



Five Feathers

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For Friendship and Fellowship

We Thank Thee O'Lord
By: Carson Rivers, Catawba Lodge

When you began your journey into the spirit of the Order of the Arrow you went through an ordeal in which you took the Obligation of our order. You will recall that you agreed on your honor that you would "faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui." Do you remember these words? These principles of brotherhood, cheerfulness and service were envisioned by E. Urner Goodman many years ago. Goodman

saw these principles as the basis of our order and felt that they should be the focus of our lives and would explain them in this way:

- "Brotherhood – in a day when there is too much hatred at home and abroad.
- Cheerfulness – in a day when pessimists have the floor
- Service – in a day when millions are interested only in getting or grasping rather than giving"

With your induction into our order

you have been given many opportunities to develop yourself mentally, physically, and spiritually by living your life through the principles left for you by our founding father. One of the greatest opportunities available to you that you may not even be aware of is the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew program at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. OATC, as it is known by many, is a two week program focusing

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Always On The Job

NLS In Review
By: Lee Shelton, Catawba Lodge

The Southern Region's last National Leadership Seminar for 2001 was held on November 2-4 at the Kinard Conference Center in Leesville, South Carolina. Delegates from many of the lodges in Section SR-5 attended this training event.

Starting Friday night, the staff members launched us into nonstop intensive training that lasted into



NLS trainers Mac McLean and Collin Crick (standing) starting the situational leadership board game

Sunday afternoon. The course expands on other Boy Scout training courses, and is much more in-depth. Many of the section and regional advisers agreed that this course is the best training that the Boy Scouts has to offer. All in all, 61 members of the lodges of SR-5 completed the course.

The weekend was a blast, and it seemed that

everyone got a lot of insight into what a leader should BE, KNOW, and DO. One of the most important leadership points that the NLS staff drove home

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Communications Chiefly Speaking

A Successful Tool

By: Heath Ramey, Section
Webmaster

Communications is a major tool in making a chapter, lodge, or section run successfully. Section SR-5 has always excelled in the communications between its eleven lodges. One important tool of communications within our section is the website. The website offers many methods of communication. With a website one can always find up to date information about the section and other lodges at the strike of one's fingertips. On the website one can find such information as: awards from past Dixies, history, current events, and lodge calendars of events throughout the section. The section web site also offers a forum for all arrowmen in the section to voice their opinions about the section and/or lodges. Also, one will find the names and Email addresses of the section leadership and the key three members of each lodge.

The section encourages each lodge to have an up to date lodge website. As technology grows stronger, it is increasingly easier for all to use the internet to an advantage. Using the web as a communication tool can be very beneficial to having a successful communication track within one's own lodge. Many lodges already have websites, which are all great. I want to encourage each lodge to use the technology of the Internet to their advantage. It is also imperative that your lodge keeps the website up to date so that it may be an effective communication tool.

If your lodge does not have a website or would like to better your existing website, please go to the section website at www.sr5.org to get ideas through our section website or the other great websites our section has to offer. Feel free to contact me at webmaster@sr5.org for more information.

What An Honor



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Michael Kirby

Vice Chief

John Garwood

Secretary

Matt Smith

Adviser

Mac McLean



These last couple of months that I have served you as your Section Chief have truly been an honor. I would like to take the time to thank some lodges for inviting me to their lodge functions. Catawba and Muscogee gave me an invitation to come to their Fall Fellowships. Going there gave me a chance to meet and speak with their lodge officers and members. I would like to thank both Daniel Baird and Fred Descy for allowing me to visit.

I had the privilege to attend Eswau Huppeday's Lodge Leadership Development Conference at the end of October. The weekend was an awesome experience and allowed me to meet arrowmen from Eswau. I would like to thank John Garwood for the invitation.

For those who attended the National Leadership Seminar, I would like to congratulate you upon a great weekend. I would like to remind you about your contract that you made to yourself. Let's show the Southern Region that Section 5 is the best. Remember we are striving for 100%. Thank you to Tee Pruitt, Jason Laney, Jay Widby, Mac McLean, Collin Crick, Fred Descy, Greg Smith and Russell Cann for all serving on staff and I cannot forget the awesome support staff we had at NLS, Bill Barry, Charlie Krug and Michael Thompson. Scott Hunter and Jason Kemp provided great leadership at the seminar, thank you all.

Thank you to all the lodge chiefs who made the Council of Chiefs meeting a great success. I know we have a great Dixie Fellowship planned for next April thanks to Unali'Yi Lodge and all of the lodge chiefs.

