

THE TIPI

Occonechee Lodge #104 Newsletter

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2018 – 2019 Lodge Officers

Congratulations to our newly elected 2019 Occonechee Lodge Officers. 2 Veterans and 3 New Officers. These arrowmen will lead Occonechee Lodge into another successful year and they will take the oath of office at Winter Banquet on Saturday December 1st, 2018.

Learn more about the Lodge Officers below.



Lodge Chief-Micheal Glennon



Vice Chief of Program-Matthew Klassa



Vice Chief Administration-Matthew Gillespie



Vice Chief of Communications-Parker Morrisette



Vice Chief of Finance-Corey Rodgers

Lodge Chief: Michael Glennon – An Eagle Scout with Troop 356 from Holly Springs, NC. Michael is from Ilua Machque Chapter and he did his Ordeal at Spring Inductions of 2014, Brotherhood at Spring Inductions 2015 and Vigil at Vigil Gathering in 2017. When Michael first got into the OA, he formed a connection with the Ordeal and found the process fun as it allowed him to meet and mentor the new Arrowman joining our order. He has served as Chief Elangomat, Ordeal Committee Chairmen, and Ilau Machque Chapter VC of Admin. Michael has been to the 2017 National Jamboree and the NOAC 2018. After attending Durant as a camper for 3 years, Michael decided to join the Camp Durant staff starting in 2016. As Lodge Chief, Michael's main goal is to help form connections between the OA and everything it represents and the new and returning Arrowman of the Lodge. The OA and Occoneechee Lodge has so many exciting programs to offer its members and Michael wants to have these on full display this year. Once he has finished his term as Lodge Chief he will continue to serve the Lodge in any way he can and wherever he is needed most.

VC of Program: Matthew Klassa – An Eagle Scout with Troop 216 from Cary, NC. Matthew is a member of Netami Chapter and he did his Ordeal at Fall Fellowship 2015. Matthew started his scouting adventure in eighth grade where Tyler Brezina, the 2016 and 2017 VC Chief of Finance got him involved in scouting and the OA. Tyler showed him the ropes and helped Matthew form a bond with scouting. The strong passion for scouting lead Matthew to do some pretty hype things, such as serving like being a staff member at the 2017 National Scout Jamboree as an OA Trek Guide and attend the 2018 NOAC. In the lodge, Matthew has served as Ceremonies Chairmen where he helped the ceremonies run smoothly. Matthew is looking forward to having the lodge bond and grow in its brotherhood.

VC of Administration: Matthew Gillespie – An Eagle Scout with Troop 350 in Raliegh, NC. Matthew is a member of the Kiowa Chapter and he did his Ordeal in 2015 at Spring Pow-Wow. Matthew started scouts when he was Tiger Scout in Pack 318 in North Raleigh. In the Kiowa Chapter, Matthew played a major role in helping the chapter grow and become one of the biggest chapters in the Lodge 104. Matthew was one of the pioneers to Kiowa's Ordeal Ceremony Team, where he played Meteu, the medicine man. Matthew has served the Lodge in many different ways, such as being a Nemat in 2016, which lead to him becoming the 2017 Brotherhood Committee Chairmen, where he helped 100's of Arrowmen become Brotherhood. In 2019, Matthew wants the chapter VC of Administrations to have Unit Elections in every troop, crew, and ship in the whole entire council. Matthew said, "it was an honor to be tagged in a John Sommers Instagram post #prettyhypestuffgoingon". A truly high honor, indeed!

VC of Communications: Parker Morrisette – An Eagle Scout from Troop 152 in Cary, NC. In his troop, Parker is currently an assistant scoutmaster where he helps the scouts learn how to lead. Parker completed his Ordeal at Fall Fellowship in 2014. After his Ordeal, Parker enjoyed being an elangomat for Ordeals so much he kept doing it because it was fun (He highly suggests everyone be an elangomat!). With his elangomat experience, Parker joined the Ordeal Committee where he served as Chief Elangomat and Ordeal Chair. Parker is in Netami Chapter, where last year he served as the VC of Communications. Parker has been to a lot of pretty hype

places during his time in scouts. His first high adventure base was the Summit Bechtel Reserve where he did lots of activities at the 2013 National Scout Jamboree. Parker has scuba dived with sharks, stingrays and sea turtles at Florida Sea Base and made it to the summit of Mount Baldy at Philmont. In 2019, Parker would like chapters to have a social media account to connect to more Arrowmen to the OA. For 2019, Parker wants The Tipi to become prevalent again.

VC of Finance: Corey Rodgers – A Life Scout from Troop 10 in Garner, NC. He is currently 17 and working on his Eagle Scout Requirements. Corey is apart of Ilau Machque Chapter and he attends chapter meetings regularly. Corey completed his Ordeal at Spring Pow Wow 2014, earned Brotherhood at 2015 Spring Pow-wow and received Vigil at 2017 Vigil Gathering. You can often see Corey leading the trading post as he has been in the Thundy Grill ever since he did his Ordeal. During the summer, Corey is apart of "The Fighting Belugas" at Camp Durant. Corey is the Camp Durant Trading Post manager during summer camp. Corey would like to thank everyone who voted for him at Fall Fellowship. In 2019, Corey will make sure that his committees are ready for Conclave. Corey loves working at the Thundy Grill at OA lodge events and he will work in the Thundy Grill once he is done with youth leadership.

