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Conclave a Huge Success!!!

Occoneechee hosts the 2001 SR-7B Cardinal Conclave

Hard work, long workdays, great support, and an excellent staff make the 2001 SR-7B Cardinal Conclave the most successful conclave in history!!!



After years of planning, months of hard work, and days of intense preparation, Occoneechee rocked SR-7B with its spirit and readiness to host such an incredible event. Hundreds of

Occoneechee brothers flocked to Camp Durant on the 19th and 20th of April to staff and make last minute preparations of their areas. By the end of the weekend, Occoneechee Lodge had hosted one the largest Conclaves in US history and completed it to the satisfaction of the other lodges in the section. "It was awesome! It was just like NOAC, with less people! Great job!" were the words one Wahissa scout used to describe the event. Matt Curtis, co-conclave chairman, had his own thoughts, "We never expected the weekend to go this perfectly. While we had a few minor hitches, but the weather, and every other major aspect of the program went seamlessly. In the months after conclave, I've received literally hundreds of 'great job' emails and notes from individuals praising the job we did as a lodge – every single one of our brothers played a vital role in the success of this conclave. I'm so proud of all of us for the level of service, brotherhood, and commitment we've had over the past six months." Of the many events and programs held at the 2001 Cardinal Conclave, participants seemed to enjoy the arena show and feast the best. Matt commented that, "We wanted to try something new this year, so we came up with an outdoors feast

that combined all the nightly events. Working with Lodge 117, we made it happen, and it worked great." Conclave consisted of two arena shows, Friday night and a Saturday night show ending with the lighting of 104 torches from Occoneechee brothers. Their torches lit the way to a rededication and trek to the activity field where the feast was held. Both shows will be available for viewing at Fall Fellowship and at other upcoming events. The weekend ended with a religious service and the presentations of the coveted Honor Lodge and Spirit Award recipients. All and all, Occoneechee rose to the challenge and hosted an awesome conclave. Great job for all the effort put forth, Camp Durant is in the best shape it has ever been in. See you in 2008, when Occoneechee hosts the second SR-7B Cardinal Conclave! 🦋



Over one thousand scouts gather on the vista of Camp Durant for the Saturday night Arena Show put on by Chairman **Chris Brownfield** and adviser **Art Ferguson**.

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The Tipi

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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.

2002 Occoneechee Lodge Officers

On Saturday afternoon of Fall Fellowship, Occoneechee Lodge held its election of youth officers for the 2002 year. This years election featured campaign songs and slogans from many of the candidates. There will be quite a few new faces around the EC table this year.

Winning a close race for Chief was Joseph Cranford (Kiowa). Although Joey is primarily known as an American Indian Dancer, he now will be spending his time at EC meetings. Vice Chief of Service will be another dancer and long time Chapter Chief, Calvin Terry Jr. (Natisihi). The Vice Chief of Inductions will be the same face of Brian Padgette (Neusalufta). Ian Ward (Kiowa) will assume the responsibility of Vice Chief of American Indian Affairs. Michael Barber (Eno) will be using his experience as Chapter VC of Camp Promotions to assist him in his new job of Lodge VC of Camp Promotions. Chris Owens (Neusalufta) will be sitting at the registration table and the EC table this year as Lodge Secretary. Finally Cameron Bowe (Eno) will be handling the Treasurers job.

Congratulations to all the new Lodge Officers and here's to a great year of continued excellent leadership!

Lodge Calendar

- Council Camporee.....Oct. 12-14, 2001
- Vigil Weekend.....Oct. 20-21, 2001
- SR-7B Council of Chiefs.....Oct 27, 2001
- Lodge Leadership Development....Nov. 16-18, 2001
- Winter Banquet.....Dec. 2, 2001

2002 Lodge Officers

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FYI - Occoneechee

Several cross-stitch designs are now available - the Arrowhead OA logo, the old "Indian-Head" OA logo, the Occoneechee Lodge Thunderbird, and the Scout Oath - from **Janet Rose** (*Lumbee Anilorae*) for \$5.00 - a portion of which will be given to the Lodge Building Fund.

