



The Tipi

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125 Occoneechee Arrowmen Invade Camp Cherokee Near Sweep of Dance Competitions!

On the third weekend of April Occoneechee Lodge sent a contingent of 125 arrowmen to the Section SR-7B Conclave. Arrowmen took part in a 3-day event of fun, competitions, training, and fellowship. This year's event was hosted by Tsiotsi Tsogali Lodge 70 at their Camp Cherokee in Yanceville North Carolina

Conclave Chairman **David Heathcoat** and his Advisor **Terry McIntire** had put together a "Braveheart" theme featuring kilts and some of the most obnoxious noisemakers ever. We wondered why Terry didn't attend? Other Lodge themes were Roman, Firemen, psychedelic, and DOT workers. As usual the noise level was incredible.

The weekend featured a new camping expo, which was a great hit. Exhibits ran from Birds of Prey, cooking demonstrations, high adventure opportunities, reenactments of Medieval, Civil War, and World War II. Different vendors showed the latest in camping and outdoor gear. Each vendor contributed door prizes, which were given away at the Saturday night campfire.

One of the highlights of each year's conclave is the Dance Competitions. This year was Lodge 104's year. A clean sweep of Senior Traditional by 3 Occoneechee dancers, Lodge Chief **Joe Cranford**, VC Service **Calvin Terry**, and VC AIA **Ian Ward** took top honors. Also placing 3rd in Junior Traditional was **Daniel Harris**. In Grass Dance 1st Place in Senior was **Jeremy Allen** and 2nd in Junior was **Kevin South**

Eno Chapter's Ceremony Team took 2nd place in the Pre Ordeal Competitions. Individual participation awards went to 2nd Place **Matthew Duvall** in the role of Allowat, 3rd Place Meteui to **Brian Joyner**, and 2nd Place Kitchkinet. Thanks also go to **Jan Hackett** for substituting for **Art Ferguson** in the Ceremonies Judging Training.

The Quest for the Golden Arrow was lead by **AJ Phoenix** (Kiowa). Competitions included the always famous Chief Advisor Egg Toss, a tractor pull, tea/Dr. Pepper chugging, and water balloon throws. AJ and his team gave it a great try.

Training is the primary purpose of Conclave. This year 104 Arrowmen **Liz** and **Joe Cranford** taught High Adventure, **Jan Hackett** Taught Ceremonies Judging, and **Jeff Brewer** and **Nelson Dollar** ran the Where to Go Camping exhibit.

To complete the weekend, Section Elections were held Saturday evening, for next year's officers. **Calvin Terry** was elected Vice Chief of Training.

All in all a successful event for Lodge 104. Many thanks go to Lodge 70 for running an outstanding event. Good fellowship, lots of fun, good food, and great spirit. Plans are already underway for next year's Conclave at Camp Tuscarora. .

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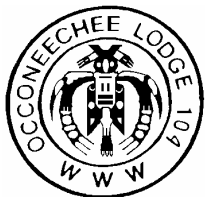
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It is the purpose of *The Tipi* to support the mission of the lodge by providing timely information on Lodge and Scouting activities, and thus encourage and inspire lodge members to active participation and enthusiasm for Scouting and the Order of the Arrow.

FYI - Occoneechee

➤ Please check your address at registration at events. If you have not received a Tipi in some time it could be due to incorrect data in the Lodge database. Please check with Janet Rose.

➤ All Ceremony Teams planning to go to NOAC, should contact Art Ferguson as soon as possible. Art will insure that the proper registration is handled. All chapter ceremony advisors are asked to send Art a list of ALL Team members, so alternates can be selected in case of emergency. Art can be contacted at OADAD104@earthlink.net

➤ Upcoming NOAC payment deadlines: June 15th remaining contingent fee, July 1st Contingent memorabilia fees. National fee of \$305.00 was due by May 1st.

