



Fox's Tale

Order of the Arrow Υ Muscogee Lodge 221

Winter 2002

Fall Fellowship Freaky Festival

Fall Fellowship a blast, Pie eating competition, pumpkin carving, bunches of candy and a whole lot more.

Robbie Barnes

Vice Chief of Program

The Fall Fellowship was a spooky treat. More than 100 members came out for the weekend. The weekend started with a family campfire, featuring an awesome vigil honor tap out. Also at the campfire, we watched a video of this year's past fellowships and Mike Miller presented Thad Mobley with our council's first Venture Ranger award. Following the Campfire we had an awesome Cracker Barrel and a very intense patch auction.

Saturday we started the day off with many service projects where we were getting ready for the Haunted Forest Weekend. Next, we had a productive training seminar with Fred Descy and Thad Mobley. Following lunch we had an OctoberFest which included a pumpkin carving and a pie-eating contest. Then, the Lodge election came where the members of the lodge elected the 2003 officers:

Lodge Chief	Thad Mobley
VC Program	Chris Hardin
VC Induction	David Farrell
VC Indian Affairs	Chris Browy
VC of Communications	Blake Parsons
Secretary	P.J. Parks
Treasurer	Hunter Eisele



What's not to like about a pie-eating contest? Good thing the showers were hot.

After dinner we had a Barstow cinema. We also had a Brotherhood ceremony where several Brothers sealed their membership. The night ended with a grand Cracker Barrel.

On Sunday we had a spectacular chapel service and the awards for the weekend were given out. The weekend was a blast and see you at the Winter Banquet.

Red Fox Card carries you through the entire year; time for a new one

Hunter Eisele

Lodge Treasurer

It's that time again, Muscogee: time to renew your annual dues, or to take advantage of a great deal put together for your convenience, the Red Fox Card.

Dues this year will be \$10, CHECK THE LABEL TO SEE IF YOU ARE CURRENT IN YOUR DUES.

The Card includes registration to all three fellowships, all of the ordeals, the winter banquet, and it covers your dues for the year. Another great advantage to the Card is you get to be at the front of the line when you want to purchase fellowship patches.

Using your Red Fox Card is very simple. When you decide that you want to attend an event, you simply call the Indian Waters Council Office, and tell them to sign you up. You don't even have to go in! The cost of the Card is \$82 which is a good discount over paying

for the events separately, plus it is very convenient. Be sure not forget to purchase your Red Fox Card, or to pay your 2003 dues.

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Chapter Reports

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Chapter Chief Blake Parsons

Brothers in Chapter 1, congratulations on everything you all have done this year so far. We have had great attendance at Fellowships, chapter meetings, and other OA events. Don't give up now though, we have a very important service project coming up at a place called Gods Warehouse where we will be sorting clothes and building shelves. At the last fellowship Chris Wagner was elected Chapter 1 Chief for the 2003 lodge year. I was elected VC of Communications for the lodge; Nate Bloom was selected Dixie Chairman for 2003. Congrats to these brothers. Thanks for every one's help this year to make Chapter 1 the best chapter again!

Sukeu Sipo

Chapter Chief William McCormick

As Chapter Chief of Sukeu Sipo I am encouraging my fellow brothers of the Chapter to come to more Lodge events, pay dues, and become active in the Lodge again. I am working with my assistants to have elections for the different troops in the Chapter. I would also like to know if anyone in our Chapter is interested in becoming part of the Ceremony team that I am trying to get together for the Lodge and for the Chapter. If you are interested in this subject contact me at (803)-531-3714 and I will see what I can do. I am also holding a meeting for the Chapter at Troop 45's scout hut. If you need

directions please contact Matt Trask at the Scout Office.

Wischiki

Chapter Chief Stanley Haines

The Fall Fellowship was a blast, Wischiki had a good turn out. Congratulations to the new Chapter Chief Geoff Hardin, and his assistants Bobby Povey, Vice Chapter Chief, and Brandon Kats, Secretary. They will be talking office at the Winter Banquet in January of next year. All Wischiki Brothers are encouraged to attend this event. If you have any questions about the chapter contact me at, S2gunner@aol.com or call 788-4122, or contact your upcoming Chapter Chief Geoffrey Hardin at Ghardin10@aol.com or call 736-7766.

Tschitanek Woakus

Chapter Chief Jared Rish

Greetings fellow members of Chapter Three and brothers of Muscogee Lodge! Tschitanek Woakus finished up the 2002 year with great success. We had a great showing at the Fall Fellowship, and won many competitions as well. We won the pie eating contest on Saturday night, and received the service award at Sunday's chapel service.

