



Fox's Tale

Order of the Arrow • Muscogee Lodge 221

Spring 2003

Ready to Enlist

Get ready for a full weekend of Dixie Quest events, basketball tournaments and chugging contest!

Chris Hardin

VC of Program

As usual our 2003 Spring Fellowship will be a "success". But this year we are going to kick it up a notch with Dixie Quest events, basketball competition, chugging competitions and tons more. And, as usual, we will get ready for this year's Dixie at Camp Coker.

We are going to have the quest events going on to determine who will compete at Dixie. If you want to compete at Dixie in a quest event, you need to call your Chapter Chief and tell him what you would like to compete in. The decisions are final at the Spring Fellowship. Therefore, if you want to compete at Dixie, you must compete at Camp. The list of quest events is: Knot Tying, Tug-o-War, Ultimate Frisbee, Archery, Softball/ Arrow Throw, Tent Set-up, Rope Throw, Chariot Race, Canoe Race, Fire Building, Egg Toss and the Cross Country Run.

The weekend will also be packed with a basketball tournament, which will be made up of teams of five. You don't have

to be in the same chapter, and the chapters can make as many teams as they want. But to compete you need to contact your chapter chief with a list of who'll be on your team.

Friday night, after check-in, there will be a Barstow Cinema with a cracker-barrel. Eat dinner before you come, bring a bag dinner *OR* the dining hall will be selling hot dogs, chips, and drinks for dinner on Friday night. Saturday will be filled with quest events, training, some service, and basketball. There will also be a Patch Auction Saturday night, with another amazing Muscogee cracker-barrel. After Sunday morning's Chapel Service and cleanup we will end our 2003 Spring Fellowship. Cost is only \$18 by the early bird deadline, March 13th, and \$24 thereafter. I should see every one of you out there.



Ex-National Chief addresses Muscogee

Carey Mignerey, 2000 National OA Chief, addressed Muscogee Lodge at the annual Winter Banquet. Mignerey is a resident of Atlanta. (For details on the Winter Banquet, please see page 3.)



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Chapter Reports

Ehalluchsit

Chapter Chief Chris Wagner

Hello. I am Chris Wagner, your new chapter chief. I was elected during the Fall Fellowship and would like to take this time to thank everyone for their votes. I would also like to take the time to thank everyone who attended the Fall Fellowship and Winter Banquet.

I am really excited to be the chapter chief and look forward to meeting you at upcoming meetings and events. Recently, Chapter 1 had a meeting and training session at Shandon Presbyterian Church. During the training we covered camp promotion and unit elections (CPUE). Although the turnout was low, those of us there accomplished a lot.

I would like to encourage all Ehalluchsit members to make an effort to attend chapter meetings and projects. We have a great chapter but we need everyone to participate.

We will be doing troop visits and elections over the next few months. I or our chapter advisor, Jeff Bloom, may be contacting you to help. With so many troops in our chapter this is a big task. Thanks in advance to all those who can help.

I have some new ideas for Chapter 1 along with some goals I would like to see accomplished. The first goal is to increase the attendance at Fellowship and Chapter meetings. The second goal is to have regularly scheduled chapter meetings. The last goal is to have at least three service projects this year. Please email me (BillyMoon1@aol.com) any ideas for service projects you would like to see the Chapter participate in.

In making some phone calls, I have discovered that our contact list is incomplete and out-of-date. I would like to update our contact list.

Troop Reps - please e-mail me with names, phone num-

bers and e-mail addresses of OA members in your troop. I will put the updated list together and send copies to you. I need contact info for adult leaders in the OA in your troop also. *Thanks!*

Wischiki

Chapter Chief Geoffrey Hardin

Chapter Two has almost finished scheduling all of its CPUE. Chapter Two only has a few troops left. We are behind schedule. We are planning on doing three troops a month once we have finished all our calls. We are not doing as well as we want but we are working as hard as we can.

Tschitanek Woakus

Chapter Chief David Goza

Chapter Three is fresh out of the LLDC and ready for a great new year in the lodge. Muscogee's annual Winter Banquet was held recently. Chapter Three congratulates all brothers recognized for receiving Brotherhood and thus sealing their membership in the lodge. We would also like to congratulate those who received the Vigil Honor as well. This is a tremendous achievement in the Order, and something to truly be proud of.

Currently we are gearing up for the Spring Fellowship. All brothers are encouraged to attend! Please take this back to your troop meetings and push for attendance. Support for the chapter is always appreciated, and perhaps we can take home the attendance award in the process!

