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# AIA AND HOW YOU CAN JOIN

Will Rea

Occoneechee Lodge has many ways for its brothers to serve cheerfully. By far the best, and most fun, way of doing so is by participating in American Indian Affairs (AIA). AIA involves everything from singing, dancing and ceremonies. All of these activities are important in different ways. Singing and dancing help to keep the traditions of the Native Americans alive, while performing ceremonies is necessary for new members to join our Brotherhood. The AIA committee also puts on competitions for each of its activities. These competitions are a great deal of fun and are a good way to compare yourself to others who enjoy the same activities. If any of these things that relate to AIA seem interesting, you may be wondering how to get started. In fact getting started is as simple as contacting your Chapter's Vice Chief of Programs. If you have more questions feel free to talk to the AIA Committee Chair, Will Rea, or even talk to Stephen Frein, the Lodge's Vice Chief of Programs.

Yours in Service,

Will Rea





# BROTHERHOOD

Much has been accomplished at camp in preparation for Conclave 2013! The Lodge Conclave Committee and all the Workday volunteers have done great things to get ready to host the biggest and best Cardinal Conclave ever!! Jonathan Boggs, Mr Blackwood, Stephen Frein, Matt Kane and the Conclave Organizing Committee have taken responsibility to be sure that every detail is addressed so that Occoneechee is the best host Lodge that we can be.

Meteu told us in our PreOrdeal ceremony that “this ordeal is but a journey whose directions are the whispers, urgings, promptings deep within your hearts and spirits.”

Preparation for Conclave 2013 is another step in that journey. We have gotten a great deal done in the last 4 months but need to finish strong! We still have two workdays and Powwow to complete the work and planning for Conclave PLUS we need another 250 Lodge members to volunteer for the big Event! That’s only about 20 more from each chapter. We have a unique opportunity to be a part of one of the best regional events in Scouting. Don’t miss that opportunity and be sure to reach out to those in your troop and chapter that haven’t registered yet and get them to sign up!!

Martin Luther King once said “the hope of a secure and livable world lies with the disciplined nonconformists who are dedicated to justice, peace and brotherhood”. Each of you have set yourselves apart when you were elected by your troop members to the Order. Conclave 2013 provides us the opportunity to have fun, work hard and provide service to others in Brotherhood.

I look forward to being with you at Conclave!

Tom Wells  
Lodge Adviser



# DON'T MISS A THING

Brandon Kelly

So far the year of 2013 has been a blast for the lodge, and there's still more to come! I would like to thank all of the people who came out and helped at the Conclave workdays that the lodge has hosted so far this year. Even though there has been a great deal of work throughout the camp during the workdays, they have been a blast! I urge everyone to attend the Conclave workdays. Visit the [lodge104.net](http://lodge104.net) for more information.

Let's not forget that it's that time of the year again brothers. The time of the year that the OA fun meter breaks from too much fun, but this year it won't break...it will instead shatter due to how much fun we will be having!

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To start off the line up of lodge events for this year, and the fun for all of the ordeal candidates that will be going through their ordeal early, is Spring Pow Wow in March! Spring Pow Wow is going to be ran very similar to how the Lodge will run Conclave coming up in April. With: competitions, service projects, the Quest for the Golden Arrow, the Officer Batterings, the Early Ordeal, Brotherhood Trail, Webelos OA Weekend, and much more going on Pow Wow is guaranteed to be a lot of fun. Plus, I've heard that Thunderfest is going to be better than ever this year as well.

Undeniably Spring Pow Wow is what sets the stage for the biggest OA event of the year... CONCLAVE!!!! Just the thought of Conclave fills me up with excitement, but then I think about where it will be at and I explode with enthusiasm, because this year Conclave is being held at our very own CAMP DURANT! This is something that happens once every six years so this is an amazing opportunity for everyone in the lodge to experience. But in order to experience it

you need to sign up and join the 2013 Conclave staff first! 1500 arrowmen will gather together at Camp Durant to experience the most fellowship and fun that can ever be offered at a single Conclave, and it's our lodge's job to make sure it happens.

So how are we going to do it you might be asking; well it's simple, we're going to be Occoneechee Lodge 104!! From OAX to ceremony and dance competitions and from the shows to the hospitality we will make it an experience that no one will ever forget. Let alone Cardinival will be on Saturday night at the Grand Lodge, which Cardinival will be Thunderfest on steroids! I'm already pumped for Conclave to be here and I hope you are too, so sign up if you haven't already and get ready to represent Occoneechee Lodge 104 the best you can.

