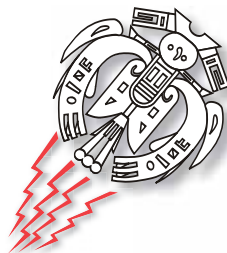




2007 SR-7B Cardinal Conclave A Big Success for Lodge 104


Over one thousand Scouts from across North Carolina converged on the Occoneechee Scout Reservation in April as part of the Section SR7-B Cardinal Conclave that was held at Camp Durant April 20-22. Each year a different lodge in the Section takes a turn hosting their fellow Scouts for the weekend at their council's camp.



Conclave provided a chance for Arrowmen from around the State to gather for fun and fellowship. Highlights from Saturday's program included American Indian dancing and singing competitions; rock climbing; and cooking demonstrations. The weekend also offered participants a chance to receive training in leadership, high adventure, and Scout skills. Instructors from the US Army's SERE school were on hand to demonstrate for scouts how to survive in the wilderness. The SERE display included lessons on how to make your own rope and unique ways to start fire. All of the training and displays were part of the OA Xperience – a training initiative launched three years ago to offer more interesting training opportunities to those attending Conclave.

Hosting the event is a lot of work. Members of Occoneechee Lodge began planning the event over two years ago. A unique feature of the Order of the Arrow is that youth are put in top leadership positions. A steering committee of about 20 youth was in charge of planning food, logistics, housing, and shows for the event. Planning the event gives those involved a chance to develop leadership skills. In preparation for Conclave, Occoneechee Lodge held a series of work weekends at Camp Durant to paint, clear brush, and even sweep out shower houses.

A central theme of Conclave is spirit. Each of the six lodges that attended chose a theme for their lodge for the weekend. It was not unusual to see people walking around dressed as pirates, medieval knights or construction workers. As the lodges paraded onto the Vista for the Friday night show, the surrounding forest echoed with spirited chants and cheers. Lodges got a chance to show off their spirit during the spirit parade. This year each lodge designed and constructed a float. Although each lodge came up with creative entries, Croatan Lodge outdid the others with their moving talking deer, the lodge's totem. The parade is a precursor to the Quest events competition. The Quest for the Golden Arrow competition is a consortium of wacky events such as the Extreme Puzzle Race and the Chief/Adviser Spam Toss. At the end of the weekend an award is given to the most spirited lodge. This year Wahissa Lodge of the Old Hickory Council in Winston-Salem won the award.

At the end of the weekend, Arrowmen walk away with a renewed sense of enthusiasm and brotherhood. 2008's event will be hosted by Klahican Lodge and will be held at Camp Bowers. Plan to go with our contingent for the fun and fellowship! 



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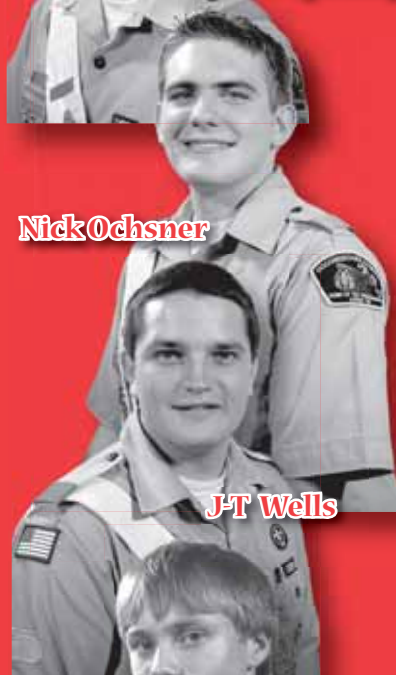
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2007 Chief's Corner

This past summer I had the opportunity to spend some time at Camp Durant, mostly just for a few evenings here or there, but I also got to spend a few days down there. It was great to get to spend time down there with the Staff and all of our brothers that support the Council Summer Camp program. Thanks to everyone who worked on Staff or volunteered down there this summer.

One evening, after spending the afternoon at Camp Durant, I started to head back to Raleigh on US 15-501 between Carthage and Tramway. As I was driving along the two-lane highway through the rural countryside, I came around a curve and noticed an SUV pulled over on the side of the road with the hood up. Normally, I would have slowed down and just kept on driving, but something felt different tonight. I don't know if it was because it was late and dark, or because this was one of only a few vehicles I had seen since I left Carthage, but I felt

compelled to stop. So I slowed down and pulled off the road in front of the vehicle.

As I climbed out of my truck, I said a little prayer that I wouldn't be murdered or robbed, or something horrible like that. I walked back to the SUV and there was a young Hispanic mother, trying to quiet her crying child in the back seat. The young mother did not speak English very well but with some effort, I discerned that the engine was overheating and needed some water.

So I hopped back in my truck, drove back to a service station in Carthage, purchased three gallons of water, returned to the young mother and filled up the SUV's radiator. As I was finishing, I asked where the young lady was headed and told her I would follow her to a service station in Tramway. Before we left, she tried to pay me and I respectfully declined. But right before we went our separate ways, I ask how her long she had been on the side of the road. As we struggled through the language bar-

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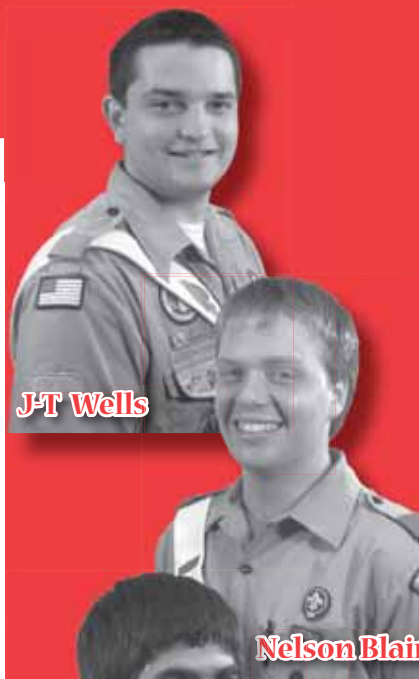
Lodge 104 — Home of the Thunderbird!