Sukeu Sipo

Chapter Chief William McCormick

Hello, Sukeu Sipo. My name is William McCormick, the current Chapter Chief. I am encouraging everyone in the Chapter to be at the Spring Fellowship on

March 23-25. I have sent a patch design for the Chapter to be approved by the LEC and David Hutto, the Vice Chapter Chief and I will be working on a design for a T-shirt. The problem with the patches is that we have to order 200 minimum and they will be sold at a price the Lodge puts on them. Since Chapter participation and members are low I have done this to be able to get more people elected and more active again.

Our next Chapter Meeting will be on April 19 at 3 p.m. and will last until 4 p.m. **THIS MEETING IS MANDATORY FOR ALL MEMBERS IN THE CHAPTER!**

It will be held at Troop 45's Scout Hut and you need to be in full Class A uniform with OA sash. If you need directions please contact Matt Trask our District Executive at mtrask90@aol.com or call the Scout Shop. I hope to see everyone there.

If you come to the Spring Fellowship Sukeu Sipo will be staying in Campsite Nine.

Dixie Time

Who?

All brothers are invited

What?

Dixie 2003

When?

April 25-27, 2003

Where?

*Camp Coker,
Society Hill, SC*

Why?

*To WIN Lodge of the
Year*

How much?

\$45



Winter Wonderland

Winter Banquet A SUCCESS!!

Chris Hardin

VC of Program

Muscogee Lodge closed our 2002 Lodge Year January 11, and opened up a new beginning for our Lodge in the Year of 2003. This year's banquet was held out our very own Camp Barstow, where we had a most delicious meal from Parklane Seafood.

The Banquet started off with a silent auction and dinner. Thad Mobley, our 2003 Lodge Chief opened up the Banquet and called Jonathan Hardin, SR-5 Chief, to come up and talk about National

bers. Fred Descy, Vigil Chairman, presented the newly honored Vigil Members their plaque and Bible. Thad then installed the newly elected officers and chairmen for the 2003 Lodge year. Although our banquets traditionally end with a presentation to the outgoing Lodge chief, this year was a little different. Mostly because we had three lodge chiefs in one year. Jonathan Hardin was elected, and then he had to resign because he was elected to be Section Chief for SR-5, then Fred Descy

was appointed by the Lodge Executive Committee to be the interim lodge chief until the next lodge function where the lodge would vote for the Chief to finish out the year. At the Summer Fellowship Thad Mobley was elected Lodge Chief for Muscogee Lodge.

Lodge Advisor Tripp Clark recognized each of this year's Chiefs for his contributions to making 2002 such a success. Thad then made his final remarks and closed our 2002 Lodge Year.

**2000 National OA Chief
Carey Mignerey's speech
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was also about being a better scout.**

Programs being offered this year. Jonathan also introduced this year's guest speaker, the 2000 National OA Chief, Mr. Carey Mignerey.

Carey's speech was not only good, but it was also about being a better scout. If you heard his speech you know he gave us some great tips for being the scout we're suppose to be. After Carey's speech Matt Trask gave a Council Address to the lodge, but instead of reading off a list of what the council had done the past year, he thanked the lodge and scouts for everything they had done for the council.

Following Matt's Council Address, Thad gave Muscogee Lodge's 2002 Year in Review. The chapter awards were given out subsequent to Thad's review. The Ralph E. Grier Award was awarded to Ehalluchsit, and the Charles Youngblood Award given to Tschitanek Woakus.

Brotherhood certificates were presented to the newly recognized Brotherhood mem-

'Ready to Enlist' for Dixie

Nate Bloom

Dixie Chairman

Hello fellow Muscogee lodge members. As you all know Dixie is coming up in April. The dates are the 25, 26 and 27. It is being held at Camp Coker. The Santee lodge is hosting, so we need to keep our spirit flying high.

Our Dixie theme this year is the Military, "Ready to Enlist." We will be discussing spirit, T-shirts, events, and all the other stuff on Dixie on the Spring fellowship, March 21, 22, and 23. It is important that Muscogee members be there so we can vote on and discuss our options.

We presently have all 80 Dixie slots filled and five people on the waiting list. We will continue to take registrations for the Dixie and you should pay the registration fee (\$45) to get on

the waiting list. We hope we can request additional slots that other lodges may not use. Anyone who pays for Dixie waiting list and does not get a slot on the delegation will be refunded their registration fee after Dixie. If any of the 80 delegates "drop out," people on the waiting list will fill those slots based on earliest paid.

Dixie prep will be at Camp Barstow on April 12th. People will report to Columbiana Place for departure to Dixie on April 25. I do not have the times on departure time yet.

During Dixie Muscogee needs to make observations and report back to me so we can get ready for Dixie '05. If you have any questions please e-mail me at N8Rockz@aol.com.

*Mama, Mama cant you see.
What Muscogee's done to me ...*

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Chief's Corner

This spring will be an action packed few months in the lodge calendar. The lodge celebrated its 61st birthday at the Winter Banquet on January 11th. The turnout was good and the food was even better. Thanks to Parklane Seafood and their staff for the wonderful meal that they provided. Carey Mignerey was the key note speaker for the evening, and offered some good advice to all that attended.