My name is David Goza, and I was elected to be your Chapter Chief at the Fall Fellowship. I would first like to congratulate our new Lodge Chief, Thad Mobley. I look forward to working with him to make this year a successful one for the Chapter.

Drew Stowe will be serving as our Chapter-Vice Chief. He is also an active member in Troop 95, and is an Ordeal

member. Grant Shirk, also fifteen, will serve as the Chapter Secretary/Treasurer. Like Drew and me, Grant is in Troop 95. He is a Brotherhood Member.

Future plans for the chapter include a chapter patch and a t-shirt. If you would like to submit a design, please turn in all drawings to myself at the Winter Banquet. Be sure to keep a copy for yourself. I hope to see all brothers of Tschitanek Woakus at the banquet and make sure the lodge knows who the best chapter is!

Upcoming Event

Who? All brothers

What? Winter Banquet

When? January 11, 2003

Where? Camp Barstow

Why? To commemorate our 60th Anniversary and good food

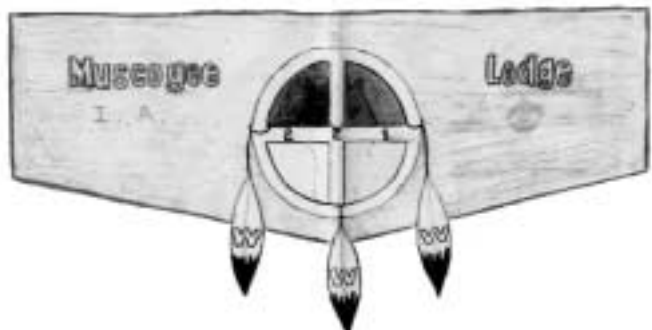
How much?

\$10 on or before

\$15 thereafter

Indian Affairs issues special pocket flap to help funding

The Indian Affairs team is issuing a special fund-raiser flap, to help raise money for their program. The only way to get one of these one-of-a-kind, never-to-be-reissued flaps is to pre-order them right now. They are only \$5. An artist's rendition is shown at the right.



Executive Committee Meeting Report

Jay Tucker

Secretary

The main focus of the 2002 Fall Fellowship Business Meeting was the elections for the upcoming year. Thad Mobley was elected Lodge Chief followed by Christopher Hardin elected VC of Program. VC of Inductions was filled by David Farrell, while Chris Browy was elected VC of Indian Affairs. The final Vice Chief position, Communications, was filled by Blake Parsons.

The Fall Fellowship Executive

Committee Meeting's main topic was the Winter Banquet. The Executive Committee voted on to hold the 2003 Winter Banquet at Camp Barstow. Another issue discussed was Arrow Tech 2002, held in Greenville, SC in early November. Finally, taking affect in the upcoming year, those who purchase Red Fox Cards can expect the price to be raised two dollars.



The Lodge singing the song of our order as we close the Lodge Business Meeting at the Fall Fellowship. Photo courtesy of Al Green.

Chief s Corner

As our 60th Anniversary comes to a close we, as brothers of Muscogee Lodge, can reflect back and think "Man, What a year it has been." Let us take these memories with us into a new beginning.

Let us build upon the fire, for it is burning cheerfully with the lumber that we have created in the past twelve months. We look forward to what we could create as one of the most memorable lodge years.

Only five months from now the lodge will travel to Society Hill, SC to the Dixie Fellowship that Santee Lodge will be hosting. I look forward to the lodge going and bringing as many awards back to Columbia as possible.

With the new Lodge Executive Committee that is in place and the help of every brother, we can make a great showing and make it known to all in the Section that Muscogee is the best.

Before Dixie the lodge will hold its annual lodge banquet on January 7, 2003 at Camp Barstow. You will be able to register for both Dixie

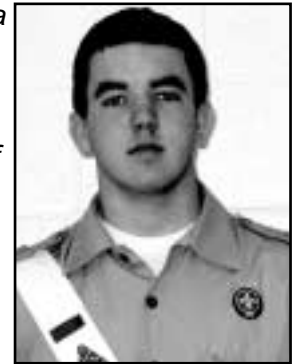
and the Banquet on the wrap-around on this newsletter. Also in March the Spring Fellowship will better prepare all of the people

With our 60th Anniversary glowing brightly in our past, let's add to the fire and kindle a year never to soon to be forgotten.

attending Dixie and will also provide new and exciting opportunities never seen before in lodge events or least in the past five years.

