

# The Tipi



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## Join the Thunderbird at the 2007 SR-7B Cardinal Conclave

*April 20–22 at Camp Durant, Carthage, NC*

### **What Is Conclave?**


Conclave is a weekend where 1,000 Arrowmen from across North Carolina join together for a weekend of fun, fellowship, training, and competition. This year, our Occoneechee Lodge 104 is hosting this event; the other five lodges of Section 7B of the Southern Region (SR-7B) will be coming to our own Camp Durant. We need your help! We need it that weekend, and we need it now to get ready.

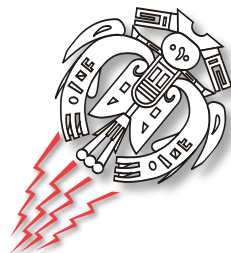
### **How Can I Get involved?**

The next page has contact information for all of our committees. Feel free to contact the chairman or adviser of the committee that interests you! They need your help preparing for the weekend, and they will definitely need it that weekend.

### **What are the next steps?**

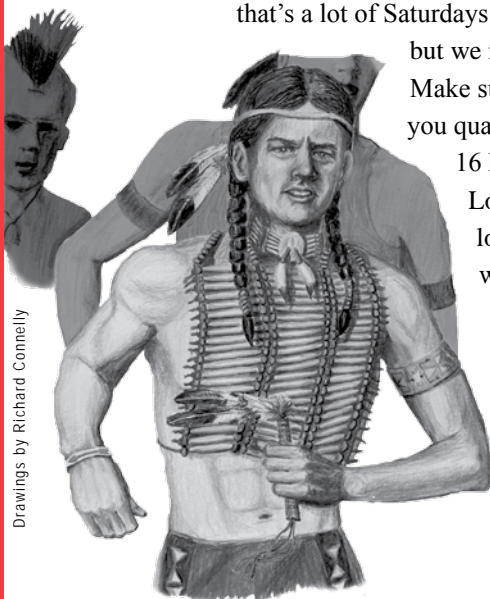
- First, fill out a Conclave registration form and send it to Sharon McDonald, along with your \$27 registration fee for the weekend.
- Next, contact the committee chairman or adviser of the committee that interests you the most and volunteer your help.
- Then, come out to camp for as many workdays as you can. I know, I know, that's a lot of Saturdays where you have other stuff going on, but we need your help to make camp look good. Make sure you sign in while you're there, since you qualify for one Service Lodge Flap for every 16 hours you work. (If you aren't on the Lodge Listserver, then register at [www.lodge104.com](http://www.lodge104.com) so you can be updated on what projects we will do each time!)
- Finally, come to Conclave!

Check out [www.lodge104.com/conclave](http://www.lodge104.com/conclave) for more information and updates! 



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# Your Lodge Executive Committee

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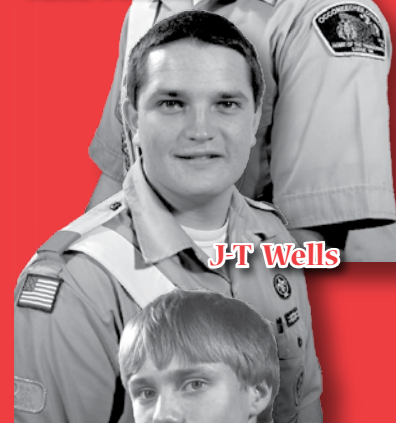
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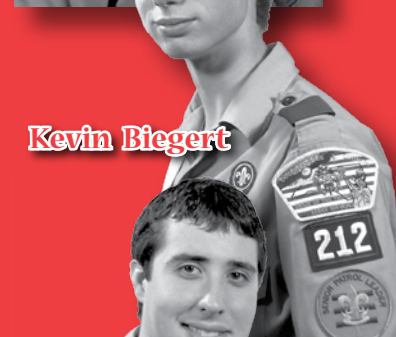
**James Spratley**



**Nick Ochsner**



**J-T Wells**



**Kevin Biegert**



**Thomas Grimes**

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## The Chief's Corner

**I**t's been a rough start to the year for many of us, with illnesses, surgeries, personal crises and tragedies. But there have been many wonderful things happening as well. This has been a time when I have been grateful to be a part of our family of Brothers in the Order who have been so supportive of me and others. Thank you!

On the near horizon are many challenges for the Thunderbird. We are hosting the SR-7B Conclave in April and desperately need the help of every one of our members to make it a success. Please try to make it to all our work weekends and other events listed on our calendar. Sign up on one of the Conclave Committees. The more you get involved, the more you will make a difference, the more you will get out the Order, and the more fun you will have in fellowship.

