

The Tipi

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2002 Kicks Off A New Year Of Service Occoneechee Lodge to Construct New Aquatics Area To Open This Summer!

After years of anticipation and planning, the new Aquatics area will be available this summer! Occoneechee Council has appropriated the funds to construct a new dock and facilities to move all aquatic activities. The Council has requested that our Lodge provide the labor for this exciting project. Projects will include a new floating dock, a lifeguard stand, a boathouse/shelter, and all the other facilities, which will allow us to operate a safe and exciting program. It was decided many years ago that the waterfront should be moved to allow use of the larger part of Teer Lake.

Arrowman Doug Griffin (Eluwak) has been charged by the Council Properties Committee to provide direction and management. Doug with the assistance of select Properties Committee members, has selected the designs and layout for the new waterfront. While several key elements are still in design, construction is scheduled to begin in mid February. The water level in the lake has been lowered, the ground graded and debris removed, landscaping fabric spread and anchored, and pea gravel spread. Materials for the floating dock have been delivered

The new dock will feature recycled plastic planking that will not warp, splinter or rot. The dock will float on manufactured frames that will be assembled onsite. The boathouse will be similar in size to the new Archery Range Shelter constructed by Lodge members last year, with a enclosed area for the storage of equipment. The new lifeguard stand will be 2 level construction, with a hard roof over the top level, internal stairs to the top, and storage inside for other additional equipment.

To insure that all will be ready for this years camp an organizational meeting was held at the Council Office on January 12th, to set up a workday schedule and to organize work groups. Vice Chief of Service, Calvin Terry (Natisihi), his Advisor, Randy Gordon (Eluwak), and Properties Committee Representative Doug Griffin (Eluwak) outlined tasks. Project Mangers were selected to lead and follow through on each of the elements. Project Leaders are as follows: Jim Spratley (Boathouse), Ron Trowbridge (Dock), Bruce Anderson (Lifeguard Tower), and Jamie Smith (Fence, Signage, etc.) If you have carpentry or construction skills and are interested in giving a hand please contact any of the Project Managers or Calvin Terry Jr. or Randy Gordon.

Current plans call for 5 to 7 workdays, including Pow Wow and Inductions weekend, between now and June. The first scheduled work day is Saturday February16th. Our plan is to complete and dedicate the new Aquatics area at Spring Indcutions. Please come and help us construct this exciting new facility at Camp Durant. The end result will be the expansion of a great program area for the Scouts and Scouters of Occoneechee. We need your help to make this happen!

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It is the purpose of *The Tipi* to support the mission of the lodge by providing timely information on lodge and Scouting activities, and thus encourage and inspire lodge members to active participation and enthusiasm for Scouting and the Order of the Arrow.

FYI - Occoneechee

104 OA Blankets are still available a limited quantity. These are collectors item featuring the "Mr. Tomato Head" logo and have Occoneechee 104 on them. If you are interested contact Art Ferguson 876 7714 or OADAD104@earthlink.net

2002 Lodge Dues are now due!! Lodge dues are ten dollars, paid annually. Lifetime dues are \$104 dollars. You can pay dues at the registration table at any event, or by sending your money to Rob Grau. 5200 Wood Valley Dr. Raleigh, NC 27613 (919)847-7616

New AIA booklets were recently printed for those interested in dancing. Jeff Brewer put together this 150 page booklet together to assist dancers in getting started. Thanks to Measurement Incorporated for publishing this valuable aid.

Visit the **NEW** lodge website. **Cameron Bowe** (Eno) has been working tirelessly on improving and adding to our new site. The address is www.lodge104.org. Links to various scout and OA sites, plus forms, and our current Lodge Planbook are available online. Even the rumored October issue of the Tipi can now be found on the site.

At the next Lodge Event **PLEASE** check your contact information at registration. We are finding that many have moved or changed phone numbers without contacting **Janet Rose**. If you are not receiving e-mails from the listserver please forward your e-mail to rodneymc@gte.net.