I hope all lodges had a great experience in serving their communities during the One Day of Service Campaign. If your lodge would like for a Section Assistance Team to come and visit your lodge please contact John Garwood. Thank you for your time and if you have any concerns or questions you can email me at bosky185@yahoo.com.

In WWW,



Michael S. Kirby
Michael Kirby

A Note from the Editor **Allways On The Job Continued...**

Thank You



I would like to thank again all the arrowmen who contributed to this edition of the Five

Feathers. Mr. Bobak once again has graced the reader with a humorous rendition of facts and activities that are found, this time, in the state of Georgia. If any of the lodges in South Carolina have any information to be included into Mr. Bobak's upcoming article on South Carolina, please contact him at mbobak@burke.k12.nc.us. Also, Lee Shelton, Carson Rivers, and Jason Kemp recapped the National Leadership Seminar and the OA Philmont and Northern Tier programs. Furthermore, Section Webmaster Heath Ramey expressed encouragement for all lodges to take advantage of the benefits of maintaining lodge web pages.

In other news, the November Council of Chiefs meeting minutes are posted on the section web page for viewing. If anyone knows of any corrections that need to be made to the minutes please let me know. And, as always, keep those ideas for articles coming in.

Sincerely,

Matthew Smith

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Section Secretary

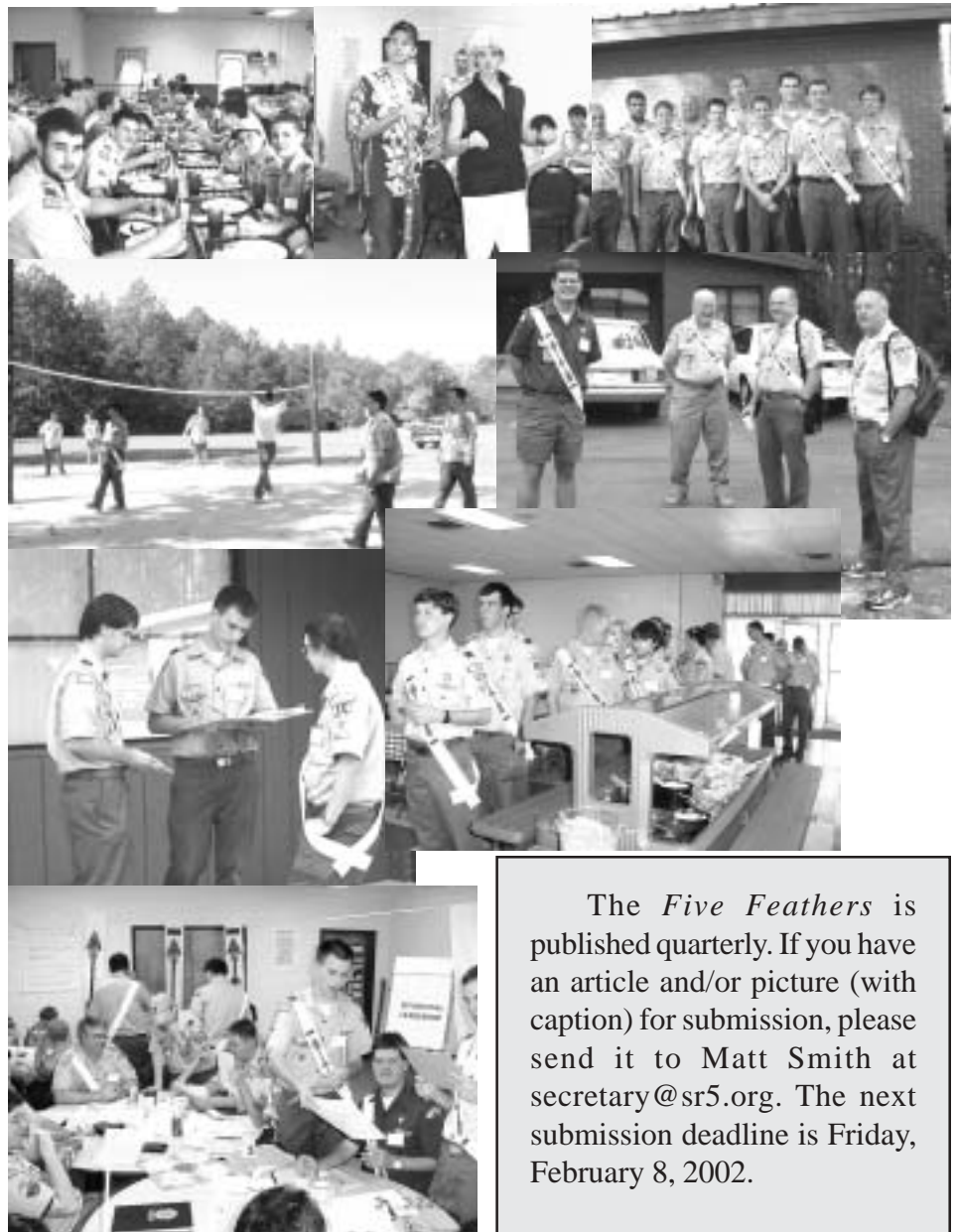
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was the belief that a leader is "always on the job". An emotional test of this concept was demonstrated when NLS participants played "The Game of Life".

