



## Lodge Cleans Up at 2005 Conclave!

Thanks to 150 Occoneechee brothers dressed in “hazmat” gear, there wasn’t a “bio-hazard” left to be found anywhere at the SR-7B Conclave held at Camp Raven Knob! The only outbreak was the outbreak of infectious great spirit that our Arrowmen displayed in an impressive show of unity during the whole weekend.

You should kick yourself if you missed this event! Wahissa Lodge, the Conclave host, did a great job of providing excellent program in a beautiful setting.

The list of accomplishments for Occoneechee at Conclave is long:



### Dance Competition

- Senior Grass - 2nd Place  
- Michael Duda
- Junior Grass - 1st Place  
- Ethan O'Brien
- Senior Straight - 2nd Place  
- David Langdon
- Junior Straight - 3rd Place  
- Kevin Pusak
- Senior Regalia - 3rd Place - Michael Duda - Grass Dance
- Junior Regalia - 2nd Place - John Taylor



### Newsletter Competition - 1st Place

### National Hornaday Gold Conservation Award - Jeff Brewer

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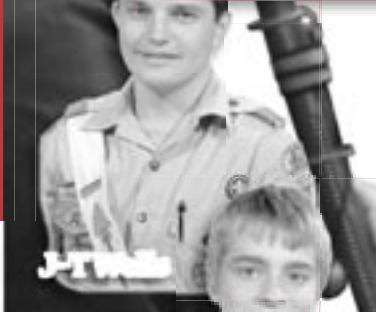
## The Chief's Corner

**G**reetings! While trying to think of what to write, I started to look back at what I have done as a member of Occoneechee Lodge. One story that came to mind was during Fall Fellowship 1999. After the Saturday's dinner, my friend Brandon volunteered the two of us to wash dishes. I was kind of perturbed at first ... I mean, why should I have to wash everyone's dishes? There was a lot of washing to be done, but Brandon convinced me that it would be fun, and since he was the only one there that I really knew, I didn't have anyone else to hang out with. So I agreed. It took us over an hour to get the job done (we weren't working very quickly), but he was right, I did have a

great time. The best part, however, was the sense of accomplishment I felt when we were done. Even though I had been in the OA for a year-and-a-half, for the first time I felt as if I had contributed to the greater good of the Lodge.

Sometimes, I think we have a tendency to think that the little things we do don't make a difference. But, it's the "little things" like cleaning the dishes and driving nails into buildings that really keep our Lodge going. Without these things, all the planning and leadership in the world wouldn't be able to accomplish anything. I encourage you to look for the little things that you can do to help your troops, our Lodge, our council, and even our nation a better place to be.

Chris Newton 



*Lodge 104 — Home of the Thunderbird!*



# Administration Annotations

by Noah Asbill  
Vice Chief of Administration,

Spring PowWow was a huge success for us here in Administration and I hope everyone had a good time as well. Much of this success is owed to those who volunteered to help with all the various activities that were going on during the week. We had a great turnout of people helping with the brotherhood trail and we had some new faces helping the dining hall staff. I wish to thank all of you for your service. It is good to see so many people giving of themselves for the betterment of their fellow brothers and it would be great to see more of this.

At PowWow, we had 65 people go through the Brotherhood trail putting us as a Lodge at around a 20% Brotherhood conversion rate. Just keep in mind that to get Honor Lodge status we need to get that rate above 30%. To do this we really need people to come out to Summer Camp and Fall Fellowship to go through the Brotherhood trail. Remember, this all starts on the chapter level;



we need chapters to encourage people who are eligible for Brotherhood to come to the events and go through the trail.

So here is my challenge to all the Chapters, I challenge you as a chapter to get at least 5 Ordeal members

who have become inactive to become active again and have them go through the Brotherhood trail. If we can pull this off that

will be another 65 people to go through the Brotherhood trail who otherwise wouldn't have and in addition to what we usually get at Summer Camp and Fall Fellowship.

