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## IMPORTANT DATES

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**10/6-8**

OA Hackathon

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**11/4**

Council of Chiefs Meeting (More information to come soon)

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# THE SECTION CHIEF'S CORNER

BY JAKOB HELDERMAN

Brothers,

Let me begin by saying that I truly hope all of you are well and have had a great beginning to the new school year! What an adventure the past months following the 2017 Dixie Fellowship have been. From Fellowships to Summer Camp, and the National Jamboree to Venturing's Legacy 5.0 event, Scouting has provided outstanding opportunities to us all recently!

As we move forward, it is time to begin work on next year's 2 major events; Dixie 2018 hosted by Skyuka Lodge and NOAC 2018 held at Indiana University. Both of these events will be outstanding opportunities for Arrowmen of all ages, with everything from AIA and patch trading, to awesome competitions and spectacular shows! Registration for NOAC opened on October 2nd and more information regarding Dixie will be available following our November 4th Council of Chiefs meeting. Trust me when I say you aren't going to want to miss out on these!

My fellow officers and I have compiled what we believe to be a Class A Team of individuals to serve in the various Coordinator positions for the 2018 Dixie Fellowship. I have no doubt that through our combined efforts, we can truly make this Dixie one for the history books!

We are always honored to join our brothers from around the Section at their Lodge events, and as the Fall brings many upcoming fellowships we are excited to start travelling around to each of you! I truly look forward to the months to come, and as always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions, comments, or concerns that you may have!

I challenge each of you to keep the Fire Burning Cheerfully and the Arrow Aimed High,

With Excitement for the Trail ahead,

Jakob Helderman

SR-5 Section Chief, 2017-2018



# A WORD FROM OUR VICE CHIEF

BY COLE TAYLOR

Brothers,

Since we departed from Camp Barstow this past April, I have had the opportunity to visit and see several of our brothers from around the section. In July, I attended the 2017 National Scout Jamboree where I served as the Senior Patrol Leader for the half troop of Palmetto Council. With the entire Southern Region encamped in Base Camp Delta, all of SR5 was grouped together. This close proximity allowed our brothers around the section to meet and fellowship with each other over the course of the event. Our very own Matthew Watson also served as the National Jamboree Vice Chief of the Indian Village with several of our SR5 brothers serving as staff members atop Garden Ground Mountain as well as throughout the various program areas. Following the National Jamboree, I visited the Muscogee Lodge Super Summer Fellowship at Camp Barstow along with Tent Kokay, the Special Assistant to the Officers. While at Camp Barstow, we were treated with great hospitality from our Muscogee brothers with great food and fellowship. In just a few weeks, I will be attending Skyuka Lodge's Fall Fellowship to serve alongside the brothers of my home lodge to help prepare Camp Bob Hardin for the off-season. In early November, our section leadership will convene once again at our November Council of Chiefs to discuss and finalize plans for the 2018 Dixie Fellowship hosted by Skyuka Lodge who has been working extremely hard to ensure that this Dixie is the best yet. Shortly after the Council of Chiefs, I will be attending the Atta Kulla Kulla Fall Fellowship to spend the weekend with my brothers from across the mountain at Camp Old Indian. I look forward to visiting and serving all of SR5 over the rest of this year.

Yours in Cheerful Service,  
Cole Taylor  
SR-5 Section Vice Chief



# A MESSAGE FROM OUR SECTION SECRETARY

BY ROBERT BOLTON, JR.

Brothers of SR-5,

I hope that each of you are doing as well as myself and enjoying the start to this beautiful fall season! I am looking forward to the future of our wonderful section as we grow closer to some fantastic events such as Dixie Fellowship hosted by Skyuka Lodge in the spring of 2018 as well as NOAC 2018 at Indiana University. It has been an exciting year and we are coming to an even more exciting future.