Other great sessions included "The Riddle of Man" and "Situational Leadership." These two sessions taught participants to respect diversity amongst arrowmen and to consider the cohesiveness and skills of lodge members before deciding on a method of leadership.

It was also interesting to meet our National Vice Chief Scott Hunter who was a way cool surfer dude from Wyoming (a.k.a. Vanna White) during the Saturday night playing of OA Jeopardy.

There is not going to be a NLS for SR-5 in 2002, since it is on a bi-yearly rotation, but when it rolls around again in 2003, it is a great event to try to go to.



The *Five Feathers* is published quarterly. If you have an article and/or picture (with caption) for submission, please send it to Matt Smith at secretary@sr5.org. The next submission deadline is Friday, February 8, 2002.

Next time, I'll ask Ray Charles where to hike!

Continuing Articles On Historical Sites In SR-5

By: Rodney J. Bobak, Eswau Huppeday Lodge

Having romped through North Carolina's historic places and trails in the last episode, we now turn west and south to our brethren in the state named for

King George II of England. Being the last of the colonies to be founded, the British Government decided to learn from everyone else's mistakes and establish "Georgia" itself in order to avoid the problems faced by the previous twelve colonies. You guessed it! The Royal bureaucracy, in its infinite wisdom, not only bypassed old problems, but managed to create a whole slew of new ones; and Georgia was born.

I am well acquainted with the Chickamauga National Battlefield, which is in northwest Georgia, just across the line from Tennessee and Chattanooga's Lookout Mountain Battlefield. The proximity of the two sites lends to doing the trails together, if time allows. The "Blue Beaver" Trail, which winds up Lookout Mountain, can be done in 3 to 4 hours, as long as you have a duffer or two waiting for you at the top with transportation. A patch and medal, both sporting a beaver, can be earned. Just across the state line is Chickamauga, the site of a silly Yankee mistake and a great rebel victory.

Chickamauga State Park, which



Georgia State Flag

adjoins the Battlefield, has campsites. There are four trails at Chickamauga, all of which start at the Visitor's Center. Each participant must fill out a questionnaire as they hike. Last time I went, we

met a group of old men in their 70's and 80's. During the Depression (1930's), they were part of the Civilian Conservation Corps (C.C.C.) as young men and built all the trails we were about to hike. Our Troop gave them a salute. The two shorter hikes, "Gen. Bragg" (6 miles) and "Confederate line" (7 Miles), as well as the 20-mile "Perimeter" trail, will earn you one patch each. If one ventures onto the "Military Trail" (14 miles), both a patch and medal can be obtained. Until the late 70's, the ribbon for this medal was a nicely woven, silk version of the Confederate Battle Flag. Cost-cutting in



Civil War cannons at Chickamauga National Battlefield

the 80's saw this ribbon changed to white nylon, on which was printed a small rebel flag. Political correctness changed the ribbon to vertical Red-White-Blue stripes. Scouts need to read the small booklet about Chickamauga before hiking the trails. Besides being required, the trail will mean a whole lot more as you walk the battlefield.

I wrote three Georgia councils

asking for trail information and received one reply: the Challahoochie Council. Two trails in this area are the Ft. Benning



Civilian Conservation Corps workers with President Franklin D. Roosevelt

Trail and the Historic Columbus Trail. Both have an earnable patch and both require that you fill out a questionnaire along the way. Ft. Benning is close to Uchee Creek Campground and is the permanent home of the U.S. Army Infantry Museum, which includes weaponry and uniforms of the US Infantryman (and his enemies) for the past 200+

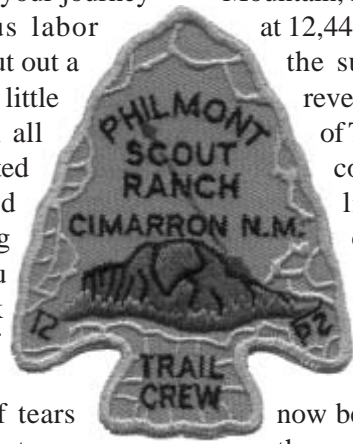
years. The Columbus trail takes you through the Historic Highlights of the city, but all hikers must pick up trash along the route ...and you must bring your own bags.

