



**Adviser's Corner**  
*Dan Wagner, Lodge Adviser*

**Get the Man (or Woman) Right.**

A modern fable tells the story of a busy father, trying to get work done while also being responsible for his young son. Being bored, the boy was pestering his father. In an attempt to occupy his son, the man tore out a magazine page that had a map of the world. He tore this into many pieces and scattered them on the living room floor. He said to his son: "You like puzzles. Put this puzzle together and I'll give you ten bucks." The father then retreated to his study, confident that he would have at least 30 minutes of uninterrupted time to work. After all, his son had never even seen a map of the world before. The man had barely sat down when the son appeared holding the map taped together and perfectly assembled. The man handed over the ten dollars and asked his son "How were you able to put the map together so quickly?" The boy replied, "I had no idea what the map of the world looked like. But

I noticed that on the other side of the page, there was a picture of a man. So I turned the pieces over and put the man together. Once I had the man right, the world was right!"

This moral holds true for all of us. Once we have ourselves (the man or woman) right, the world will be right, too. Matthew Kelly writes: "Every time you become a-better-version-of-yourself, the consequences of your transformation echo throughout your family, friends, ... school, troop or crew, lodge, neighborhood, community, nation and beyond -- even to people and places in the future.

If you get the man or woman right, you get the world right. How much time do we spend worrying about or trying to change things over which we have no control or influence? Instead, focus on those things that have the most impact - your thoughts, your words, your actions. These are the things at the center of your circle of influence. When we move away from that center -- perhaps because we worry about what others think or say or do -- the

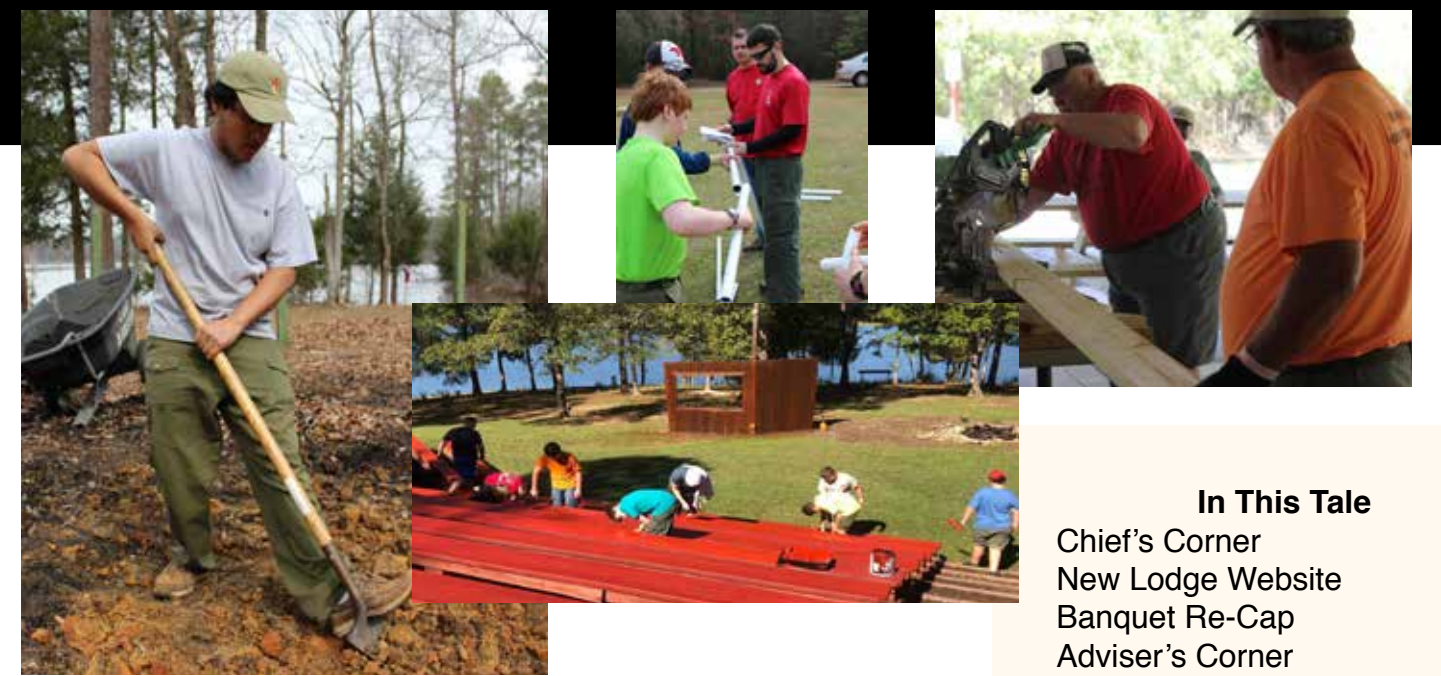
less influence we have. Focus on what you can affect to have the greatest effect. It starts with each one of us.

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**2019 Spring Ordeal**  
*Joseph Caruso, VC Inductions*

I hope that everyone's 2019 is off to a great start as we kick off our new lodge calendar. Our youth leadership discussed some really cool ideas at our annual Chief's Retreat that we are excited to see become a reality in the coming months. The first lodge event for the new year will be the Spring Ordeal March 15-17, so if anyone in your troop who has been elected to the OA this would be their chance to complete their Ordeal. Current members of the Lodge, will be needed to serve as Elangomats to lead groups of candidates. The Candidates will be working mostly on getting camp ready for summer. Service projects for this include clearing the wilderness area near the shooting ranges and turning it into Muscoogee Village for the Frontiersman Program out at Barstow, which I think will be a big hit! Also, some Ordeal Candidates will walk around camp to inspect campsites and fix anything broken.

