

THE TIPI



Been to CONCLAVE yet?

Hi I'm Ben. This year was my first year at Conclave and it was one of the best experiences that I have had in the Order of the Arrow so far. I was able to branch out to do new things at the section level that I haven't experienced before. One of the best experiences of the weekend was watching Occoneechee Lodge compete in the Quest for the Golden Arrow events. Another enjoyable part of the weekend was the diverse amount of booths at The Order of the Arrow Xperience. At the ham radio booth the adult was listening to a Siberian weather reporter. But the most fun of the whole weekend was the pep rallies before the campfires on Friday and Saturday night. Over one thousand brothers with all the spirit cheering and having fun. Basically, Conclave was amazing and if you go you will have fun.

Ben Bahrenfuss

Conclave 2011

Start making your plans now for Conclave 2011. Wahissa Lodge #118 will be hostint the 2011 Section SR-7B Cardinal Conclave the weekend of April 15-17 at Camp Raven Knob near Mt. Airy, NC.

"We are really looking forward to welcoming our Section 7B brothers to Raven Knob next year," said Bradley Taylor, Wahissa Lodge Chief. "We will be working hard over the next year to be sure everyone has a great time while at Raven Knob", Taylor added.



Chiefly Speaking

Brothers,

As I'm sure you all have heard there has been a change in the Lodge Leadership. For those of you who do not know me, I am ready and willing to continue to lead this Lodge as one of the greatest Lodges in the Southern Region and the nation.

A few things about myself, for the past two years I have served as your Vice Chief of Programs, leading the AIA, Training, Service and 12th Point Committees. In the past I have also served as the Lodge AIA committee chair, and as Eluwak Chapter Chief. I have competed locally, in the section and nationally in Grass Dance, Singing, and Ceremonies. This past NOAC I placed in the top 20 nationally as a Grass Dancer, and last year won the SR7B Cardinal Conclave. This year I placed first in Occoneechee Lodge's Spring Powwow, but unfortunately was unable to compete at Conclave due to a knee injury. In ceremonies I have served as Meteu in the Preordeal and I placed first as Meteu last year at Conclave. I competed on the Occoneechee Lodge Drum and Singing team, a team that placed 6th at NOAC and 1st and 3rd respectively at the past two Conclaves.

I am going to attend North Carolina State University this fall where I plan to major in Aerospace Engineering.

I look forward to serving you as Lodge Chief for the remainder of the year, and if anyone in the Lodge needs any sort of help I am always available for a quick response.

John Taylor
Lodge Chief
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AIA—SERVICE—PROGRAM

Brothers,

I announced this in the EC on Sunday following Spring Inductions, but I want to more publicly thank the lodge ceremonies team for their service inductions weekend.

We put 326 candidates through 12 Pre-Ordeal ceremonies spread over 4 teams, and 10 Ordeal ceremonies spread over 3 teams. These ceremonialists were presented with a challenge to do larger and more numerous ceremonies than they are used to and they rose to the occasion in top form. In short they were Uncas this weekend. So thank you to Eluwak, Canotka, Yamni

Wakpa, Kato Hochuli, Wazeyahtah, and Niganit chapters for providing ceremonies and to the Netami chapter which assisted as the radio team. Their work this weekend was truly the definition of cheerful service and I'm sure there was some brotherhood there too.

Even though these teams rose to the occasion this weekend, the committee, I feel, was walking the line between success and failure because of the small number of teams we had available. In the future, we are going to need more ceremonialists out there. At EC on Sunday, every chapter chief in the lodge said

that they either had or were working on ceremonies teams. Come Fall Fellowship, I will hold every one of the chapters to this commitment. The whole summer is before us and now is the time to start working on a ceremonies team.

Contact me if you have any questions and I will gladly have a conversation, whether in person or over the phone, with anyone who wants to know how to start a team. If I can't answer your questions, there is a huge network in this lodge that is equipped to make us successful in ceremonies and I have contact information for all of the individuals who can help you.

For those who are less drawn to the stage, the lodge logistics team, primarily led by me, is also recruiting.

If you have questions, I love emails. I answer emails when I'm bored and when I'm busy and want to procrastinate so feel free to drop me one.

