

## Chief's Corner: Improve your leadership skills at NLS in November

Mason Thomas  
Lodge Chief

As arrowmen you already possess the qualities it takes to build on the leadership skills you first developed when you became a Boy Scout.

Opportunity is knocking again with a chance to attend the National Leadership Seminar (NLS), a unique OA experience offering some of the best leadership training within the BSA.

According to OA literature, the NLS is "run by the Region Chief and his Advisers. [It] provides an in-depth look at leadership skills and techniques. An NLS discusses how these skills can be applied in your role

**National Leadership Seminar**  
**Southern Region**  
**November 2 - 4, 2007**  
**Live Oak, Fla.**

in the OA and in other aspects of your life. "Youth participants should be at least 15 years of age or a lodge officer. Completion of the Lodge Leadership

Development Program is desirable.

"The seminar is an intensive experience in learning about the nature of leadership and practicing some of the skills that leaders use.

While it is designed to be fun, the course is also mentally challenging.

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"Participant should be developmentally, physically, and mentally prepared to actively engage in an exhausting, invigorating weekend.

"At the end of the seminar, participants

make a contract with themselves to apply the skills learned in the seminar to projects in their unit, lodge, council, and community."

The Southern Region will host an NLS, November 2-4, 2007, in beautiful Live Oak, Fla., which is off I-10, west of Jacksonville.

Muscogee Lodge will pay for up to half of the NLS fee for each participant who signs up so that everyone can be afforded this truly superior opportunity.

Space is limited so let the Lodge Key-3 know if you are interested in attending the Southern Region National Leadership Seminar, where you will grow as a leader both in Scouting and in life.

## OA Week: Be one of the first to take part in Muscogee's new tradition

William McCormick  
Scoutreach Chairman

Muscogee Lodge is trying to organize "OA Week" to be held at Barstow the fourth week of camp, June 24 - 30. Twenty Brothers must register by April 20 in order for programming to proceed.

Preliminary plans call for a Giant Waterslide, Jousting Pit, Watermelon Float Race, Indian Crafts Workshops, and much,

much more. There will be opportunities to work on Eagle-required merit badges, too.


It promises to be a great fellowship opportunity. The cost for this week is \$160, due by April 20, to the Scout Office.

OA Week is a new program that we hope can be an annual event, and there is no better time to start than our 65th Anniversary Year.

We need the the support of the youth and adults to make this successful.

This new program will enhance the value of our lodge, and will certainly be just as fun (if not more fun) than any of our three Fellowships.

More information about OA Week will be sent out in the weeks to come.

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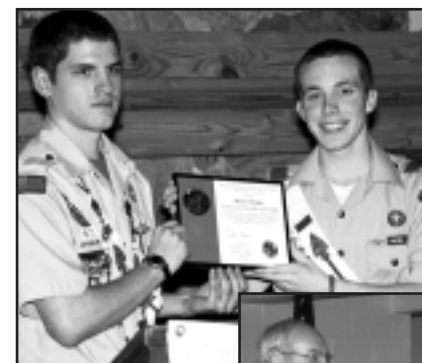
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## Founder's Award presented to Thomas and Parrish

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At the OA Winter Banquet in January, among the festivities and speakers, we had the awards ceremony. (See article on page three). However, one award that is not commonly



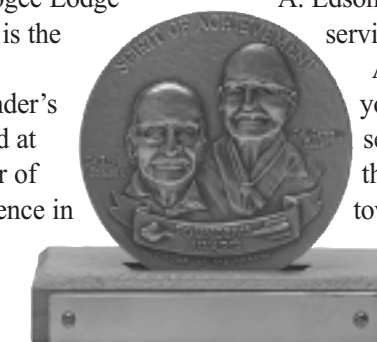
Mason Thomas, (above, right), and Larry Parrish (right, left) are recognized by William McCormick



awarded in Muscogee Lodge has reappeared. It is the Founder's Award.

The Founder's Award was created at the National Order of the Arrow Conference in 1981 as a way to recognize those Arrowmen who have served extensively toward helping better their lodge.

Similar to the Vigil Honor, the Founder's Award is not an award you simply work towards like a merit badge. The nominee is selected by his fellow lodge members as the best example of how the Founders of the Order of the Arrow, E. Urner Goodman and Carroll



A. Edson would live their lives by serving others in cheerful service.

At the Winter Banquet, one youth and one adult was selected in Muscogee Lodge for their extended cheerful service towards the lodge and in their daily lives helping others and trying to better the world to the full extent of their abilities.

The youth representative selected by fellow lodge members is our new Lodge Chief, Mason Thomas. The adult representative, selected for his extensive service to the lodge and scouting, was Larry Parrish. Both Our new Lodge Chief and Mr. Parrish have served Muscogee Lodge for many years in Cheerful Service as have many of others in Muscogee.

We congratulate them on their recognition and are honored their service to the lodge and Scouting.

## Spring Fellowship agenda set so get your fedora and sunglasses ready

"It's a hundred and six miles to Chicago ... it's dark. And we're wearing sunglasses."

"Hit it."

Get your best Jake and Elwood Blues routines down for the Spring Fellowship, 'cause you'll need 'em for the Blues Brothers

impression competition Saturday night. Friday, however will start with a Callout and Brotherhood Orientation. During Saturday,



Brotherhood Boards will be followed by activities, sports and training. The Freezer Bag Cooking demonstration

looks particularly interesting ... besides, you can eat your mistakes.

Dixie Quest competition teams will also be formed this weekend so there's a lot to be prepared for.

