



## Torch Passed to New Lodge Leadership

### Meet our new Lodge Officers



Although our new Lodge Officers went into action at the Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) in November, the Chief's bonnet was formally transferred to Chris Newton by past Chief, Seth Asbill (*see photo*), and a new cadre of Vice Chiefs assumed their rightful places during the 2004 Winter Banquet. They are capable, they are trained, and they are eager to serve you and Occoneechee Lodge to make this a fantastic and successful year!



The complete list of new officers appears on page 2. As with any organization, our success depends on your support, so get involved and step up to the plate! Contact your officers and offer your expertise and help. Find out when your Chapter meets and attend faithfully. Check the *Calendar of Events* on page 8. Be sure to make time to attend all the activities you can this year. You'll be glad you did!

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### ***Have you seen the Arrow? There! No there!***

*Well, while caught in a quandary at the 2004 Winter Banquet, our new Lodge Officers will no doubt soon see the errors ... that is "arrows" of their way as they lead us into a new year.*

# Your Lodge Executive Committee

## Lodge Officers

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## The Chief's Corner

**M**y Brothers, first, allow me to thank you for this opportunity to serve our Order this year as your chief. I am humbled by the chance to work with each of you in the months to come. Please feel free to contact me with any comments, ideas, and suggestions you may have for the betterment of our Order.

If you will, allow me to diverge for a moment. Lately, I have been very interested in the study of Archeology. Archeologists study the past, not so much through focusing on kings and rulers, but through the lives of peasants. They study ancient cities: things such as homes, watering holes, and other gathering places. Through the study of these "mundane" activities, we learn what

molded and shaped civilization into what it is today.

Sometimes, we see our lives as mundane and boring. However, we have the opportunity to take the boring days that life gives us and shape the future of those who follow behind us. Remember that our election into our Order separated us, as pulling an arrow from a quiver. Let us strive to live a life worthy of this calling on our lives so that we may impact the lives of those we serve.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to serve you. May each of our lives impact those who follow in our footsteps in the most positive manner possible.

*Yours in Service*

*Chris Newton*  
Lodge Chief 🏹



**Chris Newton**



**James Spratley**



**Noah Asbill**



**J-T Wells**



**Daniel Harris**



*Lodge 104 — Home of the Thunderbird!*



# Administration Annotations

by Noah Asbill  
Vice Chief of Administration

I am excited to see how our Lodge can prosper and become even greater in the coming year. We got a great start with some quality training at LLD (courtesy of the training committee)

## Winter Banquet.

What an exciting event we had at Winter Banquet! I would like to thank everyone who came out for the feast and thank everyone who helped out with planning and carrying out the event. We had a horde of honored guests at Winter Banquet. We had the pleasure of such great company as the Southern Region Chief, Seth Dearmin, Charley Sullivan, member of the National Committee and Occoneechee Lodge, and the Supreme Chief of the Fire, John Akerman.

Everyone had a great time; we ate BBQ and fellowshiped together and reflected on the great year we just had. I would like to send out a special *thank you* to Liz Cranford for her years of service as the Recognitions Committee Adviser. For those of you who don't know, Liz is stepping down as Adviser this year and



we would like to wish her the best in the following years.

## Committee Information

Administration is looking forward to seeing how, through our committees, we can help change and improve events to make the whole OA experience a more meaningful and positive one.

## Importance of Unit Elections

In the coming months, you will be carrying out unit elections in your chapters. I need to stress the importance of this being carried out fully and correctly. If we don't add new members to our lodge, we might have to change our totem to that

of a dinosaur instead of the Thunderbird because we may soon be extinct. Also this year, I want to challenge you to go back to your chapters and get all of the eligible Ordeal members to try to earn their Brotherhood, including those adults who are eligible. If you are Brotherhood already, it would be noble of you to help those Ordeal members prepare to go down the Brotherhood trail. Keep in mind that the success of the Lodge depends on the chapters.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I will do my best to be of help. ▲

## Communications

Well, hello my fellow brothers! I hope you have had a great holiday season. First of all, I just want to say thanks for giving me the chance to serve my lodge in this great position of responsibility and leadership. I hope that I will be able to do as good a job as Jim Bedford ... I am glad he left things in such good shape for me to take over. I would also like to thank Richard Connelly for another great *Tipi*, and my other committee chairs and advisers for all the work

they do behind the scenes to help keep this lodge running with great speed. Finally, I cannot thank Cameron Bowe, my adviser, enough for helping me with the printing of the Planbooks and other things.

LLD was a major success, with many plans being made and with the Lodge starting to prepare to host the 2007 Conclave. I was also glad for the terrific success of the Winter Banquet and for the chance to get to see my brothers again in a great time of food, fellowship, and fun.

