



Old officers and Stephen Frein toss
2013 Lodge Chief Todd Goldfarb
from the dock at Camp Durant

THE TIPPI

Winter 2013 - New Officer Edition

Chiefly Speaking with Stephen Frein

My fellow Brothers,

It is an honor to have been elected as your 2014 Lodge Chief! I am excited to have the opportunity to work with some of the best youth around to put together a great program for you and your fellow arrowmen over the course of the next year.

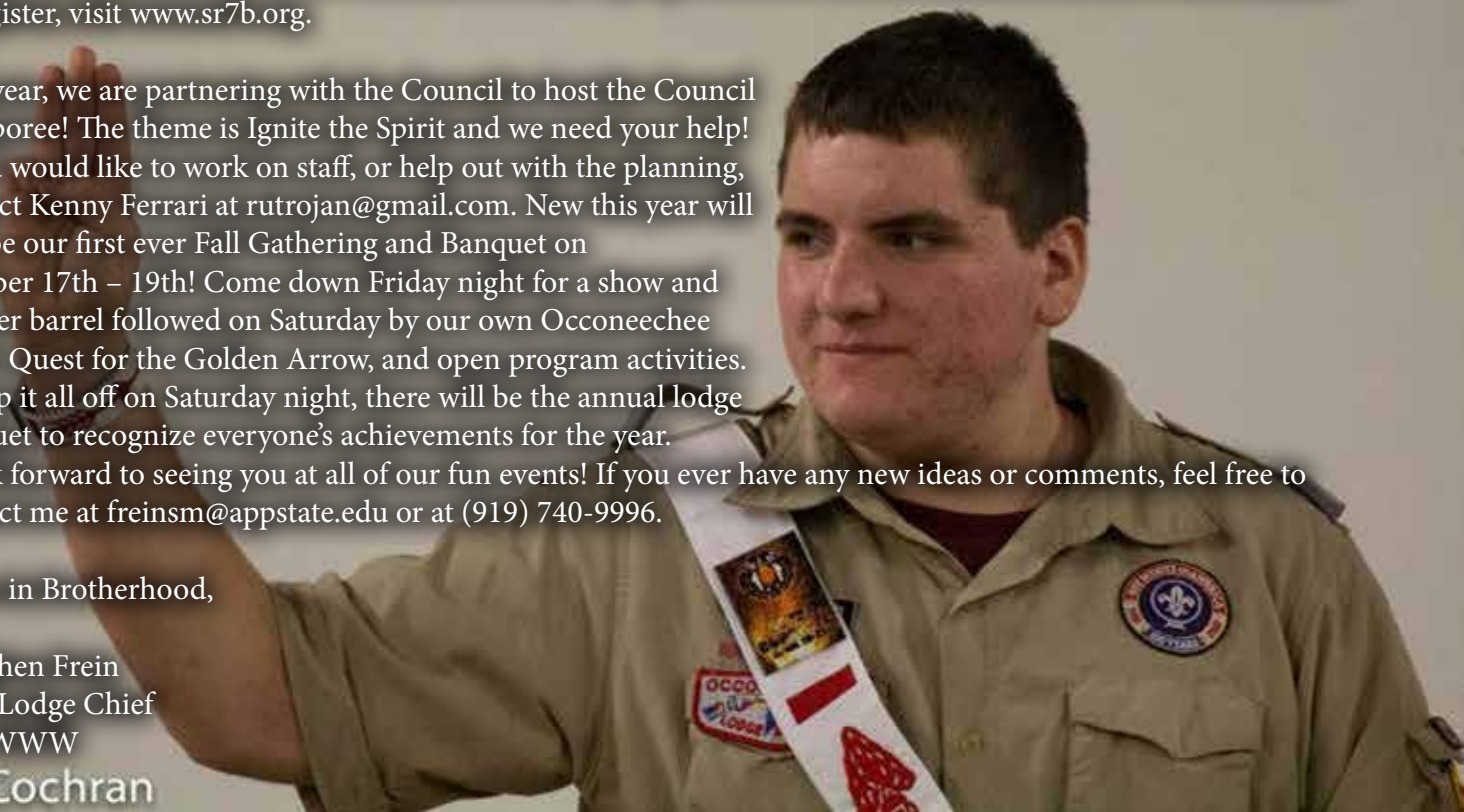
I am a freshman studying political science with a concentration in pre-professional legal studies at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. I love the mountains and could not imagine a better place to live during the school year! My favorite hobbies are backpacking, fly fishing, woodcarving, and white water kayaking. I first became involved with the OA in the spring of 2009 and have loved every second of it since. Patch trading, participating in ceremonies, and helping my chapter win the spirit stick have been some of the highlights. If there is one thing that I would highly suggest you to do, it would be to look up a committee that interests you, contact the committee chairman, and get involved!