Fall Fellowship Recap



On a brisk fall weekend, hundreds of Arrowmen from across the lodge came together for service, fun, and fellowship during Fall Fellowship. Many Arrowmen served the lodge very cheerfully throughout the weekend, completing many service projects around Camp Durant like trail clean up and revitalizing the rifle range and dance arbor. The service greatly helped Camp Durant after Hurricane Florence hit North Carolina. Lodge officer election was filled with a lot of great speeches and some tight races. Keeping with tradition, the Lodge watched with excitement as 2018 Lodge Chief Nicholas Anderson was thrown into Lake Nello Teer by his vice-chiefs. There was also a bunch of fun had by all during Fall Fellowship. Many chapters duked it out for the spirit stick, but Neusiok won with their theme of "John Sommer". Neusiok posted pictures of John's face all around the camp and even passed out necklaces with John's face on it. John was later quoted as saying "yeah, it was a little weird". During the weekend, 87 new brothers join the Lodge, 35 Arrowmen earned their Brotherhood and 18 candidates were nominated for the Vigil Honor, the highest honor of the Order of the Arrow. Saturday was topped off with Thunderfest, where there were games, food, and fellowship. Sunday Morning, the new Executive Committee of the Lodge got to work for the first time together. The weekend was jammed packed with a lot of pretty hype stuff for every Arrowmen!

2018 Vigil Class



Let us recognize Occoneechee Lodge 104 newest Vigil Honor Members. Congratulations to everyone who kept their Vigil.

- Adam Martin
- Bill Davis
- Chandler Steele
- Chris Nichols
- Gregory Koonce
- Jackson Woody
- Jesse Shipman
- John Bardin
- Jordan Deagon
- Ken Butler
- Kenna McIntire
- Matthew Bobzien
- Matthew Gillespie
- Michael Rossman
- Paul Morrisette
- Raiden Wagner
- Sam Chittick
- Dawn Leone

Lodge Leadership Development 2018 Recap



(Pictures from LLD 2018)

This Lodge Leadership Development or LLD was a blast this year with great training sessions, tasty food and good times! Arrowmen came together to participate in a variety of exciting training sessions put together by the lodge leadership to help other leaders in the Lodge learn about their position as a chapter officer or committee chair. Some of the classes were "Introduction to AIA", which gave a look into the world of AIA, Conclave Staff Meeting, where plans were made to help Conclave run smoothly, and crowd favorite "How to be an Effective Chapter Chief" are just of the names of sessions that were taught by fellow Arrowmen at Campbell University. Everyone who came to LLD left with great skills, practices, and tips from the weekend. Also during the weekend, the Lodge Executive Committee worked on motions with parliament procedures and approving the Lodge Plan book. Between some of the session, Arrowmen go to hear the always anticipated annual Guest Speaker at Lodge Leadership Development, Mr. Andrew Philips. Mr. Philips explained how mistakes in life and in scouting do have a positive outcome. Mr. Philips also had the Arrowmen write down a time when they made a mistake and how it was resolved. As with many guest speakers at LLD, the impact was felt by many Arrowmen in attendance. Once again, a new year of Leadership promises to lead to a successful year!

Chief's Corner

By: Micheal Glennon

Occoneechee Lodge: "We have a great group of officers this year and they have put together an outstanding group of chairman. I am really looking forward to everything that we will be able to accomplish over the next year. Right now, we are working with our 2019 Conclave Chairman to get everything organized. The most immediate need is to get our camp in top condition in time for April. This starts with our December 15th workday and will continue with our subsequent workdays, which have been published on our website and calendar. I encourage any Arrowman to volunteer to provide service to their camp at these workdays (and sign up for Conclave, of course). In addition to putting on the absolute best Conclave the section has ever seen, the main message I want to send to any Arrowman going to Conclave is to have fun and make the most of it. Occoneechee won't have the opportunity to host Conclave again for another six years, so look at this as the opportunity to make memories that will last a lifetime.

If I had one message for the Lodge, it would be this: The Lodge has existed for over 80 years. This upcoming year, in the 104th year of the Order of the Arrow, let's all strive to make this the best year yet. With Conclave approaching and so many opportunities available for all the Arrowman in the lodge, let's strive to make this a truly special year!

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Michael Glennon

A Message from your Tipi Committee

Hi everyone, my name is Alberto Daniel and I am your 2019 Tipi Committee Chairman and I am also the Saponi Chapter Chief. Right now, the Tipi Committee is looking for great people with great writing skills, and a passion for letting the lodge know what is going on. Please Contact me for any potential articles you would like to see the Tipi write about. Below is my contact info:
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2018 - 2019 Lodge Calendar

| Event | Date | Location | What to expect? |
|-------------------|---|-------------|---|
| Winter Banquet | December 1 st , 2018 | Camp Durant | 2018 – 2019 Lodge Officers Oath of Officer, Recognition Banquet, Cater food and Fellowship. |
| Spring Pow Wow | March 15 th -17 th , 2019 | Camp Durant | Ordeal, Brotherhood Trail, Vigil Nominations Due, AIA Competitions, Quest for the Golden Arrow, and Conclave Preparation. |
| SR-7B Conclave | April 12 th -14 th , 2019 | Camp Durant | AIA Competitions, Quest for the Golden Arrow, Section Elections, Big Shows, and OAX. |
| Spring Inductions | May 17 th -19 th , 2019 | Camp Durant | Ordeal, Summer Camp Preparations, and Conclave Reflection. |
| Fall Fellowship | September 20 th -22 nd , 2019 | Camp Durant | Ordeal, Brotherhood Trail, Vigil Nomination Ceremony, Lodge Elections, Service Projects. |

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