

# The Tipi



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## Third Annual LLD at Campbell University

### *Every Arrowman Deserves A Trained Leader*

Campbell University and Occoneechee Lodge 104 are again partnering to train the 2005 elected Chapter and Lodge Youth and Adult Leadership at the annual *Lodge Leader Development* (LLD). Cantoka Chapter will be hosting the LLD attendees for this event. The subjects have been selected and instructors recruited. They will use a *National Order of the Arrow* outline for their subject presentations. This promises to be great, fun event and is a vital part of ensuring the success of the Lodge in the forthcoming year and beyond. Be sure to make this one a priority!

Links to new LLD information, forms, and a map to the event have been posted on the Lodge website (<http://www.lodge104.com>). There has been some confusion regarding the fee structure for LLD. The *official* fees are as follows:

- Pre-registration, on or before October 31, 2004 = \$20
- Normal registration,  
after October 31, 2004 = \$25

Anyone who has already paid a different amount can correct it at LLD check-in. Those who have paid more than the required fee will be reimbursed; conversely, those who have paid less will be required to provide the balance. Sorry for any confusion!

For more details, contact Training Committee Adviser, Anne Hendrix at 919-250-3616 or email her at [TrainingAdv104@aol.com](mailto:TrainingAdv104@aol.com).



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A black and white photograph showing two young men in Boy Scout uniforms sitting at a table, looking down at papers. On the left, a vertical banner reads "2004 LODGE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT". At the bottom, the text "NOVEMBER 19-21 • CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY" is visible.

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# Your Lodge Executive Committee

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## The Chief's Corner

**I**t would seem that my time as chief is coming to a close. I've been informed that this will be the last installment in the "Seth Asbill" series of Chief's Minutes. That being said, let me begin by saying the following:

It has been a privilege and honor to serve as your Lodge Chief over the past two years. Within this time, I've gained friends and memories that will last a lifetime. I thank you for allowing me to serve in this capacity, and it is my sincerest hope that I leave my post with the lodge in better standing than I found it. I trust that the lodge is in good hands with Rodney McDonald as Advisor, and Chris Newton as the new Chief. Each will continue to give their all in ensuring the success of this lodge. It is my hope that you, as Arrowmen from Ordeal to Vigil,

will find your place to serve. Remember the words of Allowat Sakima, "Seek to serve, and thus be faithful to the high ideals and purposes of the Order of the Arrow."

In closing, let me remind you that the future of the Lodge rests in the hands of every Arrowman. You define Occonechee Lodge with every word from a ceremony, every blow of a hammer, every handshake with a brother, and every bit of wisdom you pass along. So act accordingly, seek to serve, and carry this lodge into the future, aimed rightly at observing and preserving the traditions of the Order of the Arrow: *Wemachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui.* 

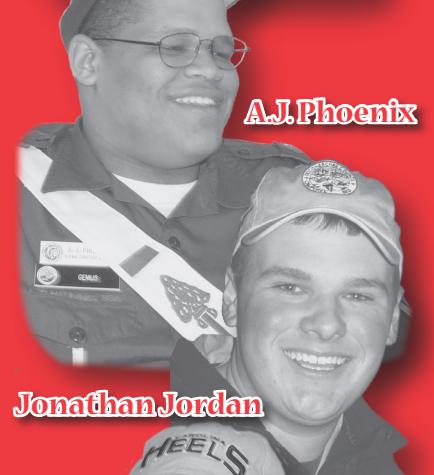
*Seth A. Asbill  
Lodge Chief, 2003-2004  
Waskeu Takachsin Tschitanissowagan*

*Lodge 104 — Home of the Thunderbird!*



**Seth Asbill**

Photography by Richard Connolly



**A.J. Phoenix**



**Jonathan Jordan**



**Jim Bedford**



**Chris Newton**



## Communications

Wow, another year in the Lodge is behind us. I'd like to thank the Academy ... no! wait! ... sorry! Anyway, it's been a good year in communications for the lodge. I know everyone appreciates the hard work our new *Tipi* adviser slash publisher, Richard Connelly, has put in this year to make out newsletter as good as it has ever been. Thanks also to the various committee chairmen who have served with me and their great advisers.

I'd like to wish my successor, J.T. Wells, the best of luck in the coming term. He and I will be working together to get a Planbook produced for LLD, and, with the *Tipi* off the ground and running, J.T. will have the time and resources to devote to the other projects of the lodge, especially the highly anticipated New Member Handbook and the *Where-to-Go-Camping Guide*. He'll need lots of help, so if you have any interest at all in communications, or are just looking for some way to do your part for the lodge, give him a ring or let him know at LLD.

