

Fall Fellowship Held in Spite of Isabel; 2004 Lodge Officers Elected

This year's Fall Fellowship was held at Camp Durant in spite of the fact that Hurricane Isabel roared through the Council the day before. The skies cleared up and it turned into a beautiful weekend.

There were 129 Candidates who completed their Ordeal and 80 Ordeal members who sealed their membership in the Order by completing the Brotherhood Trail. The Ceremony Teams from Tsungani and Neusalufta Chapters performed the Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies on Saturday night, doing an impressive and memorable job.

As a special treat for the weekend, the Dining Hall staff worked with James Asbill of Eno Chapter to provide the brothers with an excellent barbecue dinner on Saturday night.

As tradition would have it, Lodge elections were conducted Saturday afternoon at the Campfire Arena. The Brothers of Occoneechee Lodge 104 selected the following to be their officers:


AJ Phoenix
Vice Chief of Program

Jonathan Jordan
Vice Chief of Administration

Jim Bedford
Vice Chief of Communication

Chris Newton
Vice Chief of Finance

These new officers were installed at the Winter Banquet on December 6, 2003.

All in all, the turnout of participants was greater than expected and the weekend was a wonderful success! 



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Vigil Honor Bestowed upon Sixteen



Photo by Rodney McDonald

2003 VIGIL HONOR RECIPIENTS

(Left to right): Cameron Bowe, Bill Bectel, James Spratley, Mary Dilday, A.J. Phoenix, Matt Zaytoun, Clay Gibbons, Ben Tucker, Cindy Grau, Kevin South, Glenn Parler, John Taylor, Chris Bennett, Eddie Wessel, and Anne Hendrix.

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Your Lodge Executive Committee

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Seth Asbill

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A.J. Phoenix



Jonathan Jordan



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Chris Newton



Lodge 104 — Home of the Thunderbird!



Section 7B's ArrowHEADS a Big Hit

by **Seth Dearmin**

The Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Center, located in Reidsville, NC, recently hosted a stellar training opportunity for the brothers of Section 7B. The weekend of September 12-14 saw 79 arrowmen gather for an event called *ArrowHEADS*. Klahican Lodge 331 partnered with Occoneechee Lodge 104 to provide this unique training weekend for the six lodges of the section. A phenomenal team of trainers, coupled with excellent leadership by Youth Coordinator Seth Asbill and Adult Coordinator Kevin Anderson, resulted in a first-rate weekend for all those in attendance.

The ArrowHEADS program (acronym for Helping Educating Assisting Developing Seminar) is new to SR-7B. The seminar featured some of the top trainers the Southern Region has to offer. Participants were able to take part in sessions taught by former and current section chiefs from around the Southern Region, and current Region Chief Frank McMillan excited participants with his National Program and Events session.

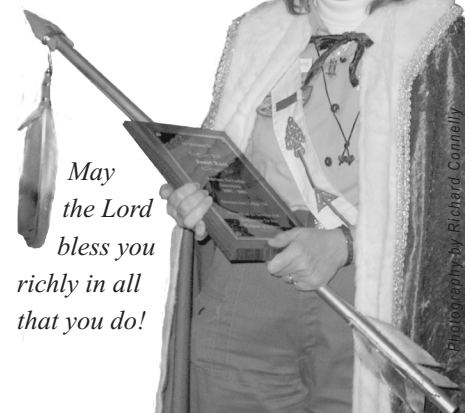
The primary objective of ArrowHEADS was to train tomorrow's leaders of Section 7B. The weekend-long curriculum was structured to further develop participant's ability to function as lodge leaders. In addition to teaching specific leadership skills, trainers primarily focused on how to improve individual lodge events. Training took place in three different categories: Administration, Program, and Indian Affairs.

Fun and fellowship were two of the greatest attractions of the weekend. The staff was exceptionally outgoing and accommodating to all arrowmen, providing an exceptional atmosphere for training. Crackerbarrels held both nights added to the fun social atmosphere and Saturday night's spin-off of *Wheel of Fortune* was absolutely hilarious. Each brother who attended walked away with new ideas for lodge program, ways to think "outside the box," and the means to further develop Indian Affairs within their lodge. This first time event for Section 7B was a definite hit. ▲

Rose Regally Recognized

If you've attended any Lodge function in the past 10 years, then one of the first faces you saw was that of Janet Rose as she was registering attendees, constantly keeping track of membership records and dues, and making sure accurate reports were generated from her computer. At Winter Banquet and while acting as a contestant in a skit designed to surprise her, Janet was given a "Queen for a Day" robe and crown, a golden arrow scepter and a plaque in recognition of her many years of faithful and selfless service to the Lodge.

Thank you, Janet, for a job well done!



*May the Lord
bless you
richly in all
that you do!*

Gentgeen 101 Plus

Interested in American Indian Dance and not sure how to start? Your current dance clothes got you down and need some attention? Need some new Ceremony regalia? Want to learn how to sing American Indian songs? Then you'd better not miss this!

