

Lodge Brothers made up more than half of Camp Staff this summer

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what is really surprising is more than two-thirds of the staff are Eagle Scouts, the highest rank in Scouting. Truly, this year's camp staff is one for the record books, for this group of extraordinary Scouts surly provided the best program that could be offered.

As per tradition the Lodge sponsored once again the camp ice cream social, with a new twist. This year Scouts and Scouters enjoyed some upbeat music as they ate their tasty Monday evening snacks.

Finally, the opportunity to fulfill the requirements for the Brotherhood Challenge became a challenge in itself each week of camp due to, in most cases, inclement weather. Nevertheless, the ceremonies were held and we have had several members to



that is the Muscogee Lodge Call-Out. You must be there to fully enjoy the experience and to take in the breath-taking views, sights and sounds of this solemn occasion.

Remember our founder, E. Umer Goodman, who said, "Brotherhood: In a day when there is too much hatred at home and

abroad; Cheerfulness: in a day when the pessimists are in control and the cynics have the floor; Service: in a day where people are interested more in getting or grasping rather than giving."

Remember these words when you hear that Muscogee Lodge has provided unselfish service to the Indian Waters Council and to the Scouts and Scouters of Central South Carolina.



complete this next step on their journey.

Another tradition is our Call-Out on parents night to recognize those Scouts and Scouters who have recently been selected by their fellow Scouts who represent the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives.

Each Wednesday night, parents, families and friends gathered to enjoy watching the spectacle



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more time to get up-to-date information and to better prepare it for competition.

Amendment 9

Section VIII: Awards Part D. currently states:

The Ralph E. Grier Chapter Award will be presented annually to the outstanding chapter, based on the performance as measured by the criteria for the award. The award will be scored by the Lodge Vice Chief of Administration.

Proposed Change:

The Ralph E. Grier Chapter Award will be presented annually to the outstanding chapter, based on the performance as measured by the criteria for the award. The award will be scored by the Lodge Secretary, as

reflected by the Chapter Monthly Reports which are mailed to both the Lodge Chief and Lodge Secretary by the 15th of each month.

Reason for Change:

Administrative Change, the Lodge no longer has a Vice Chief of Administration; the concurrent position that would fulfill those responsibilities is the Lodge Secretary.

Amendment 10

Section VIII: Awards Part E. currently states:

The Charles K. Youngblood Service Award will be presented to the most outstanding chapter in the area of service, based upon performance as measured by the criteria for the award.

The award will be scored by the

Lodge Vice Chief of Administration.

Proposed Change:

The Charles K. Youngblood Service Award will be presented to the most outstanding chapter in the area of service, based upon performance as measured by the criteria for the award.

The award will be scored by the Lodge Secretary, as reflected by the Chapter Monthly Reports which are mailed to both the Lodge Chief and Lodge Secretary by the 15th of each month.

Reason for Change:

Administrative Change, the Lodge no longer has a Vice Chief of Administration; the concurrent position that would fulfill those responsibilities is the Lodge Secretary.



Summer Camp 2008 a rousing success

William McCormick

VC of Communications

The 2008 Summer Camp Season has come to a close here at Camp Barstow. This year proved to be a step in the right direction for getting the camp back on track, and with the help of the Lodge Brothers, will continue to be so for the years to come.

This year the Lodge provided three main parts to camp: staff, a camp-wide ice cream social each Monday evening, and an opportunity for Lodge Brothers to

seal their membership in the Order of the Arrow by completing their Brotherhood Challenge.

More than half of the staff were Lodge Brothers; a remarkable accomplishment in itself. But, because the Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society, it's not unexpected. However, *continued on page 2*



Sometimes the fish don't cooperate at Camp Barstow so, instead of learning a life-long lesson in feeding yourself, you end up learning another important skill: patience.

Summer Fellowship 2008, August 8 - 10, has an Olympic theme

The upcoming Summer Fellowship, August 8th to 10th, is shaping up to be a very exciting event. It will take place at Camp Barstow, as all our fellowships do.

Back by popular demand, the water slide will be at Camp Barstow for the weekend, and it will be more fun than ever so bring your bathing suits. The theme to the weekend will go along with the Olympics that will be taking place this summer in Beijing, China.

Each chapter will be assigned a country: Ehalluschit (Chapter 1) will be Germany, Wichiki (Chapter 2) will represent Brazil, Tschitanek Woakus (Chapter 3) will be taking the place of the host nation China,

Sukeu Sipo (Chapter 4) will have the place of Great Britain, and Tschitaneu Aptonagan (Chapter 5) will represent the Russian Federation.

We hope all our brothers will be excited about their countries and – just to let you know – there may be some trivia about your country, so make sure you study your country and get ready for some fierce competition.

