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Occoneechee Lodge #104 Newsletter

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Spring Pow Wow

By: Stephen Nuttall, *Vice Chief of Program*

Brothers!

While we wrap-up this winter, it is time to start thinking about Spring Pow Wow! As you already know, Spring Pow Wow is a weekend packed with exciting activities. There is an ordeal, there are ceremonies competitions, there are dancing competitions, we have a Quest for the Golden Arrow, and many other great opportunities, so you should go ahead and think about what exactly you want to do.

Our lodge uses Spring Pow Wow as a time to prepare for Conclave. As you know, our theme for this year is Tourists! To get ready for this, we ask that each chapter's spirit theme has something to do with Tourism. We're talking fanny packs, sun visors, short-shorts, cameras...the possibilities are endless! At your next chapter meeting, try to discuss ways your chapter can show lodge spirit at this upcoming event!

The Shows Committee is looking for Arrowmen to help with the Friday night show! If you are interested in participating in the show, whether it be acting or being a stage-hand, please contact Malcolm Olesen at malcolmolesen@gmail.com.

A very big part of Spring Pow Wow are the AIA competitions. As I stated earlier, the competitions consist of both ceremonies and dancing. These are great opportunities to prepare for Conclave and NOAC, so I think every team and dancer should consider this! If your ceremony team wants to compete, please contact Cooper Ward, the Ceremonies Chairman, at cooperd_ward@nc.rr.com. Please also contact Cooper if you have a team for Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, and Brotherhood to actually perform for the candidates.

Spring Pow Wow is March 20-22 at Camp Durant! It is going to be a lot of fun and I hope to see you all there!!

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Let's Finish the Walk!

The Charley Sullivan Lodge Building is over five years in the making. But the entire process has been years of plans and plans ever evolving to meet the current needs of the Lodge. Construction began with a decision by the Occoneechee Lodge Executive Committee at Fall Fellowship in 2011 when the members decided it had 250,000 reasons to begin working on renovating the old dining hall into a premier training and fellowship facility.

Named in honor of the late Charley Sullivan (1920-2007), the renovation project received national recognition as a service project to be undertaken by the members of an OA Lodge. Charley served on the National Committee beginning in 1977. He always had an upbeat mood and knew how to work a crowd. He would share his ideas of the Vigil Lottery and 2 for 1 merit badges at summer camp. As the crowd would get riled up, he would have them right where he wanted.

Needless to say, Charley was a joy to be around and we hope to continue his legacy with this building at Camp Durant.

The Sullivan Center has four new classrooms in the corners of the previous dining hall, with a multipurpose room joining the four at the center. (insert picture) On the vista side of the building, the museum stands tall, soon to hold the lodge's past awards, memorabilia and, of course, patches. In the rear of the building, we have a modest kitchen, new bathrooms, workroom and office (as a part of the new addition). These rooms form the perimeter of the exterior entryway, holding our unfinished walkway. This is where we need your help.



From unplanned construction expenses and changes in building codes to unexpected material costs, you can imagine how projects of this scale can go over budget. Some items still have yet to be finished on the Sullivan Center including proper meeting furniture, door replacements and other furnishings needed to bring the project to a close.

You can be a part of this project with your tax deductible contribution of a memorial brick or other donation. Consider adding to the memory of Charley Sullivan and the lasting success of the Occoneechee Lodge by contributing today for a better tomorrow.

New Merchandise at Pow Wow

By: Ryan Biegert, *Vice Chief of Finance*

Hello Lodge 104!

The Online Trading Post is running strong with the help of your support. From NOAC contingent patches to our initial rollout of new Lodge 104 apparel and much more. All of it is available from the comfort from your computer. Some items are available on the Online Store before an event so check back often. Look us up at <http://shop.lodge104.net/> !

Conclave is coming up and with it is our spirit theme of Tourists. Don't forget to pick up your spirit t-shirt if you pre-ordered one and be involved in reaching our goal of 400+ Occoneechee members at Conclave. Wouldn't it be awesome to look out to the sea of Tourists? In the spirit of the 100th Anniversary for the Order of the Arrow, we have designed new, red sashes in celebration! Commemorate your involvement in the OA on this grand year with buying an ordeal, brotherhood, or vigil sash showing off the centennial logo. These sashes are selling like hot cakes and are the best thing since sliced bread; we sold out of our first batch in 24 hours! Sashes are flying away by the box load and we expect to sell out, don't miss your opportunity. We will be selling them as a special deal for Occoneechee members at Pow Wow, and you can get yours for the price of \$20 per sash.

