

Perfect Vision
Dan Wagner, Lodge Adviser

Happy New Year! It is the year 2020. Another year. Another decade. Pretty much all of our Youth members were born in the 2000's - so pretty much all of you are now in your third decade: the 2000's, the 2010's and now the 2020's! I hope your new year has started well and that it is filled with many blessings. 2020! 20/20 vision is considered "Perfect" vision. Those of us without 20/20 vision must rely on eyeglasses, or contacts, or surgery, or sometimes we just squint.

There is a saying that hindsight is 20/20. When we look back, we can clearly see the mistakes we have made and the consequences of our decisions and choices. It is good to look back - not only to learn from our mistakes, but to take stock of our achievements. We began our Lodge year with our Annual Banquet in which we look back over the previous year. Tommy Kepley, Lodge Chief, Joshua Prevette, Dixie Chair and Doug Stone, Council Executive and Great Chief of the Fire did a great job of recalling Muscogee's many successes. Mac McLean, Section Adviser gave the keynote speech in which he enumerated the many successes on Muscogee's path to becoming the Lodge we are today. It is good to look back with our 20/20 hindsight. But, we should not dwell too much on the past.

Let's make this year, 2020, one of foresight. Let's always be looking ahead! Clearly our foresight, our vision for the future won't always be perfect, but 20/20 foresight (forevision?) can still be our goal. Let's not just look forward, let's dream BIG! We have a great base on which to build. Our Camp Barstow will celebrate its 90th Anniversary this year. Let's celebrate that! We won Spirit at Dixie in 2019. Let's win Spirit - and more - again this year. In 2019 Scouts BSA and our Order welcomed young women. Our female youth members have already made a big impact, for example, Grace Franklin is our AIA Chair. I know our female youth members will continue to help our Lodge to grow and to be even more successful.

In closing, I challenge each of you: youth and adult: don't rest on past achievements. Look forward in 2020 with 20/20 foresight. Each of you individually, and all of us together can achieve great things if we only have the Vision.



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Chiefly Thoughts
Where's Your Place in the Lodge?
Tommy Kepley, Lodge Chief

Good Evening, and welcome to the Ordeal! I am glad you are here as we are begin an exciting time for the lodge. This weekend we will induct close to 60 youth and adults into our lodge. In just a few short weeks after that we will travel to Camp Old Indian for Dixie, then we will be back home at Barstow for the Spring Fellowship. As we move through this fast paced spring, I want to put a question to you: Where's your place in the lodge? Many of you may already know the answer to this question; you may already be a leader such as a chapter chief or committee chairman; you may be part of the drum, dance, or ceremonies team; you may be on the shows committee or even a top performer in Quest for the Golden Fox.

Many of you though, and certainly those of you who are joining our lodge this weekend, may not know where you belong in the lodge just yet. While the most visible part of the lodge is certainly our Native events: Ceremonies, Drum, and Dance; we have far more to offer if those are not what you enjoy. In the OA we have sports competitions, brotherhood events, leadership and administration opportunities, Scoutcraft competitions, Service, and much much more! For those of you who are completing your ordeal this weekend, I encourage you to talk to veteran members, and find something you might enjoy. As Scouting's National Honor Society, the OA has a lot to offer and I want you to be a part of it.

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Maskek Woakus Chapter Update
Miles Shea, Maskek Woakus Chapter Chief

You may not know me yet but I hope to get to know you all soon. I want Maskek Woakus to start out strong and stay that way. The process of combining Chapters 1 and 2 has gone very smoothly up to this point and I think we can now successfully function as a new chapter.

I have a lot of plans for this year and this will start with monthly meetings. Most years, chapters do not hold monthly meetings but that should change. I understand if you cannot attend these meetings but if you can I strongly encourage you to attend. At these meetings, we will discuss several things, including but not limited to: themes for upcoming fellowships, plans for what we're going to do at the fellowships in general (this will at least start out being mainly focused on winning the golden fox and spirit awards, with how many people we have now we are certainly capable of winning these awards and it should become an expectation). Possible chapter activities outside of fellowship (if budget allows and there is sufficient interest) I think if done right we can plan some really fun chapter events and some service projects.

I attended the last service project and attendance seemed to be very low. I expect a significant increase in attendance from our chapter. We can also discuss whatever topics you find relevant to our chapter. These meetings will correspond with monthly district meetings at 7 pm on the first Thursday of each month at Shandon United Methodist Church. These meetings will be a great platform for discussion and help us to be the best chapter we can be.

Thanks for reading and I look forward to completing these goals and starting out Maskek Woakus on a strong path that it will stay on for years to come. I look forward to seeing you all at upcoming meetings and fellowships.

American Indian Activities
Grace Franklin, VC Indian Affairs

With a powwow every night, Carolinas Indian Seminar (CIS) serves as a fantastic fellowship and learning opportunity. Our Muscogee Lodge contingent went up to Statesville, NC on Friday night just in time for a splendid first night of drumming and dancing. Our Lodge Vice Chief, William Webb, emceed the powwow both nights. Saturday morning started off bright and early with breakfast and quickly moved into classes ranging from Beading with a Heddle to Advanced Grass Dance Techniques. By the end of the day, every arrowman learned a lot in order to be even better prepared for Saturday night's powwow. Our dancers (and even some of our non-dancers) got to get out in the ring and just have fun. When we left Sunday morning, everyone's smiles and stories told me how much fun we had. With all we learned and all we enjoyed at CIS, our goals for NOAC and Dixie have become clearer. By Dixie, we plan to have competitive dancers in Grass, Women's Fancy Shawl, and Women's Traditional. We also hope to have a set of Lodge shawls with a new AIA logo. For NOAC, we will have a drum/sing team lead by Juice Williams as well as two group dances for competition, we will need more members from the lodge to participate. But as always, our goal truly remains for all of our members to simply have fun and be happy. The dates for all of our future practices are on the Indian Affairs page of the Muscogee Lodge website.

Lodge Banquet Recap
William Webb, Lodge Vice Chief

Our Annual Lodge Recognition Banquet was a huge success and great way to recognize our fellow Arrowmen and start off 2020 on a high note! During the evening there was lots of great information given: Our Dixie Chair Joshua Prevetie gave us the run down on what to expect when attending the upcoming Dixie Fellowship, Our Council Executive Mr. Doug Stone gave us the annual state of the council address, and our Chief performed the State of the Lodge Address as well. All this led up to our Keynote Speaker for the evening, Mr. Mac McLean our Section Advisor spoke on the history of Muscogee Lodge and some of our past section officers.

In addition to some great speeches, there were also many awards and recognitions given over the course of the night! We recognized all newly inducted ordeal candidates in attendance and presented our 20 new Brotherhood members and nine new Vigil Honor recipients with certificates honoring their hard work. Also revealed were the winners of our annual Chapter awards for the year: the Ralph E. Grier Chapter of the Year award, and the Charles Youngblood Service Award. Both these Awards were presented to Tschitanau Aptonagan. As the evening drew to a close one of the last awards announced were the two recipients of the Founders Award, the youth recipient was Patrick Bailey and the adult was Mr. George Faller. Overall it was a fantastic night of great food, fun and fellowship. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves and I can't wait to see everyone again at the Spring Ordeal!

