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Occoneechee Lodge #104 Newsletter

December 2014

## A Wonderful Weekend at Fall Gathering

By: Nicholas Anderson, *Website Committee Chair*

Fall Gathering started with our traditional Friday Night Campfire. Our newly elected officers performed an entertaining skit about what they're going to do differently in 2015. Another fun skit featured "Family Feud" starring the Blair Family and the Past Chief Family. And don't forget about our musical entertainment from our Vice Chief of Communications, Gray Barnhill!

Saturday morning began with the AIA Expo. Brothers got the chance to learn more about AIA, as well as some of its various aspects including Dancing, Drums, Singing and Regalia. Along with the AIA Expo, attendees could view a demonstration of the new 2015 Brotherhood Ceremony and participate in service projects going on throughout the camp to clean up from Camporee the previous weekend. The weekend ended with dinner and the awards banquet Saturday night.



(Above) 2015 lodge officers are sworn in at the awards banquet (Below) 2015 officers perform a skit at the Friday night campfire

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# Come Work on the Camp Durant Staff!

By: Owen Clapp, *Staff Writer*

Tired of wasting your summer away with no real fun? Want to see the other side of summer camp? Want to make an impact on hundreds of Scouts, while having a great time and making lots of great memories? Well, if you answered yes to any of those questions, then being on the 2015 Camp Durant Staff is for you! Apply and open the doors to endless opportunities, such as teaching Merit Badges like Climbing, Oceanography, Metalwork, Computers, First Aid, and Pioneering, just to name a few. Come and help serve slush puppies in the trading post, or help clean up the dining hall after a meal. No matter what area at camp you work in, working on staff is rewarding, fun, and life changing! Don't wait, apply now at [http://campdurant.com/Staff\\_Resources.html](http://campdurant.com/Staff_Resources.html)

Staff Interviews: Saturday January 24, 2015 OR Saturday February 7, 2015

Location: Council Office, 3231 Atlantic Av., 27604

Time: 9:00 – 1:00

Info: Open interview times (first come, first serve)

Contact: Linda Grady ([linda.grady@scouting.org](mailto:linda.grady@scouting.org)) 919.872.4884

Staff Development: March 27-29 and May 8-10

Staff Week : June 14-20

Location: Camp Durant, 4637 Old Carthage Rd, Carthage, NC 28327

## A Message from the Food Bank

Dear Occoneechee,

On behalf of the community we serve and the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina, thank you for your generous gift of life sustaining food. We greatly appreciate your contribution which will help so many families and children.

Pounds of food donated- 1092 lbs

Thanks to you, the Food Bank will be able to provide much needed meals to our community. These meals are delivered through many avenues including our 800+ partner agencies, our nationally recognized Kids Cafes, and the extremely important Weekend Power Pack program that keeps children fed on the weekends. No matter how the meals are received, I can assure you they will be greatly appreciated. Thank you again for all that you do as a partner to support the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina.



## Congratulations

We would like to recognize the Occoneechee Vigil Class of 2014! Congratulations to all those awarded this honor. (Left to right) Back row: JT Falkner – Temakwe Chapter, Stephen Nuttall – Saponi Chapter, Andrew Bain – Ilau Machque Chapter, Jeanette Spinks – Netopolis Chapter, Donna Dragon – Netami Chapter, John Shore – Neusiok Chapter, Joe Suzanne – Neusiok Chapter. Front Row: Zack Cochran – Neusiok Chapter, Kieth Cochran – Neusiok Chapter, Bob Gamble – Netami Chapter, Brenton Cameron – Netopolis Chapter

# Meet your 2015 Lodge Chief: A.J. Raulynaitis

Hello everyone!

Thanks for electing me as your 2015 Lodge Chief!

A little bit about me: I'm from Troop 10 of Ilau Machque chapter.

I previously served as VC of Administration. If there are two things that made me fall in love with the OA: The ceremonies and EC meetings. Yes, I like EC meetings. I have been Allowat and Kitchkinet at summer camp. I've worked three years at summer camp staff in the Trailblazers Area and the Aquatics Area. I plan on working at Camp Durant again this summer 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 plan on refining the edges and having a record breaking year. If we get 250 people signed up for Conclave before Spring Pow-Wow you'll get to see me and the other lodge officers bald!!

W.W.W.

- A.J. Raulynaitis



# Meet your 2015 VC of Administration: Keegan Pierce

Greetings!

My name is Keegan Pierce, and I'm excited to be your 2015 Vice Chief of Administration. I am 17 years old and from Raleigh NC. I'm in Troop 204 and a part of the Netami Chapter.