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2008 Chief's Corner

I am honored to have been elected by you as your new Lodge Chief. I know it is not only a great honor, but also a great responsibility. We have many new goals for this year and I hope each and every one of you will participate in our activities to help us meet them.

First, I hope to start a *Camp Durant Program Area* each OA weekend. As honor campers, we need to be leaders within our troops on camping subjects. These programs will help strengthen our camping skills knowledge and sense of fellowship with other brothers.

Secondly, I propose the creation of a Lodge-sponsored *Chapter Rebuilding Team*. This three-step process will take two to three years and will involve researching, educating, and instilling the plan the team develops to strengthen our chapters. We will be looking for team members from all chapters to help us in this process to strengthen our chapters.

Lastly, I want to hold a weekend, similar to the Webelos Cub Scout OA Program, for all Boy Scouts of the Council. This weekend would use our vast resources within the Lodge to help train our troops in Scouting, leadership, and camping.

I am looking forward to this year's Conclave and hope we can to send 175 delegates. We also are gathering a contingent to participate in the *ArrowCorps5* program at one of the five sites across the country. See more information about this program in this issue of the *Tipi*. I hope that everyone will stay involved and continue to be great participants and leaders within this great Lodge!

On behalf of the Lodge, I want to thank past Lodge Chief, James Spratley, and past Lodge Advisor, Rodney McDonald. Rodney is stepping down after many years of wonderful service and the Lodge is indebted to him for all of the time and dedication he has given to us.

In Brotherly Cheerful Service,
J-T Wells
2008 Lodge Chief

Lodge 104 — Home of the Thunderbird!



Adviser's Minute

After a busy and successful spring, a restful summer, and a fall filled with anticipation we begin the new year. By now new officers have been elected and it has been announced that Tom Wells will take my place. It is with a heavy heart that I leave the Advisers position. I have served either as Lodge Adviser or the Adviser to the Vice Chief for 14 years. It is time that the lodge got an injection of new blood. (or before they tar and feather me)

I would like to thank all those that have served with me these last few years, especially those 5 young men whom served as Chief. Trust me, I have learned as much from you as I ever was able to share. I will cherish these years as the best years of my scouting. You all have remarkable futures.

To the adults whom have either kept me out of trouble (or made sure I stayed in it) I thank you all for your patience. We have had some great times. We have all

had the best jobs in scouting. Rob Grau and Cameron Bowe stayed with me throughout and I appreciate you guys more than anyone can tell. To the other associate advisers thanks for putting up with me, I know that it always isn't




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easy. To those that I have offended I sincerely apologize.

This year is time for us to participate in a Conclave and sit back and rest. After last years event, which we hosted, a break is deserved. Over 1000 arrowmen from across the section participated as

either day guest or contingent members. To all that served, we thank you for helping 104 show it had the right stuff.

This is not the end. Tom and the new Chief J-T, have new goals and plans to take Occoneechee to the next level, but they will need all of your support to be successful. There will be changes to come, but look at them as opportunities. ArrowCorp5 takes place in the coming year. This is an exciting opportunity for us, as Arrowmen, to serve our national parks and have time to enjoy the activities and beauty that each provides. Look forward to many new programs, which will be offered on the lodge, section, or National level.

I hope to see you all in the future. Now that I won't be running to and from meetings at events I hope to have time to renew old acquaintances and make new ones. Again thank you all for your support all these years. See you at Winter Banquet. 

*Yours in the Brotherhood,
Rodney McDonald*



Eagle Summit to be Held at Camp Durant



I'm an Eagle Scout – Now What?

You'll find out April 25-27, 2008 at the Occoneechee Council Eagle Summit at Camp Durant. Eagles of all ages are invited to attend a special weekend just for Eagles to learn more about the privileges, responsibilities and honor of being an Eagle. Meet and talk with our special guests plus many community leaders that are fellow Eagle Scouts – ministers, military personnel, lawyers, doctors, ath-

letes, bankers, teachers, public officials and other business professionals who will discuss being an Eagle. We will also have every program area at Durant open to enjoy – rifle range, shotgun, canoeing, kayaking, COPE and the climbing tower.

Who Are Our Special Guests?

- **Congressman Bob Etheridge**
US House of Representatives (1999-present); NC Superintendent of Public Instruction (1995-98); Occoneechee Council BSA President (1990-92)
- **Mark Chillutti**
Eagle Scout, OA National Committee Vice Chairman (2006-present),

BSA National Council (2004-present), Assistant Vice President of Development, Magee Rehabilitation Hospital, Philadelphia, PA, Vigil OA member, honored as a "Hometown Hero" by the NBA Philadelphia 76er's, National OA Conference Vice Chief 1988.

I'm Almost Eagle – Can I Come?

If you're not an Eagle yet, are currently a Star or Life Scout and would like to attend the Summit as a member of the Service Troop, you may go to the web site for more information.

For more information and to register, go to www.oceaglescouts.org.



Adviser's Minute

Occoneechee Lodge is strong and full of spirit thanks to our past officers, advisers & Lodge members. Your new officers & advisers have set goals for 2008 that are challenging & fun. For next year, with your help, we plan to:

► *continue to grow the Lodge based on the principles of the Order*

- Brotherhood
- Cheerfulness
- Service

► *provide opportunities for every Brother to participate in Lodge programs*

- more ceremonial teams
- experienced Elangomats
- beneficial service projects
- service to the Council
- work with Council Cub Scout

activities

- help lead the Council's youth training programs



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► *enhance the Scouting experience for every Lodge member*

- Open one Durant program area at each Lodge event
- Train, empower & develop leaders
- Provide better communication to each Brother

Our success in achieving these goals is dependent on the commitment of each one of us. We were all selected for membership in the Order by our fellow Troop members because of our commitment to the high ideals of the Scout Oath & Law. Our first Scouting obligation is to our home Troops, but experience in the Order provides opportunities to improve our Scouting skills that are beneficial to every part of our lives. If you haven't already, I ask that each of you join a Chapter or Lodge Committee—they all need members.