I would like to invite everyone who has not yet registered with the Lodge's e-mail list to do so right away at [lodge104.com](mailto:lodge104.com). Doing so will help keep you informed about important events in the Lodge. There you can even pay your dues in order to help us keep our Quality Lodge status.

Finally, I hope you enjoy this *Tipi* and find it very helpful and insightful. Have a great New Year!

J-T Wells  
Vice Chief of Communications ▲



## Adviser's Minute (or Two!)

**T**he holiday season is always a time for us to reflect and give thanks for the past year. We have much in Occoneechee Lodge to be thankful for this year.

Let us all celebrate this year, in that Occoneechee Lodge will be recognized once more as a Quality Lodge. Thanks to the efforts of all who took the time to do the things which make that happen. From the ceremony teams, those involved in newsletter efforts, those who contribute hours of service, those who helped document and record these efforts, and all the many others who worked to make this possible, we thank you.

We once again completed a successful LLD and trained many of the new officers for the Lodge and Chapters. With approximately 100 members in attendance, this quality event rivals training that is found on a Section or National level. Many thanks, to Kevin Wolfe, Anne Hendrix, Win Quakenbush, and Canotka Chapter for all of your efforts. We do need to report that many youth and adults were scarred by the demonstration of future Conclave attire by Art Ferguson. Art in satin orange shorts is quite a sight to see. It's just one of those things where you had to be there!

Many thanks, to Noah Asbill and Liz Cranford for a great Winter Banquet.

Our host Edenton Methodist Church proved to be one of the finest locations that we have ever held this event at. Food was good and plentiful. A great time was had by all. The awards presented there can in no way show appreciation to all those who have



contributed to the past year. Congratulations to all those whom were recognized and I will leave it to others to list those names in articles elsewhere.

I would be remiss if I failed to thank the Communications Committee for all their efforts. With the new and improved *Tipi* and the ever expanding web site, we have moved into a new era. There are few equals in Scouting. Hats off to Jim Bedford, Cameron Bowe, and Richard Connelly.

Thanks to Dave Larsen and Wayne Homes for their generosity. As I have

expressed many times, the new trailer is a welcome addition to our program. They and many others have recognized the efforts that our group has put forth for others.

Personally I am thankful for Sharon, my wife, for being my silent partner in the Lodge. She gets very little recognition for her work in the background. Those close to me know that she is my secret weapon, running countless errands and handling all sorts of tasks for me on a daily basis. She is responsible for much of what is achieved for 104.

I will miss those Advisers who have been with us in the past years; Dennis Nicholson, Jack Hendrix, and Liz Cranford. They desire the lodge to have new blood and a chance for new opportunities for themselves. They have been an essential part of the last many years. They leave hard shoes to fill, and are good friends to have at your side. I hope they don't go far away.

There are many others who work on a daily basis to make us successful. Many of them never receive an award or get a nod of appreciation. To all of you who are a part of this great organization and who are a part of this group, I thank you for your time and efforts. We make Occoneechee Lodge the best Lodge in the Order of the Arrow.

*Happy New Year,*  
— Rodney McDonald 🏹

## Wisdom of the Elders

*Never criticize another person until you have walked a day in their moccasins.*

You can bet they won't be in the mood for your criticism after they have spent the entire day barefoot, trying to find out who stole their shoes! 🏹

## Ceremonies List!

This year I'm hoping to generate a list of everyone currently involved in ceremonies and their contact information. This list will help give us the ability to fill in spots when a chapter is short a member, or to help chapters start up new teams.

Please send me the names, email addresses, phone numbers and positions of those

in your chapter that are involved with ceremonies. Anyone will do really, not just the principles, but everyone including advisers, setup crews, torch bearers, or even those of you who would like to be involved but haven't started yet. Please contact me at: [doormatt4u@yahoo.com](mailto:doormatt4u@yahoo.com).

*Matt Duvall*  
Ceremonies Chairman 🏹





Hey! "HazMatt" Gardiner here, your Conclave Committee Chairmen. For those of you who have never been to Conclave, this is the year to come. This year our theme is "Out Break," and by "Out Break," I mean a lot of Arrowmen running around in hazmat suits going crazy. It is going to be so much fun, you could never believe it!

This year we are going to request full participation from all Brothers in Occoneechee Lodge 104 in all the Quest Events, which I might add, are going to be totally awesome. I'm sure at least some of the people reading this are into patch

trading, and all I have to say to those people is that this year's Conclave flap is outstanding. I could describe it but it is too cool for words, so you'll just have to show up at Conclave and see for yourselves. Conclave will be from April 15-17 at Camp Raven Knob, and hosted by Wahissa Lodge. I hope that all who read this will join me at Conclave. I know that whoever goes, no matter what, they will have a great time!

If you would like to attend, the cost is \$25. Fill out the form below, enclose your check, and send it in today! To delay may be hazardous!



