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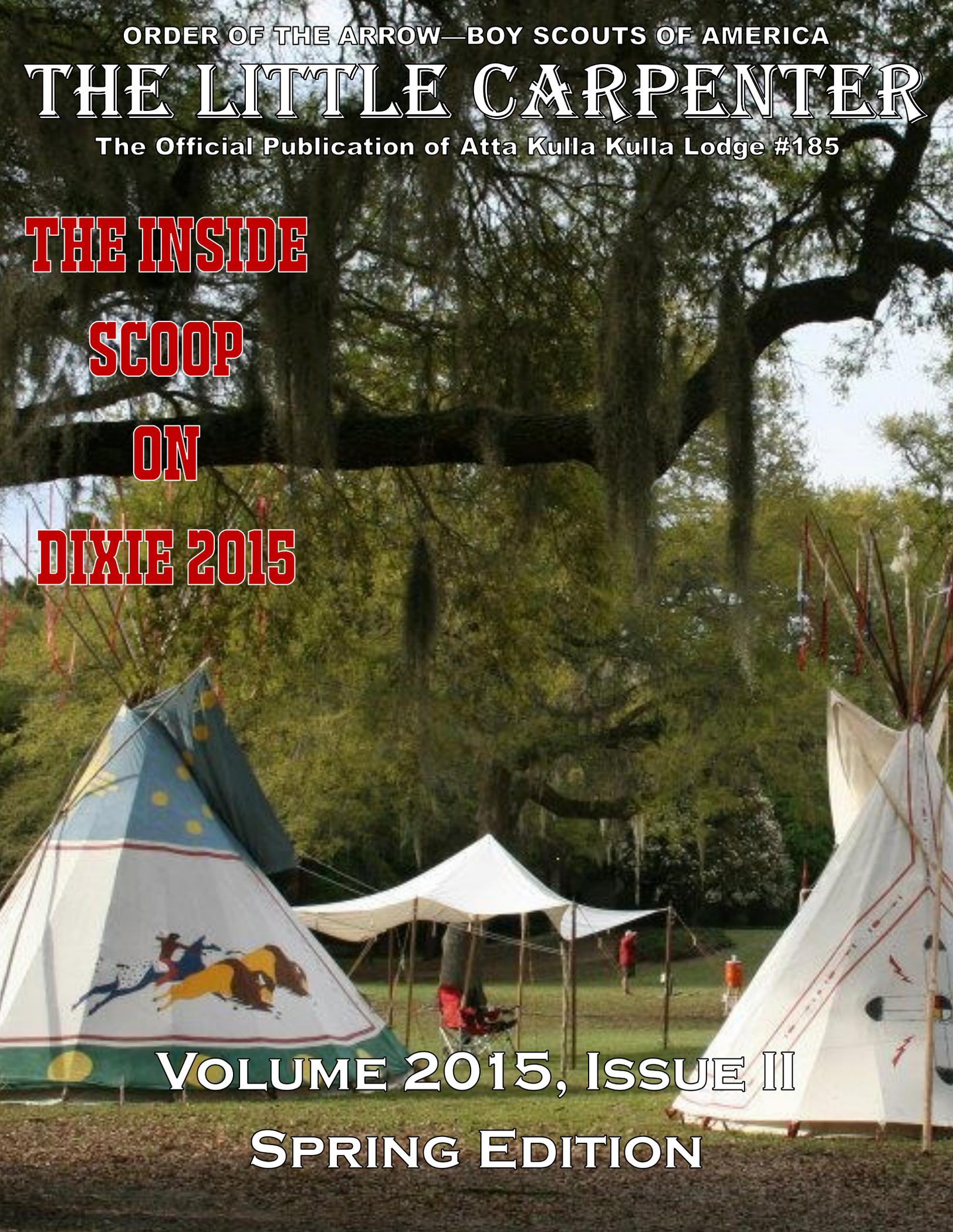
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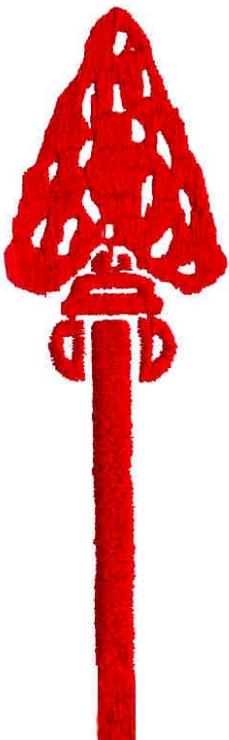
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## Lodge Calendar