Again, I hope you enjoy and find useful this issue of the *Tipi* and a happy New Year to you all.

Jim Bedford  
Vice Chief of Communications

## Occoneechee Awarded NOAC 2004 Spirit Award

During the course of the National Order of the Arrow Conference, lodges attempted to qualify for the 2004 NOAC Lodge Spirit Award. In order to receive this honor, Lodges must have demonstrated effective planning, participation, and teamwork at NOAC. National Vice Chief, David Dowty, presented the awards in a special ceremony at the Founders Day Fair on Wednesday. *Congratulations to Occoneechee Lodge!*

## Winter Banquet - Get Your Tickets Now!

The Lodge's **Winter Banquet** will be held this year at in downtown Raleigh, NC. This year's banquet is also a very special one in that we are honored to have both the new Scout Executive for Occoneechee Council John Akerman and Southern Region Chief Seth Dearmin as our guest speakers. Were also going to be having **Charleyfest II**, the continuation of Charleyfest I which was held at Fall Fellowship, so that everyone can come and enjoy our very own Charley Sullivan.

A silent auction, followed by a fully catered BBQ meal, our guest speakers and special awards will be provided for \$13.00 per person. Family and friends are welcome!



Date: Saturday, December 4, 2004

Time: 7:30pm.

Place: Edenton Street United Methodist Church  
228 W. Edenton Street  
Raleigh, NC 27603

Tickets: \$13.00 per person

Only a limited number of tickets are available, so make sure to reserve your seat by purchasing your tickets right away by mail from:

Rob Grau  
5200 Wood Valley Dr  
Raleigh, NC 27613



Remaining tickets will be sold at the door, but your best bet for a seat is to buy yours in advance! Don't delay ... do it today!

Also the Recognition Committee is happy to announce the creation of a new award, the Leadership and Service Award. We will be getting more information out to the lodge about this award when we get it.

With all this exciting stuff going on at Winter Banquet it's sure to be a great time and I hope to see everyone there.

Yours in Service,  
Noah Asbill  
Recognitions Committee Chairman



# Adviser's Minute

After a great NOAC, Vigil Gathering, and Fall Fellowship, I am excited over the upcoming year. Our Training Committee is busy preparing for another outstanding LLD at Campbell University and our recognitions group is busy working to prepare for a great Winter Banquet. At this point it appears that we will qualify for Quality Lodge this year. Something we missed by a narrow percentage last year.

After such a great year we would be remiss if we did not thank all that made us successful this past year. First and foremost thanks to Terry McIntire, Chris Ferguson, James Spratley, and our entire summer camp staff for making the Brotherhood Conversion at Summer Camp so successful. We converted over 50 new members in this first year. That made our efforts for Quality Lodge much easier. Hopefully we can get more involved and assist in making our Summer Camp even more successful next summer.

Also we would like to thank Jeff Brewer, the AIA Committee, and all those Brothers who made the Council Cuboree so successful this year. As

Tom Wells, the Coordinator said, "this event would not have been possible without Occoneechee Lodge!" Our efforts impacted the future Scouts who will be our members in the near future. Arrowmen assisted with the set up and



Photography by Richard Connely

parking; they ran activities, operated the AIA Indian Village with dancing and crafts, and helped clean up after the event was over. And we all had fun doing it.

As a direct result of our efforts at the Cuboree, the Lodge is the owner of a new enclosed trailer for the Trading Post. *Wayne Homes'* Sales Manager, David Larsen, saw the effort that the Lodge extended for the Cub Scouts of Occoneechee Council and was so

impressed that he asked what he could do to help out. When a new trailer was mentioned, he contacted his company President and they purchased the trailer. It has been painted with the Thunderbird on the side and was presented at the *Wayne Homes Family Day* at their Sanford location on October 30th. Several Brothers joined us that day as we celebrated our good fortune!

Congratulations to our new Vigil members. Although the turnout was a small, those who showed up enjoyed the crisp fall air at W. D. Campbell. We had an outstanding time with good food supplied by the two Calvin Terry's, Charles Davis, and those who assisted them in feeding the crowd. If you don't believe that they brought everything including the kitchen sink (and the shower and the flushing toilet) just ask! The group enjoyed the company of John Akerman, our Scout Executive, and Charlie Sullivan, who camped with us all weekend.

Thanks again to all who are helping make our lodge the great organization that it is. We are now spreading out and helping all of Scouting. I am proud to be a part of the "Thunderbird Crew!"

*Yours in the Brotherhood,*  
— Rodney McDonald. 