This year we have a lot to look forward to starting with Spring Powwow March 14th – 16th. Come dressed up in your favorite sombrero and poncho in preparation for our Conclave theme of FIESTA!!! The chapter with the best showing of fiesta spirit will take home the coveted spirit award. We will also be holding our first ordeal for the year and will need your help with ceremonies, service, and being an elangomat. Our two other ordeal events will be Spring Inductions and Fall Fellowship on May 16th-18th and September 19th-21st. April 25th-27th at Camp Bowers in White Oak, NC will be the 2014 Conclave hosted by Klahican Lodge 331. Conclave is one of the most fun events that you can attend. It is like a mini Jamboree with fun exhibits, competitions and activities. This past year, we hosted conclave and had over 1,700 people attend! For more information and to find out how to register, visit www.sr7b.org.

This year, we are partnering with the Council to host the Council Camporee! The theme is Ignite the Spirit and we need your help! If you would like to work on staff, or help out with the planning, contact Kenny Ferrari at rutrojan@gmail.com. New this year will also be our first ever Fall Gathering and Banquet on October 17th – 19th! Come down Friday night for a show and cracker barrel followed on Saturday by our own Occoneechee OAX, Quest for the Golden Arrow, and open program activities. To cap it all off on Saturday night, there will be the annual lodge banquet to recognize everyone's achievements for the year. I look forward to seeing you at all of our fun events! If you ever have any new ideas or comments, feel free to contact me at freinsm@appstate.edu or at (919) 740-9996.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Stephen Frein
2014 Lodge Chief
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Meet Your 2014 Vice Chief of Program: Will Rea

Service, Ceremonies, Webelos, and Shows, these are all things that I make sure happen throughout the year. As your Vice Chief of Program for 2014, I will do my best to make sure that all of these things happen and that they succeed without a hitch. I work with each of my chairman throughout the year to make sure that the programs each arrowman sees is excellent. I am also excited to be the Vice Chief of Program for other reasons, especially helping people get excited about Conclave. Don't forget your sombrero and poncho this year because there is a Fiesta happening at Camp Bowers at Conclave in April!

I am an 18 year-old Eagle Scout from Troop 232 in Cary and a member of Netami Chapter. Currently I am a freshman at NC State in the College of Engineering. I've served previously as Vice Chief of Program for my chapter and have worked on summer camp staff for 5 years. I'm looking forward to an exciting year and I hope to see all of you at Camp Durant in the near future!

WWW
Will Rea
Vice Chief of Program
Occoneechee Lodge 104



Meet Your 2014 Vice Chief of Administration: A.J. Raulynaitis

Hello everyone:

Thanks for electing me as your 2014 Vice Chief of Administration!

A little bit about me: I'm from Troop 10 of Amangi-Newo chapter.

