



NOVEMBER 2020 | SR-5



FIVE FEATHERS

The Official Newsletter of Southern Region, Section 5 - Order of the Arrow

Council of Chiefs - 2020

with Section Chief Robert Bolton, Jr.

Leaders from across SR-5 were able to gather for the annual fall Council of Chiefs Meeting on Saturday, November 14 at beautiful Camp Barstow.

With all ten lodges present and represented, great discussion and collaboration was established among each lodge as the Section continues its efforts to plan and prepare quality programs for 2021.

Within the COC Meeting was the annual conclave business meeting, where each proposal within the Conclave Guidelines were reviewed, discussed and approved. Each proposal was presented by the appropriate coordinator, allowing lodge leaders to ask questions or further discuss development of each program highlight.

While reviewing the guidelines proposal, lodge and section leaders were able to take a glimpse into the heart of our conclave's program that will be offered in 2021, including the addition of exciting new events such as a conclave-wide game and scavenger hunt, along with the return of the ultimate frisbee tournament and more. Saturday hosted a productive meeting all around, and it was a thrill to reconvene and visit

with each of our section's lodge leaders and advisers.

While continuing to experience a year of great change and unknown territory, our gathering of the COC gives hope for the future of SR-5.

Aside from the discussion of conclave, the meeting consisted of a unique proposal process to approve the re-branding of our annual conclave experience.

Following the section's three-month conclave re-branding initiative, lodge and section leaders were able to discuss and approve the re-branding of our annual SR-5 conclave.

A preview of the approved re-branding can be found later in this November publication of the *Five Feathers* newsletter.



Chief's Corner Robert Bolton, Jr. - Section Chief 2020-21

My Brothers in SR-5,

Over 105 years ago, in a camp situated along the shores of the Delaware River, E. Urner Goodman inducted the first group of Scouts into the brotherhood recognized today as the Order of the Arrow. What started with this first ceremony has now become over 250 lodges and thousands of members throughout the country. Impacting the lives of thousands over the past 105 years, this organization has developed into a staple program within the BSA. Within our Order, we create many opportunities for leadership development and serving others. We are united under the common interest of serving others, both within Scouting and in our communities.

While we continue to remain physically distant under COVID-19, we are determined to continue our mission as we reach the other side. As an organization, we've adapted many programs and created resources to help us launch ourselves forward to return to our great success beyond the tunnel we're in.

Unfortunately, we may find ourselves distanced from our organization as we're unable to gather together. Our dedication may begin to fade away as we turn our attention to other

commitments. Unable to gather in-person, it becomes easier to detach ourselves from the organization that has brought us together and connected us as our unified brotherhood.

In the wake of COVID-19, we choose to stay committed to rekindle the dedication within our members and leaders, that we may not be separated through this pandemic.

During this time, I challenge you to take advantage of the resources and opportunities we are provided, and that we use such as tools to build fellowship within each of our lodges and chapters, even as we remain physically and socially distant. Standing together, we will not allow this organization to fade, nor the values we represent become absent in the hearts and lives of our members.

Together, let us recommit our dedication within our Order. Let us rededicate our continued commitment to the principles of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. As we climb the mountain, as we hike the trail, and as we chart the challenging waters in which we sail, let us remain connected in this great Brotherhood.

As a team, our section officers are working diligently as we pave the way for the journey ahead, both within and beyond the challenges of COVID. Our



batteries are charged, and our commitment is unwavering, and our hearts are determined to maintain success in our mission to continue in the service of others. With eyes to the sky, we are excited to venture forward and chart the trail ahead. We continue to stay positive, and are grateful for your continue commitment as we dedicate ourselves to building a better tomorrow within the Order of the Arrow.

In the Spirit of Cheerful Service,

Robert Bolton, Jr.

Robert Bolton, Jr.
Southern Region, Section 5
Section Chief, 2020-21

Leadership Order of the Arrow - Southern Region, Section 5

Robert Bolton, Jr. Section Chief

Stephen Hercka Section Vice Chief

Christian Blackburn Section Secretary

Mac McLean Section Adviser

Michael Thompson Associate Section Adviser

Tripp Clark Associate Section Adviser

oa-bsa.org sr5.org

Section Officer Request Form!

Want a Section Officer to attend your lodge event?