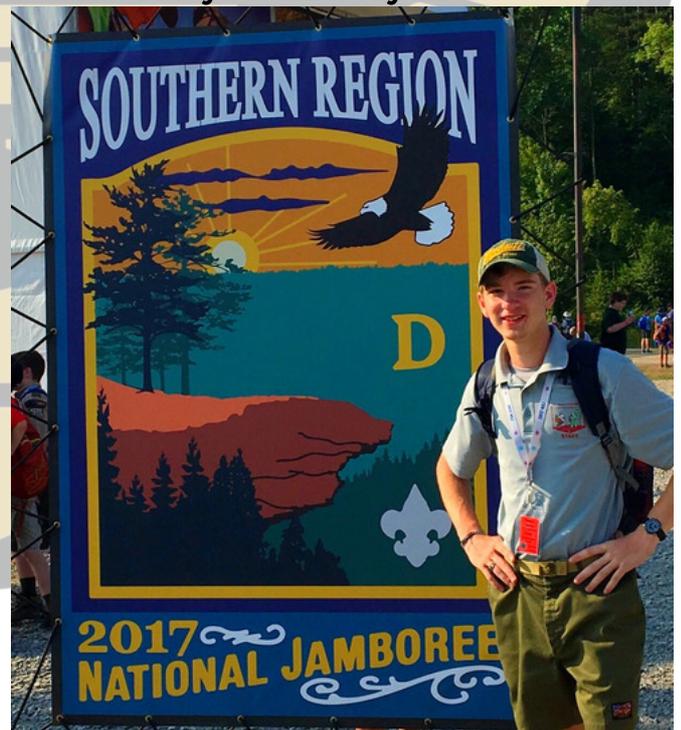
I look forward to coming to visit each of our lodges in the section as we grow closer to Dixie Fellowship 2018.

Since we last met at Dixie at Camp Barstow, I have been busy with the best of fun that the BSA and OA have to offer! After spending the summer working at Woodruff Scout Camp, I joined my fellow brothers in Scouting from my home council to attend the 2017 National Scout Jamboree where we had a blast at the Summit Bechtel Reserve with the best programs Scouting can present. With visiting many of you at Jamboree, I can only grow more excited to come see you soon and enjoy more great fun and fellowship.

Thank you all for your hard work in Scouting and I will see you all very soon!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Robert Bolton, Jr.  
Section Secretary, 2017-2018



# SR-5 LODGE UPDATES

## Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge

My brothers of SR-5,

It has been quite a journey for the Whippoorwills of Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge since the close of the 65th Anniversary Dixie Fellowship at Camp Barstow. After handing over the reins of the office of Section Chief to my lodge brother, Jakob Helderman, it was not long before I was asked to fulfill the remaining term as Lodge Chief. Humbling since the first moment, I have enjoyed returning in service to my brothers back at home as I write my last chapter as a Youth member of the Order of the Arrow. Among our many accomplishments at Dixie, the lodge is truly reaching new heights this year!

This summer was a historic one for our lodge as we saw our highest rates of Brotherhood conversion, to date. This summer, we inducted 134 new Ordeal members and had 55 Arrowmen get their bars and attain Brotherhood membership in our lodge!

On top of that, we held our annual Lodge Cookout and Vigil Honor Callout prior to the National Scout Jamboree. With roughly a thousand individuals at Camp Old Indian that night (our biggest week at camp), it was a night to remember as we enjoyed fellowship, delicious BBQ, and our announcement of eight new Vigil Honor candidates.

Shortly after that, many of our brothers trekked to West Virginia for the National Scout Jamboree. There, I had the privilege to lead the American Indian Village as a Jamboree Vice Chief of the Order of the Arrow. One of our lodge brothers, Russell Smart, also served in a very large role as the Program Chairman for the Jamboree. On top of this, our lodge is home to the famous Chat n' Chew II crew that staffers from all over the country and world absolutely loved throughout the event. If you want some more of their food and a chance to enjoy brotherhood with your AKK brothers, mark your calendars for our Fall Fellowship during the weekend of November 17th at Camp Old Indian!

If that wasn't enough to celebrate about, our lodge is also home to two Arrowmen, Dylan Wilcox and JR Clark, who will be attending the OA Hackathon in California. We are also planning for the years ahead and we prepare for NOAC 2018 and when we host the Dixie Fellowship at Camp Old Indian in 2020. Needless to say, we are excited for what's on the horizon!