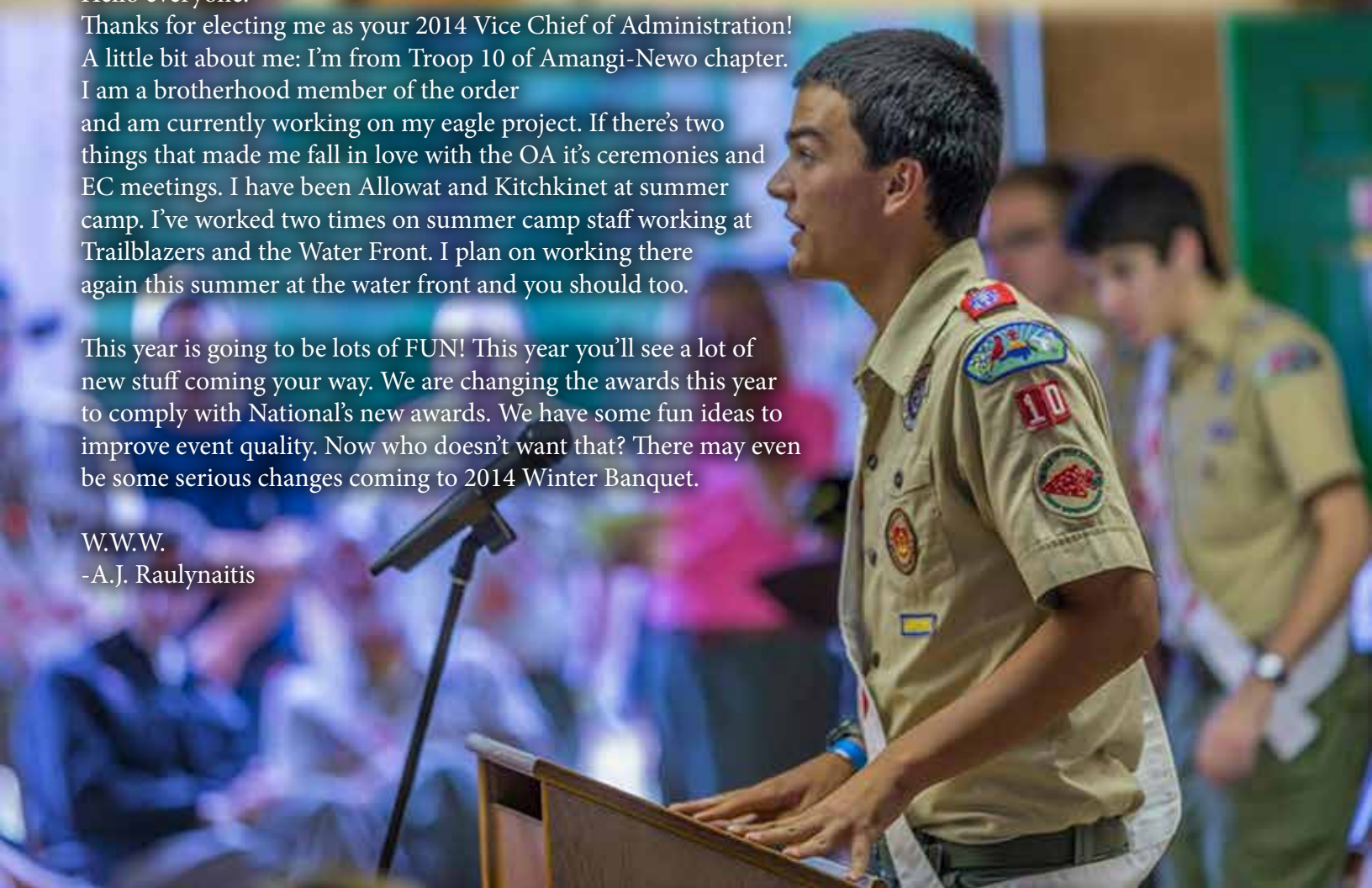
I am a brotherhood member of the order

and am currently working on my eagle project. If there's two things that made me fall in love with the OA it's ceremonies and EC meetings. I have been Allowat and Kitchkinet at summer camp. I've worked two times on summer camp staff working at Trailblazers and the Water Front. I plan on working there again this summer at the water front and you should too.

This year is going to be lots of FUN! This year you'll see a lot of new stuff coming your way. We are changing the awards this year to comply with National's new awards. We have some fun ideas to improve event quality. Now who doesn't want that? There may even be some serious changes coming to 2014 Winter Banquet.

W.W.W.

-A.J. Raulynaitis



Meet Your 2014 Vice Chief of Communications: Gray Barnhill

Brothers,

Thanks so much for electing me the 2014 Vice Chief of Communications.

My name is Gray Barnhill and I am an Eagle Scout from Wendell, North Carolina. I am 16 years old and a junior in high school at East Wake Academy. I am from Neusiok Chapter and I have worked on summer camp staff. I completed my Ordeal at Spring Inductions of 2011. I then got involved when my Chapter Adviser asked me to help with an awards banquet. I started attending all lodge events that I could, and this past Fall Fellowship, I decided to run for Vice Chief of Communications. I am very excited for this upcoming year. So much has already happened and I can't wait to see where the lodge goes from here. I have some great ideas to improve the lodge, but if you ever have any ideas, let me know. I am interested in seeing everyone at Winter Banquet and can't wait to work with my fellow lodge officers.