I would like to encourage all brothers to take advantage of

purchasing a Lodge Red Fox Card, which will pay for all of the lodge events in 2003, and will include lodge dues. If any brother ever has any



**Lodge Chief
Thad Mobley**

question for me on anything concerning the lodge, do not hesitate to contact me. Remember, let's build upon the fire that is already cheerfully burning, watch it grow and you will be amazed at the possibilities.

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Indian Summer conference comes to NC

Do you like fun? Do you like learning? Do you like Indian lore? Well if you do, the Order of the Arrow has the perfect conference for you! It is the National Order of the Arrow Ceremony and Native American Indian Conference, or in short, Indian Summer.

All Arrowmen with an interest in learning more about American Indian culture and Arrowmen who wish to expand their skills and understanding of the Order's ceremonies are invited to participate in the conference

A primary objective of this event is to elaborate and expand a participant's understanding of American Indian culture at a pace in which the students can learn more. Arrowmen will have a hands-on experience with American Indian crafts, singing, dancing,

customs, traditions, Indian games, and conducting a pow-wow.

Need to improve your skills in producing a successful Call-out, Ordeal, Brotherhood, or Vigil Ceremony? Well you are

Participants have the opportunity to delve deeper into the ceremony world understanding the ten induction principals, symbolism and the development of low-cost ceremonial costumes.

in luck because Indian Summer participants will also have the opportunity to delve deeper into the ceremony world of settings, props, understanding the ten induction principals,

symbolism, memorizing lines, and the development of low-cost ceremonial costumes.

The last national OA ceremony and Native American Indian conference was held in 1995. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about American Indian culture and expand your knowledge in Order of the Arrow ceremonies!

Dates & Location

The Indian Summer Conference will begin with dinner on Saturday, August 2, 2003, and end after breakfast on Thursday, August 7, 2003 at the Ridgcrest Conference Center near Asheville, North Carolina.

Conference Fees

The conference fee is either \$275 or \$375 depending on a participant's desired *continued on back page*

It's time to sign up for the Dixie Fellowship

The 51st annual Dixie Fellowship is just around the corner and if you want to be there for the most exciting Scouting event in the southeast, then you need to sign up before the banquet.

The Dixie Fellowship will be held on April 25—27 at Camp Coker in Society Hill, S.C. Our host is Santee Lodge out of Florence, SC. This weekend does conflict with our council's Expo Scout Show, so please be aware of this when making plans. The Dixie Fellowship is a jam-packed weekend of competition

and fellowship with all of the lodges in South Carolina, plus parts of North Carolina and Georgia.

Because of the limited capacity of Camp Coker, our lodge delegation is limited to 80 participants. We have taken 95 to 100 delegates to Dixie each of the past four years, so we expect these 80 slots to sell out quickly. The first 80 who register and pay their fee will be guaranteed a slot on the delegation. Any who pay after our delegation is full will be placed on a waiting list and we will seek additional slots from Santee (if other lodges do

not fill up their 80 slots) and/or you will be an alternate should any delegate be unable to attend.

The fee for the Dixie Fellowship is just \$45 this year and includes all Dixie expenses, food, insurance, a patch, a delegate t-shirt, and spirit items. Transportation from Columbia to Camp Coker is coordinated by the lodge and provided by the adult delegates.

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Also by the banquet, you must pre-order and Dixie supplies that you want. There is an order form included with this newsletter which lists prices. If you want any of these items, pre-order them now. Traditionally, very few extras are ordered and most of them sell out at Dixie very early.



Indian Affairs

Past Vice Chief Looks Back at Great Year

Jonathan Campbell commemorates the year as he makes way for newly elected Chris Browy

Jonathan Hardin

Section Chief

I would first like to congratulate Chris Browy your new Vice Chief of Indian Affairs. This past years has been a great one and I would like to thank every one who participated in Dixie and other events this year with Indian Affairs. I would like to talk to you about the Indian Affairs flap that was approved at the business meeting at the last fellowship. The order form for the flap will be available to all brothers at the scout office, and the fox tail. This is a one time deal. The deadline for this order form is by the Winter Banquet not a day later. I would like to thank everyone for a great year. We will meet on the 17th of November from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. at the Sunshine Barn Daycare on Lake Murray Blvd. 2 miles from the dam. If you have any questions or need help finding your

way to the meeting please call Christine McNeil-Advisor of VC of Indian Affairs or Chris Browy-VC of Indian Affairs.

After competing hard at Dixie, the ceremony team is looking to find new

Ceremony Team seeks new principals

members to finish out the year, and head into the next year.