Over the next few weeks the

lodge will be preparing to go to the Dixie Fellowship hosted by Santee Lodge in April. In the coming months there are many items that must get all of participants immediate attention. If you have been to Dixie in the past and you have an idea of what you would like to participate in at Dixie bring your ideas to the Spring Fellowship. At the Fellowship, competitions will be held to select participants for every event that will take place at Dixie. Also, there will be Call-Out for

all elected scouts and scouters needing one. I hope to see all of you guys and gals at the Fellowship and Dixie! With everyone's help, Muscogee will have a very productive and successful spring.



Lodge Chief Thad Mobley

The Muscogee Spotlight

Where did you spend last New Year's Eve? For two of our Lodge Brothers it was at the World Jamboree of Scouting held in Sattahip, Thailand, about two hours south of Bangkok.

Robert Harris, a sophomore at White Knoll High, and AC Flora senior Marshall White celebrated the New Year before anyone in Columbia this year. Thailand is exactly 12 hours ahead of us here on the Eastern Seaboard of the United States.

Robert and Marshall were two of just over 675 Scouts from the United States to attend the World Jamboree which was held from December 28, 2002 to January 8, 2003.



United Kingdom Scouts and a Scout from the United States.

Participants experienced many different cultural exchanges including sharing regional recipes and foods. Robert and Marshall's Southern Region Troop 24 prepared barbecue where they introduced mustard-based barbecue sauce to the World Jamboree.



Life-long friendships are forged through Scouting worldwide.

Troop 24's Scouts departed from Charlotte early on the morning of December 26 and flew to Los Angeles. There they cleared security, again, and boarded an Air Thailand flight to Bangkok, with a refueling stop in Tokyo. Once in Bangkok it was a two-hour bus ride. All totaled, they traveled 36 hours, most of it flying coach, to the World Jamboree.

Although the Jamboree site was beautiful and tropical, "it was hot and dusty," said Marshall. While Thailand is

in the Northern Hemisphere where it's winter, the country is near the Equator. Daytime temperatures hovered in the high 80's to low 90's.

Scouts participated in cultural swaps ... eating with Scouts from different cultures every night ... service projects ("Do a Good Turn Daily"), swim-



Thai Scouts are introduced to southern barbecue.

ming in the Gulf of Thailand and visiting local animal refuges where they saw elephants playing basketball. Marshall even got into the act by joining the show and allowing an elephant "step" on his chest.

"I won't do that again. It hurt," he said with a grin.

As at the National Jamboree patch swapping is a major event but at the World Jamboree there's a twist: uniform swapping. Marshall returned with Scout shirts from the United Kingdom, Malaysia, Japan, Sri Lanka and, of course, Thailand. (Attention Muscogee thread-heads: don't even *think* about asking about swapping patches for these.)

Even though an on-site Internet Cafe made it possible to communicate with friends and family back home, both Robert and Marshall were ready to come home for real ... happy, tired, full of international Scout Spirit and memories, but ready to come home nonetheless.



Muscogee Lodge Brother Marshall White serves as an elephant's footstool ... not exactly cheerful service, it turned out.



Scouts the world over just know how to make friends.

Indian Affairs

Indian Affairs Flaps are a HIT!!!

Join Indian Affairs for loads of fun! Buy flaps and support Indian Affairs!

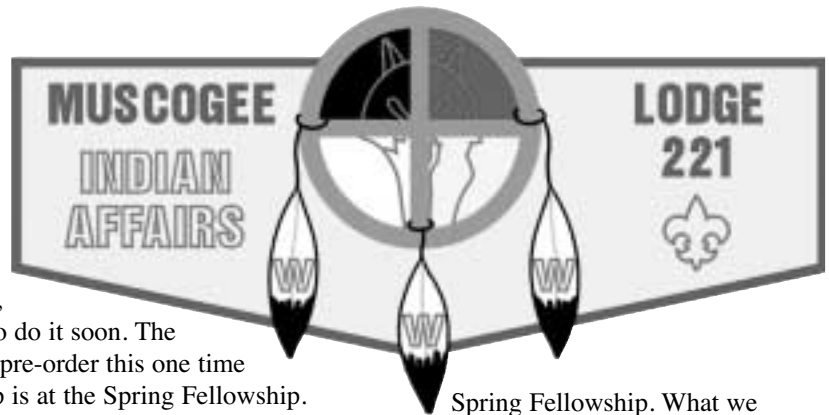
Chris Browry

VC of Indian Affairs

The Indian Affairs group has been working hard to get ready for Dixie. We have started our practices and we have many new brothers on the drum and dance teams. Anyone who is still interested in joining the Indian Affairs program contact Chris Browry at 791-9375 or Christine McNeill at 781-8275. We meet at the Sunshine Barn Daycare in Irmo every Sunday from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m.