Please contact me with ideas or suggestions (919-847-6651 or tomw@designdevelopment.com). I am honored & excited to serve as your Lodge Advisor with our new Lodge & Chapter Officers & Committee Advisors and with you, I look forward to making our Lodge even better than it is now. 🔥

*Yours in the Brotherhood,
Tom Wells*

Administrative Notes

As the new year begins, there is a lot going on in Administration. Unit elections are right around the corner, and over the next few weeks, each chapter will be putting election teams together. This is a great way to become involved in your chapter. It is also an important responsibility, as these teams are the first impression of the Lodge and the Order for many new Scouts. Talk to your Chapter Chief for more information.

And if you have been an Ordeal member for ten months or more, you should

be looking to seal your membership in the Order. Be sure to take advantage of some of the Brotherhood Trail opportunities coming up in the next few weeks. However, if you are not yet eligible or do not yet feel ready to complete the Trail, consider completing it at any of next year's Lodge events.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me! 🔥

— Marc Seelinger
Vice-Chief of Administration



Serve on the *Tipi* Newsletter Staff! Learn new careers!

Do you have a talent for writing? Are you interested in getting “the scoop?” Could you be a “paparazzi” with a camera? Want to learn more about the printing industry? Get expert instruction and training from a professional graphic artist, photographer and software instructor!

We need you right away to help make your *Tipi* newsletter bigger and better!

➡ **Reporters and Writers** – gather facts about activities and events and hold interviews with persons of interest.



➡ **Photographers** – take interesting photos of people, places, and things pertinent to the content of the *Tipi*. Learn how to use Adobe® PhotoShop software to prepare your photos for publication.

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When and where does your chapter meet? Get involved!

Chapter	District	Meeting Place	Day and Time
Amangi Newo	Hemlock	Garner United Methodist Church 201 Methodist Rd., Garner	3rd Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.
Canotka	Cape Fear	Buies Creek First Baptist Church 118 Main Street, Buies Creek	1st Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.
Eluwak	Mawat	Glendale Heights United Methodist Church 908 Leon St, Durham	3rd Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.
Eno	Orange	Sunrise Church 1315 New Hope Trace, Chapel Hill	1st Monday @ 7:00 p.m.
Impeesa	Baden Powell	St. Giles Presbyterian Church 5101 Oak Park Rd, Raleigh	3rd Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.
Kato Hochli	Falls	Benson Memorial United Methodist Church 4706 Creedmoor Road, Raleigh	2nd Thursday @ 7:30 p.m.
Lumbee Anilorac	Kia Kima	Westminster Presbyterian Church 2505 Village Drive, Fayetteville	4th Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.
Natishihi	Moore	9880 US Highway 15-501 across from Pinecrest High School, Southern Pines	4th Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.
Netami	Crosswinds	Cary First Baptist Church 218 South Academy Street, Cary	2nd Thursday @ 6:45 p.m.
Neusiok	Neuse River	Crossroads Fellowship, 2721 E. Millbrook Rd. (0.4 mile west of US-1), Raleigh	1st Tuesday @ 7:30 p.m.
Niganit	Tuocs	Fayetteville Christian Church, 4308 Rosehill Rd., Fayetteville	2nd Monday @ 7:00 p.m.
Wazeeyahtah	Great Northern	Louisburg United Methodist Church 402 N. Main St., Louisburg	3rd Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.
Yamni Wakpa	Three Rivers	St. Lukes United Methodist Church 2916 Wicker Street, Sanford	1st Thursday @ 7:30 p.m.

Be Part of the Durant Legacy!

Don't be a couch potato this summer. Get your troop and yourself signed up for the Camp Durant Summer Camp experience! If you haven't been to Durant in a while, you are in for a treat. Here are just a few of the highlights for the 2008 season:

- **Fantastic Experienced Staff** — we expect to have 65 staff with a dozen or more counselors-in-training. Most of our veteran staff are returning for yet another summer ... many with three or more years of service.
- **Great Program** — plenty of advancement opportunities with the *Trailblazers* first-year camper program to help the younger Scouts earn their First Class rank, lots of merit badges for you to earn towards Eagle, the *EDGE* (*Extreme Durant Guided Experience*) program for older Scouts who want exciting high-adventure activities in kayaking, mountain biking, and rock climbing ... earn the prestigious EDGE belt buckle!
- **New and Improved Facilities** — even more campsites than ever. Each campsite now has flush toilets and hot showers! Improved wider roadways and infrastructure. New ceramics kiln at the new Handicraft Lodge. Trading Post well-stocked with everything from merit badge pamphlets to delicious Slush Puppies. Air-conditioned dining hall with improved menus and quality meals. New Grand Lodge under construction!
- **Provisional Troop** — for Scouts unable to go to camp with their unit, or for those who want to go to camp for additional weeks, we provide a troop with adult leadership! Sign up, make new friends, *have fun*!



In Memoriam

Charles "Charley" Scott Sullivan

On November 13, 2007, our dear brother and friend, Charley Sullivan went home to be with the Lord. Charley was 87 years young. He is survived by his wife, Edith, three daughters, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild, his brother and his sister. A memorial service was held at the Watts Street Baptist Church in Durham on November 16th.

Charley was a proud graduate of North Carolina State University where he was president of the Red Coat Band. He gave generously to his alma mater as well as endowing a scholarship at Meredith College in honor of his granddaughters.

He became an Ordeal member of Occoneechee Lodge on November 25, 1961 and sealed his membership in the Order by earning his Brotherhood on November 24, 1962. Charley passed away on the 42nd anniversary of receiving his Vigil honor on November 13, 1965. He was a life member of our Thunderbird Lodge.

