



With Cheerful Service

The Lodge prepares for service on a grand scale at this year's Spring Inductions. Plus: calling all Elangomats!

Spring is in the air! With hundreds of new candidates preparing to undergo their Ordeal, the Lodge is once again gearing up for Spring Inductions. This year the Lodge's biggest service weekend is set for May 20-22nd at Camp Durant, and we have been asked to take on a truly formidable array of projects. Whether you are a youth or an adult, the Ordeal Committee needs your help to make these projects happen!

Among dozens of tasks ranging from fencing to mulching, our top priorities will be improvements to the waterfront and construction of new staff cabins. These projects offer both an inspiration and a challenge. At past Inductions, we have sometimes faced the problem of keeping Ordeal candidates occupied with meaningful work. As a result, some candidates have felt that they are merely doing "make-work" projects that don't have a lasting or significant impact. This year's projects inspire confidence that each and every candidate will have the opportunity to do a meaningful job that leaves a real legacy. With so many projects "in the pipeline," we certainly won't have Clans sitting around with nothing to do!

In order to get all of these projects accomplished, we need effective Elangomats! We need both youth and adult members to step up and volunteer their services as Elangomats at Spring Inductions. The Delaware word "Elangomat"

means "friend"; as an elangomat, you will serve as a friend and mentor to your fellow Arrowmen while leading them through a day of tough but satisfying service. It is not the easiest or most relaxing way to spend a weekend, but it is deeply rewarding and essential to the continued existence of our Order. We currently have a particular need for youth elangomats. No previous experience is necessary! To sign up, email the Lodge Ordeal Committee Chairman, Tommy Seelinger, at teseelinger@gmail.com.

Last but not least, we also have a particular need for experienced adults to help lead the projects this weekend. As you probably already know (or can easily imagine), building one of our state-of-the-art summer camp cabins involves more than merely standing up four walls and a roof! While the youth Ordeal candidates will certainly keep busy helping with these projects, we need plenty of experienced adults to operate power tools and oversee the technical aspects of construction. If you are interested in helping oversee one of these projects, email Tommy and me (see below); if you have a specific area of expertise (e.g. electrical wiring), please include that in the message.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me at wdallen2@ncsu.edu. See you at Spring Inductions!

-Will Allen
Vice-Chief of Administration



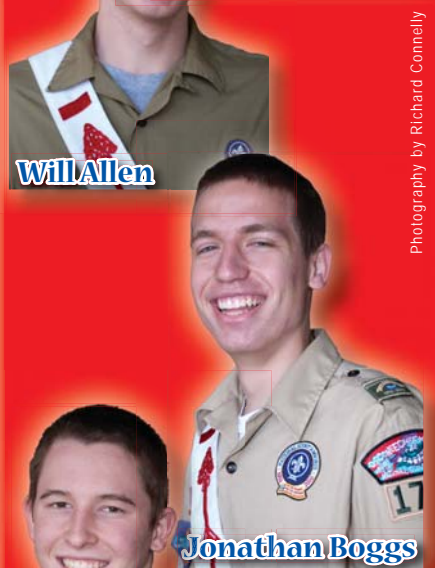
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The Chief's Corner

104 Wins Big at Conclave

I hope that you Brothers all had an amazing time at *Spring PowWow* and *Conclave*, two of the greatest events on our OA calendar. As you know, the Cavemen of 104 were a huge hit at Conclave, and we were a mere one vote away from the Spirit Award. But do you know what we did win? *The Quest for the Golden Arrow!* While we didn't win every event specifically, coming in second place in nearly every event truly put us in the driver's seat for that award.



That was not the only thing we won at Camp Raven Knob, as we proved that there is no one better at Ceremonies across the Section. Every ceremony competition we entered, we won. Pre-Ordeal – *check!*, Crossover – *check!*, Brotherhood – we didn't enter a team, but I am certain if we had, this would be a *check!*.

In the Pre-Ordeal ceremony, Eluwak Chapter represented Occoneechee Lodge as the "A-Team." *Davis Tapp* portrayed Meteu, earning first place by the Section Ceremony Judges. Eluwak's Allowat Sakima, represented by *Daniel Hall*, also earned a first place award. *Andy Wilkins* served as Nutiket and he was given a first place award as well, finally, Kitchkinet, characterized by Eli Lamb, won third place, demonstrating why Occoneechee is Number One. Amangi Newo Chapter entered into the Crossover Competition, winning in landslide fashion. Many of these awards are in a picture on the Lodge's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/OcconeecheeLodge104.