Some of the competition we will hold will be

the same as we usually have; it will just be between countries this time. We will be holding a basketball tournament and an ultimate Frisbee competition. We will also hold track and field events and somewhat of a soccer tournament. *continued on page 3*

2008 Lodge Calendar

July 18 - 20

Summer Ordeal, Camp Barstow

August 8 - 10

Summer Fellowship, Camp Barstow

September 12 - 14

Fall Ordeal, Camp Barstow

October 3 - 5

Fall Fellowship, Camp Barstow

November 14 - 15

Lodge Leadership Development Conference (LLDC), Camp Barstow.

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NEXT Fox's Tale Deadline is August 25.

Are you ready for the next step on your Journey?

Jimmy “Newt” Grant

2008 Brotherhood Chairman

Have you been an Ordeal member for more than 10 months?

Are you ready for the next step in the Inductions Process?

Do you know how to “seal” your membership in the Order of the Arrow?

If you answered “YES” to any of the questions above, then you are ready to attain your Brotherhood membership.

What is the Brotherhood Membership? Brotherhood Membership is the next step in your “long and toilsome journey” that Allowat Sakima told you about in the Ordeal Ceremony.

This is the only of the three honors in the Order of the Arrow that YOU earn, every other membership level you are selected for, which means only YOU can make the choice to “seal your membership” in the Order by completing the Brotherhood Challenge.

What does the Brotherhood Challenge consist of? The Challenge consists of six principle items:

- Have a current Boy Scout, Explorer or Scouter registration and actively participate in your unit’s program.
- Have paid your lodge dues through the current year.
- Have a minimum of 10 months

Vigil Honor recommendations accepted until August 10

Vigil Honor recommendations are now being accepted for any member who has been Brotherhood for at least two years. Any member

active service since the completion of your Ordeal.

- Possess a thorough understanding of the customs and traditions of the Ordeal including memorization of the following:

- A. The OA Song
- B. The Obligation of the Order of the Arrow
- C. The Admonition
- D. The Sign
- E. The Handclasps of the Ordeal Membership

(To help in your understanding of the customs and traditions of the Ordeal, it is suggested that you attend at least one Pre-Ordeal and Ordeal ceremony [other than your own].)

- Carve an arrow of which you are proud. It must be a minimum of six (6) inches and a maximum of twelve (12) inches in lengths of natural material. The arrow must have a carved head and fletchings.

• Write a letter to the Brotherhood Board explaining the following:

- A. Explain what you think the obligation means to you.
- B. Describe how you have used your understanding of the Obligation in your troop or post, and in your daily life, and how you have used your understanding of the Ordeal to aid in this service.
- C. Describe your plan for giving service in the Lodge program.

may submit a recommendation form. Forms can be found on the back of the insert to this *Fox’s Tale*, online, and will be available at the

Once you as an individual feel that you have successfully mastered all of the above mentioned items, then you are ready to undertake this new challenge that Allowat Sakima told you in the Ordeal Ceremony “that will bring you before me again, prepared to see the full meaning of the Arrow.”

Summer Fellowship

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We hope to have fun and if any brothers have any ideas for any additional competitions, please let either Skyler Hutto or me know. We are very open to ideas, just make sure you communicate with us well in advance of the Fellowship so we can make solid plans and arrangements.

We look forward to all the fun that we will be having at the Summer Fellowship, and hope to see you all there. Make sure you come to have fun and compete alongside your countrymen.

Also remember, we will have the water slide, so be ready for a crazy time.

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Summer Fellowship in August. The deadline is Sunday of the Summer Fellowship on August 10. Direct questions to Lodge Chief Skyler Hutto at chief@muscogeelodge.org.

Amended Lodge Rules: Important. Please read carefully

William McCormick

VC of Communications

From time to time it is necessary for the lodge to revise and amend the Lodge Rules, which we use to govern ourselves.

Below you will find several revisions to the Lodge Rules which either need to be updated because the Lodge no longer has those positions or for other various reasons as listed below each proposed amendment. These amendments will be up for discussion at the Business Meeting of the Summer Fellowship, August 8 - 10, at which time they will be voted upon individually. This announcement is in accordance to the **Lodge Rule Section X Part A and B**, which states the following:

Section X: Amendments

Part A. These lodge rules will be subject to amendment at any Lodge Business Meeting, provided that written notice of the proposed changes has been submitted to all active brothers of the lodge at least ten (10) days before such a meeting. The proposed changes will have attached, a list of reasons for the proposed changes and the author’s name. A two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of those present and voting will be required for a change to take place.

Part B. Amendments will become part of the Lodge Rules, completely replacing the former wording, if any.

These and all of the current Lodge Rules can be found on the lodge website at www.muscogee-lodge.org if you have any questions please hold them until the Business Meeting of the Summer Fellowship and present them at that time.

Amendment 1

Section V: Meetings & Events Part A Article 1. this is a proposed addition to the rules:

Proposed Phrasing:

The lodge events for each year will consist of, but not limited to, the following: One (1) Awards Banquet, three (3) Fellowships, and three (3) Ordeals.

Reason for Amendment:

So that the lodge has a set number of events that must be conducted each year, with the provision that others may be added with the approval of the Lodge Executive Committee and/or the Lodge as a whole at a Lodge Business meeting.