As usual ceremonies were taken re of this summer by lodge brothers who were working on Camp Barstow staff. Tap Outs were held on Wednesday night and were once again successful. As the summer came to a close, Hunter Eisele designed a new lighting method for the Tap Outs. No longer will the torches need to be lit by hand and during the ceremony, everything is done by the turn of a key. Also the fire is lit by this

same method which further enhances the ceremony.

As the next ordeal approaches we will be looking for Arrowmen to help with



Jay Tucker gets called out for the Vigil Honor. photo courtesy of Tripp Clark.

ceremonies during the weekend. If you would like to work behind the scenes or be a ceremonialist, please contact Jay Tucker at chikncows@aol.com.

Do you know of a candidate for the Arrowman Service Award?

The Order of the Arrow's vision for the future emphasizes a strategy of increased service to the Boy Scouts of America by Arrowmen. To reward those Arrowmen who go beyond their immediate responsibilities to help and guide others to new heights, the Order of the Arrow created the Arrowman Service Award. The award will focus on three areas of service: personal, chapter/lodge activities, and general service to the community.

The timeline of the award began on January 1, 2001, and will end on December 31, 2003. The award may be earned in the year 2001, 2002, and 2003. All first-time recipients may purchase the original award (the white ribbon with the gold compass).

Arrowmen who earn the award more than once during the outlined three year period (2001-2003) may purchase the silver attachment for having completed this award a second time (2002 or 2003 only) and the bronze attachment for having completed this award a third time (2003 only). The attachment will be worn on the award's white ribbon.

Signatures of approval will be required for each requirement, which are:

- A) Remain active in your unit (or, if an adult not in a unit, active in your Scouting role) through at least 75 percent meeting attendance.
- B) Help an Ordeal member attain Brotherhood.

- C) Mentor a Scout (or, if an adult, another Scouter) in your unit.
- D) Rededicate yourself to the principles of the Order of the Arrow through discussions with a lodge officer or advisor.

CHAPTER/LODGE ACTIVITY: (COMPLETE ANY THREE)

- A) Participate on a lodge camping promotion or unit elections team.
- B) Attend and serve in a leadership capacity at two lodge functions.
- C) Serve as a chapter or lodge officer or as the Chairman of a lodge operating committee.
- D) Attend a Section Conclave, National Leadership Seminar, or National Conference.
- E) Serve as a trainer in an Order of the Arrow training event.

SERVICE: COMPLETE ONE

- A) Participate in council, chapter, or lodge service project.
- B) Serve as an Elangomat at an Ordeal.

The Floor is Now Open for Officer Elections Nominations

Thad Mobley

Lodge Chief

At the annual Fall Fellowship, new lodge officers were elected. The 2003 Lodge Executive Committee is made up of a great group of brothers. A lot of new faces are going to be seen in key lodge leadership roles in the new lodge year. The new lodge officers for 2003 are as follows:

Lodge Chief Thad Mobley He has served as the lodge Vice Chief of Inductions in 2002 and Lodge Chief in 2002, Lodge Secretary in 2000, and Ordeal Chairman 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2001. He is a Vigil Honor member, awarded in 2001, and has been active in Muscogee since the summer of 1996.

Upcoming Events

December 2002

- 7 - Lodge Leadership Development Conference/CPUE Training
- Executive Committee Meeting

January 2003

- 11 - Winter Banquet
- Executive Committee Meeting

March 2003

- TBA - Spring Fellowship
- Spring Executive Comm. Meeting
- 7 - Executive Committee Meeting

Vice Chief of Program

Christopher Hardin Chris has served formerly as the Vice-Chief of Communications and as the Lodge Dixie Chairman. Chris was inducted in the lodge in 1999, and completed Brotherhood in 2000.

Vice Chief of Communications

Blake Parsons Blake has served as the Ehalluschsit Chapter Chief in 2002, and is a Brotherhood member in Muscogee Lodge.

Vice Chief of Inductions David

Farrell David has held the position of Health and Safety Chairman in 2002, and is a Brotherhood member of the lodge.

Vice Chief of Indian Affairs Chris

Browy Chris has served as the 2002 Drum/Sing Chairman and is Brotherhood member of Muscogee Lodge.

Treasurer - Hunter Eisele Hunter has served now for four consecutive terms as the Lodge Treasurer. Hunter has also received the Vigil Honor in 2001.

Lodge Secretary PJ Parks PJ has served as the 2001 Lodge Service Chairman, and is currently a Brotherhood member.

Together this fine group of people plan to make next year one of the best the Lodge has ever seen.