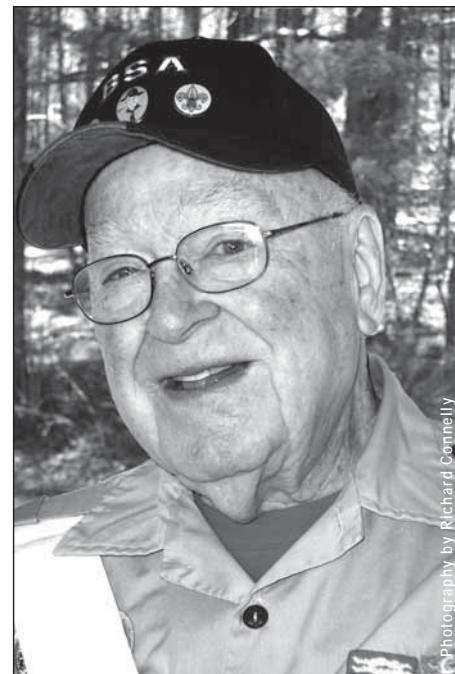
His love for Scouting was evident as Charley worked hard to make sure that every young man under his tutelage would receive all that they needed to succeed and thrive. He was a member of both the National Camping Com-

mittee of the Boy Scouts of America and the National Committee of the Order of the Arrow.

Among the many Scouting awards Charley received were the Silver Beaver, the Silver Antelope, the Distinguished Service Award for the Order of the Arrow and the Order of the Arrow Founders' Award.

Known throughout the country for his jovial disposition and unique sense of humor, Charley was always sought after by Scouters to engage him in conversation wherever he went – National Jamborees, National Camp Schools, NOAC, and other national, regional and council events. When our Scouters who traveled around the country were found to be from Occoneechee, they were often asked, "Do you know Charley Sullivan?!" He was famous for his lampoons with his Occoneechee Council "Bonus Merit Badge" Advancement Plan and the Occoneechee Lodge "Vigil Raffle" which raised the blood pressure of many a Scouter uninitiated in the Sullivan School of Humor.

Charley always kept his buddies on their toes with his elaborate practical jokes and mischief. Charley an instigator? Hard to



prove! He kept things light and lively and always got people refocused when they became overly serious or misguided and when they tended to miss the spirit and intent of the Scouting program. Many a belly laugh is attributed to him. His lovable, outgoing and embracing nature, his smile and twinkle in the eye will long be remembered by all who knew him.

Memorials may be made to the Charles S. Sullivan Training Center, Camp Durant, c/o Occoneechee Council, BSA, P.O. Box 41229, Raleigh, NC 27629.

— Richard Connelly
Student of the Sullivan School since 1962



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Subscribe to the Lodge 104 E-mail list to receive the latest announcements and event information. For all the details and more (you can even pay your dues online!), visit www.lodge104.com. 🏹

ArrowCorps5

National Order of the Arrow Service Project

Working closely with the United States Forest Service, the Order of the Arrow has organized a National Service Project at five project sites, spread across America. ArrowCorps5 will provide a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for each participant to set an example of leadership in service to those who treasure our national forests.

Occoneechee Lodge 104 is organizing contingents to three of the locations (Virginia, California and Utah) and we are offering each of you the opportunity to participate. The cost for each week will be \$250 for the event plus the required travel expenses (which will vary with each location). Any of you who are interested should visit <http://event.oa-bsa.org/> and check out the information there.

You need to make a decision quickly because the sites have a limited capacity & they are filling up quickly. (Virginia is currently at 110% of capacity). The event is open to youth and adults but each of you must be physically fit as determined by the "Philmont Weight Limits for Backpacking & Hiking" (go to <http://www.scouting.org/philmont/visitors/planning/weight.html>).

Past 104 brother, Darrell Donahue, is looking for staff members to serve the Virginia Site (June 21-28, 2008). If you are interested please let me know. And if you have any questions, feel free to call me at (919) 280-4395 or email me at goat@eluwak104.org.

*Yours in Cheerful Service,
Jay Taylor*

Lodge 104 to Have Key Role in Council's NYLT Course!



What is NYLT? – The National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) course was developed by the Boy Scouts of America to provide local councils with a standardized training course for the youth leaders of Boy Scout troops. This six-day course is designed to parallel and complement the training that their adult leaders receive in Wood Badge. Experience shows that NYLT makes a positive difference in the lives of its graduates and in the operation of their troops.

Dates & Location – Sunday, August 3 – Friday, August 8, 2008 held at Camp Durant in Carthage, NC for participants. Staff dates: Tuesday, July 29 – Friday, August 8, 2008 plus three staff development weekends.

Course Content – NYLT uses the Patrol Method in an outdoor setting to provide advanced training in two areas:

- Leadership Skills (counseling, planning, communicating, evaluating, controlling the group, styles of leadership, etc.)
- Scoutcraft Skills (outdoor living skills such as camping, cooking, hiking, backpacking, pioneering, orienteering, etc.).

Prerequisite Requirements – NYLT is not designed to be the initial training for youth leaders. All participants will need considerable experience in outdoor living skills and the maturity to relate to the in-depth concepts presented in the Leadership Skills area. Although the course is a lot of fun, it is physically and mentally demanding. For these reasons, participants will need to meet the following requirements:

- Minimum age of 13 with outstanding Scouting spirit and team-player attitude
- First-Class rank or higher with considerable experience in outdoor living (including at least one year of summer camp)
- Good physical condition (must submit a completed copy Class II Physical Form at beginning of course)
- Scoutmaster's recommendation (must submit Scoutmaster Nomination Form)

Limited Enrollment – Participation is limited to the first 48 qualified Youth Leaders who preregister. The cost is \$200 for the six-day course. Applicants will need to submit their application (along with Scoutmaster Nomination Form and \$75 preregistration fee) to the Council Service Center. All Scoutmasters in the Council will be mailed a packet of information which can also be downloaded from www.ocscouts.org.

