



Section Officer Elections

It's that time of year again. Section Elections are upon us, and the editorial staff of the Five Feathers wanted to provide Arrowman with the opportunity to hear from their brothers seeking elected positions. Included in this newsletter are letters from these Arrowmen about who they are and why they feel that they are the best choices for their positions. We wish them all the best of luck and know that they would all do a good job.

Section Chief

Brothers,

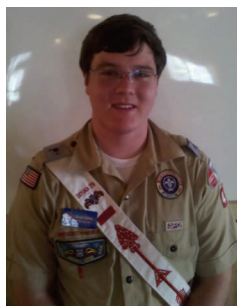
Hi! My name is Taylor Thomas and I'm running for SR-5 Chief. Just to give you a little about myself. I've been active in the OA for the past 7 years where I have held 7 leadership positions for Skyuka Lodge. I'm a Vigil Honor member, Founders Award Recipient, Eagle Scout, and Indian on the Mountain recipient. Currently, I hold the position of Skyuka Lodge Chief and SR-5 Training Coordinator.

One of the things I have enjoyed the most about being Lodge Chief this past year is the opportunity to travel to other lodges in the section. This past year I had the chance to visit seven out of the eleven lodges in the section. During my travel I had the time of my life! I helped Muscogee with brotherhood conversion, Tsali with their Ordeal, spent time with Vigil brothers at AKK, enjoyed a feast at the Catawba Lodge Banquet, and enjoyed friendship at Itibap. What I have realized as Lodge Chief is that while Dixie is all about friendly competition, the rest of the time we should focus on brotherhood.

If elected SR-5 Chief I promise to promote brotherhood within our section by visiting every lodge in our section. I promise to increase communication on the section level through email, newsletter and conference calls. I promise to work with every lodge to ensure that our entire section receives quality lodge. I promise to work hard with Itibap to ensure the 2012 Dixie Fellowship is the best it can be. Most importantly I promise to give 110% in everything I do! Thank you for this opportunity and I LOVE YOU BROTHERS!!!

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Taylor M. Thomas
Skyuka Lodge Chief
SR-5 Knowledge & Training Coordinator



Brothers,

I wanted to take a moment of your time to discuss this upcoming election with you, and I feel that the most important thing to consider when you go to cast your vote is what a candidate's plan for his term is. Generally it is important to decide whether or not a candidate has the necessary experience for a position, but all of the candidates before you have been pre-approved by our Scout Executives, so you know that all of us are qualified, so our ideas are the only things that separate us as candidates. Keeping that in mind, I would like to discuss my plans for the Section.

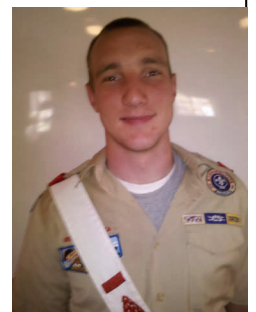
My vision for the Section can be summarized by saying that I think that the Section should give back to the Lodges. The first way the Section should go about doing this is by producing regular newsletters. These newsletters would not be the typical newsletter that only give summaries of the past 4 months in each Lodge. I want the newsletters to teach Lodge Officers in each Lodge how to better serve their brothers. This is not to say that they will not be used for communication, but the main focus will teaching hard to learn skills, like group dance and team sing to Lodges with fewer resources.

I also would like to fully embrace the Section Training event that John has thought up. At this event, I want to have Lodges communicate and fellowship and once again share information. This information would range from different ways to run meetings to in depth classes for team dance and sing.

I am itching to implement these ideas and many more, and for these reasons I feel that I would be the best choice for Section Chief.

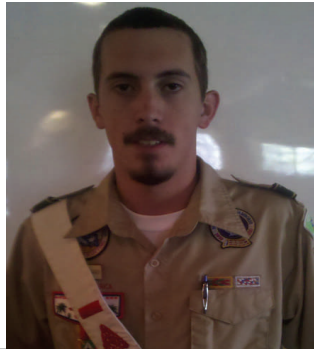
Yours in Service,

James Hylemon
SR-5 Section Vice Chief



Section Vice-Chief

Being the former Lodge Chief of Santee Lodge, and still active in the OA I feel that I could make SR-5 even better if elected Section Vice-Chief. I want to see more Lodge's interacting with each other outside of Dixie Fellowship. With more Lodges interacting together and swapping ideas with each other it not only helps your lodge better, but help's our section better as a whole. Along with making your lodge better and our section, it also helps our section get stronger and more in unison as we prepare for NOAC in 2012 at Michigan State. I thank you for your time and when it comes time to vote remember to vote Thomas Yeager for Section Vice-Chief.

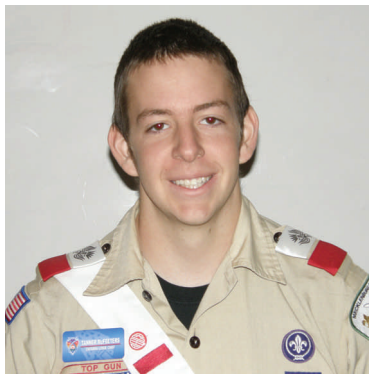


My Brothers, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Ty Conley, I am the current Esau Huppeday Lodge Chief, and I want to be your Section Vice-Chief. As your Vice-Chief, I would make a change in the Section by actually carrying out the Lodge Assistance Program by coming to your Lodges and working with your Lodge leaders to improve aspects of your Lodge that they feel that they need help in improving. I would work with John Cuenin and the newly elected Section Chief to make the Section Training Seminar a reality so your Lodge Leaders can become better equipped to carry out their responsibilities and make your Lodges even better than they already are. I would take a special interest in working with your Lodge Chiefs and the Section Chief and Secretary to improve communication in the Section and improve the Section as a whole. And lastly, I will work with Itibapishe Iti Hollo Lodge to make the 2012 Dixie Fellowship the best it can be. Once again, thank you for the opportunity to run for Section Vice-Chief and I hope you will make the right choice in deciding who to vote for.

Section Secretary

Hey guys,

I'm Matt Forster, from Muscogee Lodge #221 and I am running for Section Secretary. First off, I would like to thank Tsali for putting on an amazing Dixie thus far. I have been to five different lodge banquets this year already. If elected section secretary I plan on attending at least one event from each lodge, to help strengthen the communication and ties between each lodge in SR 5. Also as Secretary I promise to have at least four 5 Feathers out in the upcoming year. Thank you for letting me have the opportunity to run for Section Secretary and vote for me! Hope you all have a great rest of Dixie 2011.



Hey everybody,

My name is Tanner McFeeters and I am currently the Catawba Lodge Chief. Many of you may recognize me from your annual banquets or fellowships. In the past year I have tried to visit some other lodges in the Section to find out how everyone else operates. I gained tons of valuable information about elangomat programs, membership retention, and ways to get scouts excited about the order of the arrow. I brought all of these great pieces of information back to my Lodge and am already working to improve those areas in need of being improved. Still, communication is a struggle with all lodges and I want to work to make communication between the Secretary and the lodge chiefs the best it can be. The five feathers is a great way for lodges to stay up to date on what everyone in the section is doing and this year we will have those newsletters going out frequently to keep everyone posted on everything SR-5! If that sounds like a good year, vote me, Tanner McFeeters, for Section Secretary.

