

***** SPECIAL EDITION! *****



Occoneechee Lodge 104 Spring Pow Wow 2011

CHIEFLY SPEAKING

So as you recently heard, the Past Chief's Alumni Association just decertified from the Lodge, what could this possibly do to the Lodge? I interviewed current Past Chief Nelson Blair about the status of the Lodge following the decertification and impending lawsuits against Occoneechee, and this is what he had to say, "A whole bunch of things can happen; bad, bad things; things that can change the lodge forever. Without the PCAA running the background activities at camp, many unknown things will go undone, with the possibility of total havoc." When asked what was holding up the negotiations with the Lodge, Blair claimed, "That FELLOW Tom Wells, has ignored us ALL weekend, claiming other pressing issues are far more important than what the PCAA is upset about." Matt Gardiner wanted me to clarify that the VCAA is also included in the class action lawsuit. Who is the VCAA? We do not know either. They are much more involved with the shining of the PCAA member's shoes and have been noted with taking care of their dry cleaning. They are also in charge of turning off the sun at night, so that we may all sleep. Due to a serious case of narcolepsy, three members of the PCAA and VCAA were unavailable for bargaining agreement negotiating until noon today. After being held up by the amazingness of an iPad2, I was finally able to get more information from Representative Blair. He claimed that "when Tom Wells finally listens to us, as you can tell, I blame Tom Wells for everything, we will settle our differences and complete a new CBA." I talked with Lodge Adviser Tom Wells and all he had to say was, "LET 'EM BURN!" and repeated it several times as he left the Grand Lodge.

PCAA President and current Lodge Staff Adviser Seth Asbill stated in an emotional manner, "it is time that our work be recognized, we paved the way for the future!" An anonymous comment from Marc Seelinger reminded the PCAA that North Carolina is a 'Right to Work' State, so the PCAA is in an uphill battle to begin with, and will have difficulty going on strike. And of course, Wescot Martin claimed that he will kill the strike and the PCAA should they decide to be too obnoxious. All in all, the Lodge is in a seriously unserious position, and I hope that you treat this matter with the respect it deserves. Enjoy the rest of your night, sign up for Conclave and GO OCCONEECHEE!

*Yours in Cheerful Service,
John Taylor
Lodge Chief
Occoneechee Lodge 104
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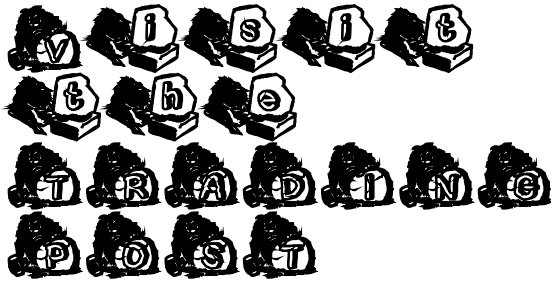
**Congratulations to Brian McCoy of
Lumbee Anilorac Chapter for keeping
the Vigil: 18-19 March 2011**

Sectional Service

As many of you may or may not know, last year at Conclave we hosted a Sectional service project called, "Give to the Troops." This project was a huge success as the six lodges came together and put together 1000 care packages for troops overseas. This year we at Conclave 2011 the six lodges will come together again for a weekend full of fun, excitement and learning - and of service. The service project is appropriately named, "Pack the Bus" because we will be putting together school supplies for under-privileged children in the Surry County School System. We will be making 1200 school care packages to hand out to children in grades Kindergarten through second. There will be 600 packages handed out before the end of the school year to enable the children to continue learning and being creative over the summer. The rest of the

600 school care packages will be handed out at the beginning of the 2011 - 2012 school year so that the children will be able to learn in school with the necessary and proper materials needed to allow them to succeed. In contrast to last years service project, there are additional features to this year's service project including priority placement during the Saturday night Sundae and the chance to win one of three sashes signed by national OA officers. To take advantage of these features you will need to participate in the Conclave Service Project between certain times. Let's make achieve our goal for this year's service project of 1200 bags, so tell you friends, pack your bags and head down to Camp Raven Knob for the Conclave you will never forget. Hope to see you all there!!

Jack Koch
Vice Chief of Finance



WEEKEND STATS

278 - Brothers
55 - Brotherhood
1- Vigil
62 - Webelos Day

206 - REGISTERED FOR CONCLAVE
(as of 2:00 pm)