Yours in WWW,
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I am happy to report it has been a fantastic year for the AIA committee! We sent two ceremony teams, dancers, and a drum team to conclave this year all with great results. Under the great leadership of Philip Snyder, ceremonies for spring inductions and fall fellowship were well organized and quality. The ceremonies competitions at spring powwow were also very educational and provided a good place for teams to get critiqued and improve. The drum under Will Morris has grown to 10 members and is still growing, the drum also took 3rd place at conclave. Dance is also attracting new members and Tom Neas has done a fantastic job of getting new people into the arbor. Over all, the Occoneechee AIA dynasty lives on. However there is always room for improvement. We are looking for every chapter to create a ceremonies team that has committed to do so. If you are in need of assistance please feel free to contact Philip Snyder or myself and we will happily help in any way we can. Also please be aware that the AIA committee is able and willing to visit chapter meeting with dancers and singers. I look forward to another great year in Occoneechee Lodge American Indian Affairs.

Davis Tapp

Brothers,

My name is Todd Goldfarb from the Neusiok Chapter and I am the new Vice- Chief of Programs. I am currently a junior at Millbrook High School located in Raleigh, and look forward to graduating in 2011!

I am very honored to be appointed the new Vice-Chief of Programs for the lodge, working under John Taylor’s leadership. At Spring Inductions I was told of my new position and I am learning and trying to uphold my duties at the same time. I want to thank the Key 11 for being very open and welcoming to me.

I have a lot of spirit and drive to succeed. I want to use this drive to benefit the lodge. Communication with my committee chairmen is crucial, and I want

to have open lines between us. My committees include: Training, 12th Point, and AIA (Ceremonies, Dance and Singing) and Service.

At Fall Fellowship we hope to have a plentiful amount of ceremony teams, at least one from every chapter. Also at Fall Fellowship, we will have a new chapter chief and chapter advisors training session.

The AIA (American Indian Affairs) has had a strong year and is looking forward to improving for next year.

I want to serve the lodge in the best way I can, if you have suggestions or questions for me, then please email me at tngold@gmail.com I would like to hear from you.

**How Do I Get Involved?
Jack Koch**

Do you like to have fun, spend money and do fundraisers? If so, there are many opportunities for you as a member of Occaneechee Lodge. If you are interested in special events there is a special events committee; if you are interested in ceremonies or indians there is an AIA committee and so on. Committees are a great way to get involved in the Lodge.

To get involved you can talk to any of the vice chiefs:

Will Allen, Todd Goldfarb, Dylan Taylor or Jack Koch or the committee chair of the committee

you are interested in.

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So, get involved it is a lot of fun and we need your help.



Brothers,

We had a great spring inductions weekend. We inducted over 300 new members to our lodge. Unfortunately there were only a handful of ceremonies teams to induct these candidates. Ceremonies are an essential part of the lodge and it is necessary for more chapters to take part in them for everything to run smoothly at fall fellowship. With our current membership there are more than enough people for many more chapters to have teams. I know that getting a ceremony team started can be a very big challenge, but it is a very rewarding accomplishment as well. The best way to get a ceremony team started is to find several people from your chapter who are willing to be on a ceremonies team. Remember that there are more than just speaking parts to a successful team. Any good ceremony has several other people handling the logistics side of things. Once you have some interested Arrowman, talk to some of the chapters who have ceremonies teams and learn how things are done. I would be glad to help any new team get started and I know there are many other brothers who would as well. Once you have your team assembled arrange some practice dates with them other than normal chapter meetings. It is important for the team to have as much practice working together as possible. I hope to see some more chapters with great ceremony teams this fall. If you need any advice or resources in getting your team started contact someone with ceremonies or AIA committee and they will be glad to help.

-Stephen Davis
Wazeeyahtah Chapter
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A (VERY) PARTIAL HISTORY OF OCCONEECHEE LODGE 104

The Order of the Arrow was started in the summer of 1915 by E. Urner Goodman and Carroll Edson at the Philadelphia Council Scout Camp Treasure Island. It was created as a way to recognize Scouts at Treasure Island who best exemplified the Scout Oath and Law. Occoneechee Lodge 104 was started in 1937 and was the second lodge in NC after Tali Taktaki which was started in 1933. Because of World War I, the National Order grew slowly but by 1934, the BSA National Council Annual Meeting approved the Order of the Arrow as a national BSA program.

