

# The Bow

## December 2000

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### **Fall Ordeal -- Bill Barry**

The Fall Ordeal was a complete success. It was an amazing time of fun, work, and fellowship. Brothers and Ordeal Candidates came out to Camp Daniel Boone and made improvements to the camp's appearance. The main project of the weekend was the clearing of the bank behind the new dining hall area.

We were fortunate to have several Brothers who sealed their membership in the Order on Saturday afternoon by participating in the Brotherhood ceremony. Later that night, we inducted our new Ordeal Brothers, and then, we held our yearly elections. There was a wonderful turnout for this weekend. Thanks to all who came out for our Fall Fellowship and worked hard.

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### **Camping Promotions -- Todd Knaperek**

If asked, could you tell someone your favorite place to go camping? Would it be a small, secluded area in the heart of the Shining Rock Wilderness? Or could it be in an underground cavern such as the Lost Sea in Sweetwater, Tennessee? All of us have our own special favorite place to go camping. My favorite camping area for instance is Unali'yi's council camp, Camp Ho Non Wah. Located in Charleston, SC, the wonderful views of the Charleston wetlands, the masses of Spanish moss hanging in the trees, and the warm year-round climate make this the perfect setting for a memorable experience (All of us will get to experience this at the 2002 Dixie Fellowship).

Now that you know what my favorite place to camp is, we would like to hear where your favorite places to camp are. We are asking everyone to email Tsali Lodge and tell us where your favorite place is to go camping. Where it is, what it involves, and personal experiences will gladly be accepted. The information we get from you fellow Arrowmen will help us in our construction of the Lodge's "Where To Go Camping Guide" which we will soon publish for our units. If you wish to contribute to this effort, please

contact the Lodge Chief with a brief overview of where your camping spot is and a little bit about it. Remember, Arrowmen are expected to give back to Scouting, giving ideas such as areas to go camping is one way in which we as Arrowmen can share good experiences we have had to the newer Scouts in our council.

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### **Troop Representative -- Todd Knaperek**

As our lodge continues to grow, our need for adequate communication becomes more and more vital. And because our council is so large, with much space in between areas, it becomes harder and harder to keep in touch with the individual troops within the council, especially with OA events. That is why this year, the 2001-2002 administration plans to implement the nationally acclaimed troop representative program. The troop representative is a unit position. He is the direct link of communication between the lodge and the individual unit. He is responsible for getting the latest news and dates for upcoming Lodge events to his unit and to encourage fellow Arrowmen in his unit to attend the outings. It is a simple job but a vital job, one that the Arrowmen must be dedicated to doing and keeping. The Troop Reps will be organized by a chairman who will give them information which they need to relay onto their troops. A chairman has yet to be appointed, but when he is appointed we will address him as soon as possible. If you are interested in being a troop representative, please contact the Lodge Chief. Please give us your name, unit number, email, address, and phone number so we will be able to know which units have reps in them. Please become a Troop Representative. It is a vital job and for all you Scouts out there looking for leadership positions for rank advancement, the Troop Rep is a troop position that can go towards these requirements. Please consider this position.

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### **Dixie 2001 -- Charlie Krug**

This year we all put a lot of effort into being the host lodge for "Dixie 2000." It took a lot of planning and hard work with 156 Tsali Lodge Arrowmen participating this past April. Now it's our turn to go and have some fun, compete in the events, and renew friendships with the other lodges.

We are limited to 100 delegates. To reserve your space a \$15 deposit must be in our Council office by January 16, 2001. The total fee will be determined by the upcoming Council of Chiefs and will be approximately \$45. It will include all the fees for the weekend, a delegate patch, and a unique Tsali Lodge 2001 T-shirt and hat. The Dixie will be held at Camp John J. Barnhard in Albemarle, NC. Transportation has not been determined but the least expensive would be to carpool and share in the cost.

At the March fellowship we will practice for the Quest events. If you are new to the lodge you would not have had a chance to attend "The Dixie" as a delegate but probably worked as a host this year. Put April 27-29 on your calendar as attending "The Dixie" as one of the main events of the Order of the Arrow.

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## Chiefly Speaking

Dear Brothers,

This will be my final article written as Lodge Chief. Looking back at what we as a lodge have accomplished, I am glad I had the opportunity to serve as your Chief. When I became Chief, I had some goals I wanted to see met. One was to host an awesome Dixie (Mission Accomplished). I wanted to see our numbers grow (Again Mission Accomplished). I also wanted to increase communication within the Lodge. Though that problem was not entirely fixed, many aspects of it are and the entire problem will be fixed soon. I've said it before and I will say it again, we have had one interesting year. From Dixie to Arrow Tech, Tsali Lodge has been through it all. We have had excellent growth this year and have conquered every challenge that has come our way. With this excellent training, I see nowhere for Tsali to go but up. With Bill Barry as our new Lodge Chief and with his new administration, Tsali will stay one of the best lodges in the Southern Region. Last year was extremely hectic for everyone. Let's relax a little this year and have some fun. I want to see a boatload of ribbons come home with us after this Dixie. Finally, I would like to say that though I am no longer your Lodge Chief, if anyone has any questions about the Lodge or anything in general, you are still more than welcome to come talk to me. I am proud to be a member of Tsali Lodge and I plan to stay here for quite a while. Thanks for a great year.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Brian Simpson