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## Let us Catch the Higher Vision

### ArrowTech 2002 Sure to be a Success

On the weekend of November 1-3, 2002, Section SR-5 will host its renowned training conference, ArrowTech. This event is an opportunity to provide additional training to Arrowmen in Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina. ArrowTech offers a “nuts and bolts” type training that bridges the gap between the curriculums of the Lodge Leadership Development Conference and the National Leadership Seminar.

ArrowTech is a training venue developed in a college-type curriculum

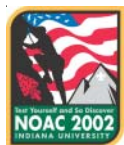
to further develop an Arrowman’s ability to function as an officer or committee chairman in his lodge. Instead of teaching generalized leadership skills, training focuses on specific lodge activities. This training will help Arrowmen to become more effective lodge leaders.

Each participant chooses a “major” in one of three fields: Administration, Program or Inductions. Participants will enroll in seven sessions – five of these sessions will focus on the participant’s major. Participants will choose their

final two sessions from four elective sessions available. All lodge chiefs, advisers and staff advisers will participate in the “Key Three Connection” in place of their elective courses.

The College of Administration focuses on aspects of the lodge such as lodge finances and records, running a chapter system, implementing the OA Troop Rep. Program, and making your Lodge Executive Committee more effective. The College of Program

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## The Test’s conclusion

**A look back at NOAC 2002**

**By: Adam Lutterloh**

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) was held on July 27 – August 1 at the Indiana University campus in Bloomington, Indiana. More than 7,100 Arrowmen attended NOAC this year making it one of the largest conferences ever. This conference’s theme was “Test Yourself and So Discover”.

The most important aspect of NOAC is training. The NOAC staff offered top notch trainers to teach the training cells held every day. Arrowmen had the opportunity to attend six cells while at the conference. Training was



*Eswau takes home the NOAC Spirit Award*

offered in different categories ranging from Inductions to Camping and High Adventure.

Some Arrowmen chose to participate in American Indian and Induction events. These

included individual dance in the Old Style, Fancy, Straight, Grass and Traditional categories. Many talented Arrowmen put on their finest regalia and danced with great vigor and excitement for all to see, while also seeking to prove that he is the best dancer in his style. Some lodges also competed in group dance and team singing.

Lodges who wanted to better their

ceremonial performances had a chance to be evaluated in all OA ceremonies. A Call-Out Ceremony Competition was held along with the other four ceremony competitions, so lodges had a chance to show their best in writing/performing a

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# ArrowTech

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highlights ways to increase lodge spirit, enhance activities, and effectively plan events. The College of Inductions is centered on developing a meaningful induction process in your lodge, from the Unit Election to the Brotherhood Ceremony, with an emphasis on the Elangomat Program.

New this year is a session for each lodge's key three, called the "Key Three Connection". The agenda includes a Section Assistance Team visit, discussion of the LLDC program, ways to help you achieve Quality Lodge distinction, planning and achieving Lodge goals, and an overview of the 2003 Dixie Fellowship proposal prior to the Council of Chiefs meeting. This is an opportunity for the members of the Council of Chiefs to come together to discuss the issues Key Threes have to deal with, ask questions of the 2003 Dixie Host Lodge, and meet with Section leaders.

This year ArrowTech is looking to be greater than ever. We have excellent trainers from all over the South coming to make this training experience the best it can be. This training is unlike any other in the country. It is not an LLDC and it is different from a NLS.

The ArrowTech program is geared toward developing skills for both youth and adults. It, therefore, is designed for any and all Arrowmen who wish to become more active in their lodge.

ArrowTech will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Greenville, SC. The registration cost is \$75 for youth (under 21 years of age) and \$80 for adults. You must register for this event through your lodge by October 10, 2002. Additional information regarding this event can be found on the section webpage at [www.sr5.org](http://www.sr5.org). Please see your lodge key three about registering for ArrowTech.