Now getting off my Brotherhood rant, Ordeal... hopefully by now each chapter has finished all their unit elections and has turned them in to Jon Jordan. We need Elangomats to help accomplish a successful and meaningful Fall Fellowship. This year, we are requesting that each Chapter provide at least one Elangomat per every 5 Ordeal candidates. I want everyone to keep in mind that at one point someone gave of themselves to help you by being your Elangomat. Now it's your turn to do the same for someone else. See you all there! 🔥



## Communications

Well, hello my fellow brothers. I hope you have been doing well in the past while. I would first like to thank Richard Connelly for another great Tipi, and my other committee chairs and advisors for all the work they do behind the scenes to help keep this lodge running with great speed.

I would like to encourage all of you to come to the Lodge's next important event, Fall Fellowship. These events are both fun and exciting, and offer things for you to do and try that you would not

be able to do otherwise during the year. Also, in the last *Tipi*, we had an article asking all OA Troop Representatives to contact Marc Seelinger, and we still need for all Troop Rep's to respond to that request.

Also, we would like everybody to register online at our Lodge website at [www.lodge104.com](http://www.lodge104.com) as a member of the email list to keep you updated with current and important Lodge news. As you register on the website, please check your contact information and make any necessary corrections so we can continue to keep you informed.

Finally, I hope you are enjoying this issue of the *Tipi*. We can always use help in producing future *Tipi*'s and other Lodge publications. Right now there are spots open for a coordinator and other Communications Committee positions. If you are interested, please call me at 919-847-6651. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

J-T Wells  
Vice Chief of Communications 🔥



## Adviser's Minute (or Two!)

**O**cconeechee Lodge is in the middle of another great year! After a wonderful Pow Wow and a highly successful Conclave we now come to Inductions with the anticipation of a great class of new Brothers.

At Conclave we had an outstanding group of dancers who brought home awards. Several of those were Arrowmen that are new to the Lodge. Their names are listed in other articles. Also recognized was Jeff Brewer, who was presented the Hornaday Award, an award that is presented nationally to only one individual a year in recognition of their efforts in conservation. Perhaps the greatest recognition came on Sunday morning. The Tipi, our newsletter, was recognized as the best newsletter in section SR-7B! Hats off to the Communications Committee and particularly Richard Connelly for their efforts.

We would also like to thank Paul Kirby of Enpuricon Inc and Rusty Andrews of Body Billboards for their assistance with Conclave. Thanks to their efforts we looked pretty sharp in our Occoneechee Lodge 104 Hazmat Team suits. The sight of all of us walking into the arena on Friday and Saturday night was awesome. Thunderbird spirit was in the house!

On another note, as one who has been involved in camp improvements for over 20 years through the efforts of the Lodge, I am very proud to witness the new improvements that are going on in




our Camp Durant. The new Handicraft Building, the Harrison Smith Aquatics Center, the new Staff Showers, are all welcome improvements. In the next several years look forward to the sewage system, and roads network. They will begin as soon as summer camp is over this year. As soon as those improvements are complete look forward to the new Dining Hall and other new Bath Houses to accompany the new campsites. I am sure we will be asked to assist with many of the projects in the future. We hope that many will be

complete prior to the 2007 Conclave.

Our '07 Conclave Steering Committee is already hard at work. We have already begun planning for this huge event. In the near future you will see sign up sheets for the different committees. I ask you all to get involved, to help us make that conclave one which will be appreciated by Arrowmen from all over the state.

Lodge Building news. Look to your mailboxes this summer the first literature regarding our fundraising campaign will be out soon. Intandem Incorporated, a marketing firm, was at Inductions taking pictures and getting background information for the campaign. They are working with a photography firm from Southern Pines owned by Don McKenzie, an Occoneechee Scouter who has been active in our program for years. Thanks to their efforts it looks like we are finally off to a great start!

I can never thank all of those who support our program enough. No one individual can make this organization successful. The more that are involved, the greater we can be. Please sign up for a committee, assist with service, or just be involved with some part of our Lodge. We need you to take Occoneechee to the next level.