We had several competitors in the other AIA events, including at least four in the Dance competitions. *Kevin Pusak* won third place in Men's Senior Straight, *Tom Neas*, and *Stuart Rose* competed in the Grass Dance Competition, and *Brian*

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Lodge 104 — Home of the Thunderbird!

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Allen competed in the Men's Northern Traditional Competition. The Drum and Singing team competed in their respective competitions and won second

place, and first place in Southern Singing, a very strong showing for the team! Also Occoneechee brothers *Tom Wells* and *Keith Biegert* were recognized for the Founders Award. Congratulations!

Summer Camp at Durant

For the first time in a long time, all five of the Lodge officers are members of the camp staff. This is a promising year at Durant for Lodge 104 with the opportunity for your troop to hold their unit elections and have your candidates tapped out in the awesome Wednesday night OA ceremony. You can seal your membership by earning your Brotherhood and be presented at a separate ceremony on Wednesday night. We will all be able to participate in our weekly Pow-Wow. We have raised the bar even higher than last year.

It should be a fun and exciting time this summer at Durant for our Lodge and we can't wait to see you there! Please follow me on Twitter at www.twitter.com/104chief to keep up with all the awesome stuff we will be doing.

Pass the Word! Thunderbird! ▲

WWW
John Taylor, Lodge Chief
Occoneechee Lodge 104

Hey Guys! Join the 104 Press Corps!



Help us gather news articles and take photos for *The Tipi* and for our archives! You can be an important part of capturing our Lodge history for future Arrowmen. And in the process, have fun learning new photographic, journalism and graphic design skills from professionals in the trade! For details and to sign up with the Corps, get up with Jonathan Boggs at tsteelcity@nc.rr.com.

Adviser's Minute



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Bound Together

During our Executive Committee meeting at the end of Powwow, I discussed the strengths and benefits that all of our Lodge members possess individually, but also of the importance of coming together as a single unit to become a stronger Lodge. My point was illustrated with a handful of loose matches that individually can't stand together until you bind them with a simple rubber band. Those individual sticks now work together.

Our Lodge is like that collection of matches. We have our BSA Oath and

Law and our OA Obligation to hold us together for a better purpose. We have our normal challenges and opportunities ahead of us—Spring Inductions, summer camp and Fall Fellowship, but we also have some extra challenges/opportunities ahead of us such as the renovations of our Lodge Building, Summitcorps, Indian Summer, 2012 NOAC and hosting Conclave in 2013. The 2011 Conclave host lodge, Klahican, registered over 410 Lodge members to operate this year's event. We will need many more than that to provide an exceptional 2013 Conclave and we have already started making those plans.

As we all entered our first Ordeal Ceremony as candidates, we were bound to our future Brothers with a ceremonial rope and eventually repeated our Obligation for the first time with our right hands still bound together. With our Obligation, we promise to work as a team to be unselfish and devoted to the welfare of others. We are able to do more as a Brotherhood than we can alone. I look forward to serving others with you in each day ahead. ▲

– Tom Wells
Lodge Adviser

Congratulations to Jacob Netzel!

One of our Lodge members, Jacob Netzel, completed his Eagle project this year and was selected by the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation as one of four national finalists for the American Spirit Award. Jacob's project was to build a memorial to members of the 3rd Special Forces Group stationed at Ft Bragg who were killed in combat since 1990. For more information about Jacob's project, you can go to:

<http://fayobserver.com/articles/2011/01/15/1062372>

For more information about the American Spirit Award, go to:

<http://boyslife.org/americanspiritaward>

Jacob has set a very high standard for all Scouts and Scouters and is to be congratulated for his diligence and hard work. It is ironic to note that one of the monuments in Jacob's project is in honor and memory of one of our Lodge member's father.

While Jacob did not ultimately receive the award, it was still an honor that he was recognized for his commitment to Scouting and his efforts to honor the men and women who serve in our Armed Forces. ▲

– Tom Wells

Elangomat Duties

Spring Inductions will be here before we know it and we will again need Arrowmen to serve as Elangomats. Think of this as an opportunity to give back to the Lodge by helping others successfully complete their Ordeal. Any Arrowman (youth or adult) may serve in that role.

