

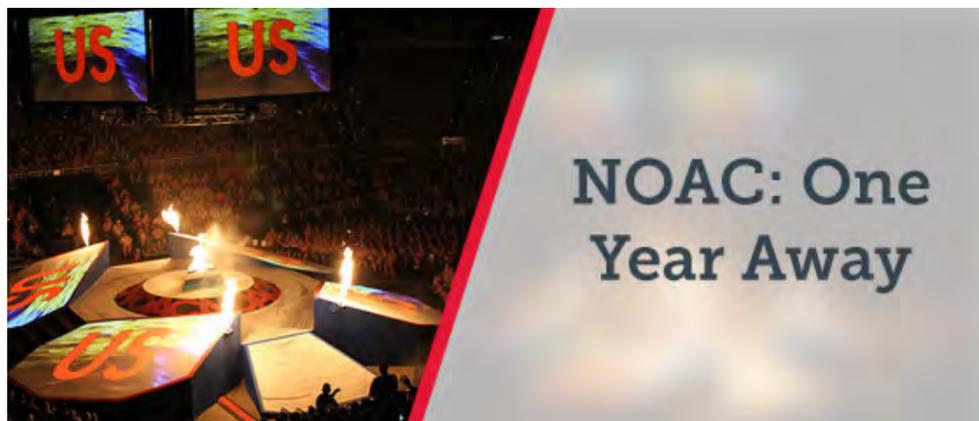
## 2018 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)

Hunter Hackett

Lodge Chief

The 2018 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is officially less than one year away. Approximately 8,000 Arrowmen will converge at Indiana University from July 30 - August 4, 2018, in Bloomington, IN to partake in fellowship, training, and shows.

Due to very limited delegate slots, we are determining and specifically selecting interested candidates who: participate in American Indian Affairs, ceremonies, and those who express interest or have been involved in leadership on the



chapter and lodge level. This does not mean if you don't meet these criteria that you cannot go. Send an email requesting a slot or more NOAC information to chief@muscogeelodge.org.

We have been allotted 16 youth and 5 adult slots. Although more

slots have been requested, there is no guarantee on if we will receive them.

Also, check back frequently at the lodge website to remain informed of the latest info on NOAC.

## Lodge Adviser's Moment

Robert Sears

Lodge Adviser

As we reflect on Muscogee Lodge's upcoming 75th anniversary celebration, I want to take you back in time if possible. There used to be a saying that if a man had great ambition, he was "reaching for the stars." The idea was that he was so eager to succeed he was willing to try the impossible, to reach for the stars.

That doesn't seem so impossible anymore. Men have walked on the moon, a feat that was only dreamed of not so many years ago. (And by the way, did you know that the first astronauts who walked on the moon were Scouts? One of them, Neil

Armstrong, the first man to set foot on the moon, is an Eagle Scout. That tells you something about the kind of man he is.)

The scientists and astronauts in our space program brought the impossible dream of reaching for the stars much closer to reality. Men will never really walk on the stars. If they tried, they would get a terribly hot foot. But the stars do not seem so far away as they used to be.

Still the idea expressed in the phrase, "reaching for the stars," is still valid. It tells us that to enjoy life to the fullest, we must stretch our abilities to the limit. An Arrowman who does his best in everything he tries will become the kind of man who reaches for the stars.

Take a moment and consider what our future will look like if we each "reach for the stars" as we begin the next 75 years as Muscogee Lodge. What a great opportunity we each have to leave our mark on tomorrow.

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## Time to Re-design!

Submit your designs for the 2018 NOAC Lodge Flap and New Standard Lodge Issue to chief@muscogeelodge.org by October 12. These designs will be up for approval at the Buseiness Meeting during the Fall Fellowship.



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## Fall Fellowship to be a Hauntingly Good Time

Wade Fletcher

VC Program

Arrowman, Be Prepared! We have a lot of fun in store. Can you handle it? Pumpkin smashing, pie eating, costume contest, zombie survival! How much more can it get? The answer is, it can always be better! That is why you need to be at the fall fellowship. We have all this and much more. On Friday the 13th of October we have our opening campfire filled with skits, songs,

and ghoulishly challenging chapter competitions. The night caps off with our diamond jubilee Vigil Call-out. Saturday you're in for a treat. Spooky service, treacherous training sessions, and quirky quest events. Saturday night, we have our 75th Anniversary banquet and Lodge Expo in the dining hall. And yes, we WILL have Ultimate Frisbee, both during the day and glow-in-the-dark at night.

Bring your patches for "World

Championship Patch Trading". One hour of the roughest, toughest patch trading you can handle.

It will be fun, all we need is YOU to make it better!