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◀ *Allowat Sakima (Jonathan Jordan) taps out an Ordeal candidate at Camp Durant this summer during one of the weekly ceremonies held for campers and their families. The camp staff's ceremonial team did an impressive job that kept the audience captivated by their polished performance. It was an experience that will remain ingrained in their memories for a very long time.*

*The staff, spearheaded by James Spratley, also was very successful in putting on a Brotherhood Trail each week of summer camp, and the unique Brotherhood ceremony was equally superb.* 

# Sons of Uncas

by Randy Van Ness



**A**sk Randy Van Ness who his favorite cartoonist is and you will probably get six or seven names back. It would seem that he enjoys the artwork of several and the humor of several others, and he likes to take ideas from all of them. Van Ness is the artist behind "*Sons of Uncas*," the new comic strip that follows the adventures of Bill and Roger, two Ordeal members of the Order of the Arrow.

Van Ness has been drawing cartoons for most of his life, and for the last fourteen years, has been the lodge cartoonist for Nawakwa Lodge 3 in Virginia. "Every year that our troop goes to out-of-council for summer camp, I make a contact with

that local lodge and sell them on the idea of carrying a comic strip in their newsletter," says Van Ness. "I now have three lodges that print "*Sons of Uncas*" and I'd like to see more." As of now, the comic strip is offered at no charge to the lodges.

Being Scoutmaster of Troop 923 in Hopewell, Virginia has given him a lot of material to work with. Although he has not always been the Scoutmaster, Van Ness has been active with the troop for eighteen years, serving in many positions and watching the antics of many Scouts. The cartoonist acknowledged as much, "The characters of Bill and Roger are composites of many Scouts, as are many of the story lines." But coming up with

the idea of a cartoon is sometimes the easiest, or the hardest thing, depending on his deadlines for publication. "Some just flow out of my pencil; others I shelve and get back to later."

Van Ness had four years of art in high school, but turned down two offers at art schools in Wisconsin and Minnesota to go to broadcast school. In between radio gigs, he did work for a year at a graphics studio where he amused the staff with his work. He has been in Scouts almost continually since being a Cub. "Everywhere I land, I get active with a troop. Scouting is my second family and I like reunions."



## News from the Patch Committee

At the Fall Fellowship Lodge Executive meeting, the Patch Committee proposed a lodge building fund-raiser bullion. Bullion utilizes gold and silver thread like the military uses in some of their emblems. Orders of the Arrow lodges produce them generally as a fundraiser item due to the higher cost in production. In the proposal there would be a series of 4 bullions made, 300 of each. The basic design would be the same with different color felt borders. The first of the series would be sold at Pow-Wow in 2005. Proposed cost per bullion

will be in the \$20 range. The second bullion of the series would be sold at Spring Inductions, the third at Fall Fellowship and the fourth at Vigil Gathering. Start saving up your pennies to get yours as this would be the first ever bullion produced by the lodge. It is sure to be quite a collectible in the future while it is raising those needed dollars for the lodge building fund. Stay tuned on this one for more details.

The 4th and final chenille of the Vigil chenille series went on sale at the Vigil Gathering in October. It has a black felt border, with white chenille embroidery with black arrows and lettering. It is a real beauty!

On another note, get those conclave flap designs in to the patch committee. We need them no later than November the 5th in order to prepare them for presentation to the Lodge Executive Committee at LLD. Our theme for this year's conclave is Out-Break. Be the one that submits the best design and see your flap produced for conclave. It is quite a thrill to see your artwork go from your art pad to the loom!!

If you are interested in designing patches, or have designs for an event, send those designs to the Patch Committee too. Call us at (919) 663-0104, or e-mail us, Thomas Grimes at [grimey87@hotmail.com](mailto:grimey87@hotmail.com) or Greg Grimes at [ggrimes@centernet.net](mailto:ggrimes@centernet.net).



# Administration Annotations

by Jonathan Jordan  
Vice Chief of Administration

Fall Fellowship went very well for us in the administration department. On Friday night the Vigil callout was held and 13 Occoneechee brothers were honored. Our Ordeal was different with the implementation of our new schedule. It went very well and Occoneechee lodge now has 91 new arrowmen. With the new schedule, I feel like the new members got good exposure to what our organization is all about. Hopefully this will pay off down the road with an improved member retention rate. The Brotherhood Trail went very well, and we added 23 new Brotherhood members, bringing our total Lodge membership to 1606 Arrowmen.

We are looking forward to the Winter Banquet, which should be an event to remember. Make sure you're there ... you do not want to miss it.