Did someone say special deals? Yes! We will have specials of all sorts in the Trading Post at Pow Wow. Giveaways, buy one get one free's, grab bags, oh my! We will not reveal any secrets yet, you will just have to stop on by and find out for yourself. While you are there, check out the new Occoneechee items we have ordered. Camouflage shirts, Thunderbird flashlights, Centennial Sash T-shirts, and more will be there to catch your eye. Also available, our Conclave flaps are ready to roll out; be ready to pick up your set. Our concessions will even be expanding with new delicious treats and snacks. All of this is down at the Sullivan Center on Friday and Saturday of Pow Wow. See you there!

OA High Adventure

By: Walter Vozzo, *Camping Promotions*

It's that time of year to apply to OA High adventure!

You must be at least sixteen years old. You cannot get a more affordable or memorable trip to one of the high adventure bases.

The summer of 2013 I did OA Trail Crew at Philmont and I must attest these are truly life changing experiences. After my short two weeks, I really felt like brothers with the 14 other arrowmen from across the country I had never met before.

You have the opportunity to truly learn and put to practice the pillars of our order: brotherhood, cheerfulness and service.

They need staff as well if you are looking for another new experience!

Centennial Update

By: Keegan Pierce, *Vice Chief of Administration*

On this, the 100th year of the Order of the Arrow, there are many new events and awards. For one, NOAC 2015 is occurring in Michigan in August, and will be a great event for the Order.

But wait, there's more! This year, a group of OA representatives are traveling the nation going from council to council talking about the Order of the Arrow and providing demonstrations. Occoneechee Lodge was chosen to host an Arrow Tour stop at Camp Durant, and we are proud to be the only Lodge in the Section to have this great privilege. Stay tuned for more information about the event, and how you can get involved!

We will also be hosting an OA Birthday Party to celebrate all that the Order has done, is doing, and will continue to do for years to come. The party will be during our lodge event in October, Fall Gathering. Make sure you plan to attend as this will be a great event.

For more information on all of these events, head over to the Lodge Website at [Lodge104.net!](http://Lodge104.net)

OA TRAIL CREW
This two-week expedition at Philmont is literally a mountaintop experience. Blaze new trails during a week of service. Then experience Philmont and the OA like never before.
Only **\$250** FOR THIS TWO-WEEK ADVENTURE

WILDERNESS VOYAGE
Experience the wilds of Wilderness Adventure. Explore the waterways of the north woods. Rebuild centuries-old trails and live the virtues of the OA.
Only **\$200** FOR THIS TWO-WEEK ADVENTURE

CANADIAN ODYSSEY
OA service goes international in the Ontario wilds. Embark on the odyssey of a lifetime, transcending borders and the spirit of the Order.
Only **\$200** FOR THIS TWO-WEEK ADVENTURE

OCEAN ADVENTURE
Explore tropical waters while performing conservation projects in the Florida Keys.
Only **\$500** FOR THIS 10-DAY ADVENTURE

OA SUMMIT EXPERIENCE
Explore the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve and provide service to the New River Gorge National River. Experience rafting and kayaking while building bonds of brotherhood.
Only **\$250** FOR THIS EIGHT-DAY ADVENTURE

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adventure.oa-bsa.org
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Centennial Sashes Available

By: David Sweeney

Get yours at 2015 Pow Wow! Limited Supply!! Visit the Trading Post at Pow Wow and purchase this cool collectible centennial sash! Can't be at Pow-Wow, visit the online Trading Post after the event.

While these sashes look great and will be sought out by collectors, these are ***not*** the sashes that will be a part of the NOAC 2015 contingent. They also have not been approved for wear.

We do expect to sell out so get yours soon!



Arrowman Service Award

The **Arrowman Service Award (ASA)** launched on July 16th, 2014 - the Order of the Arrow's 99th anniversary - in an effort to recognize those Arrowmen who seek to recommit themselves to the principles of the Order, support their local units and councils and participate in the centennial celebration. Those Arrowmen who earn the award will be able to wear the official ASA patch directly on their sash. Arrowmen, both youth and adult, must work to complete a set of requirements across three categories to earn the award. There are also a few steps that must be completed following the completion of these requirements before the recipient actually receives the Arrowman Service Award patch.