Who: All interested Arrowmen

What: Gentgeen 101 Plus

When: Sunday, February 22nd

Where: Durham, NC. Exact location and times to be announced

Prior to this event you will need to work out the design of your basic outfit on paper and work with an experienced Lodge dancer or regalia builder. Secure the necessary components and pieces to work on that day. The Lodge's best seamstresses, dancers and regalia builders will be on site to help teach you the "tricks of the

trade." In order to make efficient use of your time and theirs, you need to communicate with the proper dancers and others so patterns, colors, and the purchase of materials can take place prior to event.

Dance Contacts:

- ***Traditional Dance*** – Joe Cranford, Calvin Terry, Ian Ward, Joe Wacks, and Lee Trowbridge
- ***Straight Dance*** – Jan Hackett and Scott Allen
- ***Old Style Dance*** – Lyle Bates
- ***Grass Dance*** – Jacob Hackett and Jeff Brewer

If you are interested in one of the above styles, please contact the Arrowmen listed and they will assist you in your outfit construction. If you want to learn more about a particular style visit the American

Indian Affairs (AIA) web page on the Lodge Website. The contact information for those listed above can be found there.

For general information on the program, contact:

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Jeff Brewer 919-789-0501
email: jdbrewer@bellsouth.net

Jan Hackett 919-490-6854
email: ncanglers@mindspring.com

Special Note:

The School of Math & Science Pow-Wow is on February 21, the day before Gentgeen. Don't miss this opportunity!

To learn more about American Indian Affairs in the Lodge and learn the location and times for this event, visit the Lodge website, www.lodge104.com, soon. ▲

The Thunderbird Soars Bright Over Summer Camp

by Jonathan Jordan

Lodge Summer Camp Representative

Occoneechee Lodge had a huge presence at Camp Durant this year. Throughout the summer, the Lodge held many events that enhanced the camp's program.



Starting with the Monday night Pow Wow and ending with an impressive callout ceremony on Friday night, each week was filled with the Spirit of the Thunderbird. The summer at camp Durant was a huge success in large part due to the large number of Occoneechee Lodge Arrowmen who served on staff.

Every Monday night a Pow Wow was held in the dining hall. This event was open to all campers and included an ice cream social and awesome patch trading. This evening was filled with fellowship and embraced the spirit of brotherhood.

Over the course of each week at summer camp, troops were given the opportunity to hold unit elections if they had not already done so.

Friday was OA Day. Arrowmen were encouraged to wear their OA t-shirts. At each Friday night's closing campfire, a very impressive and meaningful call-out ceremony was held. The ceremony exemplified the principles of the Order of the Arrow and was an appropriate ending to every week of camp.

Many thanks to all of the Arrowmen who served on staff at Camp Durant this summer and to all of you who helped make the Order of the Arrow events a huge success. I hope to see all of you next year. 🏹

Administration Annotations

by Jonathan Jordan

Vice Chief of Administration

This year has gotten off to a great start with an awesome LLD. It will bring with it many new and exciting things from the Administration department of Occoneechee Lodge. Six new committee chairmen have been selected and are already working to make this year a great one. Let me update you on a couple things that we need to be mindful of.

The time of year is nearing for Unit Elections. This is a very important process that the chapters need to be

Program ... "Gonna Be a Great Year!"

by A.J. Phoenix

Vice Chief of Program

It's gonna be a great year... The End... read no further. If you're reading past this point, then you are disobeying the *Almighty Vice Chief of Program A.J.* I'm as giddy as school girl just thinking about the great stuff happening this year in the realm of Program.

First off, I would like say that I am so glad to have a great and dependable staff to work with this term. With Kevin South (Training), Ian Ward (American Indian Affairs), Michael LeHaye (12th Point), and James Spratley (Service) on board, there's nothing that Program can't do this year ... like ... open five cans of tuna ... at the *same time* ... or Play 2.5 of that little "unlock the magic thing" where you pull the Oreo into two parts.

Servicewise, many big projects are under way this year with the addition of the ceremonies ring service road, the creation of two new campsite shelters for the two new campsites, and many others. This year Service will be tackling something

working on. I encourage all of you to volunteer to help your chapter with this process. If we get them done on time it will make everyone's life a whole lot easier.

At LLD, the Executive Committee approved a Brotherhood conversion at summer camp. This will be a great new program for our lodge but we need your support to make it happen. Please get the word out to help make this important program a success.

This is a very exciting time in the life of Occoneechee Lodge and I am looking forward to another great year. Please let me know if you have any ideas or suggestions. 🏹

that has been a problem for sometime: the lack of usable tools in the Quartermaster Shed. So in the wake of this menacing problem the lodge will be holding *The Great Chapter Tool Tariff of 2004*. I know what you may be thinking... "This thing sounds horrible." Well you shouldn't... unless you don't abide by it. All jokes aside, this is nothing more than a simple tool drive for all the chapters to participate in this upcoming year. (See Page 10 for more information.)