➤ **NOAC Contingent meeting will be held at 3:00 PM June 2nd at Presbyterian Church. Remaining information will be distributed and class 3 medical forms should be completed and returned at that time. The meeting should last approximately 2 hours. The Church is located on Six Forks Road near North Hills Mall in Raleigh.**

➤ A Pre-NOAC Pow Wow at Summer Inductions on Saturday July 20th. This will be an opportunity for dancers to have one more chance to practice their skills before the Conference begins

2002 Lodge Calendar

Spring Inductions.....May 17-19
Summer Inductions.....July 19-21
NOAC.....July 27-Aug 1
Fall Fellowship.....Sept. 20-22
Vigil Gathering.....Oct 19-20
LLD.....Nov 15-17
Winter Banquet.....Dec 7

Recognitions

These articles are an attempt to educate Occoneechee Arrowmen of the awards, which are available. It is hoped that it will encourage participation in Lodge events, and for brothers to nominate and recognize those who are deserving.

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Dancer Recognition Patch

Occoneechee Lodge offers recognition for its performers of Native American dances. The Dance Team Recognition Patch is available for lodge dancers who meet the following requirements:

1. The dancer must be under twenty-one years of age.
2. The dancer must have a Native American outfit.
3. The dancer must specify his dance style.
4. The dancer must know the full origin of his dance.
5. The dancer must compete at a Lodge event.
6. Do one of the following:
 - a. Compete at a Conclave and/or National Order of the Arrow Conference.
 - b. Participate in a non-Lodge or non-Section Pow.

There were some new, upcoming bright and shining dancers that came out to dance at Spring Pow Wow on March 15-17, 2002. If you are interested in dancing, or are a new dancer just starting on this journey, please keep this award in mind and just

Just Keep Dancing!



NOAC Update

The registration forms have arrived from National OA. Jim Cummings, Contingent Advisor, is distributing packets currently. Final payments of the National part of the fee were due May 1st. These fees must be in to the National Office by May 31st! Please contact Rob Grau if there is a problem.

Busses have been chartered from Holiday Tours. Current plans are for one bus to leave Fayetteville and another from Raleigh. Both will meet in Durham to leave for Bloomington, Indiana. Busses will depart North Carolina on Thursday, July 25th arriving in Bloomington on the 26th. After NOAC the Contingent will depart on August 1st returning to North Carolina on August 2nd.

IMPORTANT! PLEASE NOTE: A special REQUIRED Contingent meeting will be held on June 2nd at Presbyterian Church on Six Forks Road in Raleigh at 3:00 PM



Former Lodge Chief **Matt Curtis** shows he has the Occoneechee Spirit!



Occoneechee Arrowmen Demonstrate our Brotherhood process during the 2000 NOAC



Arrowmen enjoy Founders Day Festivities.



Former Lodge Advisor **Dennis Nicholson** enjoys one of the many concerts during the 2000 Founders Day Celebration.



Occoneechee Lodge Contingent NOAC 2000. The largest and Best in the nation!