Yours in the Brotherhood  
— Rodney McDonald 

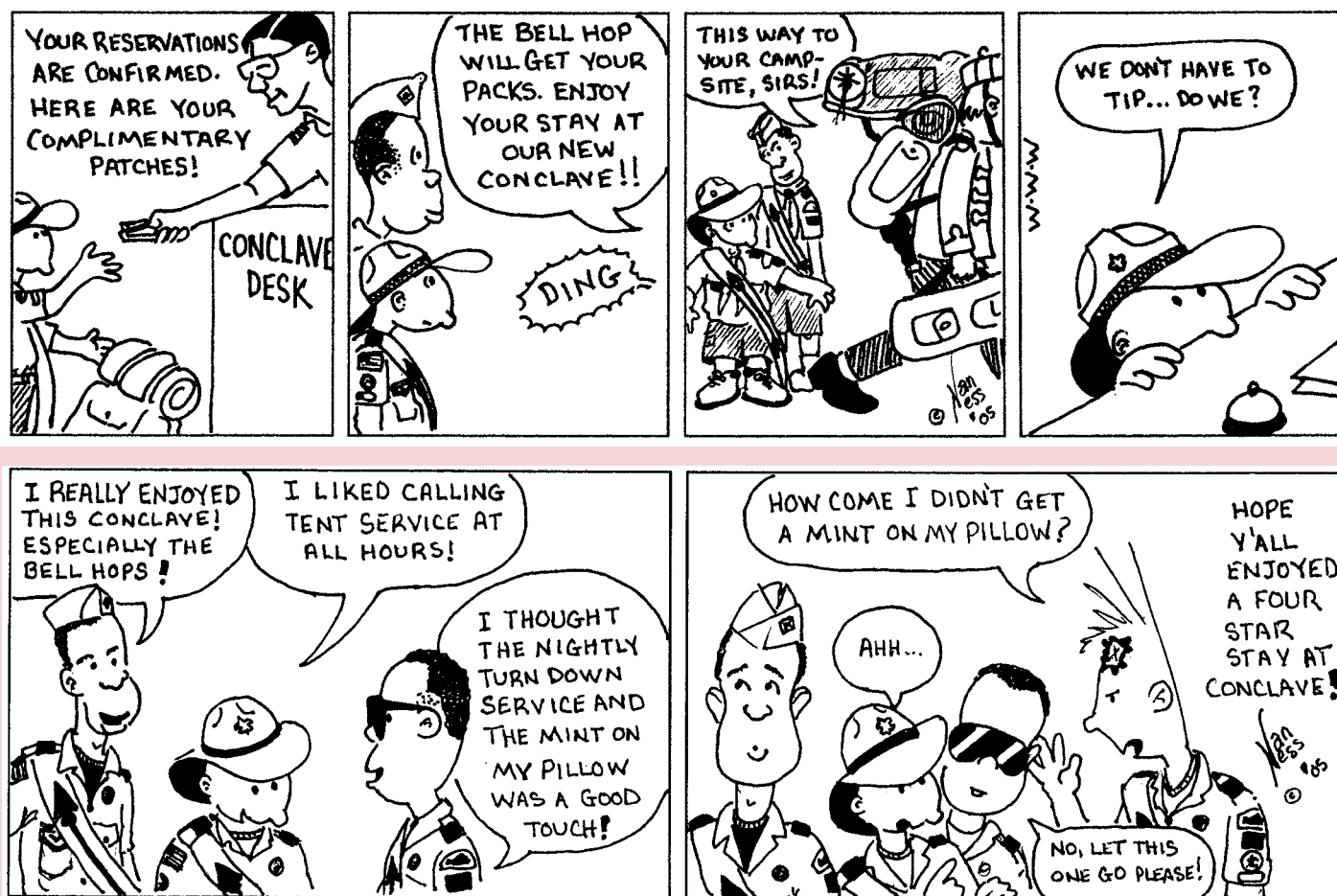
## National OA Resources

**jumpstart.oe-bsa.org** For new members, check out the OA Jumpstart page to learn more about the OA Program. This is a comprehensive guide to our organization and the Brotherhood process. You will need your OA handbook.