Starting from the time that new members enter the Order of the Arrow, they are immersed in the rich offerings of Lodge 104. Each member has talents and skills that can be developed through the OA, and I feel that our lodge can help each scout develop in a unique way. I would like to create new ways that our members can better interact with each other and the lodge. This includes working with each committee to increase awareness of the service opportunities. I also plan to work on developing a Lodge 104 Mobile-compatible App that will provide faster, easier access to resources that would be useful for each arrowman.

I look forward to meeting each of you at events and to having a great year together!

W.W.W.

-- Keegan Pierce





## Meet your 2015 VC of Program: Stephen Nuttall

Hello Brothers!

It is my honor to be your 2015 Vice Chief of Program. I have been involved in the Order for 4 years, and one of the biggest things that always brings me back is the great program our lodge has to offer. There is always something to do, whether it's doing service projects for the beautiful Camp Durant, attending training sessions, or enjoying a powwow on Saturday nights of lodge events, I am never bored. As your Vice Chief of Program, I do not just want to keep these great opportunities going, but I want to make them even better!

A little bit about me: I am 18 years old and attend Carrboro High School. I am an Eagle Scout out of Troop 45 in Chapel Hill. Go Heels! I was Chapter Chief for Saponi Chapter for two years, and served as your American Indian Affairs Chairman last year. A lot of you may know me from my "bubbly" personality and working at Camp Durant for the past three years in the Grille! I am really excited for this year and I hope you are too! If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Remember.....WE'RE NUMBER ONE!

W.W.W.

—Stephen Nuttall



## Meet your 2015 VC of Finance: Ryan Biegert

Hello Lodge 104,

It is fantastic to be serving as your Vice Chief of Finance again. For those of you who have not met me, my name is Ryan and I am in Netami chapter from Troop 212 based out of Cary. Order of the Arrow has been my home away from home for six years now. Finance team made some great accomplishments last year! The launch of the Online Trading Post has gone quite well and has seen orders from all across the United States. Thanks to you guys and the guys that staff it, our in-house Trading Post it has made great sales which help our Lodge run and hold fun events. We look forward to the expansion of concessions selling delicious snacks and treats. If you guys have any suggestions, let us know! With the 100th anniversary coming up, let's all pave the way for brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.

W.W.W.

—Ryan Biegert



## Meet your 2015 VC of Communications: Gray Barnhill

Hello Arrowmen!

Thanks for electing me as the 2015 Vice Chief of Communications. My name is Gray Barnhill and I am an Eagle Scout from Wendell, North Carolina. I am seventeen years old and a senior at East Wake Academy, CLASS OF 2015! I am from Neusiok Chapter and I have worked on summer camp staff for the past three years. I completed my Ordeal at Spring Inductions in 2011 and completed my Brotherhood trail at Pow-wow in 2012. This is my second term as VCC and I am excited to start some new things this year. A lot of planning has already started for the year and a lot of information is soon to come. If you ever have any ideas to improve communication from the lodge, please let me know. I hope to see everyone soon, as we "Tour" different camps!

W.W.W.

-Gray Barnhill



# Peak Patches of 2015

By: Hunter Edge, *Patch Committee Chair*

Hey Occoneechee patch lovers, patch traders, and Tipi article enthusiasts. Hold on to your seats, because the 2015 OA session is just around the corner and with it comes a whole new slew of patches for you to collect and adorn on your uniform. First, be sure to keep your eyes peeled for some commemorative pieces celebrating the hundredth anniversary of the Order of the Arrow. Who knows, you might just find a shiny piece of treasure or a piece to carpet your collection with. Hint hint wink wink;).



Speaking of the hundredth anniversary you can also pick up some of the 2015 NOAC patches before they disappear as well. For the first time in lodge history the entire patch set is available for sale before NOAC, a deal which is certainly “ever in your favor”. Well at least until they run out.

Now NOAC contingent members don't fret, because there is sure to be a couple pieces of delegate memorabilia that will pin a smile on your face as well. **Don't forget!** There “wheel” be a new all event patch released for those who rush in and sign up for every event early in addition to a new pin for those who head down and pay their dues on time. Finally, keep your eye out at conclave for Occoneechee's tourist themed pieces. They are sure to be your passport to a good time. Well that's all for the moment. Make sure to keep your eyes peeled for the new stuff, eyes open for the good trades, and remember if you have an idea for a patch you want to see made, contact the patch committee.