This year, Training at the Lodge level will be working at the chapter level to train Brotherhood candidates, Elangomats, and Troop Representatives. Like last year, AIA is placing an emphasis on getting out there to the packs and troops and getting brothers involved. If you are interested, don't be afraid to ask how you can help in any of these areas.

Overall, it's a big year and it brings a tear to my right eye ... but not my left. (I should probably get that checked out or something).

Service, Training, 12th Point, AIA ... With our powers combined we make ...

CAPTAIN PROGRAM!!!



The Chief's Corner

As we enter the winter months, I am excited at the prospects for the New Year.

With an entirely successful Lodge Leadership Development behind us, and Winter Banquet looking better than ever, we, as a lodge, are off to a great start.

Spring Pow Wow is not far away, which gives brothers inducted last spring their first opportunity for brotherhood conversion. I'm sure that by the time Pow Wow comes around, there will be plenty of opportunities for cheerful service for every chapter. Also, our annual quest events will provide a taste of competition in preparation for our Section Conclave in April. In addition to our regular program for the event, American Indian Affairs Committee Chairman Ian Ward and Advisor Jeff Brewer have worked to provide an excellent opportunity for Council Webelos to come out and learn about our Order through some great programs. For



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more information regarding this event, please check out www.lodge104.com/aia/webelos.htm. So come out, bring another Arrowman with you, and join us in fellowship.

With Conclave just around the corner, preparations are under way at Camp Bonner for what is looking to be another excellent SR-7B Conclave. Conclave Chairman Calvin Terry Jr. is working hard to organize Occoneechee's spirit efforts for the event, which look to be better than ever. With everything from Lodge competitions

and training to exhibits on a number of different topics, Conclave is a blast. Be sure to come out and help show off what Occoneechee is all about.

Last year, the National Order of the Arrow unveiled a new opportunity at Philmont Scout Ranch for Arrowmen between the ages of 18 and 25. This opportunity, *Philbreak*, occurs during peak spring break weeks for many universities in our area, and comes at a super low cost. I have, in my possession,

applications in the event that Arrowmen are interested in taking advantage of this great offer. Please get in touch with me as soon as possible if you are interested.

Looking back to September, our lodge partnered with Klahican Lodge to produce *ArrowHEADS*, a National Leadership Seminar quality training for the brothers of Area SR-7B. The event turned out to be a stunning success, bringing extraordinary trainers from throughout the Southern Region together for a weekend of learning and sharing. Occoneechee Lodge sent 15 Arrowmen to the event, each of whom have given positive feedback.

Let me conclude by saying that I cannot begin to express the excitement that I have for this coming year. With the officers we have in place, the new opportunities we have for leadership within the Lodge, and the resources we have pulled together for the year, this will indeed be a memorable year. However, while the foundation has been laid for greatness this year, it falls on us as Arrowmen to make it happen. Without the efforts of all of you, we can achieve nothing. That being said, let us make the most of these opportunities, let us be the Arrowmen we are called to be. ▲

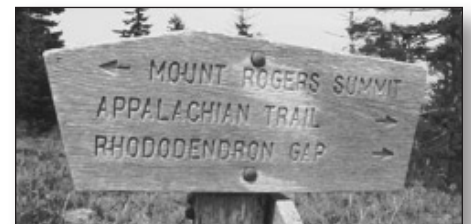
*In the spirit of our Order,
Seth Asbill, Lodge Chief*

Where to Go in the Great Outdoors: The Rooftop of Virginia

by Nelson Dollar

The *Mount Rogers National Recreation Area* provides a full range of outdoor activities to challenge any scout troop. Mount Rogers is located just over the boarder in the mountains of southwest Virginia. Five major trails converge in this area making circuit hikes easy to plan. Highlights in the region include the Virginia Creeper trail, a converted mountain railroad that features a 550-ft. trestle, restored train depots and cascading river gorges. "The Creeper" is a favorite for bike trips.

Grayson Highlands State Park features high open meadows with free ranging ponies and exposed rock ridges. The climb up Wilburn Ridge is challenging and rewarding, especially if you can fit your scoutmaster through "Fatman Squeeze," a natural rock tunnel. Whitetop Mountain affords more spectacular views and features the highest motor road east of the Rockies. Group camping is available at the state park, in several federal campgrounds and on the trails throughout the area. Bikes, horses, maps, food, supplies and lodging of all kinds can be rented or purchased in Damascus, known as the "friendliest town" on the Appalachian Trail. Whether by foot, bike or horse, there are endless adventures awaiting any troop that spends time in the Mount Rogers area. ▲





2003 Winter Banquet A Huge Success!

The 2003 Lodge Winter Banquet was as good as it gets. The food was magnificent, especially given that 150 plates of chicken and steak were donated to the "bokes and sheilas" of the Lodge by *Outback Steakhouse*. Just right, mate! Many thanks to *Outback*!