In closing, Georgia is responsible for North Carolina losing some of its western land. The tops of the Appalachian Mountains were chosen as the boundary between North Carolina and Tennessee and a survey team was sent to plot the line. It was lonely and boring work: shooting lines from one mountaintop to another, moving in a seemingly unending southwesterly direction. Having just passed the Unicoi/Snowbird Mountains, the tired surveyors heard of a moonshine still in Georgia. By looking at any map of North Carolina, you will notice the border, at that point, turns straight south to Georgia, thus denying North Carolina of about 200 square miles of land.....Thanks, Georgia!

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on self discovery and personal growth through brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. The first week of your journey will be spent in arduous labor building trails. You will put out a lot of sweat, and maybe a little blood with brothers from all over the nation as you united in a common goal and common purpose in serving Philmont and scouting. You will finish the first week with a sense of accomplishment that will bring you to the verge of tears because of the joy over what you and your brothers have done together. You spend your second week pushing your limits both physically and mentally as you hike through Philmont's backcountry with your newfound friends that you will



remain in touch with for life. Your journey may take you atop the summit of Baldy Mountain, Philmont's beloved pinnacle at 12,441 feet, where you may watch the sun creep over the horizon revealing to you the vast plains of Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma covered in an endless sea of light displaying colors of orange, red and yellow dancing over the horizon. You continue to watch as the sun begins to show its blazing glory in full as you now begin to see Colorado and all the majesty of the snow covered Rockies glistening in the light of the most incredible sunrise you have ever seen in your entire life. You look directly beside you and realize that you and the friends with whom you have become so close are

now reaping the fruits of your labor, the feeling deep within your hearts that what you are a part of is truly right.

Trail Crew gives brothers nationwide the chance to realize that the greatest reward a man can receive for his labor is not money or thanks from others, but the feeling that is felt deep within him when he realizes exactly what it was that E. Urner Goodman envisioned when he set forth the principles of Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui.

2002 Trail Crew Dates:

Session 1:	June 6 - 20
Session 2:	June 13 - 27
Session 3:	June 20 - July 4
Session 4:	June 27 - July 11
Session 5:	July 4 - 18
Session 6:	July 11 - 25

High Adventure In The Great North Country

OA Wilderness Voyage

By: Jason Kemp, Southern Region Chief

This summer after the National Jamboree, I had an opportunity to spend two weeks in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, challenging myself mentally, physically, and emotionally. The Boy Scouts' Charles L. Sommers Canoe Base, based in Ely, Minnesota, serves crews who seek the solitude of the great North Country.

The United States Forest Service appreciated every hour of trail maintenance work our crew gave during the first week of the voyage program. Our crew used water, rocks, and hand tools to complete a "turnpike" of a new portage trail. Every passing canoeist stopped to thank us for our efforts.

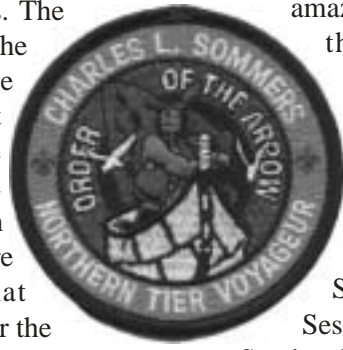
Our crew planned and completed a 60-mile canoe voyage into the heart of the North Country for the second week of the program. Adventures only available in the

Boundary Waters awaited us. We braved cliffs, ancient rock paintings, sunshine and storms for an incredible journey.

Now is the time to participate in these two high adventure programs that offer one the opportunity to build trails and waterways for future scouts. The Philmont Trail Crew and the Wilderness Voyage programs will not last forever. Eventually, the physical work these programs seek to perform will be accomplished. There has been discussion that completion may occur after the 2002 season, so send in your application today!

The Southern Region offers scholarship opportunities for both the OA Wilderness Voyage at Northern Tier and

at its counterpart program, Philmont Trail Crew. Information about these programs and printable applications may be found at www.aa-bsa.org and www.oasouth.org. At a cost of only \$100, any Arrowmen between ages 16 and 20 can spend an amazing two weeks rediscovering the deeper meanings of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. Applications will be accepted until all slots are filled.