Elangomats are often the most important contact that new members have with the Lodge and often influence their decision to become active members within the Lodge. Elangomats go through the Ordeal with their clan and provide new members with their first real experience with the OA. Listed below are some of the duties of an Elangomat:

- ▶ Lead by example
- ▶ Get the clan through the Ordeal
- ▶ Put others before yourself
- ▶ Ensure the process is smooth

- ▶ Explain the meaning of symbols to candidates
- ▶ Maintain a headcount at all times
- ▶ Know your way around camp
- ▶ Keep in communication with the Chief Elangomat
- ▶ Keep the candidates well hydrated
- ▶ Be assertive
- ▶ Look out for the health and safety of the clan
- ▶ Have regular restroom breaks
- ▶ Know special needs of the candidates

There are also some benefits that the Lodge provides to its Elangomats:

- ▶ A discount on the lodge event fee for that weekend (\$10)
- ▶ A special Elangomat patch

So, if you are interested in becoming an Elangomat or have any questions, feel free to contact Will Allen: 🏹



Patch & Trading Post News

This spring is going to be an exciting time for Occoneechee patch collectors and traders! First, the Occoneechee Lodge executive committee voted to support the *Race for the Cure* in 2011. We are supporting this effort by making a “Scouting for the Cure” breast cancer awareness flap. The profits from the sale of this flap will go to the Susan B. Komen Foundation. The flap has our traditional Thunderbird stitched in pink on a white fully embroidered background with a large very pale pink 104 behind the thunderbird. Thomas Grimes of Yamni Wakpa Chapter, one of the lodge’s professional graphic artists, designed the flap for us. These flaps became available at Spring

Pow-Wow. Orders will be filled/shipped beginning March 21, 2011. The fee is \$3 each, and \$5.00 per order for shipping & handling. Buy multiples, as we want to show everyone how much Occoneechee Lodge supports *The Cure*!



The Caveman Thundy dangle and Dino driving-the-caveman-car flap were very popular trading patches at the SR-7B Conclave at Raven Knob.

There was also a special spirit item in our delegates’ ditty bag! This was a first-ever item that no other lodge in the country

has ever done. It was a full-sized mold-injected flap pin which can be placed on the uniform pocket.

AIA guys — we have heard your request to bring back the beautiful 104 fancy dancer and have an AIA jacket patch which came out at Pow-Wow. The patch will fund a special AIA award that Occoneechee Lodge will be making for SR-7B. Brian Allen of Eno Chapter designed the patch for the Lodge.

The Trading Post still has a limited number of flaps from the National Order of the Arrow which commemorate the BSA’s 100th Anniversary. They are unique in that they have a combination of woven and embroidered details. If you haven’t gotten some of these beauties yet, you’ll want to make the Trading Post one of your first stops at Spring Inductions. 🏹



We Need Your Help!

Occoneechee Brothers:

The time has come when we need every member of our Lodge to help! We are a Brotherhood of Service and the Lodge and Council need **you!** We all have taken a single match and started a campfire and the flames grow to warm all around it. We need you to help with unit elections, be an Elangomat, work in the kitchen, be a ceremonialist, help with transportation, renovate the Lodge building, work on Winter Banquet, facilitate events, participate in service projects, etc.

We are blessed to have had great leaders go before us to make our work easier. They have set our standards high and we can take it higher ... with your help. We have great opportunities around us and even greater resources to meet those challenges. We are working today to make

tomorrow's leaders of our communities, our state and our nation. If you don't think we're there yet, then step up and make a difference.

We speak of "reaching for the stars" and space travel today is almost a common thing, but it was not that long ago that an Eagle Scout was the first man to step on the moon.

Look for the contact information for our Lodge Key 11 in this Tipi and please take the time to contact us today to offer your help. Our song tells us to "*Gather our clan, circle our council fire, firm bound in Brotherhood!*" Let's all collectively strike our matches and start a fire that provides opportunities for the youth around us today and for those to come tomorrow. I look forward to your call! 🏹

Tom Wells,
Lodge Adviser

Earn Brotherhood at Summer Camp!

During the past summers at Camp Durant our Lodge has a tap-out ceremony on Wednesday night and almost immediately following we hold our Brotherhood conversion ceremony. How does it work?

On Monday, you get the Brotherhood information. After some simple memorization, you go on the Brotherhood trail Wednesday afternoon where you are asked questions about the OA, recite the Obligation, and sing the song with a bunch of tone-deaf guys.

Can't make it down to camp for the whole week? Come down just for the day on Wednesday and go through the trail with everyone else. This opportunity is fantastic for you and our Lodge, so while you're enjoying Camp Durant, take a couple hours out of your week to seal your membership in the Order. 🏹

The Arrowman's Duty to Their Unit

The Order of the Arrow is principally a young man's organization, and the most important role of the adult advisers is to keep the leadership in the hands of the youth.