2002 Lodge Calendar

Waterfront Workday......Feb. 16

Spring Pow Wow......Mar.15-17

Conclave 2002.....April 19-21

Spring Inductions....May 17-19

Summer Inductions....July 19-21

NOAC....July 27-Aug 1

Fall Fellowship...Sept. 20-22

Vigil Gathering...Oct 19-20

LLD....Nov 15-17

Winter Banquet...Dec 7



AIA Vice Chief **Ian Ward** (Kiowa) dances at the recent Durham Community College Pow Wow. Other Occoneechee Dancers present were: Jacob Hackett (Eluwak), Jan Hackett (Eluwak), and Ed Ward (Kiowa)



Cardinal Conclave 2002

This years Section SR7-B Conclave will be hosted by Lodge 70, Tsoiotsi Tsogalii, at their Camp Cherokee near Yanceville North Carolina. As we know from experience, they have been hard at work readying the camp for an invasion of approximately 1000 arrowmen from across the state. The Event will run from Friday April 19th through Sunday April 21st.

It is a time of fellowship, AIA Dance Competitions, patch trading, training, Pre-Ordeal ceremony competition, exhibits of camping, and the always popular Quest Events. Quest Events feature this year a Tractor Pull. No, not the type of tractors pulling heavy loads, but a timed distance pull by Arrowmen of (you guessed it) a tractor.

After our hard work last year it is our turn to enjoy the fun and fellowship offered by this great event. Enclosed with this issue are the registration and medical forms for the event. Registration ends at Pow Wow. So get your forms and \$35.00 to Rob Grau soon. The \$35 includes meals, t-shirt, event patch, and program materials. We have committed to bringing 165 brothers from Occoneechee.

Lodge Building Update

At the most recent Occoneechee Council Properties Committee meeting, a presentation was made by **Dennis Nicholson** to place the new Lodge building on the hill at the old Aquatics area behind the Campfire Arena. Our proposal includes a 10,000 square foot facility. The building will feature a kitchen, a large conference room, classrooms, a locker room with showers, a museum, and storage for ceremony and AIA materials. The Committee voted unanimously to reserve the site, pending further development

Our next step is to begin our finance campaign to raise the funds for construction. To build, equip, and maintain this facility, it is estimated that we need to raise \$500,000. Although this seems a huge amount, we feel confident that we can raise the needed funds in 4 years. Funds have already been donated, which are in CD's from the L.C. Goodwin estate. The lodge needs to set up a fundraising committee. Types of activities will be memorabilia sales, golf tournaments, dinners, large and small donor campaigns, and chapter challenges. Those who have a talent for these types of activities and are interested should contact Lodge Advisor **Rodney McDonald**.

2002 NOAC is Coming !!!

NOAC 2002 (National Order of the Arrow Conference 2002) is only 6 months away. This fun and exciting conference is held every other year on a college campus. This years conference will be at Indiana University in Bloomington Indiana. The conference will run from July 27 through August 1. Conference highlights are competitions in ceremony, American Indian Dance and Drum, sports, training in lodge operations, leadership, American Indian Crafts, and fellowship galore.

Arrowmen that attend stay in dormitories and eat in campus cafeterias. Occoneechee Lodge charters busses for the 2-day trip. An overnight stop along the way usually will feature some entertainment. Past trips have included stops at the National Scout Museum in Murray, Kentucky and visits to mining museums. Cost for the Conference has been set at \$305 if paid by May 1st After May 1st the fee is \$355. There is usually a contingent fee to cover the cost of the bus, lodging on the way up and back, and required memorabilia. Last year this fee was \$75.00. There is also the additional expense of meals on the way up and back and any memorabilia that Lodge members wish to purchase for trade.

At LLD this year the EC selected a 2-piece patch design for the Conference. A matching Council Strip was also proposed. All proceeds from the sale of this memorabilia will go to offset expenses for the contingent. It is hoped that we will raise enough to cover the cost of the bus trip.

Calvin Terry Jr. "(Niganit) has agreed to be the acting Contingent Leader. **Jim Cummings** (Tsungani) has agreed to be our Contingent Advisor for 2002. Jim has selected a team of assistants to aid him in planning for this years conference.

