

March newsletter for Occoneechee Lodge # 104

Monthly Newsletter April 2009

### Conclave Video!

Over the course of the weekend, the section hosted a professional videographer to record the weekend's happenings. Shown at Saturday night's campfire and show, the video is on YouTube for all to see.

#### Weekend in review:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d9BIbcoaSs0&feature=channel\_page

For a detailed review of Conclave, 2009, see the chief's report.

### Here are some highlights

- 1. Occoneechee is the HONOR LODGE for 2009. Honor Lodge is awarded to the all around best lodge in the Section in any given year based on a points system.
- 2. Lodge 104 brought the most brothers to Conclave.
- 3. We won the first ever IronMan competition.
- 4. The 104 drum team placed first.
- 5. Nick Ochsner will be the 2009-2010 SECTION CHIEF.

Pictures and other information will be available on the section website (<u>www.sr7b.org</u>) shortly.

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## Chief's Report

I hope those of you that attended Conclave are getting your voices back, i know mine is taking its sweet time getting back to me. I would just like to say that right now I am extremely proud to be your lodge chief. What happened this weekend in my opinion was amazing. As a lodge we received numerous first and second place finishes in individual dance and Pre-ordeal ceremony competitions. A special congratulations to our Brotherhood team, Drum/singing team, cooking competition team, and our iron man team for receiving first place in their respective competitions. Also, congratulations to Nick Ochsner and Kevin Biegert for winning their section officer elections.

While we may not have won the spirit award or the quest for the golden arrow, i am very very proud of everyone. The positive spirit we showed all weekend was unmatched, especially during the quest events (the cheers for the pancake team were hilarious). In the past, we were hard pressed to get people to come to quest and other lodge events other than the people that were attending. It made me proud to see the ENTIRE lodge present for iron man and quest. Thank you all.

However, I am proud to say that we won the most prestigious award this weekend. We are the HONOR LODGE for section 7b. It has been over ten years since we last won this award. This is a tribute to everything that everyone (not just those that went to conclave) have done throughout the year. This award shows how much we have grown as a lodge and how we have come closer as brothers and i hope this gives you all the motivation to come out to spring inductions and fall fellowship and all our other events and make them the best they can be. Because you know what? right now we are the best lodge in the section thanks to every single one of you. And right now i couldn't be prouder to tell people that i'm from lodge 104, and i hope that you feel the same way.

I look forward to seeing all of you again in a few weeks at Spring Inductions, and remember: IT'S A BIRD, IT'S A PLANE, IT'S A THUNDERBIRD

Yours in Cheerful Service, Nelson Blair Lodge Chief Occoneechee Lodge 104 2009 SR-7B Honor Lodge

# Upcoming events



What	When	Where
Spring Inductions	May 15-17	Camp Durant (Carthage, NC)
Fall Fellowship	September 18-20	Camp Durant (Carthage, NC)
Lodge Leadership Development	November 20-22	Campbell University

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