


The Tipi



January newsletter for Occoneechee Lodge # 104

Monthly Newsletter

January 2009

The monthly version of The Tipi is here! As promised, monthly Tipi's will be sent out via email, as well as the Lodge website, in order to expand our Lodge's communication. We do recognize that not everyone has email, or internet, and therefore there will still be quarterly editions of The Tipi printed and mailed. As always, if you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please send them to the Lodge Vice Chief of Communication or Tipi Committee chairman.

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Chief's report

Happy 2009!

I hope everyone has had a safe and happy holidays, and is well rested for the upcoming year. I hope to see many familiar faces at Pow Wow, Inductions, and Fall Fellowship; and also many new faces, eager to get involved. I'd also like to remind you all that registration for Conclave is now open and we have been challenged to bring 300+ people, if that were to happen then the lodge vice chiefs and myself will get mohawks during conclave (don't miss out). Also, if anyone is still interested in going to NOAC this summer then get in contact with Gail Barker. I look forward to working with all of you, and please don't hesitate to contact me if you ever have a problem.

Yours in cheerful service,

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Advisor's Minute

BE PREPARED!!

I hope that all of you have had a good start for 2009. We all hear the Scout Motto at our Troop meetings every week. With the beginning of a new year, we all need to be reminded of the ways that we might need to be prepared to help someone in your Troop or your Chapter or our Lodge.

Be Prepared for the unexpected and for new challenges. They are going to happen if we are prepared or not. Think of the pilots that guided the plane recently into the Hudson River! Those passengers are alive today because those pilots were prepared.

Be Prepared to be grateful and say 'thank you'. Be Prepared to be corrected or humbled and say 'I'm sorry'. Be Prepared to help someone next to you. You will be rewarded in unknown ways.

We are brothers of the Arrow because our fellow Troop members recognize the way that we live the Scout Oath and Law. We are held to a higher standard and eyes are always on us, especially when situations call for action. **Be Prepared!**

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Winter Banquet this year was a fantastic success! We held this year's Banquet on December 6th at Hillsong Church in Chapel Hill. Attendance was at one of its highest levels ever, with 300 people enjoying a catered meal provided by Smokey's BBQ Shack. Fun and fellowship were had by all, as people feasted on fresh barbeque and scouted out the silent auction.

One of the new features of Winter Banquet this year included a live auction to benefit the Lodge Building. Arrowman and auctioneer Matt Price auctioned off a wide variety of items, including handcrafted stained glass from Sharon McDonald, hockey, and theatre tickets.

Our guest speaker this year was Representative Nelson Dollar, a member of the lodge and the North Carolina House of Representatives. Rep. Dollar discussed his own experiences as a youth member of Occoneechee Lodge and reflected on the values that he learned as a youth. He also talked about his bids for lodge and section offices and what he learned from the success and failure of those bids. Finally, he noted the special value that his adult mentors had in shaping his development.

There was also significant participation in earning lodge awards this year. We had a grand total of 8 Troop Service Awards, 12- 104 Service Awards, 58 Summer Camp Staffer Awards, 4 Honor Troop Awards, 2 Ceremonies Awards, and 1 Dance Award. This year was also the first year that an arrow men earned the HOKA Award. Following a special presentation by the AIA Committee, Kevin Pusak became the first recipient of the lodge's singing award. In addition, Doug Johnson of US Food was recognized as this year's recipient of the Friend of the Thunderbird

Award for the tremendous help and support that he has provided to the Food Committee.

Occoneechee's chapters also distinguished themselves this year. Kato Hochuli was presented the Chief's Award, and Eluwak Chapter won the Roth Award.

There was also special recognition given to this year's Key 3 and Founder's Award recipients. The recipients of the Key 3 Award this year were Matt Gardner, Marc Seelinger, Clay Potter, and Jan Hackett. The 2008 Founder's Award recipients were JT Wells, Nick Ochsner, Westcott Martin, and Greg Grimes. After the presentation of the Key 3 Awards, the Past Chief's Alumni Association briefly hijacked the program and announced that they were presenting Lodge Adviser Tom Wells with an Honorary Key 3 Award in appreciation of the work that he has provided for the lodge, particularly in his first year as Adviser. Towards the end of the evening, Nelson Blair was inaugurated as the new Lodge Chief in the traditional Passing of the Bonnet Ceremony. After this crowning moment, Nelson introduced the Lodge Officers for next year amidst thunderous applause.

This year's Winter Banquet was a phenomenal success! There was plenty of fun, food, and fellowship to go around and, everyone had a good time. If you missed it this year, but sure to look for it next year because next year's Banquet promises to even bigger and even better!

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Chapter Reports

Amangi Newo-

- Recently changed meetings to the fourth thursday of the month.
- Have 23 arrow men committed to going to conclave out of the chapter's 61 arrow men goal.
- Meeting numbers have increased to 26 attending from about 5 or 6.
- Looking for brothers familiar with regalia making to make their own regalia.
- In the process of publishing newsletters. 2 of 12 elections completed.