Amendment 2

Section V: Meetings & Events Part A Article 1 Sub-article a. this is a proposed addition to the rules:

Proposed Phrasing:

At each Lodge Fellowship Chapters will be assigned a campsite based on a rotation schedule so no one chapter has to be the furthest from the Dining Hall every time. The rotation will be decided by the Vice Chief of Program, and published in the *Fox’s Tale*, on the Lodge Website and on the weekend’s schedule.

Reason for Amendment:

Each Chapter will have a fair distance to walk to and from the center of Camp, and so that no one Chapter can pick a campsite and hog it forever. This will allow chapters with greatest numbers to be close to the center of camp as equally as those with lower numbers.

Amendment 3

Section V: Meetings & Events Part D. currently states the following:

Lodge Business Meetings will be held only when all active brothers of the lodge have been notified at least five (5) days prior to such a meeting.

Proposed Phrasing:

Lodge Business Meetings will be held only when all active brothers of the lodge have been notified at least ten (10) days prior to such a meeting.

Reason for Change:

Most members of the lodge can not change their plans in a five (5) day time period, so to allow for more active members to be able to be present at such specially called Business Meetings, I am proposing that more time is given so, more Lodge Members will be able to have a say in what is to take place at the meeting.

Amendment 4

Section V: Meetings & Events Part J. currently states the following:

A quorum for the Executive Committee Meeting will consist of one half (1/2) of the Executive Committee members under the age of 21.

Proposed Change:

A quorum for the Executive Committee Meeting will consist of one half (1/2) of the elected Executive Committee members under the age of 21.

Reason for Change:

To reduced the number of those needed to vote on urgent matters of *continued on page 5*

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the lodge that may be restricted otherwise due to not having a quorum, because the Lodge Executive Committee consists of close to thirty plus (30+) members it is hard to get a quorum of fifteen plus (15+) at each meeting. As such this amendment will reduced the number needed for a quorum to six (6) voting members needed, a much more attainable number for be able to vote at each Executive Committee Meeting.

Amendment 5

Section V: Meetings & Events Part K. currently states:

If a voting member is unable to attend an Executive Committee Meeting, he may choose to grant proxy voting rights to another officer or active youth member by way of written statement of such intent and approval from the Lodge Chief and Lodge Adviser. This duly appointed proxy member counts towards the attendance for the meeting when determining a quorum.

Proposed Change:

If a voting member is unable to attend an Executive Committee Meeting, he may choose to grant proxy voting rights to another officer or active youth member by way of written statement of such intent and approval from the Lodge Chief and Lodge Adviser. This duly appointed proxy member counts towards the attendance for the meeting when determining a quorum, even if that person already holds a vote needed for the quorum.

Reason for Change:

This will allow us to conduct

business at the Executive Committee Meetings even if the physical bodies needed for the quorum are not present.

Amendment 6

Section VI: Finances Part A. currently states:

Dues will be collected annually by the Lodge Treasurer in the amount of \$7.00. Dues will be due at the Fall Fellowship and must be paid by the Winter Banquet or the brother will be placed in the inactive file. A brother may be restored to active status by paying the current dues, provided a brother meets all other requirements for active membership.

Proposed Change:

Dues will be collected annually by the Lodge Treasurer in the amount of \$10.00. Dues will be due at the Fall Fellowship and must be paid by the Winter Banquet or the brother will be placed in the inactive file. A brother may be restored to active status by paying the current dues, provided a brother meets all other requirements for active membership.

Reason for Change:

This is simply an administrative amendment and a formality, seeing how our Lodge Dues have been \$10.00 for more than three years.

Amendment 7

Section VII: Publications Part B. currently states:

The *Fox’s Tale* will be mailed to each dues-paid members of Muscogee Lodge by first class mail.

Proposed Change:

The *Fox’s Tale* will be mailed to

each dues-paid member of Muscogee Lodge by first class mail, or bulk mail, which ever is cheaper in cost.

Reason for Change:

The post office allows a big mailing to go out sorted by zip code which makes it cheaper in cost for us to mail the *Fox’s Tale*. In essence by using bulk mail we are making better use of your Lodge Dues.

Amendment 8

Section VII: Publications Part C. currently states:

The lodge will publish a Planbook each year stating its goals and objectives and all other information deemed appropriate by the Publications Chairman and the Lodge Chief. The Planbook will be published and distributed before the Winter Banquet.

Proposed Change:

The lodge will publish a Planbook each year stating its goals, objectives and all other information deemed appropriate by the Vice Chief of Communications and the Lodge Key Three. The Planbook will be published and distributed before the Dixie Fellowship.

Reason for Change:

An administrative purpose, the Lodge no longer uses a Publications Chairman instead we have a Vice Chief of Communications. Also, it is not possible to provide an accurate and up-to-date Planbook prior to the Winter Banquet. Since the Planbook is a major competition for the Dixie Fellowship and for the Lodge of the Year Award, a later publication date gives us *continued on page 6*