes, the lodge chapters would function mostly as they do now, with little change as far as what chapter someone is in. For competitions and events, they would act similarly to two

separate chapters, just as it runs now. The only major difference would be in leadership roles. Regardless of what system the lodge chooses to go with, Muscogee is going to lose at least one of its chapter chiefs, but with the system described above, the Capital Rivers district (the merger between Ehalluchsit and Wischiki) would have a chapter chief as well as two vice chiefs, one for each region. Both the Chief and Vice Chiefs would be voting member of the LEC, and serve all normal functions as any other chief and vice chief.

The vote to decide what new chapter system will be put into place will be held Friday, March 15th, at the brothers meeting at the Spring Ordeal at Camp Barstow. The voting will begin at 6:30pm sharp, since the ordeal is directly following the meeting. I encourage you to come out to camp and voice your opinion in the future of the lodge, even if you cannot stay for the ordeal. As you consider how you will vote, I want you to ask yourself: if the current system works well, why try to change it?



3 Chapter System
William Webb, VC Communications

The Arrowmen of Muscogee Lodge are facing complicated issues, under national guidelines our chapters MUST be redrawn to conform with the changing districts lines. This is a very difficult issue to solve eloquently, but the Lodge Executive Committee has come up with our two best solutions for this problem, it is my job to convey to you our Three-Chapter Model as completely as possible for you to make a properly informed decision.

Firstly, this possible solution at its core is combining our existing five chapters down to three larger, approximately proportionate chapters. One important thing to understand is that as it stands, Wischiki is comprised of two of our councils' districts (Catawba and Wateree) keep this in mind. If this solution adopted, these will be the chapters that will be combined.

- Ehalluchsit & Wischiki (Catawba District)
- Tschitanek Woakus & Sukeu Sipo
- Tschitaneu Aptonagan & Wischiki (Wateree District)

This solution in my opinion brings about a few different

positive changes. For one our Chapters will be bigger, this will give Chapters a larger population to pull from when doing things like competing in quest events, Chapter spirit CP/UE'S (Camp



Promotion Unit Election) ETC. One problem that has been most apparent during our ultimate frisbee competitions is that each chapter does not always have enough youth participants to field a team for large activities, even if on paper this does not look like a problem. Having more people will ease the stress of having to run around like crazy looking for someone or simply doing everything with one or two people which is not the point of our events.

One big problem that is touted with this model, is that the Chapters will become too geographically large for the Chapter Chief to reasonably conduct all the necessary CP/UE's. This is already an issue that has been discussed by Executive Committee regarding our existing chapters. I believe this presents us with an opportunity to start a program we've talked about for almost a year now which is instead of having the Chapter Chief perform all the CP/UE's by himself, to create a lodge-wide CP/UE team. This would consist of youth being trained at fellowships to conduct CP/UE's.

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