Adios, (FIESTA)

WWW,
-Gray Barnhill
Occoneechee Lodge 104

Meet Your 2014 Vice Chief of Finance: Ryan Biegert

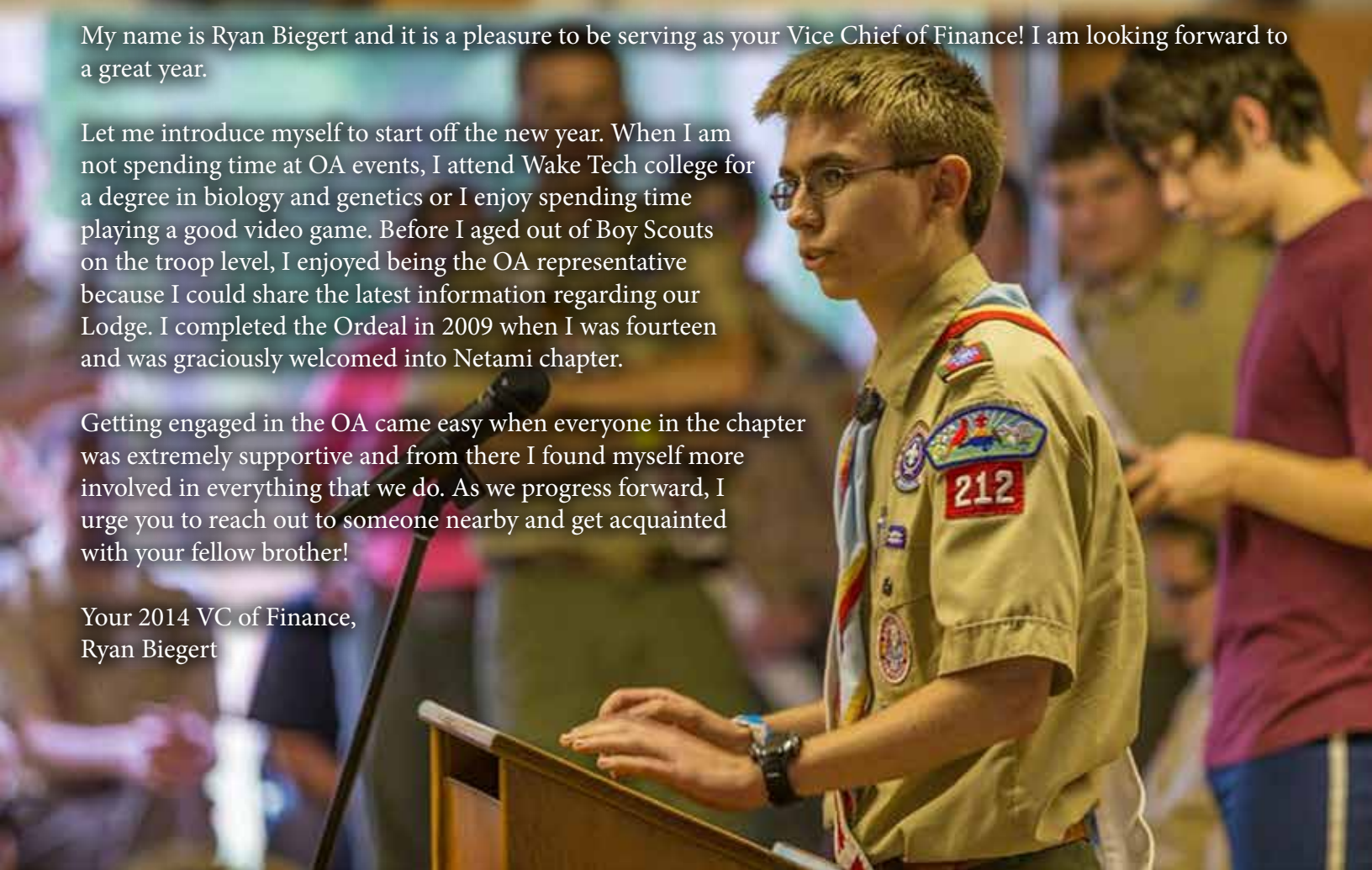
Hey Lodge 104!

My name is Ryan Biegert and it is a pleasure to be serving as your Vice Chief of Finance! I am looking forward to a great year.