We need more youth participation. There must be 2 youth for every adult registered. Currently we need 18 additional youth before we can accept any further adults. **The Lodge must forward \$100 for each participant by March 1**st to secure spots. Also required will be a medical examination performed in the 6 months before the Conference and a NOAC Medical Form.

In 2000 Occoneechee had the largest contingent in the nation, with 96 members and several Lodge members on the conference staff. Our presence was evident throughout the week. Lodge members were prominent in dance, sports, shows and training events. Come join Occoneechee as we show the right stuff again! Send your \$100 deposit into Rob Grau before February 20th to reserve your space. We need \$100 from each participant by this date.





Vigil Brothers enjoy a good meal and fellowship at this past years Vigil Gathering. Thanks go to the outgoing Vigil Chairman Charlie McNeill (Eluwak), and his advisor Lew Boyles (Eluwak) for another outstanding event!

Vigil Nominations Due At Spring Pow Wow

The highest honor bestowed on a member of the Order of the Arrow is the Vigil Honor. It is awarded for "exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest" and for "distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position." The only set rule for Vigil nominees is they must have been a Brotherhood member for a minimum of two years.

The Vigil Committee is made up of youth Vigil members of the Lodge. This years Chairman **David Cranford** (Kiowa) asks that Vigil Petitions be submitted before the Sunday Executive Committee meeting at this Spring Pow Wow. The new Vigil Petition Form is available in this years Planbook as well as online on the Lodge 104 website. (www.lodge104.org) Only the Lodge form will be accepted, and all nominations must be accompanied by a photograph of the nominee.

Many people ask why certain individuals have not received the Vigil. In most cases no one took the time to nominate them. If you know someone worthy of this great honor please submit a complete nomination form to David or his Advisor, Lew Boyles. Mail in forms may be sent to:

Lew Boyles 412 November Drive Durham, NC 27712

Remember all nominations must be received by the Chairman by the Sunday EC of Spring Pow Wow.



2002 LODGE TRAINING PLAN

Baden-Powell once said "Scouting is a game" and the game of Scouting is like a crystal ball. The Order of the Arrow Lodge Program of "SERVICE, MEMBERSHIP and ADVANCEMENT" sits on a pedestal. This pedestal that strongly holds the OA Lodge Program is called "TRAINING". This year with each arrowmen help we will build "Strong Lodge and Chapter" leadership; thereby, creating strong lodge and chapter programs and develop the present and future course of your Order of the Arrow Lodge and Chapter Programs. **SOUND EXCITING?** YOU BET IT DOES! But your lodge and chapter needs each of you do your part to make this vision a reality. Your lodge training chairman is working to establish a lodge training committee. To build this committee we have asked each chapter chief to appoint a chapter training chairman. We have also developed the agenda for 2002 Spring Pow Wow, Lodge Leader Develpoment(LLD) and asked experienced leaders to teach the identified subjects. The new training committee, which will be made up of the chapter training chairmen, Pow Wow and LLD instructors will meet at least 4 times and determine the lodge training needs and how we can satisfy them. Additionally, we will conduct Woodbadge style staff development for both Pow Wow and LLD courses. Every arrowman deserves a trained leader, in 2002 your lodge training committee will insure all youth and adult leaders are trained for their position. At LLD we will be using the National Order of the Arrow Training Outlines to teach the identified subjects. For more information contact William Bell, Lodge Training Chairman at 919-552-6815 or Anne Hendrix, Associate Lodge Advisor to the Training Chairman at 910-897-5283 or email at beowolf60@aol.com.