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

The SR-7B OA Trail Crew Award...



All youth and adult arrowmen are eligible to earn the SR-7B OA Trail Crew Award. The requirement is a minimum of 100 man-hours of trail service on North Carolina trails. Acceptable trail service includes flagging, construction or maintenance on a NC Trail. Hours done on BSA property will NOT count as trail service. Also, written documentation with locations, dates and required signatures are due to Occoneechee Lodge 104 three weeks prior to conclave. There is no limitation to the number of times the award can be earned by any individual. In return for your service you will be awarded an OA Trail Crew backpatch chenille. To fund this project, a limited edition of 100 fund raising chenilles are being sold for \$50.00 each. The simple but symbolic design will be a great way to show you support for the SR-7B Trail Crew Program. The six cains at the top of the chenille represent the six lodges within SR-7B and how we are "weld tightly every link." The fund raising chenille will be slightly different from the chenille that will be given as the award, once they're gone, they're gone! For more information or questions please contact Jeff Brewer, jdbrewer@intrex.net or 919.787.0501

NOAC is Coming!!!

NOAC 2002 (National Order of the Arrow Conference 2002) is a year away. This fun and exciting conference is held every other year on a college campus. Next 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 around \$250. We have received no confirmation of that cost either. 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.

In 2000 Occoneechee had the largest contingent in the nation with 99 participants and staff. Our soccer team placed 2nd behind fellow Section 7b members from Lodge 70. David Cranford (Kiowa), who danced in the traditional American Indian style, performed in the Indian theme show. Our ceremony teams received awards for their performances. To top the week off Occoneechee Lodge was one of only 12 lodges in the nation to receive the first Spirit Award for participation.

Jim Cummings (Tsongani) has agreed to be our Contingent Advisor for 2002. And Calvin Terry Jr. ,(Niganit)has agreed to be the acting Contingent Leader. Walter Redding (Natisihi) will be our Health and Safety Advisor for the trip. We started accepting registration deposits at Spring Inductions. Please remember that there must be 2 youth participants for every adult that attends. So if you're an adult sign up two youth! We are uncertain if National OA will place limitations on the number of participants

For those interested in designing patches Josh Carpenter wants to have a design committee to work on memorabilia for this event. Please contact Josh, Josh104www@aol.com if you would like to be involved. Plans are to get some memorabilia out via the Internet early on, to help pay for the trip.

Come join Occoneechee as we show the right stuff again! Send your \$25 deposit into Rob Grau to reserve your space.



Chapter Meetings Locations and Times

Below are listed the chapters, their meeting locations, dates, and times. We have also provided the Chapter Advisors phone number so you may verify any changes which might occur.

Canotka

Advisor:

Eluwak-St. Pauls UMC, 2700 Roxboro Rd., Durham
3rd Thursday, 7:00 PM

Advisor: Mary Dilday (919) 362-0440

Eno – Sunrise Church, New Hope Road
1st Monday, 7:00 PM

Advisor: Gail Barker (919) 942-8084

Kiowa- St. Giles Presbyterian, Youth Center, Raleigh
3rd Thursday, 7:30 PM

Advisor: Ed Ward (919) 782-4216

Lumbee Anilorac- Westminster Presbyterian, Fayetteville
4th Thursday, 7:00 PM

Advisor: Terry McIntire (910) 425-3394

Natisihi

Advisor: Charles Davis (910) 281-3947

Neusalufta-

Advisor: Jon Spencer (919) 363-8233

Niganit – 16th MP Brigade, Butner Rd. Ft. Bragg
2nd Monday, 7:00 PM

Advisor: Pat Smith (910) 867-4524

Tsungani – First Pentecostal Church, Lake Wheeler Rd.
Raleigh, 3rd Thursday 7:00 PM

Advisor: Pending

Wahzeeyahtah – Louisburg UMC, Louisburg
2nd Sunday, 3:00 PM

Advisor: Larry Hunt (919) 496-4706

Barry Hunt (919) 496-2806

Yamni Waptka

Advisor: Bill Bechtel (919) 776-0451

Winter Banquet is Coming!

