



'08 Winter Banquet

In no time at all, December will be upon us. This means several things. Soon enough, groups of children will be singing in your driveway. Large, old men in red suits will be haunting your local mall. "Going green" will take on a completely new meaning as people fill their houses with trees, garlands, and candles. So while you are roasting chestnuts over an open fire, do not forget to mark your calendars for Winter Banquet on December 6 at Hillsong Church in Chapel Hill. We will have a silent auction at 6 pm and dinner at 6:30.

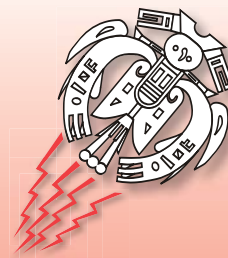
For those of you who do not know, Winter Banquet is the last Lodge event of the year, and in typical Occoneechee fashion, we go out in style. There will be a great, catered meal in addition to all of the fun and fellowship. This is also the time where we hand out all of the awards and recognitions that Occoneechee Arrowmen have earned over the past year. Be sure to bring your friends and family,

as this is a great opportunity to meet new people and socialize with old friends.

This year's Winter Banquet will be phenomenal. New this year, we will be hosting a live auction in addition to our silent auction and we will have a special guest speaker. We also have a new ticket policy in place. Tickets may be purchased from your Chapter Adviser up until Lodge Leadership Development (November 15) for \$13. After that, tickets will cost \$18. We will have a limited number of tickets for sale at the door, but tickets will be color-coded this year. Those who buy their tickets in advance will eat first. This will ensure that we have an accurate head count for our caterer. So, the advantage is to buy early!

So come out for a night of fun and frivolity with your brothers! If you have any questions, just send me an email at marcwithsilencereverent@gmail.com.

Marc Seelinger



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The Chief's Corner

Why Scouting Matters

I hope this article finds you doing well as I have missed being with you at recent Lodge events. I was very fortunate to have applied and been accepted to the US Military Academy at West Point and I would like to share with you some recent experiences that have shown me how Scouting has made a difference in my life. This is especially for you Brothers who are right now deciding whether or not they should stay in the program or if they should come back to another OA event, so listen up (for adults, I'll try to throw in some stuff for you too!) Why do we put on these uniforms, learn knots we might not remember in an hour, or spend nights alone in the woods when our friends might be playing Xbox or even partying?

I asked myself some of these same questions during my Scouting career, and I knew during those times it was important to stay in because I was gaining leadership experience and because it looked good on my college resume. But it really hit me this summer during my initial summer training here at West Point, appropriately named "Beast Barracks" the seven-week-long indoctrination that all Cadets must go through as they learn how to be a Cadet



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Lodge 104 — Home of the Thunderbird!



Why Scouting Matters

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while at the same time going through the West Point version of basic training to learn how to be a regular soldier).

We had just finished a long day of rappelling, climbing and working on rope skills when we started our ruck-march (Army term for hiking) to our next training site. It had been a very hot and humid day, but most people had gotten use to the humidity and taken the precaution of constantly drinking fluids. We had just finished one of the hardest rucks I have ever done (Philmont and multiple 50-milers included!) and had reached the site where we would camp for the night.

After dinner, were about to rack out for the night when one of the guys in my platoon started acting funny and one of our Cadet Cadre (leaders) thought he might be having a panic attack. As people started to crowd around, the medic was called over and determined his temperature was 102 degrees. *Heat-cat* (Army term for heat stroke) came into all of our minds, but surprisingly, few acted. Our Cadre seemed to freeze, but another Cadet and I knew exactly what to do based on our first aid training a few days earlier.

We ran to our HMMWV (humvee) to get the ice sheets (bed sheets filled with ice kept in a cooler that we had with us at all times) and hurried back to the Cadet where we all applied the sheets as we were taught. The Cadet was rushed to the hospital where he stayed for a couple of days, but sustained no permanent damage. I firmly believe that my Scouting first-aid and emergency preparedness training helped me to think and act calmly in that situation where others "froze." It helped save a fellow Cadet's life.

