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CHIEFLY SPEAKING

Preston K., Lodge Chief

Muscogee Lodge could not be prouder during the past few months! We brought home Lodge of the Year, the C. Norman Alston Spirit Award, and placed second in the Quest for the Golden Arrow at the 2024 Cornerstone Conclave.

The lodge held a successful induction weekend at Camp Barstow. At the event, 130 Arrowmen gathered to provide service to Camp Barstow, with 45 Arrowmen completing their Ordeal and 16 Arrowmen earning the Brotherhood honor. We are so excited to welcome these new Arrowmen, and we are excited to see what they will contribute to the Lodge.

As for current events, Muscogee Lodge is excited to share the OA experience with Scouts at Camp Barstow this summer, offering unit elections, Call-Outs, and an AIA-focused ice cream social.

After Summer Camp, join us for our Summer SUPER Fellowship at Camp Barstow from July 18-21.



This is our biggest event of the year and gives us the unique opportunity to hold an induction and a fellowship in the same event. With our Saturday morning cartoon theme, get ready to compete for the Chapter of the Fellowship and the Spirit awards. Do not miss this great event! Looking forward to seeing all of you there!

CONCLAVE!!!

Walker Miro, Conclave Chairman

In April, Muscogee had a historic success at the 2024 Cornerstone Conclave at Belk Scout Camp! For the first time in a decade, Muscogee brought home the Lodge of the Year Award, beating all the other 8 lodges in Section E-7. This is an enormous achievement and would not have been possible without the work of our fantastic lodge officers, advisers, and Arrowmen.

Adding to our Lodge of the Year victory, we also brought home the Spirit Award for the first time since 2021. Muscogee is known for our spirit, and it showed at Conclave 2024! With over 100 Arrowmen registered for the event, we also won 1st place in Lodge Newsletter, Lodge Website, Totem Pole (Hand Carved), and 2nd place overall in Quest for the Golden Arrow. In only our second year as a lodge, Muscogee 116 established itself as a leading lodge within the section. We are excited to bring Lodge of the Year home again at Conclave 2025!



Muscogee Lodge's 2024 Cornerstone Conclave Delegation celebrates their Lodge of the Year win at the Belk Scout Camp!

ANNUAL PASS DISCOUNTED

Evans M., Newsletter Chairman

Dues are collected each calendar year and correspond to the lodge's annual recharter. Lodge members have two options for paying their dues. Arrowmen may pay their dues, then pay for each event they attend; or they may purchase an annual pass at a discounted rate. The annual pass covers the event registration cost of all local lodge events, plus an extra event patch for those who pre-register and attend the event.

We recently reached the halfway point in our lodge's calendar, so the annual pass is now discounted by 50% (to preserve the savings for the remaining lodge events). Also, we will shift to sending communications only to 2024 dues-paid members at this halfway point. Therefore, if you would like to stay up to date on everything we do as a lodge, please [pay your dues today!](#)

REGISTER FOR SUMMER SUPER FELLOWSHIP

Michael O., VC Administration

Summer Super Fellowship at Camp Barstow is July 18-21, 2024. Make sure to register before it's too late!

We will hold an ordeal for our candidates on Thursday and continue Friday through Sunday with a regular fellowship. This Fellowship will again have the Quest for the Golden Arrow. This fierce and fun competition pits chapter against chapter as Arrowmen participate in events that may remind many of the Olympic games.

How do I register for this fantastic Fellowship? Go to the Muscogee Lodge 116 Website → Events → Summer Super Fellowship → Register.



SPRING ORDEAL

Casey J., Ordeal Chairman

Overall, the Spring Ordeal was a success! We were delighted to have the opportunity to invite 45 new brothers into our brotherhood of cheerful service. Speaking of cheerful service, our new brothers got a lot done around Camp Barstow. Spreading new gravel, deep cleaning the kitchen, and ensuring all the campsites are camper-ready for this summer are just some of the tasks they completed.

As Summer Super Fellowship approaches, we will need more elangomats to accompany our candidates. If you are interested in supporting our lodge through elangomating, email vcinductions@muscogeeelodge.org.