Supper followed a silent auction of Scouting patches and paraphernalia. Lots of fellowship between bites!

The awards portion of the program began after supper with the following recognitions given for excellence in a variety of areas:

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Awards Presented at 2003 Winter Banquet

Arrowmen Service Award

James Spratley
Art Ferguson
Janet Rose
Seth Asbill
Sharon McDonald
Evan Purser
Chris Newton
Rodney McDonald
AJ Phoenix
Lindsay Putman
Anne Hendrix
Jeff Bailey
Calvin Terry, Jr.
Jack Hendrix

Ian Ward
Terry McIntire
John Taylor
Alma McIntire
Joe Cranford
Pat McCoy
Cameron Bowe
David Keller
Pat Smith
Wescott Martin

Troop Service

Ryan Hall
Nick Ochsner
Jim Bedford
AJ Jarmon
Ken Sheckels

Stephen Hoyle
Josh Isaacson
Jeremy Brown
Will Patrick
Jeff Cooke
Gerald Loes
Zack Brecheisen
Mark Cisick

104 Service

Jeff Brewer
Steven Allen
Ben Redding
Aaron Munday
Daniel Bolton
Walter Redding
Calvin Terry, Jr.

Gentgeen

Jacob Hackett

Ceremonies

John Taylor

Elangomat Service

David Church

Honor Troop

Award

T-820, Scoutmaster:
Ed Bedford

Camp Durant Staffers

James Sinclair
Chuck Church
Sue Herring
Ben Redding

Ron Heydweiller
Dennis McKinney
David Church
DJ Colville
Seth Burdette
Brandon Moes
Brandon Frye
Nick Moes
David Rautert
Ethan Sublett
Tim Haber
James Spratley
Matt Woody
Butch Thompson
James Walker
Kevin Wolfe
BJ Green
Jonathan Gilbert

Jonathan Jordan
Joshua Henderson
Doug Ball
Ben Suggs
Kyle Wade
Chris Palumbo
Kyle Harrington
Nathan Brown
Jonathan Stewart
Ian Ward
Jason Gilbert
Clay Gibbons
Alex Landon
Aaron Munday
Daniel Butler
Thomas Grimes
John Spinks
Jeanette Spinks

Roth Award

Eno Chapter

Chief's Award

Canotka Chapter

Key Three

Lindsay Putman
Cameron Bowe
Greg Grimes
Dennis McKinney, Jr.

Founder's Award

Janet Rose
Jack Hendrix
Seth Asbill
Chris Newton

Why Not Take the Next Step and Follow the Trail to Brotherhood?

Have you yet sealed your membership in the Order by becoming a Brotherhood member? If you have been an Ordeal member for 10 months or longer, then it's time to learn more about the time-honored customs and traditions of the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service and the significance of our symbols and ceremonies. It's time to become committed to better serving your Scouting unit and the Occoneechee Lodge.

Here are the requirements to become a Brotherhood member:

- ☐ Memorize the Signs of Arrow Membership. Memorize the Obligation of the Order, the Order of the Arrow Official Song, the Admonition, the sign of Ordeal membership, and the Arrow handclasp.
- ☐ Advance in your understanding of the Ordeal. Review the customs and traditions of the Ordeal. Complete the Customs and Traditions Chart found in the Journey to Brotherhood booklet.
- ☐ Service to your Unit. Retain active registered membership in a Scouting Unit. During a period of at least 10 months,

strive to fulfill your Obligation by continuing and expanding your service to your own unit.

- ☐ Plan for service in your lodge. Retain your registration in Occoneechee Lodge and keep current with your dues. Be aware that acceptance of Brotherhood membership involves a pledge of service to the lodge. Develop a concrete idea of how you plan to fulfill this pledge.
- ☐ Review your progress. When you earnestly feel that you have met the four challenges above, write a letter to your Chapter Secretary. In that letter:
- ☐ Explain what you think the Obligation means.
- ☐ Describe how you have been fulfilling this Obligation in your unit and in your daily life, and further, how you have used your understanding of the Order to aid in this service
- ☐ Describe your specific plans for giving service in the lodge program.

While this may seem like a lot to accomplish, you will receive encouragement and help along the way from Brothers who have gone before. Look for opportunities to take the Brotherhood challenge at your Chapter and Lodge events so you can proudly show others what you have earned! 🏹



2004

Set for July 31 through August 5 in Ames, Iowa

Hey! What are you doing the last week of July? Don't have plans? Have plans that you aren't exactly excited about? Here's an idea: go to NOAC! The National Order of the Arrow Conference is held every



two years. 2004 NOAC will be held at the University of Iowa in Ames, from July 31 to August 5. That's right, for one week,

Arrowmen from lodges across the nation will invade the entire college campus and reign supreme in Iowa. There

is so much to do that an entire issue of *The Tipi* dedicated to it would still not be enough. But, to give you an idea, there are competitions for dancing, drumming, and ceremonies, training sessions that are some of the best anywhere, patch trading that never stops (Occoneechee's will be HOT traders!), and of course, a week of hanging out with our Lodge Adviser, Rodney McDonald. What more could you ask for?