This year's NYLT Course is now looking for **Youth and Adult Staff**. **Lodge 104 is taking a key role in this course and we are encouraging our best and brightest Brothers to be a part of this important training event.** The course's coordinator, Kathy Connelly, is taking recommendations from unit leaders to place former JLTC, NYLT course graduates or other youth who have demonstrated exceptional leadership ability into staff positions (they must be 14 to 19 years old). Adult staff with strong leadership skills are especially needed! While Wood Badge for the 21st Century training would be desirable, it is not a requirement. Call Kathy at the numbers listed below if you qualify and are interested in serving.

For more information – contact Kathy Connelly at:

Home: 919-779-6784 • Cell: 919-801-4290 • E-mail: KathyConnelly@nc.rr.com
or call the Council Service Center at 919-872-4884.

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rier, I learned that she had been on the side of the road for three hours ... *three hours!* As I heard that, a shiver went up my spine. I couldn't help but think of all the people, including Scouts and leaders, that must have passed her on the side of the road. I couldn't help but feel a sense of shame, as I continued my drive home.

In the end, I know that I'm no better than anyone else; normally, I wouldn't have stopped either. There are a million reasons not to stop and help, but there is only one reason to do so. Every time I raise my hand in the Scout Sign, I promise to be helpful, to help other people at

all times and to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.

The last point of the Purpose of the Order of the Arrow is:

"To crystallize the Scout habits of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others"

I would ask that everyone to take some time and think about what that means and what it means in your life. Are we living this to its fullest meaning? Are we living this in our daily lives at all? 

*Yours in the Order,
James Spratley – 2007 Lodge Chief*



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Patch Traders & Collectors Update!

Collectors and traders of the cloth and metal. Metal?! Yes, that's right! Occoneechee Lodge has made a metal flap for our 70th Anniversary which was officially celebrated at Fall Fellowship. Thus far, only one other North Carolina OA Lodge has produced a metal flap and 104 will be the second. Others are sure to follow as these metal flaps have been observed by collectors as highly collectable items.

Speaking of metal, that Occoneechee Lodge belt buckle that everyone has been wanting has arrived too! Get to the




Scout Shop and buy your leather belt to go with one of these buckles.

Now for cloth ... a 70th Anniversary pocket patch (or odd shape in collector's terms) and a jacket patch debuted at Fall Fellowship. The design utilizes the



past Lodge totem (arrowhead and two arrows) and our current totem with that beautiful thunderbird in the design. Fall Fellowship was also the last opportunity for life members to purchase their additional life member flap for the year. This policy was set to get some of our older life members back to an event for some fun and fellowship.

The third piece of the totem pole puzzle patch was also distributed at Fall Fellowship. Thus far, the puzzle patch seems to be a hit. If you have missed out on one of the first two pieces, there are available pieces for trade within the Lodge membership and there are also some in the Lodge collection for future Lodge auctions.

Enjoy your winter, and please remember to trade fairly and ethically. 



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Congratulations to Our New Vigil Honor Recipients

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| ▲ David Applegate | ▲ Carol Nicely |
| ▲ Mike Burnette | ▲ Ryan Okeefe |
| ▲ Nelson Blair | ▲ Andrew Sedore |
| ▲ Robert Edmiston | ▲ Jackson Sherrod |
| ▲ Christopher Grice | ▲ Neal Stewart |
| ▲ Joseph Heil | |



2007 Lodge Leadership Development



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American Indian Affairs (AIA) News

Interested in being a top-notch Lodge 104 dancer? Want to be on a ceremonies team. Are you ready to make your own regalia while learning from the best in the business? We have the perfect event for you! That's right. We are talking about the world renown **Gentgeen 101**, hosted by the AIA committee. There you can begin to build, repair, or tune up your own regalia and learn dance skills.



This event is open to all interested in singing, dancing, or ceremonies. Mr. Morris will bring a drum for those wishing to learn drumming and singing. Participants will need to bring money for lunch and some extra money for regalia materials unless you bring your own. Put it on your calendar:



Gentgeen 101

Saturday, February 17, 2008

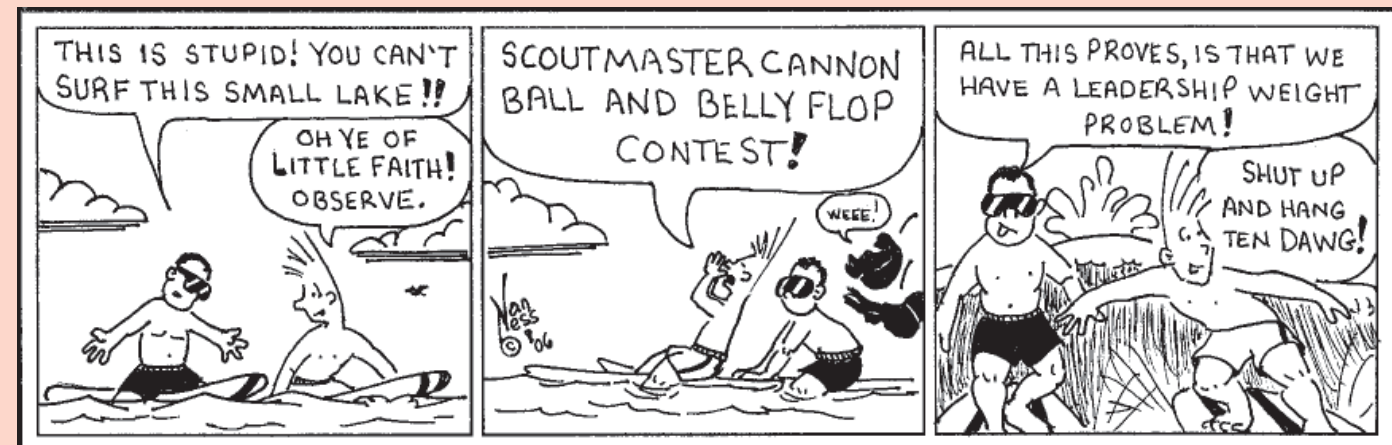
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Oconeechee Council Office

3231 Atlantic Avenue, Raleigh

There will also be an American Indian Affairs (AIA) meeting at the conclusion of Gentgeen 101 that all committee members and interested brothers are invited to attend. See you there! ▲