Let me introduce myself to start off the new year. When I am not spending time at OA events, I attend Wake Tech college for a degree in biology and genetics or I enjoy spending time playing a good video game. Before I aged out of Boy Scouts on the troop level, I enjoyed being the OA representative because I could share the latest information regarding our Lodge. I completed the Ordeal in 2009 when I was fourteen and was graciously welcomed into Netami chapter.

Getting engaged in the OA came easy when everyone in the chapter was extremely supportive and from there I found myself more involved in everything that we do. As we progress forward, I urge you to reach out to someone nearby and get acquainted with your fellow brother!

Your 2014 VC of Finance,
Ryan Biegert



Adviser's Minute

From:

Kevin Blackwood

Greeting my Brothers!

As the incoming Lodge Adviser for the Occoneechee Council, it is my pleasure to share a little information about myself and my vision for the Lodge in coming years. I am from Greensboro, North Carolina, where I began scouting in Pack 230, which was then part of the General Greene Council. I was inducted into Tali Tak Taki, Lodge 70, at Camp Wenasa in 1978 along with my father, who inspired me to continue scouting as an adult. Since then, I've held a number of adult leadership positions in Scouting including Neusiok Chapter Adviser. I love the outdoors and was part of the Summit staff for this past national Jamboree.

When I was approached to assume the role of Lodge Adviser, I felt it a very great honor and privilege to be associated with such a great group of leaders of all ages. I also felt very fortunate to have worked on a number of projects with Mr. Wells in the preceding three years to gain some insight into his leadership style which has helped to make Occoneechee into the strong lodge it is today.

In 2013, Occoneechee Lodge exceeded our goals for attendance at events and our membership growth number and contributed both funding and labor for service projects at Camp Durant beyond expectations.

Looking into the future, I can only imagine where Occoneechee will be in the next 6 years if we continue to focus on membership retention, developing strong leaders and continuing the spirit of cheerful service.

Best wishes for the coming Holiday Season.
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Kevin Blackwood
Lodge Adviser



Winter Banquet

From Lodge104.net:

Winter Banquet is coming up soon. The event is being held December 7th at beautiful Camp Durant. Early tickets sales ended Nov. 23rd but you can still purchase tickets at the new price. Here is the link to the online ticket store: <http://shop.lodge104.net/products/2013-winter-banquet> Tickets are now \$18 and will increase again the day of the event so don't delay. Tickets at the door are \$20 and sales will be extremely limited. When you get there, you will also receive a Winter Banquet Patch! Please make sure to purchase your tickets and come and join us for a time of fun and fellowship.

Conclave

What is Conclave?.....Conclave is a big Order of the Arrow gathering of brothers from around the section. Our section is SR-7B. It involves many other lodges and it is a ton of fun completed with OAX and Patch Trading.

Where is Conclave being held?.....Camp Bowers, White Oak, NC

When is Conclave?.....April 25-27, 2014

What's our theme?.....FIESTA!

What's our cheer?....."Somos numero Uno, O Cuatro."

2013-2014 Event Calendar

Saturday, December 7
Winter Banquet

Friday, October 10-12, 2014
Council Camporee

Friday, March 14-16, 2014
Spring Pow-Wow

Friday, October 17-19, 2014
Vigil Weekend / Fall Recognitions

Friday, April 25-27, 2014
CONCLAVE

Friday, November 14, 2014
Lodge Leadership Development

Friday, May 16-19, 2014
Spring Inductions

Saturday, November 29-30, 2014
50 Miler

Friday, September 19-21, 2014
Fall Fellowship
Webelos OA Weekend

Message From the Editor

Hello everyone!

This is Michael Helsel, your 2013-2014 TIPI Editor-in-Chief. I'm really excited for the next year and hope to bring you some of the most exciting TIPIs yet. There are a few ways you can jump in on the TIPI action to bring the best TIPI's to Occoneechee lodge:

Become a staff writer! If you have an interest in communications and sharing the latest information with the lodge, we could use your help. It's a small commitment to the lodge and is a great way to get engaged. I look forward to working together to share the cool things happening in the Occoneechee Lodge.

Join the photography committee! The TIPI works hand in hand with Walter Vozzo (Photography Chairman) to bring great visual content to our publications.

If you would like to be featured in the next TIPI or are excited about getting engaged with the TIPI team, feel free to contact me at michaelhelsel24@gmail.com!

Best,
Michael Helsel

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