There were many other instances this summer where my Scouting experiences were very helpful such as the rappelling and rock climbing, knowing how to tie knots that even our Cadre did not remember and especially hiking with

Adviser's Minute



Photography by Richard Connelly

We're Going Strong at 71

Lodge members have been very busy since our last Tipi. Sixty five of the 90 summer camp staff were OA members. Nineteen members participated in Arrowcorps5. Over \$80,000 was raised to match an anonymous \$75,000 grant for the Sullivan Building bringing our total fundraising to over \$330,000. Plans for the Lodge building have been finished and submitted to Moore County for a building permit so that construction can

begin. One hundred seventy-nine candidates completed their ordeal and 45 Ordeal members sealed their membership in the Order by completing their Brotherhood Trail at Fall Fellowship. Thanks to all of you that have made these things happen.

In 71 years, hundreds have gone before to make Occoneechee strong. This year, we have challenges and opportunities ahead of us. Our Order is based on servant leadership, fun and selfless service to those around us. In the next year, we have construction on the Sullivan building, Pow Wow in March, NLS/NLATS and Conclave in April, the Ordeal in May and NOAC in July. There is a place for every one of you, over 1600 members, to be involved and we need every one of you to continue our success. If you are involved in a ceremony team, a chapter office, cook crew or any other position, ask a new member to work with you. If you're a new member, don't wait to be asked; step up and offer to help. Go to our new website and email one of our officers. We can be even stronger at 72! 🚩

– Tom Wells
Lodge Adviser

heavy rucks. The time management skills I honed while balancing my Scouting activities with my school and athletic commitments greatly prepared me for the rigors of Plebe year here at West Point.

I want to thank all of those who helped me in my Scouting career and for your continued support of me and our country. I would not have made it this far without you, and I look forward to getting back home and to fellowship with you again.

If there is anything that I can do for you, your troop, or someone else, please let me know. I would be more than happy to talk to anyone interested in attending West Point or any other of the service academies.

One last thing – I'm sorry I won't be able to make it Winter Banquet. I will be in attendance as the Black Knights of Army put a hurting on Navy in Philadelphia on December 6th. **Go Army! Beat Navy!**

In Brotherly, Cheerful Service,
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Elango-what?

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 me.

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Earn Brotherhood at Summer Camp!

During the past summers at Camp Durant our Lodge has a tapout 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.

Michael Warnick
Vice Chief of Communications

Patch & Trading Post News

If you did not make it to Fall Fellowship do not despair, we still have some of the monochromatic Charley Sullivan flaps left to sell. Four new monochromatic colors of flaps were issued-Red, Green, Orange and Purple. This completes the five colors for the monochromatic series. The blue monochromatic flap was the first in the series and it was sold out early this year.

Several folks commented to the Patch Committee about continuing the monochromatic patches with a matching color monochromatic event patch. This was included in the original proposal, so the event patches for 2009 will be monochromatic and the colors will match the last

four flap colors. This should make for a really nice set of patches.

There is a new belt buckle in the Trading Post. It features a colorized thunderbird on an antique brass buckle. These sold extremely well at Fall Fellowship and will again be for sale at Pow-Wow in case you did not get one.

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is just around the corner. The Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) voted on a "Mad Scientist" theme and congratulations go out to Gerry Hasenmayer of Niganit Chapter for submitting the chosen patch set design. Gerry's NOAC fee will be paid by the lodge for his winning submittal.

The Patch Committee is currently working with our vendor to get these patches made and if all goes well, we plan to

begin sales at Winter Banquet. The entire Occoneechee 2009 NOAC set will include a 2-piece set (flap and chevron), a Council Shoulder Strip (CSP) and a jacket patch. Be the first to collect the set and be sure to buy plenty of extras for trading.

The SR-7B conclave is just around the corner too. The LEC selected a "Super Hero's" theme for us to use for the 2009 SR-7B conclave. Patch designs are needed now and must be submitted to the Patch Committee no later than November 1st. The Patch Committee will put together a presentation and make its proposal to the LEC at Lodge Leadership Development for the selection of the patch design.

If you have any patch ideas, please contact the Patch Committee. See you all at Winter Banquet!



2009 National OA Conference

The most fun one could ever fathom!