— John Taylor
AIA Committee Chairman



2007 Winter Banquet Awards

► Founder's Award

- Terry Putman • Kevin Knaup
- Jeff Bailey • Thomas Grimes

► Chief's Award

- Wazeeyahtah

► Roth Award

- Yamni Wakpa

► Ceremony Recognitions Patch –

- Patrick Keeley • Joseph Heil
- Macon Moore • Alex Gregory
- Maverick Gunter • Cory Deaton
- Davis Tapp • Michael Beach

► Lodge Troop Service Award

Troop 924

- Patrick Dorsett • Will Lambert

Troop 900

- Billy Garcia • Preston Martindale
- Michael Pister • Alex Gregory
- Daniel Tyson • AJ Brooks
- Cory Deaton • Maverick Gunter
- Macon Moore • Lane Martindale

Troop 820

- Chris Evans • Bo Marchman

- Joseph Amodei • Kevin Bedford

Troop 821

- Nick Atz • Philip Snyder

Troop 787

- Ryan Lombardo • Daniel Futch

Troop 7

- Riley Rapp • William Halligan

Troop 98

- Danny Rabstajnek

► Honor Troop Award

- Troop 709
- Troop 820
- Troop 821
- Troop 212

► Lodge Individual Service Award

Warren Kuhfeld Greg Grimes Alma
McIntire Pat McCoy Nicholas
Ochsner

► Quality Chapter Status

- Yamni Wakpa
- Eluwak

► Summer Camp Staffer Award

- Rich Becker • Chris Newton
- Linda Grady • Jeanette Spinks
- John Spinks • Terry McIntire
- Mark Bittinger • Andrew Sedore

- Brian McCoy • Thomas Lecky
- Matt Seip • Ben Redding
- Marc Seelinger • Will Halligan
- Cameron Harrison • Linda Boggs
- Matt Boggs • Kevin Bieger
- Richard Connelly
- Michael Warnick
- Steven Danilowicz
- Tommy Seelinger • DJ Warnick
- Matt Gardiner • Will Hernden
- Tommy McCullough
- Williams Parker • Brian Allen
- Kevin Wolfe • Graham Bolton
- Matt Goggio • Cory Deaton
- Bryan Underwood • Nelson Blair
- Bryn Banks • Chris Gamble
- Jonathan Boggs • Isaac Burns
- Jack Koch • Michael Powell
- Michael Pister • Joe Palko
- David Ezzell • Lee Robertson
- Kevin Shanahan • Andre Harris
- Chris LeBlanc • Travis Smith
- Anthony Agosto • Daniel Jutson
- Diane Hernden • Eric Braxton
- Matt Keith • Brandon Brown
- Jordan Mullis

*Congratulations to all and thanks for
making this a great year! ▲*



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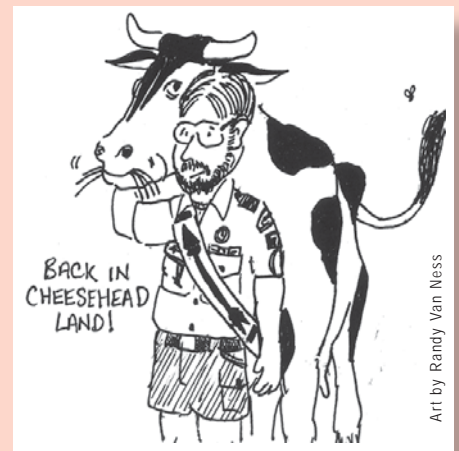
“Sons of Uncas” is the brain child of talented cartoonist Randy Van Ness. Originally from Wisconsin, Randy lived in eastern Virginia for a number of years and was active with his Boy Scout troop and the OA in the Virginia Beach area.

I met Randy about three years ago when he brought his troop to Camp Durant for a week of summer camp. He showed me some of his cartoons that depicted his zany Boy Scout characters on campouts and at OA functions. I was impressed with his work and was immediately

hooked! When he offered to let us use his cartoon strip in the *Tipi*, I jumped at the chance and we have benefited from his generosity ever since.

Randy moved back to his home town in Wisconsin last year to help take care of his aging father, but periodically I get an email from him with his latest work attached. I know you will enjoy his unique sense of humor as much as I do. Hopefully he will be sharing it with us for quite some time to come!

— Richard Connelly



Art by Randy Van Ness

Thanks, Rodney, for an Incredible 7 Years As Our Lodge Adviser!