Arrowmen re-pave path at Camp Coker

VIGIL RECAP

Madelyn Ridley, Vigil Chairman

The final member of the inaugural Vigil class of Muscogee Lodge #116 earned her Vigil Honor at the Spring Induction Weekend. The members of this class were chosen for their dedication to Scouting, their units, the council, and our lodge. Congratulations to the eighth member of our inaugural Vigil class, Jerusha Keisler.

ADVISER'S CORNER

Mason Thomas, Lodge Adviser

The previous edition of the Adviser's Corner was devoted to the OA Mission, which calls upon our youth leadership to fulfill the OA Purpose through positive leadership, under the guidance of selected capable adults. But what is the OA Purpose and how does it relate to the Arrowmen of Muscogee Lodge?

The first tenet of the OA's four-fold purpose is to "recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and through that recognition cause others to conduct themselves in a way that warrants similar recognition." Each of you already has the potential to realize this purpose, as suggested by your fellow Scouts from your home unit, who selected you for membership in the OA. However, this first recognition is only a beginning, as each of us must continue to live into the high ideals of Scouting in whatever we do, especially outside of Scouting.

Indeed, whether you are a counselor on summer camp staff or a public servant in your daily life, you are each presented with opportunities to distinguish your actions, tempering them with the spirit of the Scout Oath and Law. As each of you seeks these opportunities to fulfill our Order's first purpose, perhaps, keep in mind the words of Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of the Scouting movement:

"[Scouting's] successful application depends entirely on the grasp of the Scout spirit.... What this spirit is can only be understood by outsiders when they see it ruling...the thoughts and the actions of each member of our brotherhood."

Dr. E. Urner Goodman, our Order's co-founder, understood the importance of Scout spirit when he suggested "the Order of the Arrow is a thing of the spirit rather than of mechanics." In other words, it is not enough to simply follow the Scout Oath and the Scout Law in our actions; the intent behind our actions provides context and amplifies their meaning. When the spirit of Scouting pervades our actions, a Scout can be said to have succeeded in realizing the Order of the Arrow's first purpose.

You are each encouraged to take a moment to enjoy your successes, if only to balance out the time spent reflecting on any missed opportunities. Remember that many of the things in life that are worth doing are difficult and require both insight and repetition. But whatever you do, do it well, and may success attend your efforts.



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2024 EVENT CALENDAR





Lodge Rule Amendment 2024 Summer Super Fellowship

Explanation

This amendment will help jumpstart the process of creating and vetting memorabilia while maintaining the requirement that the youth approve all non-lodge and section event items at a lodge business meeting. Lodge and section event patches will continue to be approved by the LEC, matching the current lodge rules. This allows the LEC to plan the year's program and approve designs consistent with the program design. It will also help ensure that all patches arrive on time for events, preventing what happened at the Spring Fellowship where the patches did not arrive in time for attendees to receive them and for the lodge to sell them in person.

Ultimately, the intent of this amendment is to protect the lodge brand and its long-term health, while enabling the lodge to more easily raise funds for its members. Also, the new process will simplify and shorten lodge business meetings and clarify ambiguities in the current PIM process.

Comparison of LEC / LBM Approving Authority	
Lodge Executive Committee	Full Lodge @ Lodge Business Meeting
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lodge Event Patches 2. Conclave Patches 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Standard Flaps 2. OBV Flaps 3. Anniversary Flaps 4. NOAC Flaps & Patches 5. Jamboree Flaps & Patches 6. Other National Event Flaps & Patches 7. Regional Event Flaps & Patches 8. Fundraiser Flaps & Patches 9. Conclave Service Lodge Flaps 10. Other Non-Event Patches 11. Chenilles 12. Jacket Patches 13. Bullions 14. Neckerchiefs 15. Nendawagan Elangomat Flaps 16. Elangomat Service Round Patches 17. Witahemui Award Neckerchiefs



XIII. Lodge Insignia and Memorabilia

Current Lodge Rule

A. Lodge insignia and memorabilia will be defined as any patch, flap, chenille, jacket patch, bullion, neckerchief, belt buckle, or similarly manufactured item containing any of the lodge name, number, totems, logo, brand, or other characteristic mark as determined by the Lodge Key-3 in consultation with the Lodge Vice Chief of Finance and their adviser.