April 24 to 26 :  
Dixie Fellowship at Camp Belk

May 1 to 3:  
OA Service Corps at the  
Council Exporee



## Dixie 2015: Remembering the Past, Honoring the Future

For those of you who weren't at LLDC or haven't heard through other outlets, AKK's theme for the 2015 SR5 Dixie at Belk Scout Reservation is Canada! Start looking for Canadian tee shirts, jackets, hats, or anything to wear. If not general Canada apparel, hockey apparel would be a great second. If you happen to have a Canadian flag or can acquire one for a reasonable amount of money, that would be great too. Just make sure you have something to mount it on to wave it around.



We also ask that you begin learning the Canadian National Anthem so that we can sing it at assemblies. Apologize to everyone, even if you've done nothing at all. Brush up on your Canadian pronunciations: about/about, sorry/sorey, bag/beg, Z/Zed, donchaknow, and of course, Eh? We think this will be a super fun theme that we will enjoy, and hopefully win with! If you have any questions about it, send me an email at davidhromba@gmail.com. Be sure to bring spare cash with you to Dixie as well. We will have several Lodge patches available for purchase and you can trade these to Arrowmen from other Lodges at Dixie.

*Article submitted by David Romba, Dixie Prep Committee Chairman*



## Officer Highlights

### Chiefly Speaking

Greetings Brothers,

This is a historic Lodge and this year, we celebrate 100 years of the Order and 75 years as a Lodge! Many great events are approaching and I hope all of you are prepared to go all out at Dixie in Canadian spirit. Let's make it a good one!

In the Brotherhood,  
Daniel Howard, Lodge Chief



### Reflection from our VCA

Hello brothers,

For those of you that attended the Spring Fellowship, I hope that you had a good time. Between the Sessions, Chapter led Quest Events, Capture the Flag and Pie Eating contest, it was certainly one for me to remember. I'd like to thank everyone who helped make it possible. I can't wait for Dixie and I have big plans for the Fall Fellowship! Please email me at [akkvca185@gmail.com](mailto:akkvca185@gmail.com) with any suggestions that you may have for our Lodge events.

Yours in WWW,  
Ben Rosenberger, Vice Chief of Administration



### An Exciting Update from our VCC

Hey Whippoorwills!

I hope you are having a blast reading this edition of the Little Carpenter! I am confident we will do very well in the Administration competitions at Dixie and I am very excited to have the opportunity to serve as the Section Administration Coordinator this year. Be sure to follow the Lodge on our new social media and if you have any concerns over anything, feel free to contact me at [akkvcc@gmail.com](mailto:akkvcc@gmail.com).

In Cheerfulness,  
Matthew Watson, Vice Chief of Communications



### Drum Beats from our VCAIA

Hello Brothers! The Centennial year of our Order had been a great one for the Indian Affairs team! I'm working hard to make this year's Dixie competition team one of the best ever, and I'm putting together an unbelievable show for everyone to see when they come to summer camp this year! Also, we need dancers and drummers! If you're interested in having a great time performing with us, please don't hesitate to contact me! And if you would be interested in our Indian Affairs team performing at one of your meetings, banquets, camporees, or any other event, please contact me as well! We always love opportunities to perform! My email address is [akk185vcaia@gmail.com](mailto:akk185vcaia@gmail.com).

Yours in the Brotherhood,  
Tucker Shealy, Vice Chief of American Indian Activities



### Looking Forward with our VCI

Brothers, I hope everyone has been having as much fun as I have this Centennial year! From the inductions side of things, we had 12 Brothers seal their membership at the past Spring Fellowship by going through their Brotherhood questioning! I am excited to see many more Brothers seal their membership this year, and even more Brothers join our great Order in the months to come!

In Service,  
Jakob Helderman, Vice Chief of Inductions



### Checking the Balance with the Secretary

Hey y'all! I hope each and every one of you enjoyed the Spring Fellowship as much as I did. I don't know about you, but I'm ready for Dixie, Cookout, and all the other festivities - especially NOAC. I hope to see y'all at future Scouting events!