**lld.oe-bsa.org** LLD is fast approaching! If you are interested in becoming a lodge-level trainer the National LLD resource page gives great insight into every aspect of LLDs including sample course syllabi. Don't forget to register for LLD (scheduled for November). Find more details on [www.lodge104.com](http://www.lodge104.com).





Let's chat about Chapter Meetings for a second. Lodge events are great and all, but a good place to really get involved is at your Chapter's Monthly Meeting. The following is a list of Chapter Meeting times and locations.

District	Chapter	Meeting Place	City	Day	Time
Hemlock	Amangi Newo	Garner United Methodist Church	Garner	3rd Thursday	7:00
Cape Fear	Canotka	Buies Creek First Baptist Church	Buies Creek	1st Thursday	7:00
Mawak	Eluwak	St. Paul's United Methodist Church	Durham	3rd Thursday	7:00
Orange	Eno	Sunrise Baptist Church	Chapel Hill	1st Monday	7:00
Baden-Powell	Impeesa	St. Giles Presbyterian Church	Raleigh	3rd Thursday	7:30
Falls	Kato Hochuli	Benson Memorial United Methodist Church	Raleigh	3rd Thursday	7:00
Kia Kima	Lumbie Anilorac	Westminster Presbyterian Church	Fayetteville	4th Thursday	7:00
Moore	Natishi	Latter-Day Saint Church	Southern Pines	4th Thursday	7:00
Crosswinds	Netami	St. Andrews Catholic Church	Apex	3rd Thursday	7:00
Neuse River	Neusiok	Millbrook United Methodist Church	Raleigh	2nd Thursday	7:30
Tuocs	Niganit	Fayetteville Christian Church	Fayetteville	2nd Monday	7:00
Three Rivers	Yamni Wakpa	St. Lukes United Methodist Church	Sanford	1st Thursday	7:30
Great Northern	Wazeyahtah	Louisburg United Methodist Church	Louisburg	2nd Sunday	3:00

## Finance News

by Daniel Harris, Vice Chief of Finance

PowWow turned out to be an excellent weekend for the finance team. I would like to thank my committees for the cheerful service they continue provide our Lodge.

“HazMatt” Gardiner led an excellent set of Quest Events at PowWow that were exciting- even for the bystander. Imagine walking up to a scene where raw eggs and water balloons are flying about, arrowmen are trying to run a four-legged relay blindfolded, and intense leapfrog competitions are taking on. Yes, you are imagining utter chaos, but this was intended. These brutal competitions finally ended with the camp ranger being pulled across the vista on his tractor. If you think they would be white in face after these events; many were, as they were covered in the flour they searched through to find white lifesavers. If you weren't at PowWow, you missed out on a good time!

PowWow was also a successful weekend for our Trading Post and Patch Committees. The coveted bullion sold quickly to arrowmen until there were none remaining. Look for the next edition of this bullion series at Fall Fellowship. The bullion introduced at the Spring Inductions was the one of red backing. Make sure to check out the extensive selection of lodge patches and memorabilia at the Lodge Trading Post.

Our registration crew will be waiting for you when you arrive at Fall Fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there. ▲

## New Ceremony Sites Developed

After years of planning, negotiating and site selection, the new ceremony circles are becoming a reality. The sites have been chosen and approved by the Properties Committee. A plan for the construction of the circles has been developed and is now being implemented.

You will be seeing notices going out on the Lodge network announcing workdays for the construction of the ceremony sites.

All ceremony teams members, advisors, and anyone interested in helping is welcome to attend these workdays. If you have any questions about the sites, the construction plan or how you can help, please contact Art Ferguson at 919-596-3114 or email him at OADAD104@earthlink.net

## American Indian Affairs Committee

by Ian Ward, AIA Committee

Dear Brothers,

2005 Spring PowWow was one to remember. The weekend started off with over 150 Webelos and parents who came down to see what the OA is all about. They went through a series of stations including a bluebird house service project, American Indian dance and singing classes, and a chance to make their own chokers! Those kids really had a ball and I can't wait until next year to see a fresh batch of new Webelos.