**2005 SR-7B Conclave • Camp Raven Knob • April 15 – 17**

## Occoneechee Lodge 104 Delegate Registration Form

*Please print neatly and legibly*

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (     )     –     Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth:     /     /     Check One: ☐ Youth or ☐ Adult     Unit Type / No.: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Check One: ☐ Ordeal ☐ Brotherhood ☐ Vigil

Please mail your completed form with a check for \$25.00 made out to "Occoneechee Lodge 104" to:



**2005 Conclave Registration  
c/o Sharon McDonald  
6406 Witt Road  
Durham, NC 27712**



Deadline for receipt of registration forms is Sunday, March 20th, 2005

## Finance News

by Daniel Harris, Vice Chief of Finance

LLD was a successful weekend for the Finance team. After interpreting many committee reports during a long night, we finally hammered out a budget for 2005.

The Patch Committee, under the leadership of Thomas Grimes, is getting prepared for the coming year as well. Keep an eye out for the new bullion being produced this spring ... they are sure to go fast! Also, with the advice of the Executive Committee, the patch committee decided on one of the best Conclave flaps ever. The 2005 patch will include both glow-in-the-dark thread and UV sensitive thread that changes color in the sunlight!

Jonathan Stewart and the Trading Post committee are excited about the new trailer that was donated to the Lodge that they will use to store inventory. Make sure to spend some time with our friendly trading post staff at all our events!

We hope to see a record contingent at Conclave this year. With our theme, "Outbreak," we hope to have a highly spirited contingent as well. With Matt Gardiner already hard at work the event is sure to be one to remember!

Joseph Heil and his Registration Committee are ready to serve you this year at all of our events.

I am looking forward to a great and productive 2005 with our Finance crew and hope to see you all in the Spring. ▲

## Looking for a Great Summer Job?

Then Camp Durant needs you on their elite staff as a Counselor or Counselor in Training! Apply today by contacting the Camp Director, Terry McIntire, at: (910) 893-1097 ([cfdist104@yahoo.com](mailto:cfdist104@yahoo.com)) or Linda Grady at the Council Office at: (919) 872-4884 ([lgrady@bsamail.org](mailto:lgrady@bsamail.org)). Don't delay! Positions are filling fast!

## Needed: OA Troop Representatives!

By Marc Seelinger, Chairman  
Lodge OA Troop Representative Committee

If you really think about it, the job of an *active and involved* OA Troop Representative is one of the most important positions a Brother in our Lodge can hold ... a job that is vital to the success of the Order of the Arrow! You are a communication link between the unit and the Lodge, informing your troop, particularly the OA members, about what the Lodge is doing. You help your leaders arrange your unit's OA elections. You encourage your Brothers to participate in Chapter



and Lodge activities. You encourage them to seal their membership in the Order by earning their Brotherhood. You work with adult and junior leaders to organize camping and service activities for the community and our Scout camps.

Many units already have an OA Troop "Rep." If your unit does not, then ask your SPL and Scoutmaster to assign that job to you, then do it well! It fulfills the position of responsibility requirements for Star, Life and Eagle.

We need your help in putting together a list of all of the OA Troop Rep's in the Lodge. Please contact me with the following information: Name, address, email (if applicable), phone, unit, Chapter, and tenure of office. Contact me by email ([mseeling@bellsouth.net](mailto:mseeling@bellsouth.net)), phone (919-662-5566), or mail (621 Starburst Lane, Raleigh, NC 27603). Thanks! ▲

## American Indian Affairs Committee

by Jeff Brewer, AIA Adviser

Happy 2005! – full of all kinds of American Indian Affairs (AIA) activities!

- January 21-23 – Carolina Indian Seminar in Statesville, NC. I understand that a few slots are left. This is a one-of-a-kind event with instructors from Ohio, New York, and Texas teaching all kinds of AIA classes. Most of them are the same instructors from NOAC!

- January 9 and 30 – Drum and Singing Practice - see the website for details.

- February 19 – Math and Science PowWow in Durham, NC

- February 20 – Gentgeen 101 in Durham. Sign-up has opened for this event - get your outfit sewed for ceremonies or dance. We will also have an AIA Committee meeting to put the finishing touches on Webelos OA Day.

- March 18-20 – Spring PowWow and Webelos OA Day at Camp Durant. We will need your help for this event.

I'm also proud to report that Occoneechee Lodge will send four of our dancers to work on the OA Indian Village at the National Jamboree! This is a huge honor and I'm sure that Ian Ward, Michael Duda, Jacob Hackett, and Jan Hackett will represent us well.