Occoneechee 104 has traditionally sent a large contingent every year. In 2000, we were the largest contingent present! Let's try to regain that honor in 2004.

Sign Up Today!

Occoneechee Lodge 104 would love to send the first 104 members who sign up. Don't be number 105! To sign up, send in your \$100 deposit today! (See Payment Schedule table below for details.) This opportunity is available only through a Lodge Contingent – no individual attend-

ees will be allowed at this event. Only one adult for each two youth can attend.

How Much? How Do I Pay?

The total Contingent fee is \$600 per person, which includes bus transportation to and from NOAC, registration fees, dorm accommodations, meals while at NOAC, and Contingent memorabilia (patches, way cool cap, neckerchief, and t-shirt).

At this time, we only have enough interest to take just *one* bus load of 45 people! Once this bus is full, we will start a waiting list towards filling a second bus – but with no guarantees for 46 to 90 people. If the second bus does not fill up by the February 10th deadline, the fee for those in the overflow situation could be higher

"No one ever sleeps late at NOAC ... there are just too many exciting things to do!"

depending on extra transportation costs.

You can guarantee your attendance at NOAC by mailing in your registration and \$100 deposit in right away, so that it is received on or before the already extended February 10th deadline.

Please understand that to make any large trip like this work, you are committed to paying the full fee when you send in your deposit. So check all calendar conflicts

For more information ...

follow these weblinks to learn about NOAC and to stay on top of things:

www.oa-bsa.org

and of course:

www.lodge104.com

before paying your deposit. If after you pay your deposit you decide not to go, you are still responsible for the fee or for finding your replacement. The deposit is transferable, not refundable.

When Does the Contingent Leave and Return?


The driving time to Ames, Iowa is about 20 to 24 hours. The trip is expected to leave Friday, July 30 and return Friday, August 6, with travel and event days included. We plan to have pickup points in Fayetteville, Raleigh and Durham as we head out as a group.

What Will We Do at NOAC?

No one ever sleeps late at NOAC ... there are just too many exciting things to do! Every day there is training that ranges from how to be a good leader, to American Indian crafts, history, dance, ceremonies, outfitting, etc. (Last NOAC it is said that there was even one class on "how to pick up chicks in your Boy Scout uniform.") There are competitions, exhibits, and of course TOAP (The Outdoor Adventure Place).

The shows and exhibits are exciting and

unique with every day's agenda ending with an evening show. The last night is a closing show that never disappoints,

with fireworks followed by an ice-cream social. Sadly, by Thursday morning it will be time to leave; but everyone is ready to share the stories of fun and things learned with the Arrowmen back home! 

2004 NOAC PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Payment:	Due by:
\$100	Initial Deposit – February 10
\$200	March 15 or Spring PowWow
\$150	April 15
\$150	May 15 or Spring Inductions
Other remaining payments	June 15 (all memorabilia should be paid in full and your completed Class III Health Form turned in)
Total = \$600	Plus any individual purchases (such as memorabilia)

Make checks payable to: "Occoneechee Lodge 104"

Mail to:

Rob Grau – NOAC 2004

5200 Wood Valley Drive

Raleigh, NC 27613

Questions? Call Gail Barker at (919) 942-8084

or email her at: bark5@pipeline.com

Attendance at 2003 LLD Seminar Highest in 10 Years

by Kevin South

Lodge Training Committee Chairman

Under the leadership of the Training Team, Occoneechee Lodge 104 concluded its 2nd Annual Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) Seminar at Campbell University in Buies Creek, NC on November 16th. Using the most knowledgeable and experienced arrowmen in the lodge, the elected 2004 lodge and chapter officers and their adult advisers were given training that will help them to have the knowledge and skills to carry out the duties of their office. During the counterpart meeting, the chapter officers met with the lodge officer who will be their mentor throughout the year.

The 2003 Training Committee theme, "The Year of the Chapter", was designed to reach chapter leadership with the tools to be successful. Only with successful chapters will there be a successful lodge. We are pleased that this year's LLD had the highest attendance in 10 years. Each arrowman who completed the LLD Seminar earned the new LLD Trained Patch (which was designed by Kevin South) and a beautiful certificate.

Special thanks to Campbell University for sponsoring, to Win Quakenbush for facilitating, and to the Cantoka Chapter for hosting the LLD event.