An agenda is printed on page 2 but be sure to get an updated one when you check in Friday March, 16.

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## 2007 Lodge Calendar

All locations are at Camp Barstow, unless otherwise noted. All 2006 Fellowships Costs are \$25 for early bird registration and \$30 regular registration unless otherwise noted.

### March 16 • Call Out

Ordeal candidates are called out at a ceremony held Friday night at Camp Barstow.

### March 16 - 18 • Spring Fellowship

— Details TBA

### April 27 - 29 • Dixie Fellowship

— Camp Blue Heron, Riceboro, GA

### May 18 - 20 • Spring Ordeal

— Details TBA

### July 20 - 22 • Summer Ordeal

— Details TBA

### August 3 - 5 • Summer Fellowship

— Details TBA

### September 14 - 16 • Fall Ordeal

— Details TBA

### October 5 - 7 • Fall Fellowship

— Details TBA

### December 8 • Lodge Leadership Development

— Details TBA

## 65th Anniversary Commemorative flap and neckerchief supplies limited

To commemorate Muscogee Lodge's 65th anniversary in 2007, the lodge is producing a special lodge flap and, for the first time in 20 years, an embroidered neckerchief. The flaps will sell for \$3 each and the neckerchiefs will be \$15 each. We will produce 1,000 lodge flaps and 250 neckerchiefs. You can wait and buy yours later, or you can guarantee that you will get yours by ordering yours today.

When these are sold out, they are gone! Members may pre-order up to 10



Flap



Neckerchief

anniversary flaps and not more than three (3) neckerchiefs up until the deadline of March 15. Pre-orders must be paid at the time of pre-order. After the items are received by the lodge, both will be available for additional purchases (beyond

the pre-order limits), as long as supplies lasts.

Orders will be accepted only from dues-paid members of Muscogee Lodge.

## Spring Fellowship agenda

### March 16 Friday

5 p.m. Officer Check-in  
6 - 7 Registration  
7:15 Chapter Meetings  
8 Campfire & Callout  
9:30 Business Meeting  
10:30 Cracker Barrel & Brotherhood Orientation  
11:30 TAPS

### March 17 Saturday

8 p.m. Reveille  
8:20 Flag Raising  
8:30 Breakfast  
9:30-10:30 Service Projects  
Brotherhood Boards  
10:45 Training (Ceremonies, Drum/Sing, Elangomat  
Training, Brotherhood Boards, Freezer Bag Cooking)  
Noon Formation and Lunch  
1 p.m. Dixie Quest Competitions  
3 Basketball

4:30 Ultimate Frisbee  
5 Dixie Forums  
6 Flag Lowering & Dinner  
7 Brotherhood Meeting  
8 Brotherhood Ceremony  
Ordeal to Brotherhood Seminar  
9 Cracker Barrel  
9 Blues Brother Impressions Competition  
9:30 Barstow Cinema(Blues Brothers)  
9:30 Patch Auction  
11:30 TAPS

### March 18 Sunday

8 a.m. Reveille  
8:10 Flag Raising  
8:20 Breakfast  
9 Camp Clean Up  
10 Chapel & Awards  
11 Head for Home  
LEC Meeting

## Winter Banquet features remarks by 22-year-old state representative

By all accounts the Winter Banquet was a rousing success. Held January 6 at Camp Barstow. More than 250 people were amply fed by Parklane Seafood, new Brotherhood members were handed their plaques, Chapter awards were delivered and new officers were sworn in.

Indian Waters Council Scout Executive Larry Brown gave a state-of-the-council address and announced the Council had retired nearly \$750,000 in debt in just three years. In the spirit of Brotherhood, the Lodge presented Brown (and the Friends of Scouting) with a check for \$1,500.

The night's keynote speaker was state Rep. Bakari Sellers (District 90). Sellers, 22, is one of the youngest people ever elected to serve in the South Carolina legislature.

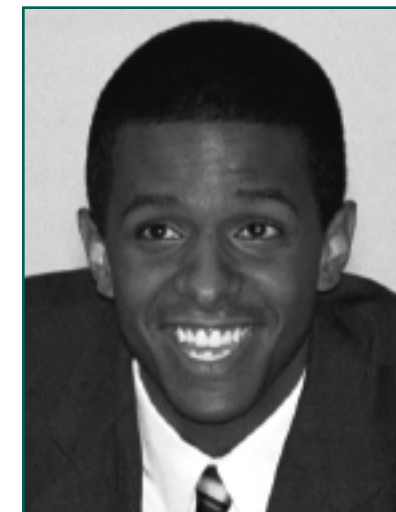
He is a native of Denmark, S.C., a graduate of Morehouse College and is currently a student at USC's Law School.

For a man of his tender years, Sellers' achievements impressed all in attendance.

On behalf of Lodge brothers Nate Bloom and Andy Goza, Jeff Bloom presented an American flag to the Lodge that had been flown over Balad airbase, Iraq in 2005. The younger Bloom and Goza both serve in the SC National Guard and were stationed in Iraq. The flag has been dedicated to Muscogee Lodge for their support of the troops serving.

A silent auction has held, raising \$1,199.

Skylar Hutto, Mason Thomas and Brandon Poole (right) take their oaths of office. Jeff Bloom (below) presents a flag flown over Iraq to the Lodge.



Larry Brown (above, left) reports to the Lodge. Rep. Bakari Sellers (left and above) was the keynote speaker. The banquet was catered by Parklane Seafood (above, right). Stan Haines peddles council strips to raise funds for Scouting in Iraq.