2002 Voyage Dates:

Session 1:	June 7 - 20
Session 2:	June 14 - 27
Session 3:	June 21 - July 4
Session 4:	June 28 - July 11
Session 5:	July 5 - 18
Session 6:	July 12 - 25

Lodge Reports



Catawba 459
Jeff Womack
Lodge Chief

As the year comes to an end, Catawba Lodge pauses and looks back. This was Catawba's 50th Anniversary and we celebrated as only our Lodge could do by having one heck of a party at the Fall Fellowship. Everyone was there. Past, present and future Lodge Chiefs, past and present Section Chiefs and even the Region Chief came to celebrate with Catawba Lodge. While there, everyone went through a rededication ceremony reminding them of those ties that bind us together.

The new officer elections also took place during the event and we took office the next morning. We have been spending the last three months planning the future; being trained at our LLD and attending the NLS in November. I know that we have planned a great year and the next 50 years of the Lodge will definitely start off with a bang.



Unali'Yi 236
John Kohler,
Lodge Chief

Unali'yi Lodge 236 is anticipating hosting the 50th anniversary of the Dixie Fellowship in April 2002. We have been working hard to prepare the camp for your arrival. November 30 through December 2 we will be holding our annual Fall Fellowship at Camp Ho Non Wah on Wadmalaw Island, just south of Historic Charleston. During the weekend we will recognize both our Vigil Honor and Founder's Award recipients. Other events for the weekend include: games, training, a patch auction, a special recognition

Banquet Feast on Saturday night, as well as a spectacular show to kick off the weekend. Come see the site of the 50th Anniversary of Dixie and join us in fun, fellowship, and celebration. For more information please call Lodge Chief John Kohler at (843) 556-0559.



Eswau 560
John Garwood,
Lodge Chief

Eswau is having a great year. We just had our LLDC on October 26-28 with an "all star" training crew from out of our lodge. We are working hard to get ready for Dixie. The next event we will be having is the winter banquet on January 5th where we plan on presenting the Nabby Awards; it will truly be a night to remember. I look forward to seeing all of you at CIS and, if not there, Dixie. Merry Christmas.



Tsali 134
Bill Barry,
Lodge Chief

First, I would like to say that Tsali Lodge is doing great. At our Fall Fellowship and Ordeal, we have once again had a record turnout. The brothers of Tsali Lodge are showing the section that we will not go away. At this past event, we held our elections for the next year's administration. Due to the fact that I am not that great of a speller, I will only tell you who the next Tsali Lodge chief will be: Chris Hoover. Over the past year, I have worked closely with Chris and his chapter. I am very confident that next year's administration will keep the lodge on its path to success. I cannot wait to see how Tsali Lodge will do at the 2002 Dixie. I am sure that

everyone will be surprised because even I am surprised at the ideas and energy that is flowing throughout Tsali Lodge. As for future events, we will be holding our annual LLD in the first few weeks of the new year. I am excited about the excitement that each newly elected officer has about improving both Tsali Lodge and the section.



Muscogee 221
Fred Descy,
Lodge Chief

This past year for Muscogee has been very eventful. Since I wrote you last we have had our Fall Ordeal weekend and our Fall Fellowship. At our ordeal we inducted several new members. Also, many great projects were completed around Camp Barstow. At our Fall Fellowship we inducted 6 new vigil honor members and also held our lodge elections. The newly elected officers for Muscogee Lodge are:

Lodge Chief: Jonathan Hardin
VC of Program: Robbie Barnes
VC of Inductions: Thad Mobley
VC of Indian Affairs: Jonathan Campbell
VC of Communications: Chris Hardin
Lodge Treasurer: Hunter Eisele
Lodge Secretary: Jay Tucker

Muscogee this year sent 7 of its members to the National Leadership Seminar. Due to Jonathan Hardin attending the NLS in Texas, we sent one more to the seminar held in Leesville. I would like to congratulate Chris Hardin, Jonathan Hardin, Hunter Eisele, Michael Cockrell, Chris McNeill, Cliff Parsons, and Jay Tucker, and challenge all seven to complete their ticket before the 3 months have expired. I would also like to recognize former Lodge Chief

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and former Section Vice Chief, Greg Smith for his work in training at the NLS. Muscogee Lodge is very proud of these 8 individuals.