Following Conclave is Spring Inductions in May. Spring Inductions is a time to welcome new ordeal candidates and new brothers into the lodge (if they haven't been already). It's also a great time to get involved with some of the lodge committees such as foods committee. Spring Inductions generally is a terrific time to perform cheerful service and give back to the lodge as well. Whether it's helping out with service projects or being an elangomat for the ordeal in May I encourage everyone does some form of cheerful service at this event as well as have fun with your fellow brothers.

The next lodge event that we have after Spring Inductions is Fall Fellowship in September. Fall Fellowship is the last opportunity of the year for candidates to go through their ordeal and it's also a chance for eligible ordeal members to go through the Brotherhood Trail. This is also the time that chapters start holding their chapter elections, which was how I first got involved in the Order, as well as when the lodge holds elections for lodge officers. With great

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In November the lodge hosts the annual Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) for all members of the lodge. This is an especially fun event because you get to learn more about what the order is as well as how to be a better and more effective leader. Also the new Executive Committee gets learn about the process of the meetings as well as how they are conducted, which is done is always done in a very entertaining and fun way.

Finally, as the year comes to an end and the holiday season starts to take effect we have our annual Winter Banquet in December. Winter Banquet is only a day long event, but it is well worth the time spent to travel to Camp Durant one last time for the year. There is always a silent auction and a vast number of awards are distributed to well deserving arrowmen. Plus there's always terrific food there and prizes to be won.

With all of these events happening throughout the year you don't want to miss out on a single one of them...especially Conclave. No one should ever miss out on Conclave.

# KINDLE THE FIRE WITHIN



When we left 2012 a few months ago, we ended on a high note, perhaps the highest note the lodge has seen in a long time. We ended with a first, unveiling OUR lodge building and dedicating it to Charley Sullivan, past Lodge Adviser and

National Committee Member. Using the Charley Sullivan Lodge Building as a catalyst, our brothers have started to affect more change in the lodge, by starting 2013 off with another first-offering The Ordeal Experience at Spring Pow Wow. With a lodge of our size, it is only right that we offer three opportunities for candidates to become members of our order. I hope you will join me in welcoming them during this exciting time. In addition, we offer the brotherhood trail at our three major lodge events (Spring Pow Wow, Spring Inductions and Fall Fellowship)! By adding these opportunities, we have opened the door to more arrowmen sealing their membership and joining us at conclave—especially this year at Camp Durant!

E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson, our founders, opened the door to the Order of the Arrow when they created the society of honor campers in 1915. Since then, it has transformed into Scouting's national honor society, focused on providing cheerful service to scouting. With over 170,000 arrowmen worldwide, the Order of the Arrow is spreading scouting's positive message. As we prepare to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the OA in 2015, we remember our roots and the initial leadership E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A Edson gave us as arrowmen.

Being an arrowman is more than being a scout. As Arrowmen, we are bound as brothers in a life of cheerful service. We work hard and together as one team. The Order of the Arrow has the following at the end of its purpose: "Crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others." This highlights what being an arrowmen means to me. First, we are scouts and live by the scout oath, law, motto and slogan. Second, we push ourselves to be servant leaders and work cheerfully even in the midst of irksome tasks.

As new members, each one of us repeated the obligation and started our journey as arrowmen. We started with just an ember and fed it, until it was a fire. This step is so important, as we support each other to grow stronger and develop into leaders. Together, we will kindle The Fire Within. See you soon.

Todd Goldfarb  
Lodge Chief

# CONCLAVE THE FIRE WITHIN

What does “The Fire Within” mean? To me it holds a deep meaning about whom we are and who we want to be in life. Everyone has something inside them that pushes them to do things that they never would believe is possible; something that drives them to help others and better themselves.

This special essence that everyone has is “the fire within.” It’s our internal cheerfulness, brotherhood, and service. It is The Fire Within that has pushed the Boy Scouts of America to where it is today. It was a warm summers night when E. Urner Goodman and Caroll Edson created the Order of the Arrow an organization to recognize scouters who truly exemplified the points of the scout oath and law; they created an organization that recognized and utilized those who’s fire within burned brightest. It is true that not everyone’s fire burns the same, some grow brighter, some burn longer, and some burn deeper, but everyone has a fire.