# Chiefly Speaking

## Looking Back - Looking Ahead

Brothers,

Since our last gathering at Camp Ho-Non-Wah in April, this summer has been very busy for our Order and the lodges of section SR-5.

Following Dixie, many lodges held their spring Ordeal weekends and hosted service days in preparation for the summer camp season. As school let out, councils opened summer camps, where our lodges conducted call-out ceremonies, performed dance team demonstrations, held OA ice cream parties, and more.

As the summer drew to a close, nearly 7000 arrowmen from across the country gathered for the 2002 National OA Conference. Many dancers from the lodges of our section placed in the top 20, and Eswau Huppeday lodge was named the 2002 National Team Dance champions. The history show was also certainly a highlight for our section this summer, as past section chiefs Jason Laney and Jay Widby were honored with the Distinguished Service Award. In addition, four arrowmen who once were a part of section 5, Michael Devlin Cooper, Dave Heaton, Carey Mignerey, and Carey Miller, were also recognized with the DSA.

Now we look towards an eventful fall. Most lodges have already held their summer fellowships, and are preparing for upcoming events.

I am proud to announce that Section SR-5 is hosting our impressive training program, ArrowTech, again this November. I strongly urge all lodge leaders to attend this training conference, because it will greatly increase your ability to serve as an effective member of your lodge executive committee. In addition to that, ArrowTech, which will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Greenville, SC, will surely be a blast! Don't miss the greatest training opportunity between now and Dixie - ArrowTech, November 1-3, 2002!

Yours in the Wimachtendienk,

Jonathan Hardin



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2002-2003*

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Jonathan Hardin

Vice Chief

Lee Early

Secretary

John Garwood

Adviser

Mac McLean



# Note from the Editor

## What Was I Thinking?

My Brothers,

What was I thinking when I ran for Section Secretary again? Was it for power? Was it for glory? Or was it simply to have Trey as my adviser again? I think it is the latter. But seriously, I am excited about having the chance to serve as your Secretary because it gives me the chance to find out what is happening in your lodge. *The Five Feathers* is designed to provide an avenue of information between the member lodges in our section. If your lodge does something extraordinary it would be great to get an article saying what you did. Also, if there is an individual that has done something amazing the same applies. This newsletter can't talk about what is happening in the section if no one tells me about it.

In my "Note from the Editor" I would like to take some time to focus on something that affects us all. We as Arrowmen are first and foremost Scouts. I would like to devote my first "Note from the Editor" to talk about the principles of our Order. I would like to dedicate this Note from the Editor to the three watchwords of the Order of the Arrow: Wimachtendienk Wingolauchsik Witahemui. These of course mean Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service respectively. I would like to talk about each one individually so that you can better understand these ideals.

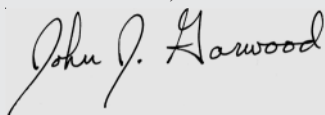
Wimachtendienk, Brotherhood, is probably the most misunderstood of the three, and yet the other two stem from it. Brotherhood means we are linked not only to our family and the other members of our lodge, but also to every other human on this planet. I have experienced through the years that in lodges there are cliques. I call these groups the "mini lodge" because they are formed in specific areas of the lodge like ceremonies or the lodge officers. This is the complete opposite of the Brotherhood aspect of the lodge. We as brothers must reach out and be friends with all the members of our lodge and not limit ourselves to a certain group. Another idea that is not in the spirit of the original purpose of our Order is rivalry. Friendly rivalries amongst lodges are perfectly all right. The problem, however, rises when these rivalries turn into feuds and people begin to look away from their BROTHERS in another lodge due to an old rivalry. We must strive to "Weld Tightly Every Link."

