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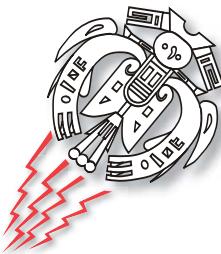


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Lodge 104 Makes Spartan Show of Force at '08 Conclave!

This year's Conclave was held at Camp Bowers, April 18-20. For its theme, Occoneechee chose to adopt the theme of The 300, adopting more classical costumes and Spartan temper. The woods resounded with Occoneechee's calls of "This is Sparta" and "Hua! Hua! Hua!" led by Gerry Hassenmayer (in the role of Leonidas). In spirit and costume, Occoneechee displayed showed the greatest originality and creativity, as hordes of Spartan warriors, equipped with shields, capes, and battle helmets, patrolled Camp Bowers in a phalanx formation, announcing their presence to the entire conclave. No one could doubt the presence of Occoneechee Lodge.



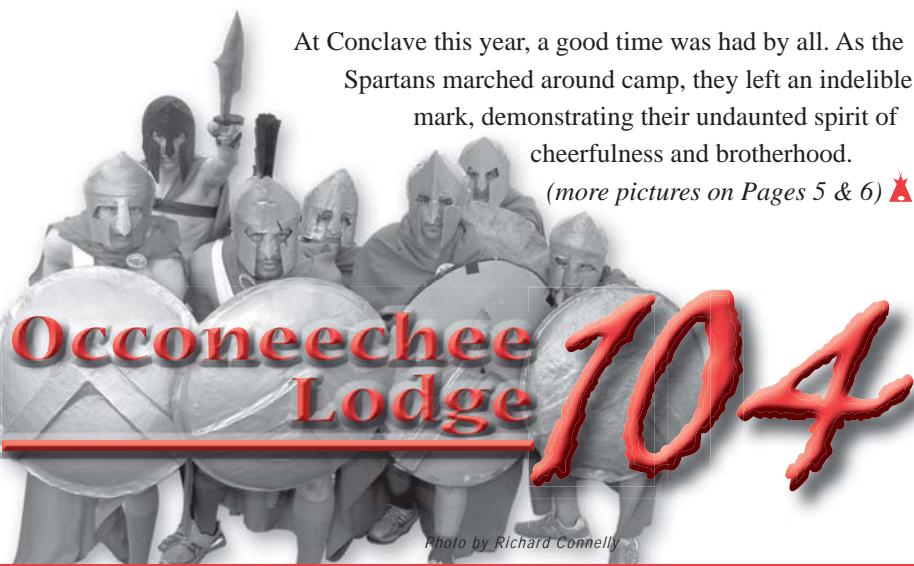
This year's Quest Events centered on Scouting skills. So lodges competed against each other in things such as pitching a tent in the fastest time, putting a puzzle together blindfolded, a first aid marathon, and an A-Frame Race. While most Greeks run around looking for a Golden Fleece, the Occoneechee Spartans engaged in a Quest for the Golden Arrow. And they did rather well, coming away as the winners of the Quest Events and the possessors of the Golden Arrow.

Occoneechee did well in other areas too. On the political side, Nick Ochsner ran for Section Chief. He was unable to seize the bonnet (so to speak), but he overwhelmingly won the position of Section Vice-Chief of Training.

One of the strengths of Occoneechee Lodge lies in its dance and ceremonies teams, which once again dominated the Section competitions. On the dancing side, Dylan Taylor won First Place in the Junior Grass Competition and Kevin Pusak won First Place in the Senior Straight Competition. The Pre-Ordeal Team secured a First Place win and the Brotherhood Team came in Second Place.

At Conclave this year, a good time was had by all. As the Spartans marched around camp, they left an indelible mark, demonstrating their undaunted spirit of cheerfulness and brotherhood.