B. The creation of any lodge insignia or memorabilia must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at a lodge business meeting. Excluded from this requirement are lodge event and conclave patches, which must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at a Lodge Executive Committee Meeting. If a member of the lodge should be elected to serve as a national youth officer, the Lodge Executive Board, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, may select and approve the creation of lodge insignia or memorabilia commemorating and honoring the individual's election to the office.

C. The creation of any chapter insignia or memorabilia must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at a chapter meeting with at least one-tenth (1/10) or 6 chapter members present, whichever is greater.

D. *[Proposed to remain as-is.]*

E. In all instances of proposed lodge or chapter insignia/memorabilia, the relevant decision making body, as described in Subsections XIII-B and C of these rules, must first authorize the Lodge Patches, Insignia, and Memorabilia Committee to review proposals and make recommendations to the originating body as described in this section.

Proposed Amendment

A. Lodge insignia and memorabilia will be defined as any patch, flap, chenille, jacket patch, bullion, neckerchief, or similarly manufactured item containing any of the lodge name, number, totems, logo, brand, or other characteristic mark as determined by the Lodge Key-3 in consultation with the Lodge Vice Chief of Finance and their adviser.

B. The creation of any lodge insignia or memorabilia must be authorized by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at a Lodge Executive Committee Meeting. This action authorizes the Patches, Insignia, and Memorabilia Committee to solicit and consider designs, then make a recommendation to the Lodge Executive Committee. The Lodge Executive Committee will consider this recommendation and make a final recommendation to the lodge for approval, which will require a majority vote at a lodge business meeting. The Lodge Executive Committee may eliminate designs from consideration if more than three (3) should be proposed, but must recommend at least three (3) in such cases.



- C. Excluded from requirement XIII-B are lodge event and conclave patches. The Patches, Insignia, and Memorabilia Committee will solicit and consider designs, then make a recommendation to the Lodge Executive Committee. The Lodge Executive Committee will consider this recommendation and select a design by a majority vote at a Lodge Executive Committee Meeting.
- D. If a member of the lodge should be elected to serve as a national youth Order of the Arrow officer, the Lodge Executive Committee, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, may authorize the Patches, Insignia, and Memorabilia Committee to solicit and consider designs to commemorate this achievement, then make a recommendation to the Lodge Executive Committee. Such items may then be approved by a majority vote at a Lodge Executive Committee Meeting.
- E. The creation of any chapter insignia or memorabilia must first be authorized by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at a chapter meeting with at least one-tenth (1/10) or 6 youth chapter members present and voting, whichever is greater. This action authorizes the Patches, Insignia, and Memorabilia Committee to solicit and consider designs from members of the chapter, then make a recommendation to the chapter for approval, which will require a majority vote at a chapter business meeting with at least one-tenth (1/10) or 6 youth chapter members present and voting, whichever is greater. Before any chapter insignia or memorabilia may be produced, a sufficient quantity of pre-orders must first be secured as determined by the Lodge Key-3.
- F. The Patches, Insignia, and Memorabilia Committee will be responsible for soliciting, reviewing, and enforcing standards for all lodge and chapter insignia and memorabilia designs. It will work with designers and other stakeholders to develop a recommendation to the relevant decision making body as prescribed in this Section. The final decision making body may only accept or reject designs; it may not modify them. In instances pursuant to Subsection XIII-B where the Lodge Executive Committee reviews the recommendations of the Patches, Insignia, and Memorabilia Committee, the Lodge Executive Committee is permitted to modify designs before a recommendation is made to the appropriate decision making body.
- G. Should all designs be rejected at any point in the processes set forth in this Section, the matter is referred back to the Patches, Insignia, and Memorabilia Committee for additional consideration. Such consideration may include the solicitation of new designs, if authorized by a majority of the LEC. Any new designs will be referred to the Patches, Insignia, and Memorabilia Committee for its consideration and recommendations.
- H. Following the approval of the relevant decision making body to create an item of insignia or memorabilia, the Lodge Key-3 will be responsible for any final design decisions but in keeping with the integrity of the approved design.

[Relabel subsections to conform.]

[Update references to conform.]