Want an SR-5 Section Officer to attend your lodge's fellowship, induction, banquet, or event? Here's the chance to invite them to your event today! Throughout the year, the SR-5 Section Officers will travel around the section providing training, guidance, fellowship and cheerful service to each of our 10 lodges. Section Officers can attend your event by inviting one, two or all three using our online Section Officer Request Form, which is found on our website at sr5.org at the top of our Meet Our Leadership page under the About Us tab. Our officers are here to serve and fellowship with YOU. Request must be made via the Lodge Chief.

From the Section Office with the Vice Chief and Secretary

Stephen Hercka

Section Vice Chief, 2020-21

While we haven't been able to convene and fellowship as per our normal activities, we were excited to gather for our fall Council of Chiefs Meeting in early November as a group of lodge leaders working together to plan the exciting programs and opportunities that will be available in SR-5 next year.

Looking ahead, we have a lot of excitement in the future, but still a lot of business to cover moving forward. As we near closer to the end of the year, lodges will prepare for their re-charter process, as well as submitting the data of the Performance Measurement Program. As we've encountered a year navigating unknown waters, we may find areas that will be negatively affected among the objectives within our PMP scores.

With that in mind, there is nothing to fear as the Section is preparing efficiently to create and provide resources for lodges to continue the stages of re-emerging from COVID-19 as well as continuing to identify

goals and resources to give support for areas in need of improvement or growth. As we move towards the final quarter of 2020, the Section will launch a *PMP Support Initiative* to give assistance as needed to lodges ready to improve their lowest scored PMP objectives.

Within this initiative, each of our officers will work directly with lodge leaders to improve these areas by use of goal setting, project management and strategic planning.

Our first step has already been taken as a COC, where each Lodge Chief completed a survey to identify their lodge's top two highest and lowest scoring PMP objectives. With this data, we are able to gather resources that will provide growth in lower-scored objectives. This will also allow lodge leaders to support each other by sharing best practices in the areas they perform best.

With this initiative, we look forward to seeing a continued trend of improvement among SR-5 lodges, as well as



enhancing the areas most in need of growth to provide a first-class and top notch program for our members, units and councils. Thank you for reviewing this edition of the *Five Feathers*, and we'll see you soon!

In the Spirit of Cheerful Service,

Stephen Hercka

Stephen Hercka
Southern Region, Section 5
Section Vice Chief, 2020-21

Christian Blackburn

Section Secretary, 2020-21

SR-5 Arrowmen -

Thank you for reading our latest edition of *Five Feathers* newsletter! November has been a busy month as we've now completed the annual Council of Chiefs Meeting hosted at Camp Barstow. At which we were able to receive insight as to the current state of each lodge. Each lodge was requested to provide a report, that has been summarized and outlined later in the newsletter.

Big news has also followed the COC with the announcement of the re-branded conclave name as well as a preview to the experience that will be executed at the Cornerstone Conclave in April of 2021.

Lots of excitement in the air!

As we move ahead in the days

and weeks following the fall Council of Chiefs, we will hear and preview more information about the conclave experience in 2021, with the upcoming publication of the official conclave guidelines that were approved at the COC Meeting.

Lastly, I would encourage our members to stay connected with us online by visiting our website and social media platforms, which are updates often with the latest in news, resources and tools to support our SR-5 lodges.

Stay connected with SR-5!

With that, I thank you for your continued leadership as you've continued to carry out our mission as a brotherhood built on the ideals of cheerfulness in the service of others.



In the Spirit of Cheerful Service,

Christian Blackburn

Christian Blackburn
Southern Region, Section 5
Section Secretary, 2020-21

State of the Lodge Reports



Bob White Lodge 87

by Jacob Taylor, Lodge Chief

Despite the difficulties of COVID-19, Bob White has experienced a productive year with abilities to host several COVID-friendly events, including two fellowship weekends, service days, and our banquet in January. As we continue the final quarter of 2020, our committees are working hard to plan programs for our Winter Fellowship in December and Winter Banquet in January.

In an effort to increase our effectiveness to serve our members, we launched a new website to better display and communicate information.

With the support of our Chapter leadership, we have continued reaching out to all units in our council to ensure that every eligible Scout has the opportunity to become a part of our Order. This also helps to grow our lodge's membership and our abilities to serve the local council.

This year's spring and fall fellowships were conducted with safety-driven changes to protect the health of our members, but continuing to offer a quality induction experience. Of which we were able to provide great amounts of service hours to our home camps.

During our fall fellowship weekend, we elected our panel of 2021 lodge officers, which will be trained and prepared to take the reins on January 1 through a smooth transition process.