Kevin South has agreed to continue as the Training Committee Chairman and Anne Hendrix will continue as his adviser. For training support or information you may email Kevin at sckasnc@aol.com or Anne at TrainingAdv104@aol.com. 🏹

*Remember:
"Every Arrowman
Deserves a Trained Leader"*

Adviser's Minute



As we close another year and begin anew, I am grateful for the past year's achievements and excited about the possibilities that the next year holds. We have come a long way, but there is still much to be done. Many have served with distinction, more have stepped forward to assist with the new year.

It has been a while since you have received a newsletter. I would like to thank Stephen Hoyle, Jim Bedford and Richard Connelly for taking on the responsibility of The Tipi for the future. Having worked with Sharon McDonald and Clay Gibbons this past year I can tell you it is no easy task.

This summer has been busy for many of our Brothers. Thanks to the Long Range Planning Committee, led by Calvin Terry, Jr. Through their efforts we have what I think will be a much more efficient organization structure, one that will aid Lodge Leadership into the future, ensuring our success and continuity. But we must not rest on the past accomplishments. There are many tasks still left. With the new organization and the Council's new District realignment, we as a lodge have a great deal to do to insure the success will move forward. We must all keep a

good attitude and work hard to ensure both are successful.

Another group that has been working hard is our Trading Post Committee. Adam Willard, Chairman and his adviser Jeff Bailey have been working hard to get new and exciting merchandise in. This past year, through their efforts, we have had record profits which have been turned back into program and savings in the Lodge Building Fund. The new Chairman, Jonathan Stewart, is eager and hoping to break all the past sales records. Look for the new Lodge Webstore which is now up and running at <http://104store.lodge104.com>.

The Lodge has agreed to assist in the construction of many new program areas and support facilities for Camp Durant this upcoming year. We are going to construct a new shelter for the Trailblazers program area, similar in size to the waterfront shelter we built a year ago. Also on the table are two new campsites, where we will build shelters, like those in the other 11 campsites. We will be developing a new road to support the proposed new ceremony rings and the move of the Dance Arbor. We will be sending out messages regarding upcoming work days. Join us as we continue to build the future of Scouting!

Let me take this time to also mourn the passing of a fond Brother Dan Wilkinson. Dan was a friend, Brother, Wood Badger, Scouter, and just plain nice guy. We pray for his family and wish them well.

Join us this year as Occoneechee grows stronger. 🏹

WWW,
Rodney McDonald
Lodge Adviser



Finance Committee News

by **Chris Newton**
Vice Chief of Finance


All of us in Finance are thrilled to be serving you this next year. We are working hard to give the Lodge the best we have so we can make this upcoming year one to remember.

Calvin Terry and Sharon McDonald are planning what promises to be one of the best Conclave contingents we have ever sent, and Lindsay Putman and Gail Barker are preparing to lead us in our invasion of Iowa State University for NOAC next summer. Thomas and Greg Grimes are busy designing more patches than one lodge could ever hope to use and Zach Brecheisen and Debbie Purser are working to make our registration process more efficient than ever before. John Curley and Bob Terry are working hard to raise the money we need for our Lodge Building, as well as leading any other fundraisers we will do.

Special recognition goes out to our Trading Post Adviser, Jeff Bailey. Mr. Bailey

has worked very hard over the past year, and as a result, we've had record sales for event after event. He will be returning to the trading post this year, will be working with our new committee chairman, Jonathan Stewart. Both of them have big plans for our Trading Post, so stop by and see the new stuff we've got for you to buy. Also, check out our new online store at www.104store.lodge104.com. There you can find almost everything we have in the Trading Post at Lodge events, and you don't have to wait until an event for that one item you just have to have now.

Remember to renew your dues, they expire on January 1. However, a good way to save money and the hassle of remembering to pay your dues every year is to become a Lifetime Dues Member for only \$104. (Lifetime dues are not transferable to other lodges.)

If you have any comments, suggestions, or questions feel free to contact me. If I don't know the answer, I will help you find somebody who does. I look forward to seeing all of you at Spring PowWow, which should be a blast! 

Communications Corner


by **Jim Bedford**
Vice Chief of Communications

As we begin another year in Occoneechee Lodge, I look forward to a number of exciting developments in the Communications arena. Our new and improved Tipi, which you now hold in your hands, looks better than ever, and as the coming year will see several more quality issues. Our new Newsletter adviser, Richard Connelly, is a true asset to the lodge and a wonderful guy to have on the team. By NOAC this summer we should have a real high-quality product to present to the judges.

Another new feature you should be aware of is the Lodge web store, online at 104store.lodge104.com. Shirts, lodge patches, backpacks, NOAC and Conclave memorabilia, as well as lots of great stocking-stuffer knick-knacks, are available with payment through PayPal. If you do not already have an account with PayPal, you will automatically be given the chance to create one when you check-out.

The 2004 Lodge Planbook is also available on the lodge website for download, including all the forms you might need over the course of the year. If there is something you would like to see on the website that is not there now, let me or Cameron Bowe know and we will try to put it there.