Moving forward, as part of the effort to maintain the sense of brotherhood we strengthened within the SR-5 lodges last year, I will do everything in my ability to assist my brothers of the other nine lodges. On behalf of all Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge Arrowmen as their Chief, if you ever need anything, we are here for you with an arm stretched out to help. We stand together and I look forward to the moment we will all meet again at Dixie 2018, hosted by Skyuka! WWW

In the Spirit of our Founders,

Matthew Watson | Chief of Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge and Immediate Past Chief of SR-5

## Skyuka Lodge

Since we last met at Camp Barstow for the 65th Dixie Fellowship, the brothers of Skyuka Lodge have been busy providing cheerful service to the upstate of South Carolina as well as planning for a Dixie Fellowship like no other to be held in April. In July, the Palmetto Council sent 56 youth and seven adults to the 2017 National Scout Jamboree including several Skyuka Lodge brothers and more serving on staff.

Following the National Jamboree, in August we held our Summer Ordeal where we served the council by helping Camp Bob Hardin prepare for the Winter by taking down tents, fixing trails from the summer use, and several other projects. At our Summer Ordeal we also recognized those brothers who have shown exemplary service by naming them Vigil candidates in our 2017 Vigil Class consisting of Addison Fox, Jordan Sinclair, Jacob Stroud, Tery Burt, Lowell "Winky" Grooms, and Geoff Dunn. In early September, our members were active yet again serving our council in the first Annual Cub Scout Shootoree held at Camp Conley Clarke where we had over 750 Cub Scouts and families in attendance. The same day, the Chester Chapter presented the Colors for the annual 23rd Masonic District Inspirational Meeting for a second year in a row.

Coming up in mid-October we will host our Fall Fellowship for a weekend full of fun, food, fellowship, and frights from our fall carnival with a pumpkin carving contest, costume contest, a lots of treats. We have been hard at work making sure the 2018 Dixie Fellowship is the best yet and cannot wait to see all of our brothers from around the section once again at the Dixie Fellowship being held at the Anne Springs Close Greenway in Fort Mill, South Carolina on April 27-29, 2018.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Cole Taylor

Skyuka Lodge Chief

# Bob White Lodge

Since Dixie, things have been looking better than ever for the Bob White lodge!

In June, Arrowmen from across the Georgia-Carolina Council gathered together at summer camp to enjoy fun, fellowship, and of course, ice cream. In September the lodge held the largest Fall Ordeal in recent history and inducted a number of new Ordeal and Brotherhood members! This weekend boasted great ceremonies, fellowship, food, and service. One idea that the lodge has been experimenting with over the past few Ordeals is what we call "Tribal Games". There has always been an issue of the ordeal weekend being so tiresome and unappealing to inductees that they choose not to return to future events. The lodge leadership had surmised that this issue could be combated in part by offering the newly inducted Arrowmen an organized event where they could bond with each other and have tons of fun. From this idea, the Tribal Games were born. The basis is that after dinnertime on Saturday of Ordeal, the Lodge organizes an specific area with a number of games for the newly and previously inducted brothers alike to compete in friendly competitions. Games include: Ultimate Frisbee, Poison Barrel, and many more. All of these games are presented with a common theme as well which is Hawaiian/Tribal theming, however, this could easily be changed or adapted to fit your lodge. Since this events implementation at Spring Ordeal 2017 we have had extreme success with almost 100% of new brothers participating. We have also seen an increase in retention of new Arrowmen in the lodge which is assumed to be a direct result of this new event in culmination with quality run ordeals.

At this fall ordeal new officers for the lodge were also elected. The 2018 officers for the Bob White Lodge are as follows:

Lodge Chief: Nicholas Koenig  
Vice Chief of Administration: Jacob Taylor  
Vice Chief of Inductions: Robert Bolton Jr.  
Vice Chief of Program: Gabriel Stolpe

Please congratulate these gentlemen if given the chance and join me in wishing them a successful term. The current lodge leadership will be removed from office on December 31st 2017 at which point the officers listed above will assume their respective positions.