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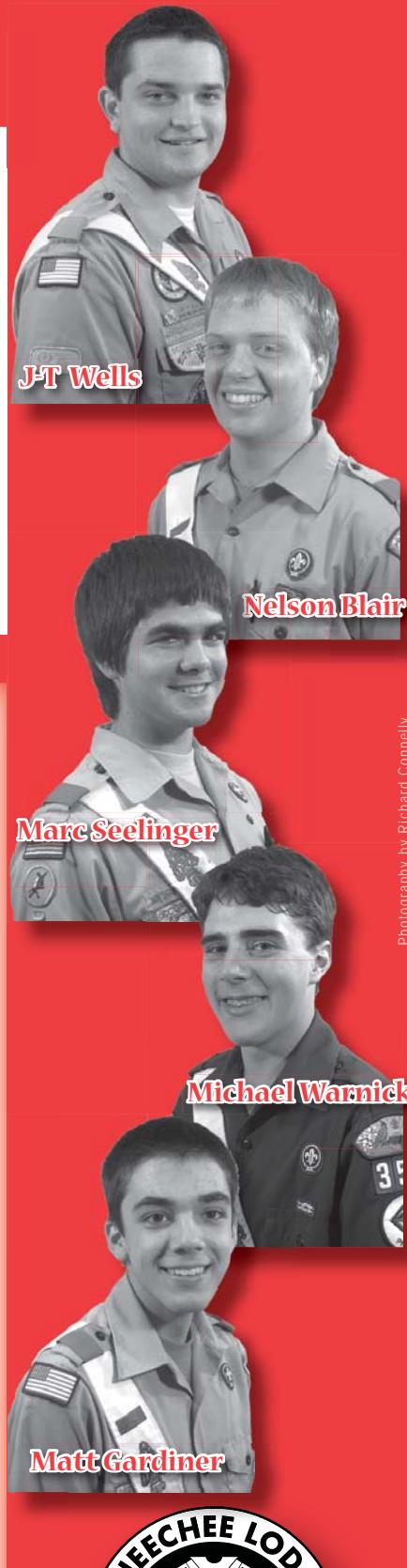
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The Chief's Corner

As I'm sure most of you have heard by now, 4 Boy Scouts were killed and dozens more injured when a tornado struck the Little Sioux Scout Ranch in Iowa. The Scouts were praised for their quick first-aid response, as I am sure there are boys alive today because of the training they received in the program. I can only imagine what the outcome might have been for another group of boys at a non-Scout camp.

Now this is not to scare you as many of you head off to camp! I know for a fact our severe weather safety system is pretty good after that rough weather at PowWow!

I mention this story to you because as Scouting reaches its 100th anniversary, I want to talk about the future of Scouting for the next 100 years. I want everyone to think about what we need to keep in Scouting, but more importantly, what we need to change in order keep boys coming into the program and how we can

improve the training, development, and maturing of those same boys.

Activities such as sports, band, and other groups are making more and more of a case in developing leadership, character, and morals in young men. But I know, just as many of you do, that the Scouting program, if properly used, can be one of the best programs for the development of our youth. The boys in this story showed the preparedness and training that Scouting is known for and I am proud to say that I am a Scout when I hear of events such as these. I want to see that tradition continue. I want Scouts to be known as people of character, outdoorsmen – those who know how to act in emergency situations – real leaders.

Each Arrowman needs to look at what we can do to make the Scouting program better. I know that's a broad statement, but take a second and think back over your Scouting career and see what could have been improved. Maybe no one taught you how to cook, or you never

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Lodge 104 — Home of the Thunderbird!



Adviser's Minute



Photography by Richard Connolly

Ready to Run the 'Hood?

Are you ready? Are you worthy? Each of us was elected into the Order by our home troops based on our example of living up to the Scout Oath and Law. Our OA Handbook states, "After you have learned the ideals of the Order and made them a part of your life, you may become a Brotherhood member," a step that calls for even more commitment to Scouting through the Order that also gives greater rewards. Adult and youth members are eligible for conversion after being an Ordeal member for at least 10 months. You are not a full member of the Order until you seal your membership by attaining Brotherhood.

Over 450 new Ordeal members were inducted into the Lodge in 2007 and are now eligible to earn their Brotherhood. Many camps (including our own Camp Durant) conduct Brotherhood conversions during each week of summer camp, so consider that as a golden opportunity. We currently have 70 new Brotherhood members in our Lodge from the Spring PowWow and will provide the opportunity again at Fall Fellowship, but we must have at least 150 conversions by the end of 2008 in order to qualify for Quality Lodge. So please seal your membership in the Order as a way of letting your troop know that the honor they bestowed upon you was not misplaced and you are worthy! 🌟

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went rock climbing, or never learned how to make a splint. Well take those experiences and make them happen in your troop today. Make sure the boys know why they are learning all the things we teach them, but most importantly, make sure they are having fun and getting the most out of the Scouting program.