Also a special thanks to the Communications committee chairmen who will be serving this year:

- Stephen Hoyle
Newsletter
- Daniel Butler
Photography
- Mike Barber
Camping Promotions 



The Vigil Gathering held in October at Camp Campbell went superbly, yet again. Many thanks to all who came to help out, and congratulations again to all our new Vigil Honor members. They are:

Cameron Bowe, Bill Bectel, James Spratley, Mary Dilday, A.J. Phoenix, Matt Zaytoun, Clay Gibbons, Cindy Grau, Kevin South, Glenn Parler, John Taylor, Chris Bennett, Eddie Wessel, and Ann Hendrix.

Two others who were unable to attend the October gathering, *Derek Staincliffe* and *Mark Quakenbush*, plan to complete their Vigil at the Spring PowWow.

The Vigil Honor is bestowed upon those deserving Brotherhood members of the Lodge who have given exceptional service and demonstrated unselfish dedication to the Order, to Scouting, to the betterment of our Scout camps, and to the welfare of others. Only two percent of the Lodge's total enrollment may be nominated each year, at least half of whom must be under the age of 21 at the time of nomination.

Nomination information for next year will be available in January of 2004.

David Mabe
Vigil Committee Chairman

The **Food Committee** is planning a wonderful set of meals for the 2004 Spring Pow Wow. In order to prepare such amazing food for the entire lodge, the Kitchen Staff will need help and lots of it! If each chapter could send at least one person to help out with each meal it would be greatly appreciated. Also, If anyone has access to a pig cooker, please contact Cindy Grau at clgrau@bellsouth.net.

Thanks, and remember that each chapter will have cleaning duties as always.

— Matt Goodman
Food Committee Chairman

The Great Chapter Tool Tariff of 2004

Problem:

Over the years, the supply of hand tools at Camp Durant has dwindled due to the extreme usage and neglect.

Plan:

Conduct a contest in which each Chapter collects as many hand tools as humanly possible. The tools will be donated to the Quartermaster Shed at Camp Durant and recorded by the Lodge Service Committee. The competition will begin at the 2004 Spring Pow Wow and end at the 2004 Fall Fellowship. However tools will be accepted after the contest. The Lodge Service Committee will recognize the Chapter that collects the most in the allotted time frame.

Purpose:

To replenish the supply of hand tools in the Quartermaster Shed at Camp Durant, with an InterChapter Competition.

Tools that are needed:

- Shovels
- Metal Rakes
- Pick Axes
- Swing Blades
- Bow Saws
- Lobbers
- Post Hole Diggers
- Water Hoses

Thanks!

Lodge Service Committee

Lodge Providing Scholarships to Council Junior Leader Training Conference

Occoneechee Lodge 104 is committed to encouraging its Brothers to attend the Council's Junior Leader Training Conference (JLTC) held every summer at Camp Reeves. So strong is the Lodge's belief in the benefits of this special training to the Scouting program, it is even offering scholarships to help Brothers attend.

The JLTC is a weeklong course designed to help the junior leaders of a troop develop their leadership and outdoor living skills while experiencing the patrol method with Scouts from other troops in the council. The Scouts are assigned to eight different groups who form their own identities as patrols. They set up their own campsites where they learn to work together as a team, cook their own meals, build special projects, practice leadership skills, and compete with the other patrols in fun games and challenging activities.

The JLTC is not for boys who are new to Scouting. It is for seasoned, experienced junior leaders who are at least 1st Class and 13 to 17 years of age with one or more summer camp experiences under their belt. Scouts who attend JLTC must be mature and ready to accept the serious challenges of troop and patrol leadership in the game of Scouting.

The scholarships are awarded to Brothers based on merit and need. Because it is so important for each unit to get the

right Scout to attend JLTC, Scoutmasters must recommend each boy, attesting to his potential as a leader, his Scouting spirit, his level of experience, and to his strong character. This is true of all Scouts attending JLTC, not just those seeking a scholarship.

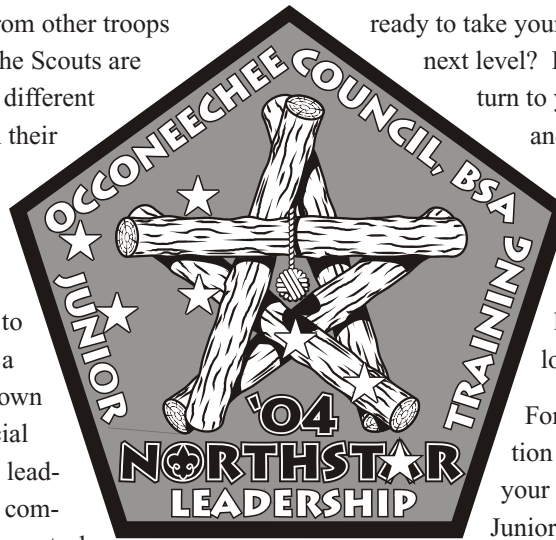
While a lot of hard work, JLTC is a fun and rewarding experience for those who come with the right attitude and the right stuff! Are you one who seeks a leadership challenge in your unit? Are you ready to take your Scouting to the next level? If so, you will re-

turn to your troop inspired and empowered to make a positive difference in the Scouting program you will help lead your fellow Scouts through!