The Indian Affairs Lodge Flap is going well. These flaps are being sold to help the Indian Affairs program. We sold a good amount at the Winter Banquet. The flap cost is \$5 each and there is no limit on how many you may

order. There is a deadline though. If you wish to purchase these flaps, you need to do it soon. The last day to pre-order this one time special flap is at the Spring Fellowship. From now until then you can pre-order through the Scout Shop with Sandy or Velda. If you want to put them on a credit card you can call it in to them over the phone. **REMEMBER!** this flap will not be available for sale after the



Spring Fellowship. What we pre-order is it. We will not be making any more orders because we are doing **ONE RUN ONLY!**

Don't miss out on this one time only special flap!

WE WANT YOU!!!

Greg Smith

Dixie 2005 Planning Committee Chairman

Greetings Fellow Arrowmen! As many of you already know the mighty Muscogee Lodge will host the 2005 Dixie Fellowship. With the beginning of a new year, each of us realize by doing the math that Dixie 2005 is only a little over two years away. Between now and then much organization and planning must take place in order to ensure success. Resources, skills, and experience of every Arrowman will be required in order for us to make this event one that each participant from the Section will remember. Everyone's help will be needed...so Muscogee wants you to be a part of the 2005 Dixie Fellowship.

Among the many things that the Planning Committee must do is to create a structure for committees and assist with the selection of the Dixie Vice-Chief. The Dixie Vice-Chief will be elected at a Lodge Business meeting by the youth of the lodge. This selection will



occur in the near future since we must get the wheels rolling. Currently the Dixie 2005 Planning Committee is setting itself up to help structure and organize this event. If you are interested in serving as the Dixie Vice-Chief or in serving on the planning committee, please contact me to inform me of your interest. The planning committee will meet as soon as we can structure ourselves with members of the lodge who are willing to answer the call. Remember we need experienced and non-experienced Arrowmen who can provide unique perceptions and ideas for an event for all to remember. M-U-S C-O-G E-E MUSCOGEE!!!

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(If you have previously expressed your interest, please do so again so that you will not be forgotten.)



Schedule for Spring Fellowship

March 21 Friday:

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| 5:00 | Officer Check-in | Dining Hall | 3:00 | Dixie Quest Events | Parade Field |
| 6:00-7:00 | Registration | " | 4:00 | Brotherhood Ceremony Competition | Ecology Center |
| | Hot Dog Dinner | Trading Post | 5:00 | Dixie Training | Dining Hall |
| 7:15 | Chapter Meetings/LNT Training | Campsites/Dining Hall | 6:00 | Flag Lowering | Parade Field |
| 8:00 | Campfire and Callout Ceremony | Council Ring | 6:10 | Dinner | Dining Hall |
| 9:30 | Cracker Barrel/Brotherhood Orientation | Dining Hall | 7:00 | Chapter Meeting | Campsites |
| 9:45 | Barstow Cinema | " | 8:00 | Brotherhood Ceremony | Ceremony |
| 11:30 | TAPS | Your Tent | 9:00 | Cracker Barrel | Dining Hall |

March 22 Saturday:

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|------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-------|------|--------------|
| 8:00 | Reveille | Your Tent | 11:30 | TAPS | Parade Field |
| 8:20 | Flag Raising | Parade Field | | | Your Tent |
| 8:30 | Breakfast | Dining Hall | | | |
| 9:30-10:30 | Service Projects/Brotherhood Boards | | | | |
| | | Parade Field/O'Tuel | | | |
| 11:00 | Chapter Basketball Tourney | Basketball Court | | | |
| | Chapter Pre-Ordeal Ceremony | Handicraft Shelter | | | |
| 12:00 | Formation and Lunch | Parade Field | | | |
| 1:00 | Business Meeting | Dining Hall | | | |

March 23 Sunday:

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| 8:00 | Reveille | Your Tent |
| 8:10 | Flag Raising | Parade Field |
| 8:20 | Breakfast | Dining Hall |
| 9:00 | Chapel and Awards Service | Chapel |
| 10:00 | Camp Cleanup | Dining Hall |
| 11:00 | Head for Home | |

All times are tentative and subject to change without notice.

2003 Lodge Calendar

April 2003

25-27 Dixie Fellowship

July 2003

11-13 Summer Ordeal
25-27 Summer Fellowship

September 2003

13 ONE DAY Service
Project

November

7-9 NLS

May 2003

16-18 Spring Ordeal

August 2003

2-7 "Indian Summer"

October 2003

3-5 Fall Ordeal
17-19 Fall Fellowship

December

6 CPUE Training
Conference
6 LLDC



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