This year we also had a great turnout of dancers. Those guys were on fire! The results are as follows:

### Senior Traditional

- 1st Place - Brandon Frye
- 2nd Place - Ian Ward

### Senior Grass

- 1st Place - Jacob Hackett
- 2nd Place - Michael Duda

### Jr. Grass

- 1st Place - Ethan O'Brian
- 2nd Place - John Taylor
- 3rd Place - Joe Newman

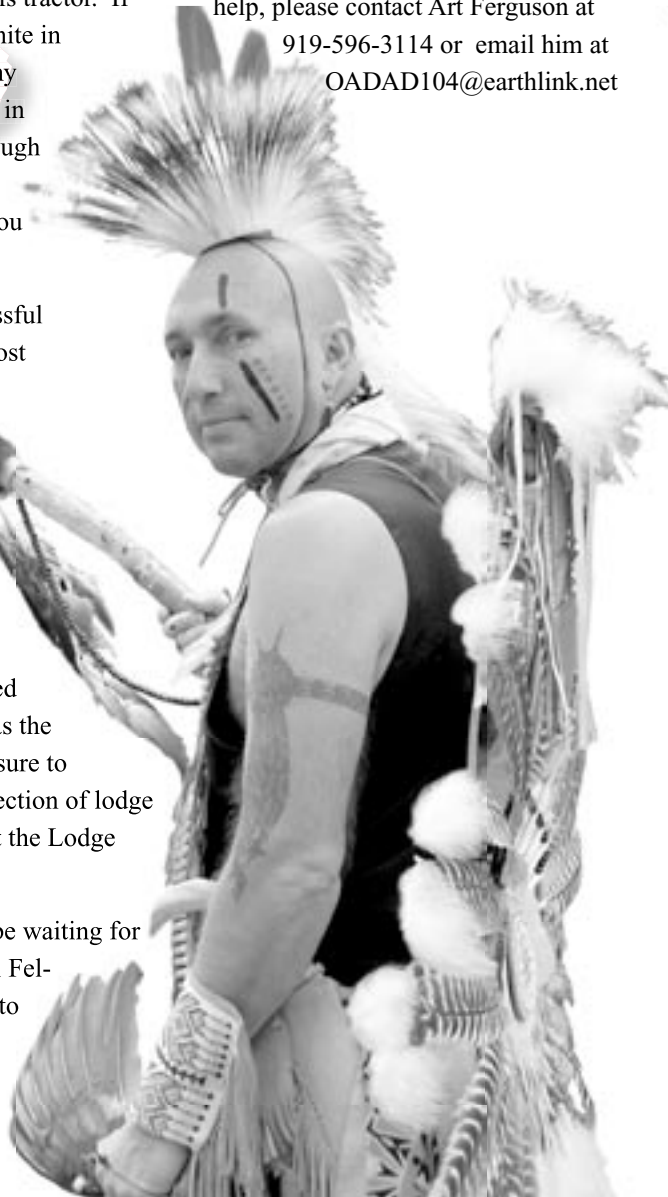
### Sr. Straight

- 1st Place - David Langdon, Jr.
- 2nd Place - Kevin

Congratulations to all those guys. This PowWow was the last one to be held at the current dance arbor. We have plans to build our new one for Conclave and we are going to need a lot of help from the Lodge for the big move. We need everyone who can help to come out at Fall Fellowship and give us a hand. Hope to see everyone out there doing some cheerful service.

In Brotherhood,  
Ian Ward

Get involved! Check us out at the Lodge website [www.lodge104.com](http://www.lodge104.com) under the AIA link. ▲





# Program Highlights

by James Spratley,  
Vice Chief of Programs

I'm happy to report that Program in Occoneechee, is awesome! After several months of planning and preparation, PowWow was a huge success. There was training, the Webelos OA Day trip and even a little service. I want to thank everyone for their hard work and help with the planning for such a great weekend.