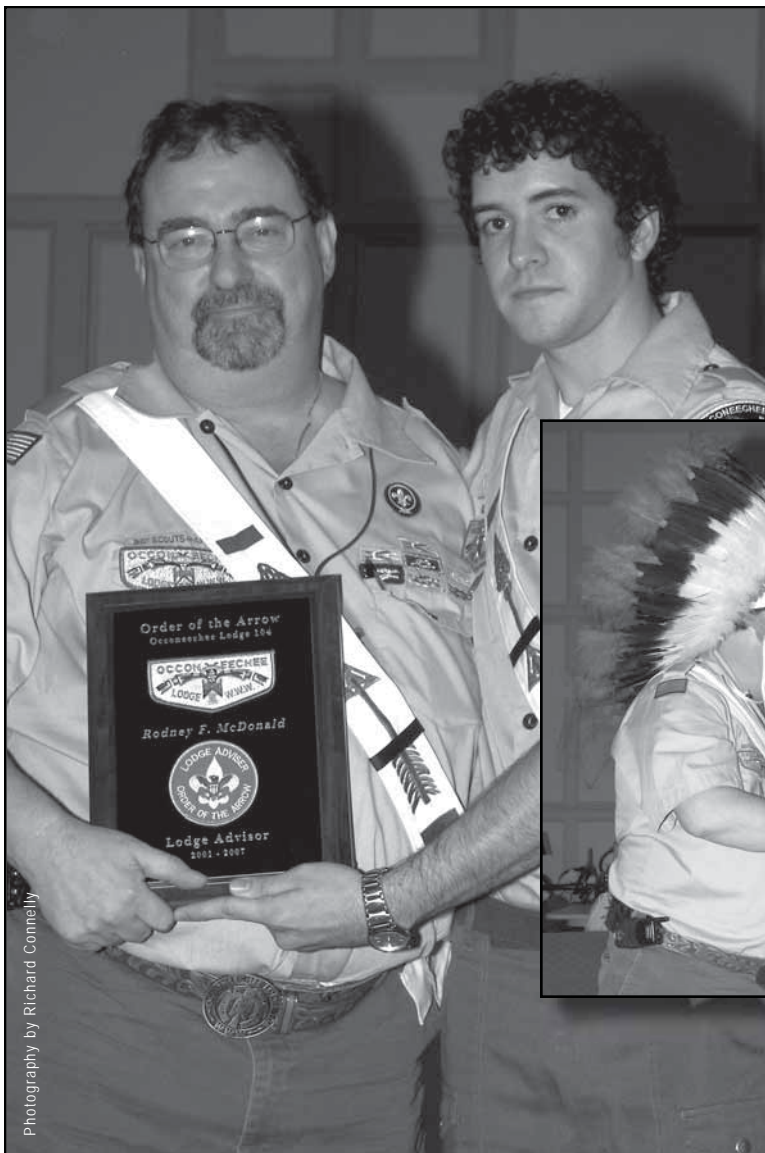
Over the years, we have been blessed with a long line of truly dedicated advisers who have mentored the youth of Lodge 104 as they continued to successfully keep the legacy of the Thunderbird alive in Occoneechee. Rodney McDonald has set a new standard of excellence over his six years of service. He has brought a plethora of innovative ideas for new activities, fundraising, membership, Scouting Spirit, and team building to our program. His devotion to the Order, his commitment to improving our Council camps, his true brotherly love for the members of this Lodge, and his uncanny ability to relate to the youth and adults have all been a part of his exceptional leadership ability.

Rodney will tell you that there are many, many people who have been involved in the great success of Occoneechee Lodge and that the credit must be shared with them. But much of this success would not have been possible without the many long hours of dedicated service he has unselfishly given to us. All of us admire Rodney's perseverance and many of us have seen him

reach the point of sheer exhaustion, only to press on to the finish line! This kind of "leadership by example" and hard work, and willingness to nurture others has helped many a young Lodge leader grow and mature in their ability and in character.

It is said that behind every good man is a good woman, and Rodney's beautiful wife, Sharon, has been his helpmate every step of the way. Her good-hearted disposition and ever-present welcoming smile makes one glad to be in her company. Her organizational skills at events kept things rolling along as she supported many of us. They have been a great hard-working team and great friends to all.

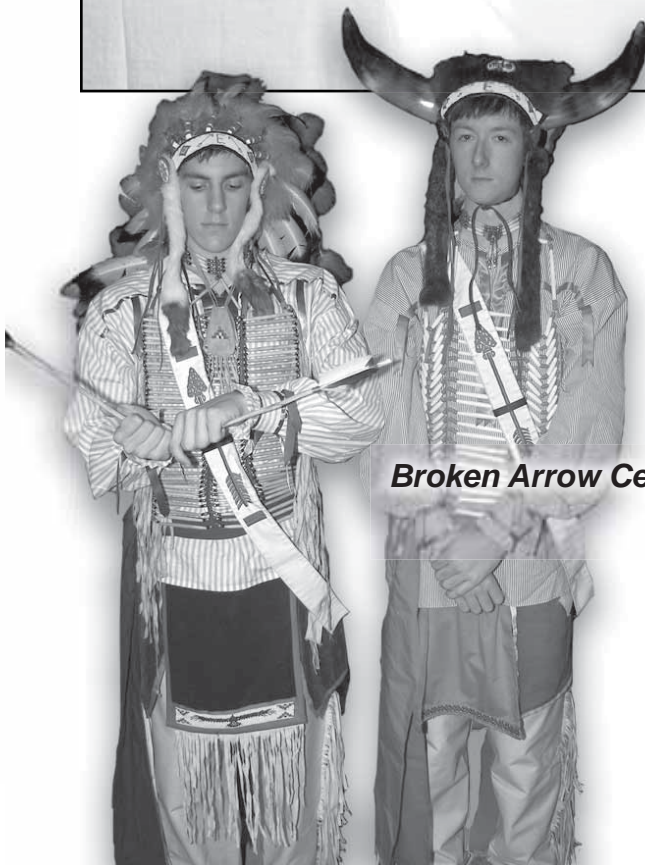
You know, Rodney ... a plaque, a chief's bonnet, and a suitcase full of money are mere tokens and are hardly enough to show our gratitude for your many years of sacrifice and service. But we want you to know that you will always have a special place in our hearts and that we will always have many fond memories of the times we've shared. *We love you brother! God bless you!*