Winter Banquet set for January 11

This year's Winter Banquet will be held at Camp Barstow, January 11, 2003. The cost is \$10 for early bird (on or before January 2, 2003, and \$15 late registration. The Winter Banquet is very different from a Fellowship as it lasts only one evening. (You don't have to worry about the tent or sleeping bag.)

It will begin at 6 p.m. and end around 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be catered so don't have to worry about feeding yourself before you come. There also will be a silent auction so everyone remember to bring your money. We will have a guest speaker, Carey Mignerey, 2000 National OA Chief, give a motivational talk. He is an Eagle Scout from the Atlanta Area Council and student at the University of Virginia. Some of the other events include the installation of officers and the presentation of the Charles Youngblood and the Ralph E. Grier award.

Clark Kent? Jimmy Olsen?

Fox's Tales is in need of two reporters from each chapter to write the stories and keep your Lodge Brothers informed. If this sounds like you, and you know it does, contact Vice Chief for Communications Christopher Hardin at foxtails2@aol.com today.

Indian Summer provides a comprehensive and fascinating opportunity

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accommodations. The \$275 fee will provide air-conditioned, resident housing for eight participants per room with bathroom facilities. (All resident housing was remodeled in 2002.) The \$375 fee will provide air-conditioned, standard hotel housing for two participants per room with a private bathroom.

All conference fees (youth and adult) are due by May 1, 2003.

The fee includes five night's housing, 14 meals, program and support materials, and recognition items during the six-day conference.

Quota for Youth & Adult Members

For the 2003 Indian Summer Conference, each lodge will be allowed 10 delegates. A lodge contingent may have no more than three adults, 21 years of age or older, attend the conference.

To secure the youth and adult spaces desired, each participant must pay a nonrefundable \$100 per participant reservation deposit by February 14, 2003.

Cancellation & Refund Policy

The \$100 per person deposit is transferable to a substitute within the lodge on a one-for-one basis, but it is nonrefundable, and may not be applied to the balance due for another person. Deposits may only be

transferred from youth to youth or from adult to adult.

RV Sites Available

The Ridgecrest Conference Center has 27 RV sites with hook-ups available for Indian Summer participants. The sites are available on a first-come, first-serve basis only. For those interested in securing a Recreational Vehicle site, the conference fee is \$205 for each participant plus \$29 per site per day for the RV. RV Conference fees paid after May 31, 2003 will be \$255. for youth and adults participants. The fee includes 14 meals, program and support materials, and recognition items during the six-day conference.

MUSCOGEE LODGE "ALL PURPOSE" REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Chapter: _____

Muscogee Lodge #221 2003 Red Fox Card

I am registering for _____ Red Fox Card(s) at \$82 each. (See related article)
 One 2003 Winter banquet registration is included with each Red Fox Card.
 Additionally, each card covers 1 year's dues and registration to each Ordeal
 And to the Spring, Summer, and Fall Fellowships.
Must be faxed, postmarked or delivered by January 2, 2003.

\$ _____

Please accept my 2003 Lodge Dues at \$10 per person (no Red Fox Card).

Check the outside label to see if you owe 2003 dues before paying.

\$ _____

Lodge Banquet

Please note that no banquet registrations can be accepted after January 2.

I am registering by January 2 for _____ persons at \$10 each.

\$ _____

Dixie Fellowship

All Dixie registrations and pre-orders must be received & paid by January 11.

Description	Quantity	Price	Total
Dixie Registration <i>(include BSA medical form If you have not turned one in within the past year)</i>	_____	\$45.00	_____
Dixie Patch <i>(one included in fee)</i>	_____	\$ 5.00	_____
Dixie Back Patch	_____	\$10.00	_____
Dixie Coffee Mug	_____	\$ 8.00	_____
Dixie Hat Pin	_____	\$ 4.00	_____
Dixie Neckerchief	_____	\$11.00	_____
Dixie Chenille (8")	_____	\$25.00	_____
Dixie T-shirt (Size _____)	_____	\$10.00	_____
Dixie Hat	_____	\$10.00	_____
Dixie Carabiner	_____	\$ 2.50	_____
Dixie Squeeze Bottle	_____	\$ 2.50	_____
Dixie Lanyard	_____	\$ 4.00	_____
Dixie Fellowship Total			\$ _____

Grand total all items: \$ _____

Make checks payable to B.S.A. or pay by credit card and fax.

Fax or mail the order form to: Indian Waters Council • P.O. Box 144 • Columbia, S.C. • 29202 • Fax 803-750-9855

Credit Card Type (Circle One): Visa MasterCard Discover

Name on Card: _____ Amount to be charged: \$ _____

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS!!