Something new for this ordeal is to utilize the time as a Dixie prep weekend. **Any youth who think they may be interested in going to Dixie should definitely attend this Ordeal because we will be using this time to practice for quest events and get a roster setup for who will be competing in each event.** We will be assembling some spirit items also, which may require some adults using power tools. I think that we have a great Dixie theme picked out and if we continue with this same enthusiasm we may have a good chance of winning Lodge of the Year or the Spirit Award. I know 2019 will be a great year for Muscoogee and I look forward to seeing many of you at the Spring Ordeal.



**Upcoming Events - 2019**

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

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## Chief's Corner

Keving Tidwell, Lodge Chief

Since the founding of the Order of the Arrow, the program has remained a core part of the BSA. An Organization always focusing on three founding values: Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. These words are not just words to Arrowmen, they are guidelines on how to live in our ever changing



membership, the BSA could be no more, without changes. To lose a program as special as the BSA would be devastating to the future generation. In January 2018, the National Committee voted to allow female youth into the program, therefore opening a new chapter into the history of Scouting in America.

*"Only the wisest and stupidest men never change"*  
-Confucius

Many of our members were distraught when this policy change was announced. A change like this would completely change a program that is so beloved by its current members. The quote above sums the situation perfectly, people fear change, especially when it personally affects them. To fear change is to fear progress. This makes for an outdated program still holding on to century old rules that are no longer relevant in today's world.



The Order of the Arrow is an amazing program that exists within the BSA. Our three founding principles of Brotherhood Cheerfulness and



Service have never been as relevant as they are now. To think that soon we will expand our membership in the Lodge to include females is amazing. Giving a whole new meaning to Brotherhood in our organization. To be able to "Serve" a previously overlooked demographic should excite any Arrowmen who lives by the 3 W's. A chance to expand like Muscogee has never done before. In 2018 we had some of our lowest attendance for fellowships since the mid 2000s.



After speaking to some of our newer members during the 2018 Fall Fellowship, something is always mentioned over and over. "These events are the same they are boring." This completely

threw me for a loop. To me and most of the LEC the fellowships are some of our favorite. This sat in the back of my mind until mid December, when I realized something, my interests are completely different from those of our rising Arrowmen. To not allow our new members to have a say is not good. I have three more years as a youth in the OA, I am not exactly the youngest member in the lodge, there are some as young as 13 who will be the future leadership. The lodge LEC is changing, for the good of our council. Including events that our members want to see, while still keeping in line with our Principles.

At the Spring Fellowship our lodge will vote to change some rules concerning Elections and The Chapter system as whole. Specifics on these changes will be outlined in a Special Edition of the Fox's Tale coming out soon. If these changes are to be implemented, an entirely new era for Muscogee will emerge.

2019 is a new year for the entire BSA organization. The past is the past; the future is here, it is time for a New Beginning.



## New Lodge Website!

Joshua Webb, Webmaster

Greetings, fellow Arrowmen, I'm Joshua Webb, the Webmaster for our lodge. As most of you know, the lodge just revamped the website! I helped with deciding what we should change and I'm going to tell you about how we decided what needed to change and how you can get articles you write onto the website.



When redesigning the website, we wanted to make sure that it was functional and easy to use. The last website was starting to become so old that it was no longer efficient for anyone involved. Another one of our main goals was to give chapter leaders a place to personalize their chapter pages to give their chapters an identity. Now, chapter chiefs can log into the website and post about the chapter, what they've been doing as Chapter Chief, and other important news for the chapter. This



will help chapters communicate as well as make it easier for Chapter Chiefs to spread news. A few other cool things about the new website are that it has an archive of every Fox's Tale going back to 2002, a list of every lodge chairmen and leader, as well as a very detailed history of our lodge.

If you are interested in getting anything put up on the website, the best way to do that is to create the article or whatever you want to put up on the website and then send it to your Chapter



Chief for review. If they like it, they may decide to either put it on the Chapter page or refer it to me to put on the main website. Ultimately this is a website for our lodge, and I would love to see the work of everyone in the lodge highlighted, so don't hesitate to come speak with me about the website or email me at [webmaster@muscogeelodge.org](mailto:webmaster@muscogeelodge.org).

## Lodge Banquet Re-Cap

Caleb Barnes, VC Program

In January we had the Chief's Retreat and Winter Banquet. At the Chief's Retreat we finalized plans and ideas for the Dixie Fellowship and all of the Fellowships for 2019, we voted on patch designs, and Ideas for the 2019 events. In addition, there were some special patches and ideas voted on. Lodge Leadership Development was completed as well as training on the new lodge website so that everyone can be kept up with things going on in the Lodge.

After the Chief's retreat, we prepared for the Lodge



Banquet. If you were not able to make the Banquet you really missed out on a great event. It was attended by many Lodge members and their families. The night started out with a silent auction with all sorts of Scouting Memorabilia. Then came the great feast, we had BBQ, chicken



and all of the fixings. A lot of information about the coming year was talked about including a very informative talk by our Dixie Chair Chandler Hackett, The State of the Council from Doug Stone, and an insightful talk from Barstow Program Director Chris McDuffie about the New Muscogee Village being developed at Barstow for Summer Camp.

As the night progressed, we had many recognitions given. The Founders Award for this year was awarded to Hunter Hackett (youth) and Stanley Haines Jr. (adult). We also had recognition



of those who attended NOAC 2018 and competed in events. These included 3rd place in Adult Basketball, 3rd place in Ultimate Frisbee, 2nd Place in Powwow style group dance, William Webb for multiple swimming events, Daniel Lacoste multiple swimming events, Travis Gordon for track and field, and Caleb Barnes as the National Champion in the Prairie Chicken Style Dance.

I would like to thank everyone that helped make this a very successful event and am looking forward to the year ahead.