Take every opportunity to seal your membership in the Order by going on the Brotherhood trail at the next Lodge function where it's offered.

Be a part of your Chapter activities. Attend the meetings and volunteer your time to make it one of the best! For those of you with more experience and knowledge, you may also wish to volunteer with one of the Lodge committees. They will train you ... all you need is the desire to learn and willingness to serve!

But, most of all, stay active! Keep your dues current, subscribe to the Lodge 104 E-mail list and keep up with happenings at [www.lodge104.com](http://www.lodge104.com). You are a valuable member and we need you! 🏹

*Yours in the Order,  
James Spratley  
Lodge Chief*



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## Program Points

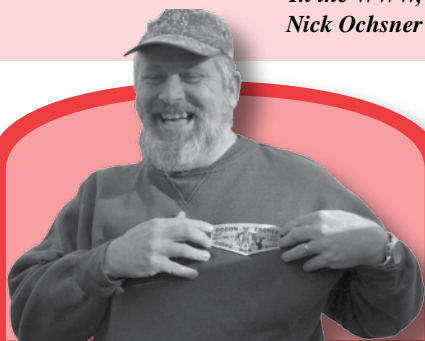
After what I am sure was a restful winter holiday I hope everyone is excited about the awesome program opportunities for the year ahead of us! Whether you are looking for great service opportunities, wish to participate in dance or ceremonies, or even take part in excellent training in 2007, there will be many worthy activities that will afford you the chance to make your meaningful contribution to our Order.

With Conclave quickly approaching, now is the time to get active in our Brotherhood by volunteering on one or more Conclave workdays. You can find a full schedule of workdays later in this edition of the Tipi.

I am also looking forward to another opportunity to host our Lodge's future arrowmen as the AIA Committee hosts the annual Webelos OA Day at Spring PowWow. Of course, volunteers are also needed to help with this great program of the Lodge.

This year will truly be what you make of it. I hope to serve with all of you very soon. 🏹

*In the WWW,  
Nick Ochsner*



*Arrowman Greg Grimes is the first to earn his workday flap.*

## Want to get involved directly? Join a 2007 Conclave committee!

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## Pre-Conclave Workday Schedule

Date	Project	Materials Needed	Tools Needed
March 24	Power Wash Trading Post / Admin	Powerwash, Brushes	
March 31	Paint Trading Post/Deck; Admin	Primer Paint, Paint	Ladders, Brushes, rollers, Extensions
April 7	Power Wash Shelter Floors	Detergent?	Power Washers
April 14	Landscaping/Brush Clearing		
April 20-22	Conclave		



## Stay Up-to-Date With Lodge Events and Notices

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](http://www.lodge104.com). 🏹



## Adviser's Minute

**H**appy New Year! Another year rolls in and new challenges await us. This is the year we host the SR-7B Conclave and ***Occoneechee needs your help!*** We are just a month out from Conclave and our participation at the workdays has been weak. Some days there have only been 5 to 6 arrowmen present. Despite some confusion regarding workdays we need everyone's effort in the last hours to make this event successful. Keep watching for listserver messages and postings to the website.

Also we need everyone's help at the event. We need people to volunteer to be on staff. We have openings in everything from Campsite Hosts, Dining Hall Staff, Trading Post, Parking, Grounds, Registration, Shows, and a long list of other places for you to serve. Plus we still need to have a contingent to compete. At Spring Pow Wow there will be more information available. Bring a

friend. Bring someone who hasn't been to an event in a while.

Get excited about the Sullivan Training Center and Lodge Building. There will also be meetings at Pow Wow



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for the fundraising committee. Jack Hendrix has done a phenomenal job in getting this organized into a first-class campaign. The OA National Newsletter recently contacted the Lodge to find out more information on how Jack put

together this effort. We still need your help to raise the funds to make this become a reality.

Remember we are a service organization. We need everyone's help to succeed in our program. With over 1600 members, if everyone contributed just a few hours of their time, just think of what all we could achieve. We particularly need people to volunteer to work on the Lodge level as Advisers. If you have not already heard, this will be my last year as the Lodge Adviser. Not only will I be stepping down but many of the great people that I have had supporting our efforts this past several years are leaving their jobs as well. The Lodge deserves new blood from time to time. So let me know if you wish to serve in any capacity. I promise you it is rewarding and challenging work. I am proud of *our* accomplishments.