## Adviser's Minute

By: Kevin Blackwood, *Lodge Adviser*

On November 12, 2014, a small spacecraft from earth landed on a comet. Lacking the rest of the details and given the ingenuity of man and recent accomplishments, this hardly sounds like something anyone should be excited about, but consider the following:

The rendezvous occurred over 3 million miles from earth, using a landing probe about the size of a household refrigerator and hitting a target that was less than 3 miles across while travelling at a speed of over 40,000 mph. Not only is this a technological marvel, due to the sheer distance involved, the trip took over 10 years to complete and was actually conceived in November 1993.

You're probably wondering what this has to do with the Order of the Arrow and you as a leader in our Lodge.....

Vision - Vision is what the scientists had over 20 years ago, when they conceived a plan to launch a rocket and land a spacecraft on a comet. They had a vision of what they might find and how that information could potentially unlock mysteries of our universe.

Planning - No detail could be overlooked in order to accomplish their plan. They had to design and construct a craft that could survive the 10 year journey through space including all the mathematical trajectory information necessary to calculate where the comet would be 10 years after launch.

Perseverance – For the duration of a project that took over 20 years to this point, the leaders kept their eyes on the prize and never wavered for a moment. Even when the landing was not entirely perfect they continued to look for the positive and find ways to make the best of their situation and adapt to unexpected events.

You could summarize these qualities as elements of “leadership” and they are the qualities that the Order strives to instill in every arrowman. Whether you are planning a 10 year mission to a comet or a troop camp out, they still apply.

What's your vision....?



# Fall Banquet Award Winners

## The 104 Service Award

This award is given to any Arrowman, youth or adult, for providing significant service to the lodge. The award is given upon attainment of 104 service hours. This award may be earned multiple times within the same year.

- John Shore
- Carlton McKee Jr.
- Bill Bechtel
- Glenn Parlor
- Doira Green
- Kelanni Green
- Thomas Tomkins
- Greg Grimes



Recipients of the 104 service award.

## Honor Troop Award

This award recognizes Troops with considerable efforts put towards both the Order of the Arrow and Scouting.

- Troop 6 – Highlander District
- Troop 352 – Impessa District
- Troop 776 – Highlander District
- Troop 902 – Highlander District

## Troop Service Award

An award given to those Arrowmen who remain active participants in their troops. There are eight requirements to be completed over the course of a year that includes such things as contributing service to the troop and participating in troop outings and meetings.

- Whitt Badgett
- Hunter Williams

## Key Three Award

Two youth and two adults are chosen annually by the Lodge Key 3 (Lodge Chief, Lodge Adviser, and Lodge Staff Adviser) as the recipients of this award. Recipients are awarded director's chairs.

The Key Three award is presented to:

- Joe Suzanne
- Keegan Pierce
- Kimberly Benfield
- Bill Bechtel

## Founders Award

The Founder's Award was established to recognize certain registered, active Brotherhood or Vigil Honor members of the Order of the Arrow at the local Lodge level. The member's life should reflect a spirit of achievement in his everyday activities. Through his everyday life he should show:

- An understanding of the world he lives in
- A determination to do his best at all times
- An enthusiasm while doing what he believes should be done
- A belief in, and a commitment to, those "things of the Spirit" (Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service)

The Founders Award goes to:

- Ryan Biegert
- John Spinks
- Dennis McKinney
- Harold Liberty

**Congratulations to all 2014 award winners!**



Recipients of the Troop Service Award– Whitt Badgett and Hunter Williams

# Message From the Editor

Hello Lodge 104!

This is Eric Fitch, your 2015 Tipi Editor-in-Chief. I am very excited to be working on the Tipi this year, and will work to bring you the best newsletters possible. If you are interested in helping out, please consider becoming a staff writer or a photographer. We are always looking for contributors! If interested, email [tipi@lodge104.net](mailto:tipi@lodge104.net). I am looking forward to a great year!

W.W.W.  
- Eric Fitch

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## 2015 Lodge Calendar

Event	Date	Location	Details
Spring Pow-Wow	March 20-22	Camp Durant	Ordeal Experience– Brotherhood Trail– AIA Competitions– Quest for the Golden Arrow
SR7B Conclave	April 17-19	Camp Tuscarora	
Spring Inductions	May 15-17	Camp Durant	Ordeal Experience– Brotherhood Trail
NOAC	August 3-8	Michigan State University	Patch Trading, AIA, and much, much more!
Fall Fellowship	September 18-20	Camp Durant	Ordeal - Brotherhood Trail - Vigil Honor Call Out – Lodge Elections