For more information and to download your application for the Junior Leader Training

Conference, go to www.campdurant.com/Training/jltc/2004/ and download the PDF files (Adobe Reader is required, which you can get for free from www.adobe.com). If you have any questions about the course, please feel free to contact the JLTC Scoutmaster, Richard Connelly at (919) 779-6784 or by email at PoorWretched@nc.rr.com.

For information about the availability of and requirements for the Lodge's scholarship program, contact our Adviser, Rodney McDonald at rodneymc@gte.net or at (919) 471-3908. ▲



☉ Gone Home ...



In Memoriam
Daniel A. Wilkinson
 1958 – 2003

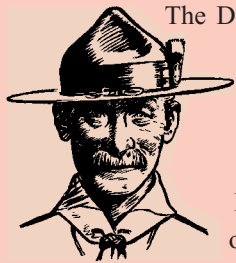
Daniel Allen “Dan” Wilkinson, 45, died suddenly Thursday, October 30, 2003, of heart failure while at his home in Raleigh with his family that he loved so much. He was born March 10, 1958. A member of Providence Baptist Church, he enjoyed Bible study and was dedicated to and greatly loved his Lord Jesus Christ.

A Boy Scout while growing up, he became an Eagle Scout and was a member of Lodge 104. He was a member of the summer camp staff at Camp Durant as a youth in the 1970’s. As an adult, he became a Wood Badge staffer. He was an alumnus of NC State University where he studied communications and was avid Wolfpack fan. He also loved gardening in his yard by the lake.

Dan was a farm broadcaster for 17 years with Capitol Broadcasting Co. and WRAL-TV. He was devoted to agriculture and the farmers of North Carolina, having served as vice president of the Southeastern Division of the National Association of Farm Broadcasters and was awarded an Oscar for agriculture broadcasting.

He is survived by his wife, Babs; 9 year-old daughter, Kaisey; and 13 year-old son, Dan Jr. The family requests that in his memory, his friends spend their donations, time, and/or efforts supporting the Boy Scouts of America through their local troop as Dan believed in the good that the Boy Scouts does for young men. Dan will forever live in our hearts. 🦋

The Final Resting Place of Lord Robert Baden-Powell



The Dean and Chapter of Westminster Abbey offered a place for Lord Robert Baden-Powell of Gilwell, the founder of Scouting, between the graves of the Unknown Warrior and David Livingstone. After careful consideration, the family declined this great honor as not conforming to B-P’s expressed wishes. He was buried in the Africa he loved with full military honours accorded to his rank of Lieutenant-General and with a guard of Boy Scouts – European, African and Asian. His grave in the tiny cemetery of Nyeri, Kenya, is marked by a simple stone that carries his name and the Boy Scout trail sign for: “*I have gone home.*”



Due\$ Due? Do Tell!

By William Highsmith
Lodge Records Adviser

The time to update your dues for next year is quickly approaching. You can re-register at Pow-wow, Spring Inductions, or you can mail a check to:

Rob Grau – OA Dues
 5200 Wood Valley Drive
 Raleigh, NC 27613-6342

Annual dues are \$10, while lifetime dues are \$104 (a great deal!)

When your chapter starts holding its elections, please send the results of your youth elections to me (my address is printed on the election form). Thank you very much, and if you need anything from me, don’t hesitate to ask.



OA Blankets for Sale

- Collector’s items •
- Old “Mr. Tomato Head” logo •
 (Have a few with no logo)
- \$35.00 each •

Contact Art Ferguson at (919) 596-3114
 or

OADAD104@earthlink.net

“Behold this day, for it is yours to make.”
 – Chief Black Elk



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2004 Upcoming Events Checklist – Mark Your Calendars!

February 21,	School of Math & Science PowWow in Durham
February 22	Gentgeen 101 Plus in Durham
March 19 – 21	Spring PowWow at Camp Durant (<i>Tipi</i> articles due on 21st)
April 16 – 18	2004 Conclave at Camp Bonner
May 14 – 16	Spring Inductions at Camp Durant
July 15	<i>Tipi</i> articles due
July 18 – 24	Council Jr. Leader Training Conference at Camp Reeves
July 31 – August 5	2004 National OA Conference (NOAC) in Ames, Iowa
September 17 – 19	Fall Fellowship at Camp Durant (<i>Tipi</i> articles due on 19th)
October 16 – 17	Vigil Gathering at Camp Campbell
November 6	National One Day of Service
November 19 – 21	Lodge Leadership Development (LLD)
December 4	Winter Banquet