The Webelos OA Day Trip was once again a great day, filled with fun and excitement for many young boys. I want to personally thanks and recognize Jeff Brewer and Ian Ward for the hard work they put into planning this great event. The impact of the Webelos Day Trip will not truly be know for several years, but I feel as if the lodge has already made a huge positive impact on these young scouts.

The Training Committee is working hard to plan a brand spanking new LLD this year. With new training sessions and some of the ol' favorites, it looks to be a promising event. If you are interested in working on the committee or interested in becoming a trainer, contact David Church or me.

Service Committee is gearing up for a huge induction weekend. They have

been working hard under the leadership of Nick Ochsner and Chris Ferguson all winter long. They now need your help at Fall Fellowship to help direct service projects as well as come up with ideas for new service projects. If you know of a service project for Camp Durant, please

contact Nick Ochsner by the May 1. Any project request submitted after that date may not be a priority. In addition, if you are interested in leading a service project, please contact Nick or Chris Ferguson.

The success at Pow-Wow has given me great courage and encouragement for of what the Lodge is capable. As the Lodge grows, so will the Lodge program. I urge you to get involved and try something new. When you find something you enjoy, help that program grow. The great sense of joy and pride that you receive from participating will be surpassed by the joy that you receive from knowing that you helped the program grow and help others grow in it.

In closing I would like you remind you of the words of Nutiket in the Ordeal Ceremony. "You were sent to seek a vision, of yourself and of your purpose." I

hope that you all find your purpose in the Lodge and share it with everyone. ▲



# Vigil Committee

by Lew Boyles, Vigil Adviser

Congratulations to Jim Sheckels and Walt Redding who completed the Vigil at PowWow. Both brothers were selected for this honor last year, but were unable finish in October. They are now officially part of the Vigil class of 2004.

Thank you to all of you who submitted Vigil nomination forms. These nominations are an essential part of the selection process and each one is appreciated. There are no limitations on who can submit a nomination, so please consider carefully who you might like to nominate next year. Vigil nomination forms can be found in the Lodge Planbook and also on the website. Thanks again!! ▲



# The Tipi



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## Patch Committee News

▲ The B-1 bullion, the first for our Lodge, sold out Saturday afternoon of PowWow. If you did not get one, there should be plenty around for trade. The next bullion will have a red background and will be on sale at Spring Inductions.

▲ 2005 Jamboree flaps were almost all sold by pre-order, but do not fret; we made another order on Monday morning following Pow-Wow for more flaps and they will be available at Spring Inductions.

▲ At the Lodge Executive Committee (EC) meeting, the EC voted to approve a series of flaps that will be called the Charlie Sullivan series. These are to be made specifically as a fund-raiser for the lodge building, which is to be named after Charlie. This will be a series of monochromatic flaps and will have a matching monochromatic event patch. What is monochromatic? Monochromatic is taking one color and utilizing just shades of that color in the design. The Patch Committee is currently working with our patch manufacturer on this project and if all goes well, we will have a prototype for everyone to see at Spring Inductions.

▲ NOAC 2006 will be here before you know it! *Want to have your way paid?*

▲ If the Lodge Executive Committee chooses your design to be used for the NOAC event, it is paid for. If you have any ideas for patches or other memorabilia, please get with me at [grimey87@hotmail.com](mailto:grimey87@hotmail.com) or my adviser,

▲ Greg Grimes, at [ggrimes@centernet.net](mailto:ggrimes@centernet.net).

—Thomas Grimes, Patch Committee Chairman

## Calendar of Events

September 16 - 18	Lodge Building Ceremony
September 16 - 18	Fall Fellowship at Camp Durant
October 15 - 16	Vigil Gathering at Camp Campbell
October 28 - 30	SR-7B ArrowHEADS Seminar
November 5	National One Day of Service
November 18 - 20	Lodge Leadership Development
December 3	Winter Banquet
February 19, 2006	Camp Campbell Work Day
March 17 - 19, 2006	Spring PowWow
April 21 - 23, 2006	SR-7B Conclave at Camp Cherokee