In other news, the Bob White Lodge has a very special event coming up that I am extremely excited to announce. This November, the lodge will be hosting its inaugural Fall Fellowship weekend. This is weekend that is designed to be purely fun and games, with no strings attached. While the theme of service is what defines us as an organization, and without it we would be unable to continue, the lodge leadership has found that many Arrowmen become discouraged by attending event after event with little to no time to simply have fun. In order to combat this issue we decided to develop an event with no training, and no service projects, just plenty of time to have fun and for Arrowmen to bond with each other. This allows new and old Arrowmen alike to tap into the "fun" side of our order. The itinerary for the event is very similar to that of a lock-in event. Arrowmen will arrive around 5 PM on a Friday night to a church type building and expect to stay up and participate in chapter-based fun and games, and possibly even a video game competition lasting most of the night. Arrowmen will then head to sleep and wake up to a late morning on Saturday followed by breakfast, and then an awards ceremony. This event of late night pizza, games and fellowship is one that will allow lodge brothers to become much closer to one another than was ever possible previously. This event is shaping up to be a recurring one and we hope it will become a tradition in the lodge to last many years into the future. It is my hope that those of you reading this will take the ideologies and events I have outlined above and implement them in your own lodges for the advancement of our section as a whole.

Yours In Brotherhood,  
Carter C. Harwell  
Bob White Lodge

## Muscogee Lodge

Hi Brothers! Muscogee Lodge has been in full swing since Dixie.

During our Spring Fellowship in May, we elected our 2017-2018 Lodge Officers and 12 brothers sealed their membership through Brotherhood. 8 brothers had the opportunity to represent Muscogee and the Order of the Arrow among thousands of other Scouts and Scouters at the 2017 National Jamboree through Operation Arrow staff. Not long after, we held our Summer Ordeal inducting 59 new brothers into our lodge and rolled right into our Super Summer Fellowship for the duration of the weekend. It was a great opportunity for training, service, and we brought back "kiddie pool kickball" for the first time in two years. On that Saturday night, 10 brothers sealed their membership through Brotherhood. On October 6-8, we will send our Vice Chief of Program to the OA Hackathon outside of Sacramento, CA. The Fall Fellowship on October 13-15 is our "75th Anniversary Event". We will hold our annual Vigil Callout on Friday night directly after our opening campfire. Saturday we will have a Freezer Bag Cooking training, zombie tag, pumpkin smashing, and other Halloween related events. In the evening we will have our 75th Anniversary Banquet, Lodge Expo, and passing of the Lodge Chief's war bonnet from all former chiefs to the current chief.

Thank you all,

Hunter Hackett

## Unali'Yi Lodge

Unali'Yi Lodge held their Spring Ordeal in mid May and the focus of the weekend was helping prepare camp for Summer Camp. During the weekend, tents and cots were set up, program areas were cleaned, and the bonnet of leadership was passed to our new lodge officers. As we entered the summer, over 95% of our camp staff were members of the lodge. Throughout the summer camp season, the lodge held Ice Cream Socials and opened the Lodge Museum on Wednesdays during camp, held dance & sing team Pow wows on Thursday and conducted OA Call Outs during parents night. Following camp 20 arrowmen served on Jamboree staff with five serving with Operation Arrow Staff as part of Indian Village and OA Service Corp. In August, we held our Lodge Leader Development conference training our new officers and making plans for the upcoming year. Work continued on the final setup of the lodge museum with plans to finish them this fall prior to the Fall Fellowship. In September, Hurricane Irma caused our lodge to postpone the Fall Ordeal Weekend. Two weeks after the hurricane, the Brothers of Unali'Yi lodge came together for our Fall Ordeal and helped clean up camp for our Fall Cub Scout Activities. Last weekend, Unali'Yi provided service support to Mom & Me Cub Scout Weekend running the kitchen and trading post for the event. Plans are underway for our lodge to host Cub Haunted Weekend in October.

We would like to extend an invitation to the brothers of our section to attend our Fall Fellowship the weekend of December 1-3 at Camp Ho Non Wah. Friday night we will hold our Family Seafood Feast and Vigil Call Out Ceremony, Saturday will include chapter activities, Lodge Recognition Banquet and Patch Auction during Crackerbarrel. You can also witness the finale of our lodge Pie Competition. We look forward to seeing each of you soon. The Best is Yet to Come!

Zachary Kontenakos  
Unali'Yi Lodge Chief

## SR-5 Council of Chiefs

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Unali'Yi Lodge Chief

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