2002 TRAINING COMMITTEE GOALS

- Strengthen Lodge/Chapter Programs through Trained Leaders.
- Conduct Training at Pow Wow, Conclave and LLD
- Build a Lodge Training Committee with a Chapter Training Chairman
- Use the NOAC materials to conduct LLD
- Train all LLD Instructors on the Training Development Conference(TDC)
- Serve on the Council Training Committee as the Lodge Representative
- Send personal invitations to all new officers to attend LLD
- Conduct Staff Development of all training courses

William Bell Chairman Training Committee Anne Hendrix Advisor





<u>AIA Spotlight</u> <u>American Indian Affairs Report</u>

Dear Brothers,

I am looking forward to being the new vice chief of Native American Affairs. LLD went great. There were a number of American Indian classes. Form dancing all the way to bead work. Don't for get about CIS there is not much time to sign up but still try. This year it will be held at Mitchell community college, Statesville, N.C. everybody is ready to go and have a ton of fun there. There will be many classes there on every thing you can think about and people selling all kinds of thing you can start or add on to you regalia. The date on CIS is January 25, 2002 to january 27, 2002. You can still try to sign up for that at http://user.twave.net/jafowiz/cis.htm. The price is 25 dollars a person that includes meals. We are planning out POW wow for the up and coming year. There will be many class and competition. On top of that Eastern Bull and John Blackfeather will be returning for the Saturday POW wow the date for that is Mar 15-17 2002. So keep working on your dance regalia and hope!

to see you at these upcoming events. Also I hope you had a fun and safe holidays.

Ian Ward Vice Chief of American Indian Affairs

The Animals Within

A Native American elder once described his own inner struggles in this manner:

"Inside of me there are two dogs.

One of the dogs is mean and evil. The other dog is good.

The mean dog fights the good dog all the time."

When asked which dog wins, he reflected for a moment and replied, "The one that I feed the most."

THE DRUM

The term "drum" usually refers not to just the instrument itself but to the group that uses the drum. These individuals are referred to as "singers" rather than "drummers". "A drummer" in this scenario usually refers (in a somewhat bad light) to anyone who comes out to beat the drum but won't make the effort to learn the songs and the meaning and traditions behind them. A person does not just work at it for awhile, "become" a singer, and stop there. It does take lots of time and effort, and it is a never-ending task. There is always more to learn. With effort and experience, one becomes a better singer.

To American Indians, the drum is far more than just an instrument. It represents many things that they hold dear. You may sometimes hear the drum referred to as "Grandmother" or perhaps "the heart beat of Mother Earth". Both terms give a glimmer of understanding of the feelings that the drum generates for many American Indians. During Round Dances and similar songs, the drumbeat actually mimics the sound of the human heart. Because the drum represents so many significant things, it is always treated with great respect from both the physical and social perspectives.

Without the drum, there is no PowWow. When the drum is being transported, it is always covered in some fashion. This is both a sign respect and a way of protecting the drum against the elements. Moisture and temperature changes affect the rawhide drumhead. The drum is usually handled as respectfully as one would treat an elderly grandparent. A person would never leave an elderly grandparent exposed to the direct rays of the hot summer sun or to the cold winds of late fall; this is also true for the drum. The Keeper of the Drum is responsible for the care and safekeeping of the drum at all times and must ensure that it is always shown respect and honor, whether it is during periods of rest (kept in a place of respect at home), being taken to a dance or other event, or in actual use. He must also insure that the drum is at the appointed place and time. Without the drum, there is no PowWow. In a later article, we will talk about approaching the drum with the right attitude and frame of mind. This is also a very important aspect of respecting the drum.

When brought to the circle, the drum is always placed on a blanket or mat and never set up directly on the ground. Again, this is both a sign of respect and to protect the drum against moisture. When there is no singing going on at the PowWow, the drum is kept covered, especially if the singers are temporarily away. This is to prevent anyone not knowledgeable of drum etiquette (or small children) from doing anything that would dishonor the drum. Rest assured that the Keeper of the Drum is never far away and would come rushing back if any disrespect appeared imminent.





Adviser's Minute

Friends and Brothers,

It is with great deal of excitement that I look forward to the future of Occonechee Lodge. We have a great heritage of activities and accomplishments. I only see the future, as building on both. I am proud to have been chosen to serve you as the new Lodge Advisor. With your support I am sure that we will grow stronger as a Lodge and Brotherhood. It would be difficult for any man to follow in the steps of my predecessor, Dennis Nicholson. He has left a legacy that will be hard put by any man to follow. I only hope that that my time with you will be as fruitful.