Yours in WWW,  
James Stokes, Lodge Secretary



## Spring Fellowship in Review

From a day of capture the flag and pie eating to the induction of 12 new Brotherhood members, Spring Fellowship was a large success! Over 190 Arrowmen were in attendance and overall it was a wonderful time of fellowship for all that attended. Arrowman JR Clark recalled that, “the pie eating contest was my favorite part and it was good to see Mickey (the Lodge Adviser) get pied!” Another Arrowman, Arthur Brock, enjoyed the capture the flag game saying, “It was a remarkable sight seeing me soar across the meadow to the home side with the flag - I will never forget the feeling of relief after making the goal!”



## Join the OA Service Corps at the 2015 Exporee!

A triennial spectacular, the Council Exporee brings thousands of Scouts together for a weekend of premier Scouting adventures and programs. The 2015 Exporee will be held May 1st-3rd at SCTAC (off Hwy 25 near Greenville). This year's aviation theme –

Onward & Upward – highlights our activities and celebrates the direction of Scouting! Become a part of the legacy and serve on the Lodge Service Corps alongside the Council Venturing members. To attend the Service Corps, the fee is \$20 for food, a patch, and a t-shirt. Any one interested needs to contact James Stokes, Lodge Secretary and Council Venturing President, as soon as possible.

Space is limited to 50 Arrowmen and Venturers total.



## Spotlight on History: Reflections

*Earlier in the year, Arrowmen were asked what their favorite memories in the OA were - here are some of their responses!*

“My favorite part of being in the OA has to be playing Meteu in all but the Vigil ceremonies! The part is Legendary!!!” - Justin Kujath

“Serving as 1990 Vice Chief of Indian Affairs and being called out and going through Vigil with my dad”  
- David Cassell

“My favorite memories (collectively) are all of the Ordeals that I have had the privilege of seeing and running, including my own. Every time I learned something new or got a new understanding for the OA.”  
- David Bush

*Got ideas? Do you enjoy writing? Do you love our Lodge with a burning passion? If you answered yes to any of those questions, than you should consider submitting an article to the Little Carpenter. Your help is needed and much appreciated! The Little Carpenter is produced by Vice Chief of Communications Matthew Watson and is published quarterly each year. If you would like to submit an article or you have any suggestions, comments, or concerns, please contact Editor in Chief Matthew Watson at [akkvcc@gmail.com](mailto:akkvcc@gmail.com).*

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## Start Your Journey with OAHA!

Imagine waking up to the sunrise over the Tooth of Time, the cool crisp air hugs your breath as you gaze out at 100 different colors painted across the sky, you look down at the valley below and all you see are clouds. Now imagine paddling crystal clear lakes along the Canadian border route like the fur traders and Ojibwe have done for hundreds of years. You're sitting around a campfire made with flint and steel watching the orange glow on the faces of friends.

Picture that you were living on a 40 foot sailboat for a week, fishing and snorkeling all day in the Florida Keys and sleeping out on the deck at night. Or maybe you just want to feel the rush of wind on your face as you jump off of a platform high up in the trees and descend thousands of feet through the canopy on a zipline at the Summit. These are the sort of experiences that Arrowmen take part in every summer at Philmont, Northern Tier, Sea Base and the Summit as a part of the Order of the Arrow's High Adventure opportunities. OA High Adventure is a wholly unique experience available to youth Arrowmen. Each of these special treks is designed to challenge and inspire Arrowmen to push themselves and grow as leaders and as individuals.

OA Trail Crew at Philmont is a 2 week program where Arrowmen 16-20 can go to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico and spend a week building trails followed by a weeklong trek that the crew designs for themselves. For only \$250! OA Wilderness Voyage and OA Canadian Odyssey at Northern Tier in Minnesota/Ontario are two week programs where Arrowmen aged 16-20 can paddle around the Boundary Waters and Quetico parks, perhaps Americas most pristine wilderness area. You will spend the first week repairing portage trails throughout the forest followed by a week of paddling in the best canoe area in the world. Learning about the history of the area and camping just as the Voyageurs did, cooking over an open fire made with flint and steel.