Occoneechee Lodge 104's annual Winter Banquet is scheduled for December 2nd at the Lousiburg United Methodist Church. Winter Banquet is the Lodge's annual event where awards to individuals and chapters are presented. Tickets are \$20.00 and are available from your Chapter Advisor or through Rob Grau. Come join us for this evening of fun, fellowship, and recognition. More details will follow.

Vigil Tapout and Breakfast at Fall Fellowship

Earlier this year the Vigil Committee met and decided to hold a Vigil Breakfast annually at Powwow each year to help raise money to fund the Vigil process. Due to Conclave and other restraints this year, the Vigil breakfast took place this year at Fall Fellowship, and will begin next year at Spring Powwow. It was further agreed that registration would charge any Vigil who wished to attend an additional \$5 for the breakfast. The money collected would go to fund the Vigil breakfast itself, and the remainder would go to cover the increasing costs of the Vigil process itself.

The Vigil Tapout took place on Friday evening during the campfire at 9:00 PM. Vigil Chairman Charlie McNeil and Vigil Chief Matt Curtis taped out Occoneechee's newest class of Vigil Honor members.

The following Vigil candidates will undergo their vigil at the Vigil Gathering in October at Camp Campbell. Adam Carver (Kiowa), Jonathan Clark (Kiowa), Brian Hunt (Wazeeyahtah), Chris Newton (Lumbee Aniloric), Brian Sawyer (Eluwak), James Sinclair (Niganit), Calvin Terry Jr. (Natisihi), Scott Allen (Natisihi), Mike Anderson (Wazeeyahtah), Gail Barker (Eno), Joe Easter (Canotka), Patty Sawyer (Eluwak), Calvin Terry (Natisihi).

Lodge Leadership Development (LLD)

The 2001 Lodge Leadership Development seminar will be held once again at the Wake Christian Academy on the weekend of November 16-18. This year the program will be a full 3 day program instead of the 2 day offered in the past. LLD features extensive training to prepare arrowmen to handle the responsibility of Chapter and Lodge office. This year once again LLD is being opened up to all Lodge members. So if you have an office or are interested in an Chapter or Lodge position, please attend. Cost for the weekend is \$20.00.

William Bell, the Chairman of the Training Committee, and his advisor, Glenn Traylor, have been hard at work establishing a program, and securing trainers. Some features of this years program are a half day Train the Trainers course, a repeat of the Ceremony Fire Safety Course led by Art "legs" Ferguson, Charles Davis, and Tommy Grubbs, and some "special" recreational activities.

So come and enjoy the training, fun, and fellowship!



AIA Spotlight **American Indian Affairs Report**

This has been a very productive year for our lodge in the way of AIA. Spring powwow this year was a complete hit once again with the support of John Blackfeather and Eastern Bull Drum. We have continued the success of the Saturday night Inductions Powwow-party. I would like to congratulate Joe Cranford on being accepted to the prestigious position of Indian Village staff at the 2001 National Jamboree. Work has been started on an Indian village that will be located on the Point near the dance arbor. I would like to see this project done in the next year or two, and with continued support from the Lodge, there is no reason why this goal should not be met. Right now, the Point has been cleared and some cedar posts have been cut to start construction of the palisade. Please feel free to walk down to the Arbor and check out our progress. This village is being closely modeled after the "Occaneechi Town" village located in Hillsboro, NC. It is once again time to think of the Carolinas Indian Seminar. For those of you who aren't aware, CIS is one of the biggest and best Powwow/seminars on the east coast. If you are interested in any aspect of Native American lore or culture, you can't afford to miss CIS. I encourage anyone who is thinking about dancing to sign up and come to Statesville on the third weekend of January. For more information about CIS visit the website <http://users.twave.net/jafowiz/cis.htm>

This is my last year serving as your VC- of AIA. It has been an incredible two years working with many of you, too many to name. Hopefully the next AIA officer will pick up where I left off and continue making Occoneechee Lodge one of the best Lodges in the Nation.