But the future is bright. Many new faces have taken the helm, as Chiefs, Chairmen, and Advisors. Many bring a new enthusiasm, with new ideas. Change is inevitable. Some will be accepted and others will bring resistance. I ask that all of us approach these changes with open eyes and hearts. It is our intent to improve the quality of activities and operation of Lodge 104, not destroy its traditions.

We have a busy year ahead of us. Already we are in the process of planning for Conclave, NOAC, a Summer Ordeal, building a new Aquatics Area, a new council wide Weblos activity, and the building of a Lodge Building at Camp Durant. But none of these can be successful without your participation. I beg you all to get involved and assist us with these projects. Not only will you make the program a success, but it will give all a sense of pride and ownership in those accomplishments.

Finally my chief desire is to restore the fun and brotherhood that has made the Order of the Arrow and Occoneechee Lodge dearest to my heart. Much has happened over the past several years that divided us. Lets begin again as friends. Lets look forward to each event as an opportunity to grow as brothers and a lodge. We are a large and diverse organization. Let's have fun, but be respectful of the feelings and opinions of others.

Once again, I am excited for our future. Get involved with the Lodge this year. Join us in fellowship, fun and service to the lodge, scouting, and our communities. Have a great New Year!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Rodney McDonald Lodge Advisor



Chief's Minute

Dear Brothers,

This is my first time greeting you as Lodge Chief, and it brings me great joy to do so. I have expressed a hope for a good year; but after looking at the fresh ideas, I know we will have a spectacular one. In addition to serving as we have in the past, we have an opportunity to serve Cub Scouts across the council in a Webeloree program. To our summer camp, the prospect of helping build a new water front as well as a summer ordeal. We as a lodge have built most of the structures at camp, and again we can take pride in what we do at camp. If you think are seeing more American Indian Affairs at lodge events, it is not your imagination. There will be a concerted effort to include our rich American Indian traditions at every lodge function. Also, I believe the OA Troop Representative program will become bigger and better, yet more importantly, effective.

Our challenges this year is first, to ensure the true spirit and integrity of the brotherhood remains while we implement the new NIMAT brotherhood conversion program. Secondly is our greatly needed help in building the new waterfront. These challenges are nothing that we cannot handle. The expanding OA Representative program will facilitate the NIMAT program. And as for the waterfront, it is broken down into several very manageable parts.

I hope everyone has fun this year.

Joe Cranford

Lodge Chief

Pictured below is new Lodge Chief **Joey Cranford** and past Chief **Matt Curtis**, at this years Council Camporee at Fort Bragg.







Past Chief **Matt Curtis** (Neusalufta) reflects after his last Vigil Ceremony, this past October. Or is he looking for the lost Tarheel Basketball Team?



More Ceremony Stuff

It is that time of the year again, when ceremony teams start to practice their lines, their movements, and to get their outfits and headdress' in order. POW WOW is the first event where teams will be used, only BROTHERHOOD teams are used at this event. PRE ORDEAL teams that want to compete for opportunity to represent the Lodge at Conclave do so at this event.

PRE ORDEAL evaluations will be conducted at the campfire arena starting at 10 am on Saturday. Please be in outfit and ready to perform. If a team member would contact Art Ferguson no later than Friday night of POW WOW, a time slot will be assigned.

Inductions in May utilizes both the PRE ORDEAL and ORDEAL teams, as we have new Brothers coming into the Order. If a member of these teams would contact either Brian Padgett or Art Ferguson to let us know what teams we will have at Inductions that would be great.

Ceremony Corner

Any one interested in being on the Broken Arrow team, please contact Art Ferguson 876 7714. The Broken Arrow team is utilized at funerals, and only at the families request. Scripts are available for those interested. We are interested primarly in anyone who would be available on short notice and be willing to travel.

Any youth who is interested in ceremonies, please contact your Chapter VC of Inductions & Ceremonies. If you cannot make contact with your VC, contact Art Ferguson 876 7714 or Brian Padgett 336 278 3171. You do not have to do a speaking part in order to be involved with ceremonies. There are jobs that you could do that support the teams.