Canotka-

- Chapter attendance has increased from 5 or 6 to 13!
- Working on pre ordeal and arrow of light ceremonies.
- Helped host cape fear recreation day and dinner.
- Almost have all unit elections planned and recently helped with mountain to see trail.

Eluwak-

- Started to schedule elections.
- Ceremonies team had outing at Frankie's. 38 members went to CIS which is the Carolina Indian Seminar.
- Working Duke football games. Looking forward to Conclave.

Eno-

- Attendance is hovering about 15 to 20 people.
- Recently had a presentation about the 10 minute tower.
- Two people attended CIS.

Impeesas- No report this month

Kato-

- Working on getting unit elections scheduled. About 1/5th of them already scheduled.
- Last year the meeting time was changed and that has been going well.
- Hoping to hit goal of 30 people at Conclave.

Lumbee-

- 7 youth and 6 adults at last chapter meeting.
- Last chapter meeting made election teams.
- 8 of 16 troops have already been contacted for elections.

Natisihi-

- Started a ceremonies team.
- Newsletter going around on the internet.

Netami-

- Attendance is still strong.
- Planning a headdress building for an upcoming weekend.
- Almost all units have been contacted.

Niganit-

- Maintaining number of 10 to 15 scouts at meetings.
- Unit elections underway.
- Prepping ordeal members for Brotherhood conversions.

Yamni Wakpa-

- All but 5 troops contacted.
- No meeting for January since the Church was closed and a good portion of chapter was not home.

BREAKING NEWS!

1. January 25th- The Lodge Executive committee has voted. There will now no longer be a fee for those going through Brotherhood. That's right ladies and gentlemen, Brotherhood is now \$0. Also included in the vote was a decision to increase the cost of the Ordeal to \$50. The increased Ordeal price will now cover Brotherhood costs.
2. All NLS/NLATS applications should be sent to Glenn Parler by February 15th!

Upcoming events



What	When	Where
Spring Pow-Wow	March 20-22	Camp Durant (Carthage, NC)
SR-7B Conclave	April 17-19	Camp Tuscarora (Four Oaks, NC)
Spring Inductions	May 15-17	Camp Durant (Carthage, NC)

Lodge Key 3



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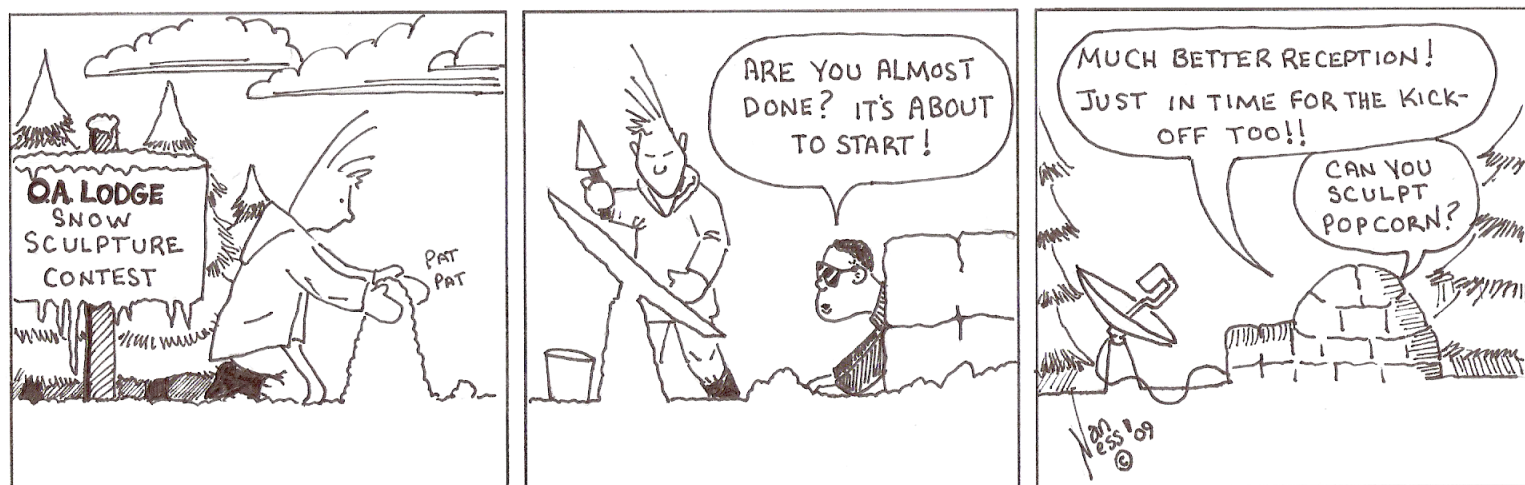
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Remember... if Occonechee brings 300 brothers to Conclave, the Lodge Officers will shave their heads!