TRAINING COMMITTEE UPDATE

We started in December of last year with providing each lodge advisor a NOAC Advisor Guide as a follow-on to LLD. Next we developed a plan to build a training committee made-up of a training chairman from each chapter and the Pow Wow and LLD instructors. We then recruited the Pow Wow and LLD instructors and asked them to attend the Council Trainer Development Conference to prepare them to prepare their subjects for Pow Wow and LLD. We developed the Lodge Training Committee Goals and the Training Committee Meeting Schedule presented in the last Tipi edition. We have conducted a staff development before PowWow and will conduct staff development training before LLD on September 21 and October 21, 2002. We have developed the Training Committee and LLD budget for the year. We would hope that the chairman of each activity would develop a budget for their area using this example and submit it for approval at Spring Induction. We have developed the 2002 LLD agenda. Campbell University, at Buies Creek, has agreed to join us in partnership to host LLD. We will use the university facilities and eat in their dining cafeteria. It will be like our own NOAC type event and first class all the way. **CANOTKA Chapter** has agreed to serve as the host chapter and conduct all the facility coordination. At Spring Induction, your Training Committee will pass out the LLD Training Outline to all LLD instructors. They will have from May to September to develop their class and will rehearse it at the September 21 (Fall Fellowship) Training Team Meeting and again at the October 21 LLD Staff Development. This preparation will allow us to provide the best possible training to the newly elected 2003 CHAPTER and LODGE leadership. Our hope is to establish a long-term relationship with Campbell University and conduct LLD there each year. Our plan is to restrict LLD to newly elected Chapter and Lodge Officers and their advisors. Their training is the intent of LLD. We plan to develop a lodge officer and chapter registration form. Chapter officers and their advisors would register as a chapter and the elected lodge officers and advisors individually. The success of this depends on the cooperation of all chiefs. It is the way LLD used to be and is intended to be. We will be sending out individual invitations after the elections and will make it an event that youth and adults will want to attend. More will follow on this at Spring Induction and Fall Fellowship. As you can see your Training Committee is committed to our theme this year.

“EVERY ARROWMAN DESERVES A TRAINED LEADER”

Together we can make this a reality.

2002 LLD (Lodge Leadership Development)

Campbell University and Ocooneechee Lodge 104 has joined in partnership to train the 2003 elected Chapter and Lodge Youth and Adult Leadership on November 15-17, 2002 at the annual Lodge Leader Development (LLD). Mr. Teddy Byrd, Chairman of the Harnett County Board of Commissioners, will welcome our group to Harnett County. **CANTOKA CHAPTER** will be hosting the LLD attendees for this event. The subjects have been selected and the instructors recruited. In March the instructors are being trained by the Council TDC and in May they will receive a National Order of the Arrow Outline for their subject. They will conduct a staff development rehearsal on September 21 and October 21, 2002 and will gather on November 15-17 at Campbell University to prepare the 2003 newly elected chapter and lodge leaders for their year of leadership. More to come. For more details contact Training Committee Chairman William Bell at 252-328-3420 or Willi90000@aol.com or his advisor, Anne Hendrix at 910-897-5283 or Beowolf60@aol.com.

Lodge Building Update

The site has been selected, Funds are starting to accumulate in the bank. What is missing now are the people to step up and assist with the fundraising process. Ocooneechee Lodge needs YOU, if you have skills organizing fund raising activities and assisting in tracking the funds.

Dennis Nicholson, former Lodge Advisor and architect is in the process of developing drawings for this new and exciting facility. Not only will this be a home for Ocooneechee Lodge, but this will give Scouting a new training center which will be accessible to all of Scouting for training and other functions. Current plans call for a 50,000 square foot facility with a small kitchen, a large meeting room, smaller classrooms, a museum space, ceremony storage rooms, possible bunkrooms for camp staff, and bathrooms.

Funds have been raised and others have been donated from the L. C. Goodwin estate, but much more needs to be raised to fund the estimated \$500,000 facility. If you are interested in raising funds or have a talent in that area please contact Lodge Advisor **Rodney McDonald**

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AIA Corner



Spring Pow Wow Dancers **David Cranford** and **Chris Owens**



Wahissa Lodge Drum furnishes the beat for Oconeechee (with 104 Arrowmen **Bill Morris**).



Oconeechee Ladies show that the boys aren't the only ones who strut their stuff. **Mary Dilday** and **Mary Boone-Barham** enjoy the Pow Wow.