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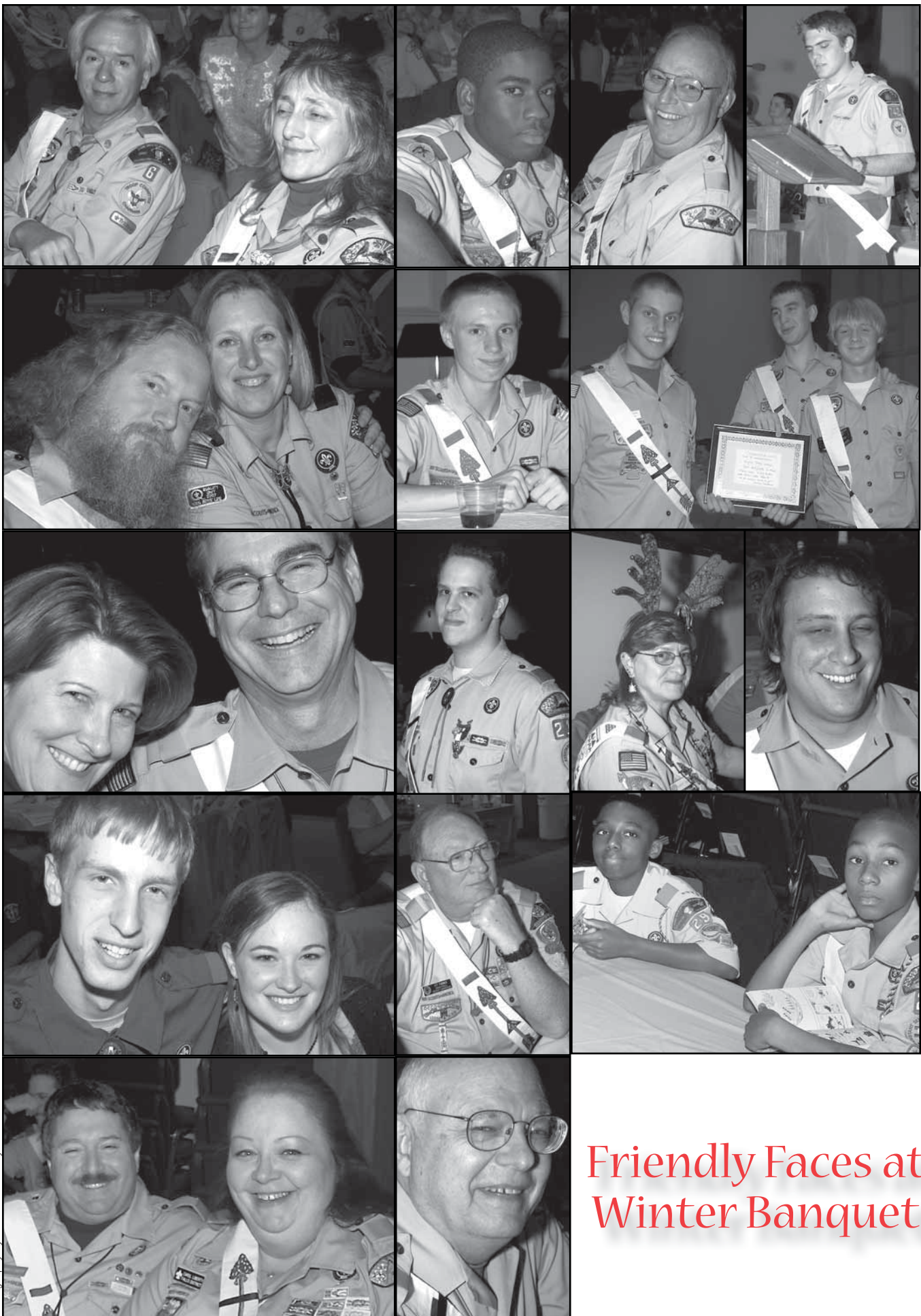
2007 Winter Banquet Images



Broken Arrow Ceremony for Charley Sullivan



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Friendly Faces at Winter Banquet

The Tipi

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Congratulations to Our Key Three Award Recipients



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Left to right: J-T Wells, Joseph Heil, Warren Pusak, and Chuck Church

Calendar of Events

February 17	Gentgeen 101 @ Council Office
March 14 - 16	Spring Pow-Wow @ Camp Durant
March 25 - 27	Eagle Summit @ Camp Durant
April 18 - 20	SR-7B Conclave @ Camp Bowers
May 16 - 17	Spring Inductions @ Camp Durant
June 22 - July 25	Summer Camp @ Camp Durant Brotherhood Trail each week
August 3 - 8	National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) @ Camp Durant
September 19 - 21	Fall Fellowship @ Camp Durant
October 18 - 19	Vigil Gathering (site to be announced)
November 14 - 16	Lodge Leadership Development @ Campbell University
December 6	Lodge Winter Banquet (site to be announced)





Conclave 2008 Delegate Registration Form

Delegate Information

Name:

Chapter:

Email:

Phone:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY):

Circle One:

Ordeal

Brotherhood

Vigil

Submission

Form due by end of Spring Pow-Wow to:

Finance Adviser
Keith Biegert
102 Bristol Hill Ct.
Cary, NC 27513

Fee: \$30

Make checks out to Occoneechee Lodge 104.



Conclave 2008 Delegate Medical Form

To be filled out by parent/guardian or adult participant. Please print in ink.

Delegate Information

Name:		Email:
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone: ()		Date of Birth:
Circle One:	Ordeal	Brotherhood Vigil

Primary Emergency Contact

Name:	Relationship:
Day Phone: ()	Night Phone: ()

Secondary Emergency Contact

Name:	Relationship:
Day Phone: ()	Night Phone: ()

Medical Information

Do you: <input type="checkbox"/> have any medical restrictions? <input type="checkbox"/> currently take any medication? <input type="checkbox"/> have any dietary restrictions?	Explain:
Health Insurance Company:	Policy #:
Have or subject to: <input type="checkbox"/> Convulsions <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma <input type="checkbox"/> Fainting Spells <input type="checkbox"/> Bleeding disorder <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes <input type="checkbox"/> Heart trouble <input type="checkbox"/> Allergy to medication, food plant, animal, or insect <input type="checkbox"/> Any condition requires special care, medication, or diet <input type="checkbox"/> NONE OF THE ABOVE APPLY	Explain:
Have difficulty with (check if yes): <input type="checkbox"/> Eyes, ears, nose, throat <input type="checkbox"/> Digestion <input type="checkbox"/> Bed-wetting <input type="checkbox"/> Lungs <input type="checkbox"/> Sleepwalking <input type="checkbox"/> Any condition now requiring regular medication?	Explain:
	Name of medication:
Last Tetanus toxoid date:	

This health history is correct so far as I know, and the person herein described has permission to engage in all prescribed activities, except as noted. In the event that I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby, give permission to the physician selected by the adult leader in charge to hospitalize, secure proper anesthesia, or to order injection.

Participant

Parent or guardian

Signature:	Signature (if participant under 18 years):
x _____ Date: _____	x _____ Date: _____