To start, the Arrowman working towards the **ASA must present his completed requirement card** with all supporting signatures to his or her lodge adviser. The lodge adviser is the key person to determine if the requirements have been met successfully, and will grant the award as appropriate. Arrowmen can work towards the Arrowman Service Award until December 31st, 2015. There is no limit to the number of awards that the lodge can grant, as long as each recipient is determined to have earned the award completely.



Lodge advisers and staff advisers can order the Arrowman Service Award patches from the national office. This form can be e-mailed, mailed, or faxed to the national OA office at the addresses found on the form. Lodges can order a number of patches appropriate for the anticipated number of lodge members who will earn the award, and can place additional orders as needed. The cost per patch is \$2.50, and the total amount of the order will be billed to the council of the lodge placing the order.

The Arrowman Service Award provides the means through which every Arrowman across the Order can recommit himself to the principles of the Order of the Arrow as we work to perpetuate them into the next century. Don't let the opportunity to earn this historic award pass you by!



Grab Your Fanny Pack!

By: Gray Barnhill, *Vice Chief of Communication*

Hey Thunderbirds,
It is time to get excited about our 2015 Conclave. The event will be happening at Camp Tuscarora located in Tuscarora Council, home of Nayawin Rar Lodge. Mark your calendars for April 17-19, 2015 to join with your fellow brothers for a boat load of fun! Our theme is "Tourists." Register now by visiting conclaveregistration.org! Along with your registration, T-Shirts are on sale that say "I <3 OA," Buy one today! These shirts are only \$8 and will help us win the Spirit Award at Conclave. Also, follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for the most up-to-date information on Conclave and Other great opportunities in the lodge. If the lodge has 250 people sign up before Spring Pow Wow, the lodge officers will be playing "What's in your Fanny Pack?" This year is going to be awesome because it is the Centennial anniversary of our brotherhood. Hope to see you all at Camp Tuscarora for the Centennial Year Celebration!

2015 Order of the Arrow report to the State of North Carolina

“An opportunity like no other”

By: AJ Raulynitis, *Lodge Chief*

On February 9th, 2015 an event which impacted the lives of all who participated took place in the capital of the great state of North Carolina. Hosted by Occoneetchee Council and North Carolina Supreme Court Justice Paul Newby, Arrowmen from across the state joined together and presented a centennial report, commemorating 100 years of brotherhood, cheerfulness and service, to the General Assembly of North Carolina, North Carolina's governor Pat McCrory, and Supreme Court Justice Paul Newby.



The day began around 1:00 PM with members from SR-7B and beyond ranging from the coast to the mountains assembled in the Supreme Court room, where the Honorable Justice Newby began to orate the immense history of the building and review several intense cases which laid the groundwork for many cases across the country.

The group then walked to the Governor's mansion where they were greeted by Governor Pat McCrory. Occoneetchee Lodge Chief, A.J. Raulynitis, then presented the Governor with the North Carolina Report. The Governor, a former Cub Scout himself, allowed the Arrowmen to freely walk across the house, stepping over the velvet lines and roaming the gardens of North Carolina's first house.

The group then moved across town once more moving through the capital building stopping to see North Carolina's copy of the thirteenth amendment and see the Governor's offices. The group arrived at the General Assembly where they presented each Senator and Representative with their own copies of the report. The House then began a session with each member of the youth contingent standing on the floor, an honor reserved solely for representatives and pages. It was asked that among member's of the house who were Eagle Scouts, or who had participated in scouting to stand and speak on the manner, there was nothing but praise for our organization. Then each of the Eagle Scouts escorted Section Chief Stephen Frein to the stand, the largest escort seen in the assembly where Stephen spoke on the influence and power the Order of the Arrow represents and how scouting has changed our state. Congressman Nelson Dollar of Wake County, who had previously held the position of section chief joked that the section has recovered from the time of his reign.

The day ended at Lieutenant Governor Dan Forest's house where he praised the contingent once again. The report was then handed to Lieutenant Governor Forest by Section Vice Chief Jeffrey Sedlacek.



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2015 Lodge Calendar

Event	Date	Location	Details
Spring Pow Wow	March 20-22	Camp Durant	Ordeal Experience– Brotherhood Trail– AIA Competitions– Quest for the Golden Arrow
SR-7B Conclave	April 17-19	Camp Tuscarora	
Spring Inductions	May 15-17	Camp Durant	Ordeal Experience– Brotherhood Trail
NOAC	August 3-8	Michigan State University	Patch Trading, AIA, and much, much more!
Fall Fellowship	September 18-20	Camp Durant	Ordeal - Brotherhood Trail - Vigil Honor Call Out – Lodge Elections