For those of you who are interested, Muscogee Lodge will be holding our Winter Banquet on January 5, 2002. If you would like to attend please contact either Jonathan Hardin or myself for more details. I look forward to seeing all of you at this year's upcoming Dixie Fellowship.



Bob White 87
Michael Gehrt,
Lodge Chief

In September we held our annual lodge elections and also our first chapter elections. The elections were very successful. The following are our new lodge officers:

Michael Gehrt- Lodge Chief

Frank Toole- Vice Chief of Administration

Kane Bonnette- Vice Chief of Inductions

Joe Dorsey- Vice Chief of Program

In December, we are having our annual LLDC training. Also on February 2 our lodge is having our annual banquet.



Santee 116
Lee Early,
Lodge Chief

Santee is off to a great start for the upcoming Lodge year! Fall Fellowship was held at Camp Coker during the weekend of Oct. 26-28, and the attendance was much greater than expected. The lodge held Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil Honor inductions throughout the weekend, as well as many service projects to benefit

Camp Coker. We would like to thank brothers Heath Ramey, AKK 185 Lodge Chief, and Jonathan Hardin, Muscogee 221 Lodge Chief-elect, for being a part of our fellowship.

During the weekend of Nov. 2-4, Santee sent six brothers to participate in the National Leadership Seminar in Leesville, SC. Each of the delegates learned exciting new ways to strengthen their leadership skills, and apply these skills to their everyday lives. Santee's next lodge event is the annual Winter Banquet, which is scheduled to take place the second weekend in January. Santee is coming along strong, and we look forward to an exciting new year!



AKK 185
Heath Ramey,
Lodge Chief

What a BLAST we in AKK have had during the fall months. Our lodge has been very busy for the past few months. We have held two successful events in the past few months. We held our LLDC August 25, 2001, and we held our Fall Fellowship October 5-7, 2001.

The Lodge Leadership Development Conference was a great event that brought all AKK Arrowmen together in a time for learning and knowledge of Leadership within the lodge. Forty five arrowman from our lodge were in attendance for the event. The brothers left the conference with a greater knowledge of the lodge and the leadership positions in the lodge. We had a fully experienced and well trained staff that taught such sessions as: Communication, "What is a Lodge Officer?" and "What is a Section?" just to name a few. The participates also joined in on several team building games

throughout the day.

The Fall Fellowship is a fellowship that will not be forgotten by those who attended the event. The Fellowship was planned by the lodge administration and required a lot of thought and planning. On October 5-7, 2001 all the planning came into affect when arrowmen from around the lodge began to roll into Camp Old Indian for a weekend full of fun and fellowship. The weekend had a record breaking attendance of 213 arrowmen. Arrowmen from the lodge enjoyed training sessions in the morning and Quest events in the afternoon. All the chapters were very competitive in spirit and the Quest for the Golden Arrow. The chapters competed in spirit all weekend, each chapter had a spirit theme. Some of the themes were: Braveheart, USA, and Addams Family just to name a few. This is definitely a fellowship to go down in history.

As I sit here I would like to reflect on the future and what it has in store for our lodge. We are now in the process of planning for the Annual Winter Banquet to be held February 2, 2002. The banquet will be a time for all arrowmen and their parents to socialize with other arrowmen and their families. This event is the time we hand out lodge officer recognitions, Chapter of the Year Award and the Founders Award. We also have a great dinner that is catered in.

AKK is also working hard and planning for Dixie 2002. We have a lot of things planned. We will be good and ready to showcase our lodge at the 50th anniversary of Dixie.

In Closing, all of us in whippoorwill country would like to wish all SR-5 lodges the best of luck in the upcoming months. We also can't wait to see what is in store for us in the future.

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Section Calendar

Upcoming Section & National Events & Deadlines...

December 21	Dixie trainer names and contact information due to Jonathan Hardin (JrAdvis221@aol.com)
December 31	Lodge Charter Renewal Deadline
January 4	Dixie training topic changes due to Section Key 3 and Jonathan Hardin
January 11	Dixie training outlines and needs list due to Jonathan Hardin
February 8	Five Feathers submission deadline
February 15	Dixie training syllabus', handouts, and other resources for the Arrowman Training Resource Guide due to Jonathan Hardin
March 8	Dixie training final changes due to Jonathan Hardin
March 26	Five Feathers submission deadline
April 26-28	Dixie 2002 - Camp Ho Non Wah, SC
July 27 - August 1	NOAC 2002 - Indiana University - Bloomington, Indiana
November 1-3	COC Weekend