So the next time you go to your troop's weekly Scout meeting, step back and see what you can do to ensure the Scouting ideals are being taught and preserved for our next generation of youth.

On a lighter note, I want to thank everyone for a great time at Spring Inductions.

I had a lot of fun being thrown in the lake, and most importantly, we raised over \$30,000! We are nearing the mark of making this \$75,000 matching pledge grant. If you have not already donated, there still is time! Please email Rodney McDonald at RodneyMc@unch.unc.edu if you would like to make a donation to the Charlie Sullivan Lodge Building.

I hope that everyone can come down and visit Camp Durant this summer as we have many OA brothers on staff and in key leadership positions at Summer Camp. This year we will continue to have a Brotherhood trail, but with a big change: *the trail and ceremony can all be done in one evening!* This will enable Ordeal members who are not at camp for

the whole week to come down Wednesday evening and earn their Brotherhood. For more information, contact Kevin Beigart at kbscout@bellsouth.net. The campfires on Wednesdays also are a great time to visit and welcome our new Brotherhood members.

In closing, make this a great summer. Challenge yourself to do something you have never done before, do something for someone else just for the heck of it; do something for the good of Scouting.

Thanks so much and God bless. 🌟

– In Brotherly Cheerful Service,

J-T Wells

Lodge Chief

Durant Waterfront Will Open During 2009 Fall Fellowship

We will be opening the waterfront in the morning of Fall Fellowship. Come have a great time swimming in the lake. The canoes and kayaks will also be available for use. If you have already

completed a swim test please bring your buddy tag with you to the weekend. If you have not completed your swim test or do not have your buddy tag you can complete a swim test when you show up. Do not forget to bring your bathing suit. Come and hang out with your friends. If you have any questions please e-mail Bryan Underwood at bundermood@hotmail.com. 🌟

2008 Fall Fellowship
September 19 – 21

**Put it on your calendar.
You don't want to miss it!**

Spring Inductions Packed with Hard Work & Clean Fun!

On the weekend of May 17th, Occoneechee Lodge held its annual Spring Inductions which offered an opportunity for all Brothers to partake in cheerful service by helping to make Camp Durant ready for the summer, as well as providing a setting for candidates selected by their troops to undergo their Ordeal. Overall, 258 Ordeal members were inducted into Lodge. Service projects that both Brothers and candidates helped to complete consisted of setting up tents for summer camp, moving

rocks off the lake's dam, and constructing a new Brotherhood trail, coordinated by Andrew Sedore, the Lodge Service Committee Chairman.

In addition to service projects, the Lodge also held a fundraiser for the Charley Sullivan Lodge Building Fund. This was no ordinary bake-sale, however. Instead, the Lodge was promised that if they contributed \$500 to the Lodge Building fund by the end of the weekend, J-T Wells, Occoneechee's Lodge Chief, would be thrown into Nello Teer Lake. Immediately after this announcement, Eluwak Chapter announced that it would be making a contribution of \$1,500. So, in order to create more of an incentive to donate, the Past Lodge

Chief's Association announced that for every additional \$250 raised, one of them would be thrown into the lake. All of the past Lodge Chiefs present, which included James Spratley, Noah Asbill, Chris Newton, and Seth Asbill, ended up being thrown in the lake. In addition, Kevin Wolfe along with Occoneechee's Lodge Adviser, Tom Wells, and the Occoneechee Council's Program Support Director, Johnny Glover, were thrown into the lake. All said, more than \$25,000 dollars were raised in support of the Charley Sullivan Lodge Building Fund! Everyone agreed that it was a fun and productive weekend. 

— Tommy Seelinger



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Calendar of Events

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| June 22 - July 25 | Summer Camp @ Camp Durant
Brotherhood Trail on Wednesdays |
| August 3 - 8 | National Youth Leadership
Training (NYLT) @ Camp Durant |
| September 19 - 21 | Fall Fellowship @ Camp Durant |
| October 18 - 19 | Vigil Gathering
(site to be announced) |
| November 14 - 16 | Lodge Leadership Development @
Campbell University |
| December 6 | Lodge Winter Banquet
(site to be announced) |