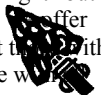
The Drum

Because Indians did not have a written language in olden times, the elders passed down their history mostly in songs and stories. Some old songs heard at powwow's today are about events that happened years and years ago or are about specific people (usually a chief) who lived back then. Many of the old songs are said to be "on the drum", that is, any drum can sing them. Some old and new songs heard at powwow wows are personal or family songs and many of these are not "on the drum" and shouldn't be sung without permission. Personal and family songs are treated as property. In many cases, a substantial amount of money or other valuables have been paid for a person to make a song for another individual or family. It is their decision whether it will be sung in public or not, and by whom. It is a great honor to be given a song. Keep in mind that the singing heard at powwows is just the tip of the iceberg. Far more singing goes on in Native American homes and communities. In olden times, Native Americans had songs for virtually every aspect of daily life; many of these old songs are still sung but are seldom heard outside of Native American communities..

Ever wonder why the drum is sometimes outside the dance circle as at our Lodge Powwow last March or at the center of the circle as at the Section Conclave this past April? Tradition, sometimes called protocol, almost always determines the location of the drum at a powwow. Some powwow flyers will even state "Southern Protocol" or "Northern Protocol". If the "host" drum is a Northern drum, that is, they sing in the Northern style, then the drum will be placed according to Northern tradition which is at the side of the circle; the dance circle would then be managed by the event staff according to Northern traditions. If the "host" drum is a Southern drum, the drum will be placed in the center of the circle and the arena will be managed according to Southern traditions. If the dance arena is too small for the number of dancers expected, a Southern drum might be placed on the side of the circle more or less out of necessity. Likewise, if there are several "guest" drums (Northern or Southern) at a Southern Protocol powwow, they might also be placed at the side of the circle out of necessity, especially if they arrive a little late.

CAVEAT

American Indians, as with any society, is not a "one size fits all" group. There are many different ways, traditions, and beliefs between tribes, within tribes, and even within individual Indian communities. What is "right" for one may not be right for another. The contributors to this space will attempt to share their knowledge (most often as non-Indian) based on mostly informal study and contact with a variety of American Indian individuals and groups in a variety of situations. These articles do not intend to speak for any particular tribe or group. So, what you read here may differ from something you have seen or heard from an American Indian or other person knowledgeable of American Indians. Differences do not necessarily mean that one is "right" and the other is "not right" but just that...different. If we do occasionally get something wrong, we offer our humble apologies in advance to all concerned and hope that with a different experience will come forward to share their expertise with us.





Adviser's Minute

Dear Brothers and friends,

There is much to be excited about. We have accomplished much in a short period of time. The new waterfront is about to be completed. We have confirmed registration for NOAC for 75 brothers. The 2002 Conclave is over, and we celebrate the victory of our Dancers, Joey Cranford, Calvin Terry, Ian Ward, Daniel Harris, Jeremy Allen, and Kevin South. In Ceremonies we congratulate Eno Chapter's Team. We also congratulate Calvin Terry, our new Section Vice-Chief of Training. But other things come to mind as we return from Camp Cherokee.

I remember A.J. Phoenix struggling to put together a Quest Team. One of the largest lodges in the Section, and we had difficulty fielding a team? I would walk through the campsite and see many brothers sitting in camp. Why did those that sat in the campsite go to Conclave, an event that is built around fellowship, training, Ceremonies, and American Indian Dancing? On Sunday morning I noticed that all the group awards went to other Lodges. We celebrated the individual efforts of our brothers, but as a group we failed to make a showing. A small group of arrowmen is actively participating while others just hang out.

Many say that this is symptomatic of a large lodge. Why can a Lodge with close to 1600 members not excel as a group. Why can we not have more people involved? Join us now. Help us create the future! The lodge we build today, is one for the youth of tomorrow, to gain experience and skills from. There is much that we can do to improve our Lodge.

On another note, it is with sadness that we recognize the passing of our Brother, Harry Simmons. Harry was an ardent supporter of Occoneechee Lodge. I was privileged to have served with Harry on several Council Committees as well as having taken Woodbadge in a Troop, which he served on staff. He was a dedicated scouter, who cared much for the boys and the program, which we serve. He recognized and respected the service which the OA and Occoneechee Lodge provided our camps and scouting as a whole. He worked with us to accomplish our goals, whether it was helping obtain loads of gravel for roads for the 2001 Conclave or getting ideas for camp improvements passed through Properties Committee in support of Lodge functions. He was a great Scouter, a Great Arrowmen, a Brother, and Friend. He will be missed!