Thanks to all and I hope to see you at Pow Wow. 🦋

*Yours in the Brotherhood,  
Rodney McDonald*

## Administrative Notes

By now unit elections in your chapter should be in full swing. I hope that at your chapter meetings you have been discussing times to go to troops and conduct the elections, and also have had some sort of unit election training. My job is to make sure these elections take place and that the troops get a great impression of the OA from your team's presence at their meeting.

Be sure to look at the Lodge Planbook on pages D-3 and D-4 for more information on how and when to complete the elections. Information on forms can be found on pages E-13 through E-15, as well as online for these resources. Also see there how to complete a unit election packet that needs to be given to each Scoutmaster and what needs to go in each of the packets. You can find a sample unit elections ballot worksheet that was not

included in the Planbook this year on the Lodge104.com website. If you need any help with having unit election training or any other questions about the unit elections process, please feel free to contact me at 919-422-8325.

Also this Spring, we will be offering the Brotherhood Trail for Ordeal members who are eligible for the rank of Brotherhood. This is very important towards the Lodge attaining the Honor Lodge recognition and we want to strive for that award again this year. If you have been a member for ten months and have been active in service and dedication to your Lodge, chapter, and troop, then you may be eligible for this rank. Study and memorize the information of our Order to be prepared for the test of Brotherhood.

Also, by the end of Executive Committee meeting on Sunday of the Spring Pow-Wow, all Vigil Honor Petition forms are due. This is the highest rank in the Order of the Arrow and you should carefully consider submitting a form to nominate someone for this honor. Forms may be found in the Planbook and online.

Available on the website under the members section, you may find out who is eligible for both Brotherhood and Vigil.

Please contact me if you have any questions about either of these. 🦋

*In Brotherly Cheerful Service,  
J-T Wells - Vice Chief of Administration*





## AIA News

The AIA committee is busy preparing for conclave. We are working hard at getting ceremonies rings and the dance arbor ready for competition. We are excited about the excellent training from the Section's best we have lined up for the weekend. In all Conclave should be a great weekend and we look forward to it. I have high expectations of Lodge 104's Dancers and Ceremonialists.

Next up after conclave is Spring Inductions. Between the ceremonies rings and dance arbor there will be a lot of service taking place in the AIA department. After candidates go through their ordeal ceremony we will be hosting our usual Inductions PowWow that evening.

At Fall Fellowship we will be hosting Gentgeen 101 to the entire SR-7B Arrowmen. All who sign up will have the opportunity to learn about dancing and begin work on their own outfit. There will be classes in every dance style offered and a ceremony class as well. If anyone is interested in this program get up with an experienced Lodge dancer now (contacts are listed in the AIA section on the lodge website). Success at this event requires a lot of preparation ahead of time. 🏹

— Michael Duda  
AIA Committee Chairman

## 2006 Winter Banquet Report

On December 5th, members from our Lodge, with their friends and family, gathered at Sanford's Civic Center to celebrate a successful year at our annual Winter Banquet. A silent auction was held with a plethora of patches, tshirts, and other items donated for the fundraising cause. After opening remarks and the blessing, a tasty catered meal was enjoyed by all.

The guest speakers were the Supreme Chief of the Fire, John Akerman, our Council President, Dan Bryson. Lodge Adviser, Rodney McDonald, presented the newly revised plans for the Sullivan Training Center as well as announced his own retirement later this year. Outgoing Lodge Chief, Noah Asbill spoke about the state of the Lodge and installed newly elected Lodge Chief, James Spratley. Following the installation, the following Brothers and others were presented these awards:

- Chief's Award: Eluwak Chapter
- Key 3 Award: Nick Ochsner, James Spratley, Gail Barker, and Glenn Parler (see photo on page 6)
- Founders' Award: Noah Asbill, Jonathan Jordan, and Evan Purser
- Roth Award: Yamni Chapter
- Friend of the Thunderbird: The Carolina Hurricanes Hockey Team

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



New Lodge Chief, James Spratley



Past Lodge Chief, Noah Asbill



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## 2006 Lodge Key Three Award Recipients



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Left to right: Nick Ochsner, James Spratley, Gail Barker, and Glen Parler

## Calendar of Events

January 13 & 20	Conclave Workdays
February 10 & 17	Conclave Workdays
March 17, 24, & 31	Conclave Workdays
March 16 - 18	Spring PowWow at Camp Durant
April 7 & 14	Conclave Workdays
April 20 - 22	2007 SR-7B Conclave at Camp Durant
May 18 - 20	Spring Inductions at Camp Durant
September 14 - 16	Fall Fellowship at Camp Durant
October 14	National One Day of Service
October 20 - 21	Vigil Gathering
November 16 - 18	Lodge Leadership Development at Campbell University
December 6	Lodge Winter Banquet