In correspondence diligently collected by Mr Marty Tschetter, member of the Croatan Lodge, we have letters from the Occoneechee Council Scout Executive Claud Humphreys in August 1943 to BSA Area Director, Ned Vaughn-Lloyd explaining that Occoneechee Lodge would not be renewing their OA charter because "award or recognition based only on attendance at summer camp does not meet our need." Mr Humphreys goes on to say "The second problem that presents itself is having any recognition made the member of any troop when the troop itself has no voice in it. It has become embarrassing to one or two Scouts who have been awarded this recognition to go back home and find that their Troop does not accept it as a recognition."



In September, 1943, Mr Lloyd Nelson, the National OA Chief responded to Mr Humphreys that there were no requirements that restricted OA membership to summer camp participants and there was nothing in the "National Constitution or By-laws to restrict local Lodges from setting up their own local lodge by-laws..." Chief Nelson goes on to say that a bulletin giving clarifications to the National Lodge policies had been prepared in January 1943 but had not been mailed out due to problems with printing and distribution.

It has been fun to read the old correspondence related to the history of our Lodge and we owe Marty a great 'Thank you' for his work to collect these documents. It would be a great benefit to all the Lodge members if a few members would step up and offer to organize and share more about the history of Occoneechee. Please contact me if you might be willing to help.

Tom Wells, Lodge Adviser

The OA Southern Region is organizing a National Leadership Seminar for Chapter and Lodge officers for the weekend of November 5-7, 2010 to be held at Claytor Lake Aquatics Center in Radford, Virginia. These are excellent leadership training sessions with many of the national officers serving as staff and I encourage everyone that is interested to attend. The Seminars are usually too far away for us to attend and it will be a couple of years before they are this close again. The registration is \$170 which includes all meals and lodging. Go to the following website for more info: <http://www.southern.oa-bsa.org/> or see links on next page.

There will also be some cost for transportation. In the past, the Lodge has paid half the registration cost but that will need to be approved by the EC. Please save the weekend, consider complete the application and watch for more info.

Section 7B
S O U T H E R N R E G I O N

APENSUI ONLINE

SECTION PROGRAM

SummitCorps

The National Order of the Arrow Committee is pleased to announce SummitCorps: *The New River Experience* - a hybrid of *ArrowCorps*⁵ and our OA High Adventure programs. During July 2011, SummitCorps: *The New River Experience* will provide service to the New River Gorge National River in West Virginia. Upgrading the trail bed of the Garden Grand Hike and Bike Trail, along with invasive species removal, will be the focus of the project. The Garden Grand Hike and Bike Trail connects the New River Gorge National River to the Boy Scout's new high adventure base and home of the Jamboree - The Summit: The Bechtel Family National Reserve.

Lodge contingents have a choice of four sessions to attend - 1) July 3 - 9, 2) July 10 - 16, 3) July 17 - 23, and 4) July 24 - 30. Similar to *ArrowCorps*⁵ and our High Adventure programs, the week will consist of service and recreation opportunities.

The projected cost for each participant is \$250. Youth and adults may participate in SummitCorps - *The New*

River Experience. Lodge contingents are responsible for transportation to and from the event site. The Charleston, WV and Columbus, OH airports are convenient to the event site.

Participants will be required to meet the BSA High Adventure Height/Weight Requirements found on the BSA Annual Health and Medical Form.

More event information, registration details, and promotional materials will be available by late summer. A series of informational webinars will be held in late summer to provide more details to section and lodge leadership. You can expect another email this summer to alert you to information posted to the web and announce the dates of the webinars.

We hope you will join us in this exciting event in 2011.

For more information, you can go to:

<http://www.oe-bsa.org/>



OA Southern Region

[2010 National Lodge Advisors Training Seminar \(NLATS\) Information Now Available](#)

The Southern Region will offer 2 National Lodge Adviser Training Seminars during 2010. Learn more about NLATS including dates, locations, and registration information.

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[2010 National Leadership Seminar \(NLS\) Information Now Available](#)

The Southern Region will provide 3 National Leadership Seminars (NLS) during 2010. Learn more about the seminar including dates, locations, and registration information.

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To better facilitate the programs and services of the Southern Region, six committees have been formed.

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2010 LODGE EVENTS

Fall Fellowship	September 17-19
Tipi Articles Due	September 19
Winter Banq. Patch Design Due*	September 19
Vigil Gathering	October 16-17
National One Day of Service	October 16
Conclave Patch Design Due*	November 21
Executive Committee Meeting	November 19-21
Lodge Leadership Development	November 20
Winter Banquet	December 4