He runs picks up the leftover ball from the last person who got hit, steps back and fires a ball straight at the face of the opponent. The victim tries in vain to catch the red cluster of foam headed at high speed towards his face, but no, he's out! It is over and Occoneechee Lodge wins the National Dodgeball Championships! We're Number One-Ohhh-Four!

This is an extremely accurate depiction of Group F Dodge Ball National Championships at NOAC 2006 at Michigan State University just two short years ago. As members of



Occoneechee Lodge, we are obligated to pass the word and defend our National Championship at NOAC 2009!

But that is not all there is to do at the most amazing place an Arrowman could ever visit! "What place is that?" you might ask. None other than NOAC, the biggest and most exciting thing that there is to do in the Order of the Arrow! NOAC, or National Order of the Arrow Conference, is a gathering of around eight thousand Arrowmen on a college campus usually in the Midwest. It involves large doses of fun, ceremonies competitions, awesome arena shows, dancing, training, celebrating, eating

things from other parts of the country that you have no idea what they actually are, and hanging out with 8,000 of your closest friends!

Our Lodge contingent for NOAC will go from July 31st through August 6th. We will leave from a location in the RTP area in the early morning of the 31st and drive up to West Virginia for the night. Then we head back out and have one whole day to go out before NOAC and have some fun with the contingent. From there we head over to Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana for the main event.

Currently the cost is \$800 and a \$100 deposit is required to seal a spot for the transportation. But don't be afraid of the price. There are many ways that the Lodge is going to try to help you along with possible fundraisers that will defer the cost of the event for you. And for those adults who would like to go, there must be two youth per one adult so go and round up some youth Lodge members and convince them to go!

I'm There

John Taylor
Youth Co-chair of NOAC 2009

American Indian Affairs

Whether you have rhythm or not doesn't matter! Come on down to the dance arbor at any Lodge event and dance with world-class dancers. We are in desperate need of new dancers. Many of our recent dancers have left for college, and we *need* a new batch. Dancing provides you with exercise, its fun, and the ladies love it.

But what if dancing isn't your thing? Then you should join our Lodge Drum Team. We are also in need of singers. We currently have a relatively low participation rate and would love to see more youth involvement. If we have hopes of competing at NOAC, we need to start now.

But if neither of these possibilities interest you, there are always ceremonies. Ceremonies are possibly the most important part of Lodge activities because they are used to welcome new brothers. We would like to have more teams to make the induction process even quicker.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at puchachi32@aol.com or call me at (919) 219-0769. We hope to see you soon.

Kevin Pusak
Occoneechee Lodge A.I.A. Chair

Make Durant Your 2009 Summer Camp!

Camp Durant is quickly becoming one of the premier summer camps in the Southern Region, and your troop will not want to miss such an exciting summer! Our 2008 program took Camp Durant to a new high level that gave more than 1,000 young people and their families the experience of a lifetime and left forever touched by the experience! From the wonderful, plentiful food in the dining hall, to the impressive aquatics activities in the refreshing waters of Nello Teer Lake, the incredible COPE and Climbing program, the unique EDGE (Extreme Durant Guided Experience), the dynamic Trailblazer first-year camper program, the wild critters in the Ecology Area, *every* program and feature of Summer Camp 2008 got outstanding reviews from the troops!

Of all the changes to Camp Durant, the most obvious are the physical improvements. As our \$8.6 million “Come with Us and Build Leaders” Capital Campaign draws to a successful close, we are proud to open the doors to facilities unmatched at any other camp in the United States. From the Handicrafts area, complete with professional grade electric pottery wheels and kilns, to the Simmons Trailblazer Shelter, to the hot showers and flush toilets in every campsite, the Scouts who

spent a week with us in 2008 experienced Durant at its finest.

In 2009, we will be thrilled to welcome everyone to the brand new 700-seat air-conditioned Grand Lodge Dining Hall where the delicious and filling food we already serve will taste that much better! The Blue Cross/Blue Shield Activity Field and Health Lodge, Rawls Nature

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Lodge and Sullivan Training Center are also scheduled to be completed before the first week of Summer Camp 2009!

All these incredible facilities mean that the Occoneechee Council will continue its tradition of quality summer camp program that cannot be matched and our Scouts will have the opportunity to learn in the most advanced facilities available.