All current ceremony team members, if you or your team, are planning to go to NOAC, I need to know NOW. Call me to let me know if your team is going or if you plan to go. We may have enough of individuals going from different teams that we could put a team together. I need to know name, address, phone, date of birth, and email address.

I would like to have email address from all team members and their Advisors in the Lodge. If the VC of Inductions & Ceremonies for each chapter would gather this information and forward to me at OADAD104@earthlink.net, I would greatly appreciate it. This would allow me to keep everyone up on the latest coming out of national.

All Advisors are reminded that there is a recognition award for ceremonies. If you have any youth eligible for this award who has not already received it, please contact me prior to Winter Banquet, so that the proper recognition for these youth can be arranged. This recognition is one per youth per lifetime. The Requirements are as follows:

- 1. Must be under the age of 21
- 2. Must have made his own ceremony outfit
- 3. Must have performed at least 5 ceremonies for Lodge
- 4. Must be active with dues paid
- 5. Must have competed at Conclave and/or NOAC (exception Brotherhood and Vigil)

Any Lodge member who is interested in serving as an Elangomat needs to contact their Chapter VC of Inductions & Ceremonies. If you have not served as an Elangomat in the past you need to consider this as a way to give back service to the Lodge. WE would like to have Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil members serve as Elangomats. Elangomats are always needed at Spring Inductions and Fall Fellowship. Training for this position is usually provided at LLD, Spring POW WOW, Spring Inductions and Fall Fellowship. If you have any questions about serving as an Elangomat, contact your Chapter VC of Inductions & Ceremonies, Brian Padgette or Art Ferguson.





Winter Banquet Recap

On December 2nd approximately 160 brothers gathered at the Louisburg UMC for an evening of fun fellowship and recognitions. The night featured a skit recognizing **Dennis Nicholson** for his many years of service to the Lodge. The skit was a remake of the old television show "This Is Your Life", featuring lodge advisors, past chiefs, and Nicholson family members, including Dennis's son Michael who flew in from Baltimore as a surprise.

Wahzeeyahtah Chapter furnished the meal, which was enjoyed by all. (Yes Larry it is better than Murphey House) A silent auction run by **Jason Carpenter** (Neusalufta) of memorabilia raised over \$700, which was dedicated to the Lodge Building Fund.

Matt Curtis passed on the ceremonial bonnet to Joey Cranford, as the new Chief took the reigns of Occoneechee Lodge. (Yes Matt you have to give it up now.) Many thanks go to Matt for his two years of service a Chief.

Others recognitions were: Chiefs Award for most improved Chapter-Eno; Roth Award-Natisihi; Dancer Recognition/Gentgeen-Ian Ward; 104 Service Award-Ian Ward, Josh Carpenter, Chris Davis, Daniel Harris, Brian Hunt, Bill Bland, Winston Bland, John Taylor, Tommy Patrick, Sylvestor Bullock, Chris Southard, Butch Thompson, Harry Talley, Cody Efferson, Kevin Cooke, David Cranford, Joev Cranford, Ed Ward, Jamie Smith, Jeff Bailey, Sharon McDonald, Rodney McDonald, Patty Sawyer, Glenn Parler, Larry Hunt, Wescott Martin, and Matt Curtis; the National Arrowmen Service Award- Chris Davis, Cody Efferson, Chris Newton, David Cranford, Brian Padgette, Evan Purser, Joey Cranford, Josh Carpenter, Brian Anstead, Ben Anstead, Charles Chapa, Douglas Rigby, Cameron Bowe, Seth Asbil, Jack Hendrix, Anne Hendrix, Pat McCoy, Alma McIntire, Terry McIntire, Chalres Smith, Art Ferguson, Sharon McDonald, Rodney McDonald, Dennis Nicholson, Ronnie Padgette, Heada Rigby, and Matt Curtis. Winter Banquet is also when the Key 3 Award is presented. This years recipients were Seth Asbil, Josh Carpenter, Lew Boyles, and Bill Morris. To finish the evening off the Founders Award was presented to David Cranford, Matt Curtis, Terry McIntire, and Rob Grau. Congratulations to all our recipients and thanks for all you do for Scouting and Occoneechee Lodge