Start the year off right in the Lodge and get involved! All of this information and more can be found on the Lodge website [www.lodge104.com](http://www.lodge104.com) under the AIA link. ▲

*Lumbee Indian, Jacob Deese, drums at 2004 PowWow*



# Program Highlights

by James Spratley,  
Vice Chief of Programs

Over the past few years, Lodge 104 programs have grown to be a wonderful tradition. This year will be no exception. Ian Ward running AIA again and Nick Ochsner in charge of service, there is no doubt in my mind that both of these programs will continue to grow and mature. This year David Church will begin the step to take Training Committee program in Occoneechee to the next level.

As always, AIA is a strong influence and powerful program in Occoneechee. They will continue this tradition. Check the AIA section on page 6 for more information.

The Lodge's Service Committee has scheduled weekend workdays to help expand Occoneechee's service to the community as well as getting Camp Durant ready for summer camp and the

Conclave in 2007. On February 19, we will be going up to Camp Campbell to give so much needed service to this wonderful camp. For details, contact Nick Ochsner or the new Service Advisor, Chris Ferguson.

Those of you that don't know, National has released a new guide for training, and David Church is already hard at work to begin to implement in here in Occoneechee. If you want to become a Trainer or become a part of this new program, be sure to contact David or his adviser, Anne Hendrix.

I look forward to serving the Lodge this year and welcome to new ideas and feedback about the Lodge. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. In closing, remember, "You were sent to seek a vision, of yourself and of your purpose." –Nutiket, Ordeal Ceremony. I hope that you'll find your purpose this year. ▲

◀ Keith Cooke nails together a Staff Cabin at 2004 PowWow

# Vigil Committee

by Lew Boyles, Vigil Adviser

I wish to send a very special public thank-you, and best wishes, to David Mabe for all his work and indulgence over the past two years. David, it has been my pleasure to have you as my "yoot" and I hope to have the opportunity to work with you again. Even after Mabe warned him about the trials and tribulations of putting up with me, Mark Quakenbush has agreed to serve as your Vigil Committee Chairman next year. I look forward to working with Mark – at least he can't say he wasn't warned about the dangers. We will be sending out information in mid-January to all Chapter Chiefs and Advisors concerning the Vigil Honor nomination process. An early heads up – nominations are due no later than Sunday EC at Spring PowWow. Youth Vigil members need to mark their calendars for April 2, 2005, the most likely date for the selection meeting – specific information will be sent out in February. ▲

## Lodge Leadership Development 2004 was GREAT!

From November 19-21, Occoneechee Lodge's leadership gathered in the thriving metropolis of Buies Creek at Campbell University to plan for the next great year in Occoneechee Lodge. While meeting, the Lodge Executive Committee (EC) made several very important decisions. Allow me to cover some of these for you.

First and foremost, the EC voted to name the proposed Lodge Building in honor of longtime member Charley Sullivan. Charley has served both our lodge and the National OA Commit-

tee for many years. Our Lodge has no greater friend than Charley, and he is very worthy of this honor.

Next, we created a new "Friend of the Thunderbird" award, which is to recognize those who are not members of our Order, yet contribute to the Lodge in a significant manner. Nomination forms

for this award are available from your chapter chief, or online, and should be returned to the Lodge Chief or Lodge Adviser.

Further, we agreed to help the program of our council in even more ways. First,

we agreed to provide more support to Camp Durant this summer than ever before, as well as providing lodge-wide support to the Webelos Day Trip during Spring PowWow.

Lastly, there were changes made to the wording of our lodge guidelines regarding Call-Out Ceremonies. If you have

questions about these changes, ask your chapter chief.

In short, there were many changes made that weekend, and you will hear more about these changes in

the months to come. If you have any questions, ask your chapter chief or feel free to contact me, and I will be glad to talk to you. ▲

Chris Newton  
Lodge Chief



# The Tipi

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## Patch Committee News

PowWow is going to be a hot event for "cloth hounds" this year. The first-ever bullion will go on sale as a fundraiser for the Lodge Building. This will be the first in a series of four bullions. The Lodge EC approved the prototype bullion and everyone who has seen it loves it (*see photo*)!



Conclave flaps will also be on sale. Utilizing our Conclave theme "Outbreak," this flap is the first time glow-in-the-dark thread and UV thread (color changes in the sun light) has been used on our patches. This will be an awesome trader patch so come prepared to stock up. You just want to be able to have enough of these at conclave ... it will be hot!

The fourth Vigil chenille (and the last in the series) was sold at the Vigil Gathering in October. There are a few of this last chenille left. If you did not get to attend

the Vigil Gathering, this may be your last chance to complete the series.

And as a final note ... we will be pre-ordering Lodge 2005 Jamboree memorabilia at PowWow. Do not miss out!

## Calendar of Events

February 19	Camp Campbell Workday
March 18 - 20	Spring PowWow at Camp Durant
May 7 - 8	Adventure Weekend at Camp Durant
May 20 - 22	Spring Inductions 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
November 5	National One Day of Service
November 18 - 20	Lodge Leadership Development
December 3	Winter Banquet