Thank you

David Cranford

Vice Chief of American Indian Affairs

Arrowman Service Award **Criteria**

Personal: (Complete All)

- A. Remain active in your unit (or, if an adult not in a unit, active in your Scouting role) through at least 75% meeting attendance.
- B. Help an Ordeal member attain Brotherhood.
- C. Mentor a Scout (or, if an adult, another Scouter) in your unit.
- D. Rededicate yourself to the principles of the Order of the Arrow through discussions with a lodge officer or adviser.

Chapter/Lodge Activity: (Complete Any Three)

- A. Participate on a lodge camping promotion or unit elections team.
- B. Attend and serve in a leadership capacity at two lodge functions.
- C. Serve as a chapter or lodge officer or as the Chairman of a lodge operating committee.
- D. Attend a Section Conclave, National Leadership Seminar, or National Conference.
- E. Serve as a trainer in an Order of the Arrow training event.

Service: (Complete One)

- A. Participate in council, chapter, or lodge service project.
- B. Serve as an Elangomat at an Ordeal.

Completed items may be signed off by the Arrowman's Scoutmaster (Personal Section Only), Lodge Chief, and Lodge Adviser. Ask your Chapter Chief or Advisor for a sign-off form!!!!

The timeline of the award will begin on January 1, 2001, and will end on December 31, 2003. The award may be earned in the year 2001, 2002, and 2003. All first time recipients may purchase the original award (the white ribbon with the gold compass). Arrowmen who earn the award more than once during the outlined three year period (2001-2003) may purchase the silver attachment for having completed this award a second time (2002 or 2003 only) and the bronze attachment for having completed this award a third time (2003 only). The attachment will be worn on the award's white ribbon. Signatures of approval will be required for each requirement.



Adviser's Minute

....NEW FACES, NEW START!!!!

This is a hard minute to prepare as this is the last one for me to write for the TIPI. As you all are aware Rodney McDonald is assuming my responsibilities at the end of Fall Fellowship, which marks the beginning of a new lodge year.

I want to thank each and every arrowman who has helped make our lodge program a success during my tenure as lodge adviser. There have been many high points during this period of lodge history and I'll let someone else chronicle these accomplishments.

The thing I will remember most is working with seven fine youth who led the lodge with varying styles but always had the same results, growth and National Honor or Quality Lodge status. As well, the many chapter chiefs who "grew" before my eyes, both in physical and mental stature. Of course as adults we always joke about the "maturity" stature, but as a group, the youth are all outstanding, particularly in their willingness to give service to their units and communities.

As for adult participation... wow!! I always had more volunteers than positions to fill, but even then, there was the "how can I help you" and quite honestly I didn't take advantage of the offers as much as I should have, to my disadvantage. Every adult who serves the lodge gives 110% all the time. So I know the lodge is going to prosper under Rodney's leadership and with your continued support.

Thanks, and thanks!!!

Dennis Nicholson,

Lodge Adviser



Chief's Minute +1/2

Well my friends, a chapter in our history has ended. It's been a time of hard work and toil, but also of greatness. The largest conclave in the country, the largest contingent at NOAC, incredible brotherhood conversion, record numbers at events – it has been a successful two years. We have had our troubles, as any family does, and have risen above it. A near hurricane, an ice storm, and a national tragedy – our family has risen above in each instance.

Now we move to another period of greatness. A time of new blood, new spirit – both of which we so desperately need. Occaneechee still has its greatest days ahead: a new lodge building, a better camp, new programs, new leaders; a new age. It has been an amazing two years for me. Some of my greatest and worst moments were shared with this group of fine friends. I was blessed with incredible supportive adult guidance in Dennis Nicholson – a friend, an advisor, and a leader. To all of my other advisors, youth and adult alike, I owe you so much -- From my last minute phone calls, to a quick reality check. To all brothers – you make a difference in our lodge, never forget that. You are the bloody and spirit that holds us together.

