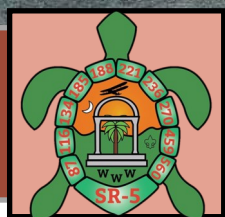




COC November 2021 E7



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Council of Chiefs-2021

All lodges gathered at Camp Barstow for this years annual COC meeting. They were able to discuss and decide on how to make this year's conclave the most enjoyable experience for all Arrowmen. The main subject of discussion was the proposals which become the cornerstone official guidelines. These proposals range from AIA to Quest for the Golden Arrow. They all include vast information and details about their specific subject. Then it is the COC's decision to check all proposals and approve them one by one. Apart from the main meeting it was also announced there would be a new Region system and rearrangement of some sections. Along with new names for Regions and Sections as well. Section SR-5 will become E7. The COC was a great opportunity for leaders to share their thoughts and concerns. This year will be a gigantic change for the OA and it will need strong leaders to lead through these uncertain times.

Letter From The Chief

Section Chief-Kevin Tidwell

"It's a Short Year. Make it count."

-Cole Taylor

This is one of the many quotes scribbled on the back of the rotating Section Chief Print, but this one, more than any, has encapsulated my term as Section Chief.

Though to me, my time as Chief has been but a metaphorical blink of an eye, so much work and change has happened over the course of it all. As of January 1st, we are no longer Section SR5, but instead E7. Though we have a couple new names "Anybody Remember Dixie?", we are just as motivated to make a difference in a program we all care for so much.

In December of 2021, I had the pleasure of representing the Section at the National Planning Meeting in Knoxville, TN. I met many Section Chiefs like myself, who are just as dedicated to creating a memorable Scouting Experience for Arrowmen like you. Our hard work has paid off with many exciting things coming down the pipeline for the OA, such as our own Cornerstone Conclave (April 22-24) and NOAC 2022 (July 25-30). If you don't go to any other event this year, these are ones you don't want to miss!

Though I could ramble more about the exciting future of our Order, I find it best to end with our Conclave Theme that encapsulates it all. It's important now more than ever to **EMBRACE A BETTER FUTURE.**

See y'all at Cornerstone!

-Kevin Tidwell
Section Chief 21-22

State of the Lodge Reports

Skyuka Lodge 270 Lodge Chief Cole Taylor

Skyuka Lodge had a fantastic 2021 lodge year welcoming 73 new brothers, 49 Brotherhood conversions, and 3 new Vigil Honor members. Throughout 2021, Skyuka has been able to resume almost completely normal operations including being able to move our events back to a Palmetto Council-owned property allowing us to give service back to Scouting in our council. Furthermore, we were also able to continue our annual Cub Scout Shoot-o-ree in which we were able to serve hundreds of families joining Cub Scouts in the Palmetto Council. After a very successful year in Skyuka Lodge, I am very excited to see what will come in 2022 as leadership is transitioned to our newly elected Lodge Chief, Anthony Wiggins, and his executive committee.

Bob White Lodge 87 Lodge Chief Parker Powell

The Bob White Lodge has taken this year to focus our efforts not only on our lodge members but also to give service directly to our council. From staffing several Cub Scout events and hosting our Council's Spring Camporee, coined Race for the Golden Quail, where we provided 8 units, 18 patrols, and 150 participants with a competition-filled weekend. We are finding ways to integrate our Arrowmen into council endeavors. By making it easy to serve, we benefit both our council directly through our works and help our lodge through the exposure of our service. We are also in the process of producing our first-ever round of merchandise: including various styles of t-shirts and other lodge

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memorabilia. From our two Ordeal and Fellowship weekends, summer camp events, a Lodge Leadership Development weekend, and various cub scout events, one being SpookORee in which we ran events and set up our Camp's Haunted House and a WeblooRee, this calendar year has been filled with Lodge outreach and training. We are excited to end the year with our Winter Fellowship and start 2022 with our Winter Banquet, in which we will transition to new leadership and honor our new Vigil Class. The Bob White Lodge is continuing in a forward-thinking motion!

Tsali Lodge 134

Lodge Chief Alice Brown

Tsali has had a very successful 2021. Although 2021 presented its challenges, we were still able to have a

a great year. We have been able to continue to hold safe and fun events through covid and accomplish great things.

This past Spring, we were able to host the inaugural Cornerstone Conclave at Camp Daniel Boone. We were able to hold a safe and fun filled event. At conclave we were able take home both Lodge of the Year and Quest for the Golden Arrow at the same event for the first time in Tsali Lodge history.