Wingolauchsik, Cheerfulness, is perhaps the easiest of the three to achieve, and yet it is the rarest. When a lodge competes and does not win, it must look to the other side with a CHEERFUL spirit and congratulate the victors for they showed a stronger talent in that area. Cheerfulness is easy when your lodge or chapter is winning in the competition it is competing in. The real test comes when that same group is faced with a losing situation. We must all realize that we must work to become a happy and sportsmanlike group of brothers, there that word comes up again. Brotherhood and Cheerfulness are one in the same. Cheerfulness becomes the offspring of Brotherhood because when we can accept people as brothers we can look at each other with friendship and happiness.

Finally Witahemui, Service, is a strange concept for many to comprehend. In today's world the ideal goal is for oneself. We have a duty to serve the community around us. Service once again is linked to the prior two ideals. When we can work with others as brothers in a cheerful manner we can serve others in a beneficial and worthwhile way. As brothers in this great Order we have a duty to act kindly towards mankind as a whole.

These may seem to be a long jump for us to take in today's time, but was it not also a jump for a professional Scouter in Pennsylvania in 1915 to found a group of honor campers. We must seek to bring the world to a brighter fire and to act as friends to all.

Yours in WWW,



John J. Garwood



## Inductions Help 101

### Just Published



At the 2002 National Conference a new bit of literature was published for the betterment of lodge programs. *The Guide to Inductions* is a supplement to the Order of the Arrow Handbook and Guide for Officers and Advisers. It takes an in depth look from Unit Elections to Brotherhood Conversion. This guide brings all aspects of the inductions process into one easy to read and accessible place for the betterment of lodge programs.

One of its many features is the section on Unit Elections. It provides the point of view from all those involved in the Unit Elections process from the chapter/lodge, to the candidates, and then to the unit.

The Guide gives advice into how to set up your unit elections system. How to conduct an effective Call Out ceremony, as well as outlining the 9 essential parts of a Call Out ceremony. It also provides sample letters, forms and the *Spirit of the Arrow* booklets.

In that inductions are such a vital part to a lodge's programs the *Guide to Inductions* is sure to have a positive impact on your lodge's program for a long time to come.

The *Guide to Inductions* is available at the national website at [www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org)



The *Five Feathers* is published quarterly. If you have an article and/or picture (with caption) for submission, please send it to John Garwood at [secretary@sr5.org](mailto:secretary@sr5.org). The next submission deadline is Friday, November 8th.



# Two Former Section Chiefs Honored

## DSA Recipients Honored at NOAC



**Jay Widby  
and presenter  
Mac McLean**



**Jason Laney  
and presenter  
Tee Pruitt**

At the 2002 NOAC, two former Section Chiefs received the Distinguished Service Award (DSA). Jay Widby of Bob White Lodge, and Jason Laney of Tsali Lodge received the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can present to one of its members.

They are two of only 38 Arrowmen presented at this year's NOAC.

The DSA is given to Arrowmen every two years at the National Conference. This award is presented to those Arrowmen who have rendered distinguished service to the Order on a section, regional, or national basis. Since the first presentations in 1940 there have only been just over 700 to receive this award.

Jay served as three-term lodge chief for Bob White Lodge, Section Chief, and the CVC for Communications in 2000. He was crucial in the implementation of ArrowTech as well as serving as its first chancellor.

Jason served as a two-term lodge chief for Tsali Lodge, Section Chief, and served on the 2000 NOAC Communications Staff. He was the Southern Region One Day of Service Coordinator in 2001.

Jay was presented the award by Mac McLean, SR-5 Adviser, who received the DSA in 1988. Mac was also a former Section Chief of SR-5.

Jason was presented the award by Tee Pruitt who received the DSA in 2000. Tee was the Section Chief immediately prior to Jay.

This is a great honor, and Jay and Jason deserve our congratulations.



## National Order of the Arrow Conference

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meaningful experience in their own personal way. Regalia evaluations also took place for the first time at the 2002 NOAC, and many lodges showed how well the ceremonies team can look just as good as it can perform.