**When:** October 13-15, 2017

**Where:** Camp Barstow

**How Much:** \$30/member

**Sign-Up:** <https://scoutingevent.com/553-FallFellowship>

## John Carpenter Patches Up for Grabs at the Fellowship

Tripp Clark

Associate Lodge Adviser

Attention fellow thread-heads! Who's ready to buy some pieces of Muscogee history? Recall back to Arrowtour 2015. You may remember a patch collection for sale. This was the collection of long-time Muscogee Lodge Adviser

John Carpenter. I will have this collection for sale all day Saturday, October 14. Shortly after, we look forward to an exhilarating patch auction. With the major presence of past 221 members, you never can really tell what will be in the auction box. Guess you'll just have to come out and see!



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## Day of Service Recap

Saturday, September 9 may have been a day of rest or preparation for an incoming storm. Well folks, if you were doing anything but the Day of Service, chances are you weren't having as much fun as we were. Led by our fearless Palmetto Trail adviser Furman Miller and assisted by our Lodge Chief Hunter Hackett, "Furman's Foreman" powered through and completed construction of 560 feet of railing and decking on the Wateree Passage boardwalk of the Palmetto Trail connecting through Manchester State Forest section in a mere seven hours. 14 crew members in all. It could be considered a small crew, but believe me, those of you who were there left a major impact.



## Awake My Friends...

### Tommy Kepley

*Ceremonies Chairman*

Ceremonies/AIA Competition - Calling all old and new ceremonialists and Indian Affairs members. We will be competing by the decades! Whether you competed at the 1974 Dixie Fellowship hosted by Santee Lodge or you had your first Dixie experience this past April at Barstow, let's determine who's best or let us just enjoy it as we once have. Set-up somewhat like a mini-Dixie, we will have ceremony teams organized by who you competed and portrayed with. Each team will conduct the ceremony before judges and they will be placed as they would a normal ceremony at Dixie. It is sure to be enjoyable and bring back some good memories!



"Brothers, some have been found who are willing to spend themselves in serving others. Yet, they have not seen the arrow, have not felt the fire, have not heard the admonition..."



## Summer SUPER Fellowship Recap

### Patrick Bailey

*VC Communications*

Over this past summer, our most recent ordeal was held. The Ordeal began on Thursday night, August 10, and concluded Friday evening on August 11. The candidates arrived excited and well prepared. They then went through the pre-ordeal ceremony where they learned of the hard,

challenges that they would go through the next day, but would shape them for the rest of their lives. They then went off to sleep under the stars. The next morning, the candidates awoke to Kitchkinet bringing them scant food, which they hurriedly ate, and went to their day of service in solemn silence. They completed projects that greatly improved and helped clean up the camp. When the day was done, all the

candidates made it to the Ordeal ceremony where they were accepted as member of our lodge. In total, we had more than 50 new members join, as well as over 100 hours of labor were put in that day. Congratulations to all of our new members! We look forward to each of them contributing to the lodge in their own unique way.

## Chiefly Thoughts

### Hunter Hackett

*Lodge Chief*

Great success at the Summer Super Fellowship. Welcome to 59 new Ordeal members and congratulations to the 10 brothers who sealed their membership. Thank you to all who participated and helped out with the event.

2017 marks the 75th Anniversary of Muscogee Lodge, and we need your help in our celebration. On Friday, October 13 beginning at 8:00 in the evening, we will have

our opening campfire and end the night with our 75th Anniversary Vigil Callout. On Saturday, October 14, we will be having several events throughout the day. This includes several fall/Halloween related events happening all around the camp. At our lodge business meeting, several items of business are to be discussed including, 2018 change of standard Lodge flap and Dixie 2018 theme. In the evening, at 6:00 we will have our 75th Anniversary banquet and passing of the bonnet in which all past lodge chiefs are invited to attend. Shortly after begins our "lodge expo". This includes history displays,

socializing between young and old members of the lodge, Camp Barstow and Muscogee Lodge patch displays and somewhat of a mini Camp Barstow staff reunion.

All are encouraged to attend.

Registration is open, so register now. This will be one of the largest Muscogee events outside of Dixie in a very long time!

## 2018 Lodge Calendar

**January 6**  
*Banquet*  
Lexington UMC

**March 16-18**  
*Spring Ordeal*  
Camp Barstow

**April 27-29**  
*Dixie Fellowship*  
Anne Springs Greenway

**May 18-20**  
*Spring Fellowship*  
Camp Barstow

**July 30-August 4**  
*NOAC*  
Indiana University

**August 9-12**  
*Summer Fellowship*  
Camp Barstow

**September 8**  
*Day of Service*  
TBD

**October 12-14**  
*Fall Fellowship*  
Camp Barstow