Tsali Lodge 134

by Samuel Brown, Lodge Chief

For Tsali Lodge, 2020 has been a year like no other. Tsali Lodge was hit with the challenges of providing a quality program in the midst of a global pandemic. As North Carolina began to lift state-wide lockdowns in May, the lodge leadership began drafting plans to safely host a lodge-wide event while following state and local COVID-19 health and safety guidelines.

The first test of these plans was to successfully host an in-person Vigil Induction hosted in late June. Even though this event was limited to a maximum of 25 Arrowmen, we were able to successfully host our first in-person lodge event since the beginning of COVID-19, and were able

Santee Lodge 116

by Gabe Gainey, Lodge Chief

Santee has been active virtually throughout the year. A few of our fellowship weekends were forced to be canceled, but recently were able to hold a tap-out day event and our fall fellowship weekend in-person. We've continued to publish our quarterly newsletter, and we were able to hold our committee and ceremony meetings every month using Zoom.

During our fall fellowship, we hosted roughly 90 of our brothers at Camp Coker, where members worked to provide service through brush removal and clean up around camp. These projects were extremely necessary with our inability to operate camp programs since March, and gave a great refreshing to host Cub Scouts for an event the following weekend.

During this fellowship, we inducted 20 new Ordeal members, including our first female youth member, along with a small class of new Brotherhood Honor members and 4 members receiving the Vigil Honor. Overall we hosted a very productive event, along with selecting the lodge's contingent theme for conclave and our panel of lodge office for 2021.

In January, we will host our annual banquet and LLD training. Overall, we continue to function as a united lodge, and we are prepared for a successful new year ahead.



to successfully induct a well-deserving Vigil Honor class of 2020.

As North Carolina continued to re-open following our Vigil Induction, our leadership began to draft plans for a full-scale, lodge-wide induction weekend in August and October, our annual Summer Ordeal and Fall Fellowship. On top of the regular amount of planning, two months were spent to ensure we could fully eradicate any potential risk of COVID-19.

All of this planning eventually lead to hosting two of the most successful lodge events in recent memory. At our Summer Ordeal and Fall Fellowship, we inducted 26 new Ordeal members and 15 Brotherhood members, and completed more than two-thousand service hours preparing Camp Daniel Boone to host the Cornerstone Conclave in 2021, and we hosted

State of the Lodge Reports ... Continued

Tsali Lodge, Continued...

two successful events with no known COVID transmission due to the scrupulous efforts of our leadership to make our events safe and COVID-friendly. Thanks to the success of these events, Tsali Lodge will continue as a High Performing Lodge for its second year.

As this challenging year comes to a close, Tsali Lodge is looking ahead as we prepare to host a most COVID-friendly conclave next year. Our lodge leadership and conclave host lodge team have been working tirelessly to plan and put together the best, and safest, conclave Tsali Lodge has ever hosted.



Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge 185

by Joshua Kirchner, Lodge Chief

This year has continued to be an interesting year for the brothers of Atta Kulla Kulla. When COVID-19 struck and held the country in its hands, sadly it was best to cancel plans to host the Carolina OA Conference with the health and safety of our members as our top priority. COVID also made it unsafe to host our summer camp program, meaning we would have to adjust our plans for inducting new members, converting those to Brotherhood, and allow those chosen to go through their Vigil. In September, 9 of our members were presented the Vigil Honor, and 10 members completed their Brotherhood conversion before electing new officers for 2021 in October.

In response to our adjusted summer programs, we hosted our first Ordeal induction weekend since the 80's in October, with the privilege of inducting 79 new members into the lodge.

In the next few months, Atta Kulla Kulla will plan to host its Lodge Leadership Development as well as our Winter Banquet in January. We are excited to face 2021 head on with our new members to make next year the best it can be.



Itibapishe Iti Hollo Lodge 188

by Anderson Moore, Lodge Chief

Itibapishe Iti Hollo has to cancel its spring Ordeal and fellowship due to COVID-19, but was able to host a successful fellowship day in the summer, as well as a fall Ordeal in September. Upcoming in December will be the lodge's fall fellowship weekend, which will hold officer elections and celebrate our 80th anniversary.

Muscogee Lodge 221

by Tommy Kepley, Lodge Chief

Muscogee Lodge has been active virtually and held limited in-person events through the year. COVID-19 cancellations began with our Spring Ordeal in March, and since then we have not been able to host a large, in-person event.