We also had a great year of lodge events where we continued with our service to Camp Daniel Boone. During Spring Fellowship, Spring Ordeal, Summer Ordeal, and Fall Fellowship, Tsali was able to continue in cheerful service. We assisted with many projects such as building new tent platforms, preparing camp for the summer season, helping to dig out the health lodge, and cleaning up camp along with many other acts of service. After Hurricane Fred caused the flood in August, Tsali also contributed many hours to help restore and rebuild camp. Tsali also held a great Winter Banquet and continued to follow COVID precautions throughout the year.

Throughout all of 2021, we held many workdays in order to prepare camp for Conclave and to aid in the recovery efforts

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Tsali Lodge continued...

after the flood.

In 2021 we were able to induct 40 new Ordeal members, 24 Brotherhood members, and 5 Vigil honor members. We were once again a high performing lodge for the 2021 year. Tsali is looking forward to another great year in 2022.

Unali'yi Lodge 236

Lodge Chief Jackson Boggs

Unali'yi lodge has had a pretty successful year so far. We have inducted more than 100 new Arrowmen into lodge during our spring and fall ordeals. As well as had 31 Arrowmen seal their membership and come back for brotherhood this year. Each week at camp Ho-Non-Wah the dance and sing team put on a powwow and the ceremonies team performed a tap out on Thursday night. In October we held our annual Cub Haunted event. We brought over 500 cub scouts and parents to camp for a Halloween themed camping experi-

experience featuring a Haunted Trail, Haunted Hayride, and Haunted House. We look forward to our biggest event of the year, Fall Fellowship, on the first weekend of December, where we will honor the lodge and its members for accomplishments over the past year. We will also recognize our newest Vigil and Founders Award recipients.

Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge 185

Lodge Chief Joshua Kirchner

The year 2021 has been a continuation of the strange year 2020. But Atta Kulla Kulla was able to stay strong. This year we changed our ordeal schedules from only during summer camp to a weekend long ordeal. With this new change there were a total of 68 candidates joining the Order. Like normal we offer brotherhood conversions during the Fellowships and this year we had a total of 18 conversions. During the Fall Fellowship we recog-

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Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge continued...

nized 5 new Vigil Honor members.

Currently the Lodge Officers and Lodge Officers elect are about to change positions. The new Lodge Officers are working diligently on planning the first two events of 2022. The first event is the Lodge Leadership Development Conference where the Officers speak in front of the Lodge to teach all members about the greatness of this order. Atta Kulla Kulla is excited to see what 2022 holds for us.

Muscogee Lodge 221

Lodge Chief Grace Franklin

Muscogee Lodge has had a successful 2021. We were able to hold all of our events, aside from the Annual Banquet, in person. Continuing, as always, to hold true to the ideals of Brother-

hood and Service, the lodge has had Brotherhood Ceremonies and Boards, with at least 10 members undergoing the Ceremony, at every Fellowship. We also held at least an hour of service for Camp Barstow in our schedules. We have had two majorly successful Ordeals with at least 40 candidates in attendance, as well as calling out 71 candidates at Summer Camp. Our Vigil Honor classes for both 2020 (delayed due to COVID-19) and 2021, completed their inductions this year. Additionally, we participated in the 2021 Cornerstone Conclave successfully taking home the C. Norman Alston Jr. Memorial Spirit Award for our theme Muscogee. We excitedly look forward to what this upcoming year has to offer, starting with an in person Annual Banquet and Chief's Retreat.

Come to Cornerstone Conclave!

This Cornerstone Conclave will be hosted by Iti-bapishe Iti Holo at their home, Camp John J. Barnhardt. The event will begin with check-in on Friday April 22 and ends on Sunday April 24. Check-in will be at the camp office and start at 12:00 pm and end at 8 pm. Be apart of the history of the Order of the Arrow and enjoy this one of a kind event.



“He who Serves his fellows is, of all his fellows, greatest.” - E. Urner Goodman.

As we enjoy ourselves at Conclave let us all remember why we are here. We were inducted because we are the examples of what a Scout should embody. Let us all remember to serve our fellow brothers and continue to act as a example that other scouts will look up to. With the theme to embrace a better future, let us be diligent as we enter a new age of scouting. There may be many changes in the near future but we must not let that distract us from our true purpose of serving others with a cheerful manner.

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