On Tuesday night, every region went to its own region gathering. The Southern Region Gathering was held at the track & field complex. Here the section chiefs and advisers were going to participate in a water balloon toss; however, they decided to throw their balloons at our Region Chief Nathan Finnin instead. After the Region Gatherings, Arrowmen attended the Ho-Dag, the way they do Ho-Downs in the Mid-West, sponsored by the Central Region.

At the Ho-Dag the conference wide game was held. This year's wide-game was like the one in 2000. Each participant was given nine (9) of the

same "cubes" that he could trade with others. When he received all eight other cubes and attached them to one another it formed a souvenir with the conference patch and OA Logo.

The Camping and High Adventure committee hosted many different events at the conference. The Outdoor Adventure Place (TOAP) was an area where Arrowmen could participate in different high adventure activities and the Disabilities Awareness Challenge. They also offered aquatics activities like kayaking and SCUBA diving.

Founders Day was held on Wednesday. At Founders Day, lodges set up booths that showcase information about the area where their lodge is located. The booths have hand



*Patrick  
Dunn rides  
a bull at  
Founders  
Day*

outs to give to everyone who came. Many lodges came up with activities, handed out food or put on a show to get people to come to their booth. The Founders Day Powwow allowed both the young and not so young to once again come together and dance.

The 2002 NOAC's climax was Wednesday night at the theme show. The theme show was called "Passages". It was about 4 young men and the journey into a life of cheerful service, and was highlighted by a recreation of the Legend of our Order. Afterwards, the Goodman Gala allowed Arrowmen to enjoy ice cream and fireworks. Unfortunately, for everyone the conference ended Thursday morning, and all the participants packed their things for the journey home.



*Jonathan Hangs  
with friends at  
Founders Day*

# The Legacy Lives On

## A Review of Dixie 2002

Over 900 Arrowmen from across North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia traveled to Camp Ho-Non-Wah on the Coast of South Carolina for the 2002 Dixie Fellowship. All of the participants had a great time filled with fun, fellowship and some coastal hospitality.

On Saturday morning, each lodge traveled around to three different knowledge-in-training sessions that ranged from the OA Troop Representative Program to Unit Elections. At these classes, Arrowmen learned about different programs and ideas that can be used to improve their lodge. In addition to the training sessions, some lodges participated in the morning ceremony competitions.

The afternoon was highlighted by two Dixie traditions, the Quest for the Golden Arrow and the song and dance competitions. The Quest events are composed of 11 lodge sponsored events

including: egg toss, rope throw, canoe race, and others along with two section sponsored events: tug-of-war and ultimate Frisbee. While their brothers competed in the Quest events, many dancers performed in the Parade of Braves and Dancing competitions. Arrowmen competed in five dance categories including: Traditional, Straight, Grass, Old Style, and Fancy.

On Saturday night, spectators watched several skits. Following the skits were speeches by the section officer candidates and the election. The new section officers for 2002 are: Section Chief Jonathan Hardin, Section Vice Chief Lee Early, and Section Secretary John Garwood.

On Sunday morning the lodges gathered for the closing show. Awards

were presented to all winners from the weekend including Quest for Golden Arrow to Skyuka Lodge and Catawba Lodge, Lodge of the Year to Muscogee Lodge, and Spirit Award to Atta Kulla Lodge. Following the awards presentations, the three new section officers were installed into office and Section Chief Michael Kirby gave his closing address. To close the weekend, new Section Chief Jonathan Hardin performed his first official duty by having Michael Kirby thrown into the sound next to the camp.

Josh Johnson of Catawba Lodge sums up the weekend by saying, "We all had a great time and can't wait until Dixie next year."



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## **Section Calendar**

### **Upcoming Section & National Events & Deadlines...**

October 1	OA Charter Renewal Kits Available
November 1-3	ArrowTech
November 8	Five Feathers Deadline
November 15	OA Lodge Support Pak Available
November 30	OA Service Grant Applications Due
December 31	Lodge Charter Renewal Deadline
April 25-27	Dixie Fellowship
August 2-5	Indian Summer