May the great Scoutmaster of all Scouts be with us till we meet again. May we run the race at a Scouts pace on the trail that leads to him.

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Rodney

Chief's Minute

“Seek to Serve”

Dear Brothers,

Work on the new waterfront is going well and still on schedule for an opening ceremony at Spring Inductions. We owe a big debt of gratitude to all those who have helped thus far; especially to the project leaders and those individuals who have spent countless hours working at Durant. THANK YOU! One note, there will be an additional workday scheduled for May 4. We are looking for about 20 people to come out and help on the boathouse, if you are willing and able, please get in touch with VC service Calvin Terry or his advisor Randy Gordon.

On the issue of health forms, I am glad to see an increase of health forms turned in by chapters. I cannot stress enough how important it is for us to have a current health form for every participant at a lodge event. If we did not have a current health form at the health lodge, there is not much we can do, if someone gets hurt unless it is a life or death emergency. I have seen a vast improvement, but we need 100% on this.

We will have an open forum to discuss the NIMAT program, and we need your input. We want feedback from all stages of this program, from the chapter sessions, to the actual hike itself. We will listen to all comments and suggestions, but we are trying to critically review the process. Also, we want to establish whether the old system (brotherhood trail) is necessary for Fall Fellowship.

I am very excited about NOAC and I hope everyone else is as well. I have some important reminders regarding NOAC. Contingent flap sets, and CSP orders are due May 17 (Spring Inductions). If you are signed up with the Occoneechee delegation, you are responsible for paying ALL of the contingent fees, even if you are not traveling by bus with the rest of the contingent. Other developments from the contingent meeting at Spring Powwow: there will be three sets of our NOAC flap set (flap and matching bottom patch) the fund raiser (orders due May 17), the delegate set, and the trader set; each will be distinguished by different border colors. We also discussed possible NOAC memorabilia including laptop cases and/or backpacks, and polo shirts.

For those who did not know, or just have not thought about it yet, our lodge is in its 65th year! Happy birthday 104! At Fall Fellowship we will have some sort of small recognition of 65 years of service, so be sure to join us.

Yours in service,

Joseph Cranford

Lodge Chief



SR 7B Memories



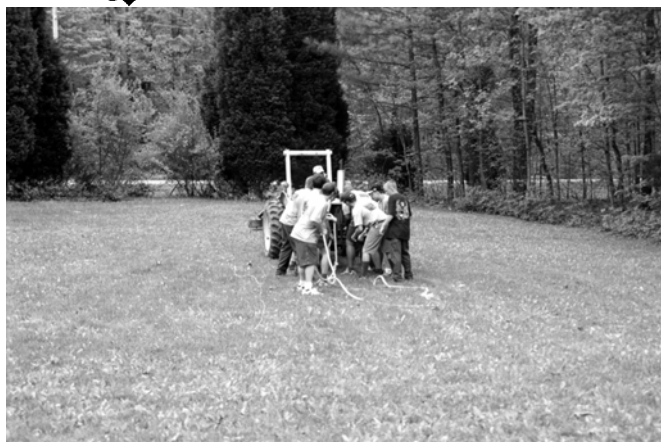
David Cranford opens the 2002 Conclave firing a Canon



Occoneechee Lodge lines up for Morning Colors. Smile Joey!



Occoneechee Quest Team competes in Water Balloon Catapult.



Quest Team pulls Tractor



Calvin Terry poses as the new Section SR-7B Vice Chief of Training



A. J. Phoenix shows his egg catching style in practicing for Conclave at Spring Pow Wow.



New waterfront takes shape. Funded by the Occoneechee Council and constructed by Lodge 104 Arrowmen



View of new tower and shelter from the dock