It is hard to believe that an entire year has passed since I was elected to this position. Many things have happened in my life as well as the life of the Lodge. Thanks to all who made this year a success for Administration, especially my advisor and my chairmen and their advisors. Thank you, too, to all the arrowmen in our Lodge who make this great organization work in the awesome way that it does. Thank you for a great year! ▲

## Get Conclave 2005 Memorabilia Now!

Conclave 2005 Memorabilia preorders now available! The order form is available at:

[http://www.lodge104.com/downloads/docs/Event\\_Materials/2005\\_Conclave\\_Memorabilia\\_Order\\_Form.pdf](http://www.lodge104.com/downloads/docs/Event_Materials/2005_Conclave_Memorabilia_Order_Form.pdf)

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- Ghost Patches
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- T-Shirts
- Hats
- Pins
- Back patches

All orders must be received no later than December 10th, 2004. See the form for mailing instructions. ▲



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▲ Allowat Sakima (Jonathan Jordon) awaits the candidates at this summer's tap-out ceremonies at Camp Durant

## Finance News

Well everyone, it has been an amazing year as far as finances go for Occoneechee Lodge.

Thanks to the hard work of our Trading Post and Patch Committees we are in better financial shape than we have ever been before. Thanks again guys, keep up the hard work!!

And "keep it up" is exactly what we will all need to do. In the months to come, we will start the real kickoff of fundraising for the new Lodge Building. We will be asking you not only for monetary support, but for support in helping us to raise money from previously untapped markets. It is our goal to dedicate this Lodge Building when we host Conclave 2007, so we really need to get going! More information as to how we will be doing all of this fundraising will soon be heading your way .

Thanks again to all who helped with any of the financial aspects of the Lodge this year. For those who helped with registration, the trading post, Conclave, NOAC, patches (by the way, remember that if you are a youth and we use your patch design, you get to go to that event for *free!*) and everything else, I thank you and Occoneechee Lodge thanks you. ▲

Chris Newton  
VC Finance

## 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, visit [www.lodge104.com](http://www.lodge104.com). ▲

## Records Committee: "Pay Dues Online!"

The Records Committee had a great start this year at March PowWow. We had a lot of people pay dues and become Brotherhood Members. Many of you, however, have not yet paid dues. Dues are \$10 for 2004, or \$104 for Lifetime Dues. If you pay lifetime dues, you receive an attractive hat pin. Dues can be sent to Rob Grau, or you can pay on-line using the new web site *members.Lodge104.com*.

You can also do many great things on this site such as update your address, print a temporary membership card, and access rosters and other important information. You can also enter your unit election results on this site which is a great way to get your information to the Lodge. If you have any information needs or records requests, please contact me at: *willhi1979@yahoo.com*. ☺

**William Highsmith**

*Lodge Records Adviser*

*Meteu (Jonathan Stewart) ►  
stands watch by the fire  
at this summer's tap-out  
ceremonies at Camp Durant*



Photography by Richard Connolly

## Vigil Honor Bestowed Upon Eleven Brothers

by David Mabe

*Vigil Committee Chairman*

Congratulations to those brothers who just recently received their Vigil Honor at Camp Campbell on Kerr Lake, October 16-17 (see photo). Vigil ceremonies, service, good food and good fun were enjoyed by all. Thanks to all who contributed to weekend's success.

In other Vigil news, sales from previous Vigil patch designs are still providing the funding for the Vigil Committee's budget.

As a final note, I would like to thank Lew Boyles for being such a swell advisor the past two years. For those of you who don't know Lew, he has been the Vigil Committee Advisor for a "good many" years now, and he's perfect for the job. His leadership and service ethics have served me and anyone who has worked with him well. Thanks Lew! ☺



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*From left to right: Dennis McKinney, Matt Duvall, Win Quakenbush, Jonathan Stewart, Terry Putman, Lindsay Putman, Thomas Grimes, Jim Bedford, Greg Grimes, Jonathan Jordan, Kevin Wolfe. Walter Redding and Jim Scheckles will attain their Vigil at a later date.*

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*Meteu (Jonathan Stewart) holds in his hands the flames of the Spirit of Scouting as he lights the council fire at this summer's tap-out ceremonies at Camp Durant*

## Calendar of Events

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|-------------------|---|
| November 6        | National One Day of Service                               |
| November 19 - 21  | Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) at Campbell University |
| December 4        | Winter Banquet  |
| December 26 - 31  | Holiday 50-Miler  |
| January 8         | Executive Committee Meeting                               |
| February 19       | Camp Campbell Workday                                     |
| March 18 - 20     | Spring PowWow at Camp Durant                              |
| April 15 - 17     | 2005 Conclave at Camp Raven Knob                          |
| July 16           | Executive Committee Meeting                               |
| September 16 - 18 | Fall Fellowship at Camp Durant                            |
| October 15 - 16   | Vigil Gathering at Camp Campbell                          |