OA Ocean Adventure is a 10 day adventure for Arrowmen between the ages of 16-20 at the Florida Sea Base where Arrowmen spend part of their trip camping and doing conservation work throughout the Florida Keys followed by 5 days aboard a 42' sail boat cruising around the keys. OA Summit Experience is an 8 day adventure for Arrowmen aged 14-18 at the Summit Bechtel Scout Reservation in West Virginia. Arrowmen will spend the first 4 days building mountain bike trails and hiking trails around the Summit. Followed by a 4 day Summit Sampler where Arrowmen can go whitewater rafting, mountain biking, rock climbing, and going down zip lines.

OA High Adventure is a great opportunity for Arrowmen to make new friends, overcome new challenges, take time in personal reflection, and experience the incredible sights and sounds of nature all at an unbeatable price that is only available to Arrowmen. So if you are planning on sitting around the house all summer or if you've earned every merit badge available at summer camp then consider doing something extraordinary this summer! Contact Lodge Leadership for more info or visit [adventure.aa-bsa.org](http://adventure.aa-bsa.org) to signup today!



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## Here's a Sneak Peak for Camp Old Indian this Summer!

Camp Old Indian has seen a variety of changes for the coming summer camp season. From family style eating in the dining hall to its very own website, Camp Old Indian will be sure to impress everyone. This year, The First Aid department has returned, and will offer new merit badges such as Disabilities awareness and former ones such as Public Health. Our Outdoor Skills department will now offer Classes for older scouts such as campfire cooking and Advanced Fire Building. Range merit badges will feature 2 hours of class time to allow you all the time you need to qualify for a badge.

The dining hall will see a new way of eating. The serving line has been abolished, and food will now be served family style. This new system will allow you to be in and out quicker and give you the right portion of food depending on who you are. Make sure you come to camp this summer! If you don't, you'll wish you had!

*Article submitted by Dylan Wilcox, Camp Promotions committee Chairman*



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## Editor's Corner: A Delegation to the Centennial Celebration

Recently, the Officers of our Lodge were invited to attend Egwa Tawa Dee Lodge's Centennial Celebration Fellowship by their Lodge Chief Christian Goerner. Egwa Tawa Dee is based in SR-9 and is the home Lodge of the Atlanta Area Council. Matthew Watson, Tucker Shealy, and Jakob Helderman accepted the invitation and traveled down to Camp Bert Adams near Atlanta, Georgia in March. While at Centennial Celebration, many unique experiences happened. While at Centennial Celebration, all three Officers became good friends with SR-9 Chief Patrick Mapp, I-Tsu-La's (formally Tomo Chi Chi) Lodge Chief Austin Thrift, and Region Chief Alex Leach. During Centennial Celebration, our Officers participated in many events ranging from Matthew grass dancing at Egwa's powwow to Tucker and Jakob competing in the pie-eating contest. Perhaps the most valuable thing our Officers took from trip was the opportunity to see how other Lodges carry out large events like our Fellowships.



## At a Glance...

### Executive Committee Meeting Highlights:

(To view the full meeting minutes, please visit the Lodge website)

**Spring Fellowship:** At this ECM, a new logo for Sahkanaga was approved, it was decided that new Lodge t shirts would be designed, and the Council Exporee was discussed.

### Vital Signs: 2015 Year

2015 Newly Inducted Brotherhood Members: 12 Brothers



## Adviser's Minute

We are in the midst of an exciting year, from the Lodge and the OA anniversaries this year to the level of activity that has reached rare levels! We had almost 190 attend the Spring Fellowship last month and we have a 105 person contingent registered for Dixie. This is the largest AKK Dixie contingent in several years. Also, the Lodge contingent to NOAC is filled and completing preparations for attendance. ArrowTour is heading our way in July as well and will be hosted by our Brothers in Muscogee Lodge. Further, the Greenville Drive Scout Night, July 7, will focus on the Order of the Arrow this year! Also, the Lodge is organizing a service corps for the Exporee as well. All this is in addition to our regular summer Wednesday Night Pageant at Camp Old Indian, our Ordeal and Brotherhood inductions, Vigil Callout, Cookout, and Fall Fellowship. In short, there is something for everyone. I want to encourage all Arrowmen to pick some activity and participate in this unprecedented year.

Mickey Stokes  
AKK Lodge Adviser



*"Commitment is  
what transforms  
a promise into  
reality."  
- President  
Lincoln*

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