Every person is born with a spark inside them, our choices and drive in life help to build this spark into a small fire and from there the fire grows and with it our character grows. So you may think I want to help my fire grow how. I will tell you it isn’t as easy as just making the decision. Just like a real fire you must give it proper care, you must find wood for your fire by going out and trying to help others, participate in not only service but cheerful service. You must breathe life into your fire with self-reflection and self-examination. As you continue to look for wood, you will find there is less and less within arm’s reach. Then you must go look for wood to grow the fire brighter and you must look for chances to serve others. Bigger, and bigger your fire grows and more and more wood it requires to keep it burning as bright and big as it is; you find yourself overwhelmed and can’t collect enough wood to keep up. This is where brotherhood comes into play, you need others to help keep your fire going and the more brothers you have the easier the job. You were chosen by others because they saw a bright fire in you it is your responsibility to help that fire grow bigger and brighter. Though it is a great honor to be a part of the Order of the Arrow it is comes with it the weighty responsibility to better yourself and others. How bright is your fire?

For he who serves his fellows, is of all his fellows, greatest.

--E. Urner Goodman

Jonathan Boggs



# SEEK TO SERVE

Daniel Salgado

As many of you know, in a little over one month, we will be hosting over 1,000 Arrowmen at camp for the 2013 Cardinal Conclave! This is a huge event that we only have the opportunity every seven years to host, so let's make sure to live up to our Host Theme, Southern Hospitality, and make it awesome!

Today, I'd like to talk to you about the various opportunities for service we have available in the Lodge throughout the year, including ways you can get involved in helping out at Conclave, if are not already.

To start, we will be having three Ordeals this year, one at Spring Pow Wow (called the Early Ordeal), and one each at Spring Inductions and Fall Fellowship, as normal. At every Ordeal, you have the opportunity to serve as an Elangomat. The Elangomat guides his or her clan of candidates through the Ordeal, serving as a friend, leader and role model. An Elangomat is often the candidates' first view and impression of the Order of the Arrow. We are always

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looking for Brothers cheerful in service to serve as Elangomats, especially at Spring Inductions and Fall Fellowship, where we will have hundreds of candidates completing their Ordeal. If you are interested in serving as an



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Elangomat, contact Patrick Seelinger (patseelinger@yahoo.com) or Daniel Salgado (daniel3700@gmail.com) to inform us. Also, please ensure to register at the event as an Elangomat (there is a difference in event fee), and make your way to the Outdoor Skills shelter on Friday night of the event.

Another opportunity lies in Brotherhood. If you have already sealed your membership in the Lodge as a Brotherhood member, you have the opportunity to help others working towards that same goal. We are always looking for Brotherhood and Vigil Honor members to assist in running the Brotherhood Trail. Make sure to see David Helbig (Eaglescoutdavid@yahoo.com) at any Lodge event for details concerning the Brotherhood Trail or how to help.

Also, if you're interested in working in the kitchen on the Cook Crew, contact Austin Blackwood (austin.blackwood104@gmail.com) to learn about how you can get involved in working in the kitchen at Lodge events.

There are always service projects to be done around camp in preparation for Conclave, so if you are at a Lodge event, take some time to head down to

the Outdoor Skills shelter by the Activity Field (where the Ordeal is held). See how you can assist in bettering camp overall and improving it for our guests that will be joining us at Conclave.

Finally, there is Conclave. Conclave is one of the most exciting OA events of the year, and it's being held at Camp Durant! Since we're hosting Conclave, we are looking for anyone and everyone to serve on the 2013 Conclave Staff. You can help out on a variety of committees for Conclave, from the Shows Committee (handles the Friday and Saturday night shows), to the Chaos Control Committee, to committees like the VIP Services and the Food Committee. To see how you can get involved on a committee at Conclave and to serve on Staff, contact Jonathan Boggs (jmboggs0311@email.campbell.edu) or Mr. Kevin Blackwood (wuffpack@gmail.com) for more details.

There are many opportunities for service in the Lodge, all of which can count towards many awards such as the 104 Service Award, or the First Year Arrowman Award. Check the Lodge website for more details on those awards.

It is my hope that you will take advantage of the many service opportunities I have discussed in cheerful service, but also that you take advantage of the huge opportunity we have as we host Conclave in April!

See you at Conclave!