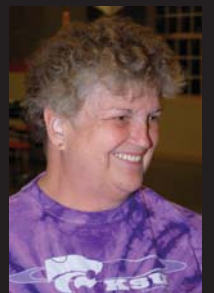
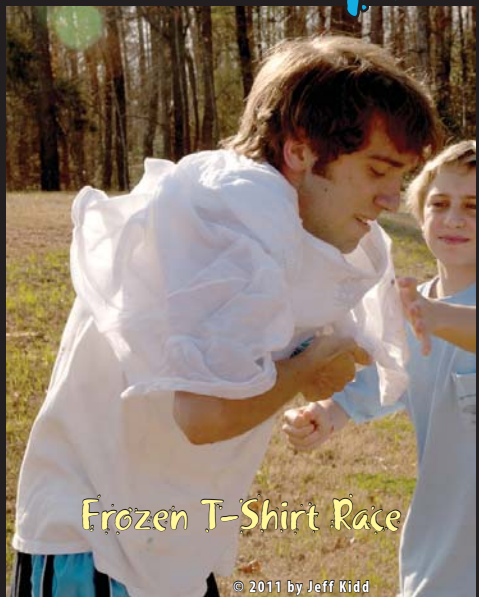
An Arrowman's primary duty is to the unit which elected him into the Order, and to promote active participation of a unit's Order of the Arrow membership in the development of the unit's outdoor and camping activities, thereby strengthening the unit's program. Duties include :

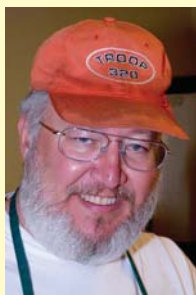
- Being active in all unit activities; assuming a leadership role.
- Assisting the unit to camp on a regular basis, essentially being the camp promoter of the unit.
- Serving as a role model for exemplary camping.
- Furnishing troop leadership with current camping guide information, that is a "Where To Go Camping" booklet.
- Making certain the Lodge Camping Promotion Team visit his unit during the year.
- Making certain that the unit holds its annual Order of the Arrow election; encouraging the Ordeal candidates.
- Encouraging the unit to assist the lodge and council in a wide variety of camp, council, and community service projects.
- Keeping other Arrowmen in the unit informed of important lodge and council happenings.
- Best exemplifying the Scout Oath and Law in daily life.
- Assisting the unit leadership.
- Wearing the Scout uniform properly.

— excerpted from the
Occoneechee Lodge Planbook 2011



Scenes from 2011 Spring PowWow





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LONG-TIME COOK CREW MEMBERS BUSY IN KITCHEN AT POWWOW



Join the 104 COOK CREW



While enjoying recent growth and success, we have also experienced many difficulties in our support activities. We need volunteers — everyone from the registration group, to the trading post, and especially the dining hall. All these groups work tirelessly in support of the Lodge, giving many hours of their time.

We need your help! We have a membership of around 1500, yet we struggle to find help in support of our program. We especially need your help with the Dining Hall. The current Cook Crew has served for over 10 years, many of them working without a break from the early morning preparation of candidates "breakfast" to the cracker barrels each evening. They have gone from the small kitchen in the Sullivan Center to the much larger operation involved with the new Grand Lodge. They are tired and need a rest.

The system of Cook Crews that most lodges in the Order of the Arrow use was patterned after the crews started by Charley Sullivan. We have always enjoyed the service of our brothers, saving us many dollars over the years, enjoying the fellowship, and providing meal service to the thousands that have passed through our ranks for many years. Our options are being examined:

some of the ideas being considered are contracting out food service or going to more pre-prepared meals, but these will mean additional cost to event fees, in some cases doubling those fees. The option that I think we all would prefer would be for us to continue with our tradition of the Lodge Cook Crew preparing our meals.

We need a new group of brothers willing to serve. We need several with institutional/commercial food preparation experience. We need many others who are willing to assist. The current crew has agreed to stay on until Inductions to allow a smooth

transition. Please contact either myself or Lodge Advisor Tom Wells by February 28th. Our Contact information is listed below.

We need your help! ▲

Yours in the Brotherhood

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Calendar of Events

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May 20 - 22	Spring Inductions - Camp Durant
September 16 - 18	Fall Fellowship - Camp Durant
October 15-16	Vigil Gathering - Camp Durant
November 18 - 20	Lodge Leadership Development @ Campbell University
December 3	Lodge Winter Banquet - Durant
December	Lodge Winter 50-Miler

2012 ▼

March 16 - 17	Spring Pow-Wow Webelos OA Day
April 20-22	SR-7B Conclave - Camp Cherokee

**Congratulations to
Our Newest Vigil!**
Brian McCoy

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