Despite being unable to hold these events, Muscogee has remained committed to both inductions and service. Throughout the year, Muscogee hosted "mini-ordeals" with only 1 or 2 clans at various locations, giving our elected candidates a chance to earn membership in the OA without losing interest due to inability to be inducted. These mini-ordeals have been a big success, having inducted a collective group of over 30 new members through these events.

Staying dedicated to Brotherhood conversion, each virtual fellowship has hosted a number of Brotherhood Boards, and we now have over 20 members who will complete their Brotherhood Honor at the next in-person event. The Vigil committee has also selected a Vigil class for 2020 to be inducted at the next event.

Keeping the youth leadership involved in the decision process has been important. With many changes in plans, budgets and new activities, the lodge executive committee has been working hard to make all of these events happen, and continues to meet virtually.

As a Brotherhood of Cheerful Service, it is important to us that we continue providing service, implementing several creative service opportunities within our health precautions. An example of continued service is through our mini-ordeals, two of which hosted at Windsor UMC providing over 200 service hours to support various projects at Windsor. On October 11, our council held a "Camp Barstow Open House" where Muscogee brothers provided camp service on the 10th to prepare for the incoming visitors the next day.

In January, Muscogee plans to host its Winter Banquet followed shortly by the LLDC Retreat. Over the retreat weekend, the outgoing officers will work with the incoming officers to ensure a smooth transition for continue success in 2021.

State of the Lodge Reports ... Continued

Unali' Yi Lodge 236

by Jackson Boggs, Lodge Chief

This year has remained tiresome, but very rewarding for Unali' Yi so far. In September, we hosted our fall ordeal, our first lodge function since March. While following CDC and SCDHEC protocols, we held a very successful weekend inducting 35 new brothers, as well as a class of new Brotherhood Honor members.

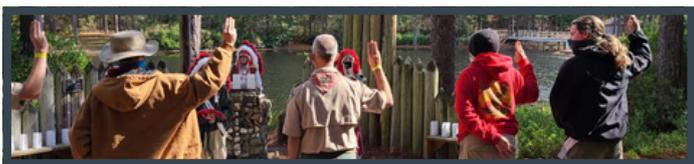
One month later we held our Lodge Leadership Development at Camp Ho Non Wah, a weekend filled with informative training and sessions for brainstorming ways to continue improvement within membership activation and retention.

The following week hosted the council's Cub Haunted weekend. While challenging to plan, we were assisted with great help from over 170 staff members of Arrowmen and service troops.

Overall, the event was a huge success, welcoming over 400 Cub Scouts attending throughout the two available sessions.

In between events, our officer team would meet at least once a month either in-person or virtually to continue planning for these events.

Our next event will be our fall fellowship and lodge banquet on December 4-6 at Camp Ho Non Wah. During this event, we will recognize our newly selected Vigil Honor and Founders Award recipients, as well as the presentation of the Distinguished Service Award to our Lodge Adviser Jame Barton. Other features of the weekend will include our seafood dinner on Friday night, as well as fun Wild West themed games on Saturday morning with training sessions, and brotherhood conversions.



Skyuka Lodge 270

by Max Robinson, Lodge Chief

Despite challenges currently facing the lodge, Skyuka has been able to partner with surrounding camps to host both our Summer Ordeal and Fall Fellowship successfully. On behalf of Skyuka Lodge, we are grateful to both Atta Kulla Kulla and Santee for the ability to use your home camps to host our events.

In 2020, Skyuka has been able to induct 60 Ordeal members, 15 Brotherhood members, and 3 recipients of the Vigil Honor. Additionally, our lodge successfully hosted two socially-distanced Cub Scout Shoot-o-rees, providing service to the Palmetto Council and to new Cub Scouts kicking off their journey along the Scouting Trail. In November, we will be holding a work day at the Glendale Outdoor Leadership School, an outdoor adventure property of the Palmetto Council.

Looking ahead, our lodge officer-elects will hold a planning meeting in December for the 2021 lodge year beginning with our Lodge Leadership Development and Winter Banquet.

Eswau Huppeday Lodge 560

by Aaron Laws, Lodge Chief

Eswau Huppeday Lodge has been active virtually throughout the year. Although our spring and summer events were canceled, we have been able to hold Brotherhood and Vigil weekends while enforcing guidelines required by the state. Eswau has continued inductions through Chapter-level ordeals in order to induct new members safely.