This tradition of unsurpassed quality programming will continue in 2009, as every part of the Camp Durant experience has been evaluated by our experienced and returning team of volunteers and profes-

sionals, who are dedicated to ensuring that Camp Durant is *the* place for Occoneechee troops to spend their summers.

The 2009 Leader's Guide to Summer Camp will be released by the end of the year, as new programs are still being developed. The most exciting changes to the camp program will be the addition of the Aquatics High Adventure and Golf programs instructed by experts. These programs will give Scouts an opportunity to participate without leaving their troop for the entire week or traveling too far from Camp Durant. Plans are also in place to increase the traditional programs by adding more than ten additional merit badges to give every Scout the opportunity to learn something new during his week at Durant!

Summer Camp 2009 is filling up *very* quickly – we have already made reservations for more than 1,300 campers! All that's missing is *you*. If your troop has not already made their reservation, *act now!* Visit our Reservations Page at:

www.campdurant.com

or by contacting:

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2009 Lodge Officers Elected

Lodge Chief Nelson Blair
Vice Chief of Program Jon Taylor
Vice Chief of Administration Marc Seelinger
Vice Chief of Communications Kevin Biegert
Vice Chief of Finance Matt Gardiner

Thank you to everyone who summoned up the courage to run for a Lodge position. But remember: most of you still have a lot of time left in your OA career, so don't give up. You may yet have your chance to lead our Lodge alongside some of its best and most deserving members!

◀ 2008 Lodge Officers break ground at Fall Fellowship for the Charley Sullivan Training Center

Order Conclave Merchandise

Get a Promotional Patch for Every \$25 Ordered

The Section Web Store is open for those who wish to purchase merchandise for the 2009 Conclave. There you will find patches, t-shirts, neckerchiefs, and all the merchandise you enjoy. The store link can be found on the Section Web Site at <http://www.sr7b.org>.

Each Lodge will have their own category that they will need to order from. This will allow the Host Lodge to get your preorders to you through your Lodge. Paper ordering will also be available again this year. Also this year, there is a promotional patch that you will receive for each \$25 that you spend preordering Conclave Merchandise. If you spend \$25, you get one, \$50, two, etc. This is another great reason to get your Conclave Preorder submitted this year.

– William Highsmith

Conclave Events

Nayawin Rar Lodge and your Section Leadership have been hard at work preparing for the 2009 SR-7B Cardinal Conclave. This year's Conclave will be at Tuscarora Scout Reservation in Four Oaks, NC from April 17th to 19th. Conclave will be a fun filled weekend consisting of the OA Xperience, a BMX Course, Skateboard Park, Indian Affairs competitions, Patch Trading, Shows, The Quest for the Golden Arrow, and the battle for the coveted Spirit Award. Will you be there? The Conclave website is: <http://conclave.sr7b.org> and will be updated with all the latest Conclave news. Ask at your next Lodge Event how you can register!



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The Tipi

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Be a Superhero at 2009 Conclave!

With Conclave just around the corner on April 17 – 19 our Section will have its annual gathering of the lodges at Tuscarora Scout Reservation, 965 Scout Rd., Four Oaks, NC 27524. There are ceremony and dance competitions, training, Quest events tournament, and a spirit competition. Every lodge adopts a theme for conclave and the one with the best theme and the most spirit wins the Spirit Award. Our theme for this year is *Superheroes* and we are asking everyone who is attend-

ing Conclave to dress up as his favorite superhero. Some stores may still have leftover Halloween costumes and accessories at really low prices. So, go out and get creative!

We're also hoping to bring over 300 people to Conclave this year. Be sure to mark your calendars and get your friends to come too. So get excited and spread the word about Conclave!

– Matt Gardiner

Calendar of Events

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| November 14 - 16 | Lodge Leadership Development @ Campbell University |
| December 6 | Lodge Winter Banquet Hillsong Church, Chapel Hill |

2009 ▼

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| March 20 - 22 | Spring Pow-Wow |
| April 17 - 19 | SR-7B Conclave |
| May 15 - 17 | Spring Inductions |
| September 18 - 20 | Fall Fellowship |