Rodney and Joey will do an incredible job of taking our lodge to further greatness. Change, now, is such an wonderful mechanism to clean out the burnt out and overworked. While it hurts me beyond belief to realize how burnt out I've become to a lodge that I gave two years of my life to, it brings me unparalleled joy to see the new and refreshed spirit that Occaneechee lodge now has. While one chapter of greatness has closed, an even brighter era is at our fingertips at the flip of a page. Our book of history has greater times ahead, and it brings me the utmost joy to have made a few marks upon its pages.

Brothers, return to the reasons for which our order was founded: Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. Love each other, especially now. Drop the past and live for the future, our new promising chapter. And by God, have fun and realize that we're not here for politics, rumor, or self-aggrandizement. We exist here for something far greater – greater than the works of congress or some business executive – we're in the business of shaping the lives of boys to men. Hold onto this new spirit and never let go – it's the spirit of which Dr. E Urner Goodman dreamed of. This is your lodge now, make it your time, make it mean something – you make a difference.

Looking towards a bright future,

Matt Curtis



National One Day of Service

Occoneechee Lodge will support the Mountain to Sea Trail again this year as part of our National One Day of Service. We are asking all brothers to participate if possible. The Friends of The Mountain to Sea Trail will be working on the Falls Lake section on November 3rd. Time will be from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM.

Project will be trail maintenance on 26 miles of trail and repair 4 Bridges. We are asking that everyone bring loppers and handsaws. We will try to supply most if not all of the tools. Please bring a bag lunch and plenty of water.

Location: From 4-40 beltline in North Raleigh, take the Six Forks exit North. Follow Six Forks up North Raleigh towards HW-98 (10 miles). Before reaching HW-98, the Falls Lake Upper Barton Boat Ramp is on the Right. If from Durham or Wake Forest on NC-98 turn south at intersection with Six Forks Road and go about one mile to make a left turn to Upper Barton Boat Ramp. We will meet there and then move on to project sites.

Contact Persons: Jeff Brewer (919) 789-0501 or jdbrewer@intrex.net

BROTHERHOOD CONVERSION A New Direction!!!

On Saturday morning of Fall Fellowship, 39 arrowmen took part in an experiment using a combination of the *Journey to Brotherhood* on a condensed Brotherhood Trail and what will eventually become a *Nimat Hike* to complete their Brotherhood requirements.

Nimat means "brother" in Lenni Lenapi. The system was initiated at the 1992 NOAC but Occoneechee has not adopted the system and will discuss its pro's and con's at the LLD in November.

The 39 arrowmen who took part in this experiment, almost in concert, stated they really liked the approach to sealing their bonds in the Order. In the morning they all took part in our Brotherhood trail, which for the first time, had multiple examiners at each station and the number of stations were reduced from 14 to only 7 that morning, thereby reducing the time to complete the trail by better than half what it used to take to complete the loop. After supper they gathered in the arena and were divided into 7 discussion groups each led by a "nimat" to go through a series of reflections of their time spent in the order since their induction into the lodge. Topics covered service to their units, the lodge, and community. Other discussion points centered on the individual's heroes in scouting and in life. All-in-all the discussion was lively and thoughtful in its content. Several of the arrowmen who served as nimats stated they wished they had been part of a similar experience prior to going to their ceremonies.

Changes to this experiment envisions our chapters being responsible for the arrowman's knowledge of the order through sessions held within their meeting structure, and then, at the lodge event, after supper, Nimats would lead 6-8 brotherhood candidates each on a hike, pausing occasionally for reflections and concluding at the Brotherhood circles and the ceremonies that evening. The system will call for more participation on the part of the chapter with the final part of the process handled at the lodge event by lodge nimats trained in techniques to lead meaningful reflection moments that leave everyone thinking about the Order and its purpose.

Look for more information following LLD about this "new and exciting" direction for our Ordeal members to complete the sealing of their bonds in the Order.