We open our monthly lodge meetings virtually for all members, discussing upcoming events and planning safely for the future. During our in-person Brotherhood and Vigil weekends, we limited attendance to less than 30 people to follow state guidance, still being able to complete many service projects at Camp Bud Schiele for upcoming events.

We successfully inducted 8 new recipients of the Vigil Honor, and had over 10 members complete their Brotherhood Honor. From our Chapter ordeals, we have inducted over 40 new members while continuing to follow the local and state mandated guidelines.

In January, we are planning to host our Winter Banquet and LLD weekend. At this combined event, we will elect our new officers, as well as present our annual awards and recognitions.

Cornerstone Conclave in 2021

In September of 2020, the SR-5 leadership launched its Conclave Re-Branding Initiative in search for a new brand name for its annual conclave experience hosted each spring. After discussion and review of dozens of submissions from Arrowmen around the section, the Council of Chiefs officially voted and approved the new **Cornerstone Conclave** as the brand for the 2021 section gathering. This inaugural Cornerstone Conclave will be hosted by Tsali Lodge 134 at Camp Daniel Boone on April 23-25, 2021.

In relation to architecture, a cornerstone is traditionally the first stone laid for a structure, with all others laid in reference to the first. Additionally, cornerstones have become a strong symbol of a new era. They indicate prosperity and opportunity - giving a sense of pride for what is possible. Recent years have presented new advances in programs, opportunities and growth as we've continued through the Order's second century. As we move ahead with our eyes searching ahead, let this be our Cornerstone as a Section of 10 lodges united to continue in service to others.

While we continue our tradition in preserving our past, we lay this **Cornerstone** as the first step towards a bright future of opportunity and service in SR-5.

Join us for the inaugural Cornerstone Conclave hosted at Camp Daniel Boone on April 23-25, 2021.



In reference to our Section's logo, each lodge is represented as a part of our shell, with symbols of each state placed at the heart and center of the turtle's back - it is the start, the cornerstone that unites the ten lodges of SR-5 in this great and honored Order.

Let this be our first step towards a bright prosperous future in cheerful service.



Ellicott's Rock -
A cornerstone connecting and uniting the boundaries of SR-5.

Placed in 1811, Ellicott's Rock is a survey marker by Andrew Ellicott as a part of his survey to resolve the boundary dispute between the states of Georgia and North Carolina. The boundary dispute involved a brief armed conflict between the two, followed by an 1807 survey that Georgia refused to accept. Ellicott was hired by Georgia to undertake a new survey, and confirmed the earlier line. He engraved a large rock in the Chattooga River with "N-G" standing for North Carolina - Georgia. Two years after Ellicott's survey, commissioners representing North Carolina and South Carolina marked a different rock as the juncture where the South and North Carolina state lines are joined. This second rock is often referred to as Commissioners Rock, less than 500 feet from Ellicott's original place marker upstream. Together, the two connecting points of Ellicott's Rock serve as the tripoint where the boundaries of South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia meet - in a sense, a symbol of the connection between the Order of the Arrow lodges in Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina that are united as a Section in SR-5.

LIVE

Breaking News | From the Council of Chiefs 2020

Join us on April 23-25, 2021 at Camp Daniel Boone for the inaugural

• Cornerstone Conclave •

Southern Region, Section 5 - Order of the Arrow



Thank you for reading! Next edition in December 2020

Five Feathers: November 2020

The Official Newsletter of Southern Region, Section 5

"Things of the spirit are what count: brotherhood - in a day when there is too much hatred at home and abroad; cheerfulness - in a day when the pessimists have the floor and cynics are popular; service - in a day when millions are interested in getting or grasping, rather than giving."

~E. Urner Goodman
Order of the Arrow, Founder



Cornerstone Conclave

April 23-25, 2021 at Camp Daniel Boone

National Leadership Seminar

Due to gathering restrictions and concerns surrounding COVID-19, the September NLS & DYLC in Greensboro, North Carolina, has been postponed until December 10-12, 2021. At this time, the NLS & DYLC scheduled for November 13-15, 2020, in Little Rock, Arkansas, is still going to be held. To register, visit southern.oa-bsa.org/nls for more details!

Stay Connected Online!

Visit our website at sr5.org and follow us on Facebook at Section SR-5, Order of the Arrow for the latest updates from the Order of the Arrow and Section SR-5.

