

# THE T I P I

Occonechee Lodge #104 Newsletter

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## A Transition in Leadership

By: Stephen Frein, SR-7B Section Chief

My Brothers,

What an exciting year this has been!

I want to thank everyone for all of their work to make this year as successful as it has been. This past weekend at Conclave, not only did we have 410 people register, but we also collected almost half of the food for the food drive, and won Quest for the Golden Arrow! We took home several Indian Affairs awards, received the “We Support Camping Award”, and had great fiesta spirit! I could not be more proud to be a part of such an amazing lodge!

I am excited to announce that due to your support, I was elected to the position of SR-7B Section Chief for 2014-2015! Throughout the next year, I will be deeply involved in the coordination and planning of Conclave 2015 and will use the ideas and suggestions that I have heard from you to make next year’s Centennial Conclave one for the books!

Unfortunately, as stated in the Field Operations Guide, a Section Chief may not hold another leadership position in the Order of the Arrow. This means I will step down as Occonechee Lodge Chief and Will Rea, our Vice Chief of Program, will take my place to lead the Lodge for the remainder of the year. I have had the opportunity to work with Will for several years both within the lodge and at Summer Camp so I know that he will do a great job!

When I was first elected to Vice Chief of Administration for Kato Hochuli chapter (present day Kiowa) in 2010, I never could have imagined being where I am today. The Order of the Arrow provides scouts with the opportunity to do more - to grow in leadership and develop valuable communication, planning, and relationship building skills. I owe who I am today to Boy Scouts, the Order of the Arrow and the Leaders and Advisers I have worked with over the years. I encourage each and every one of you to further your involvement within the organization.

I look forward to seeing you throughout the year at lodge events AND at the next SR-7B Conclave, April 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Camp Tuscarora!

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Stephen Frein  
2014-2015 SR-7B Chief  
2013-2014 Past Lodge Chief



Passing the Bonnet to Stephen Frein, SR-7B Conclave 2014

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# Lodge Chief's Corner - Looking Ahead

By: Will Rea, *Lodge Chief*

Dear Occoneechee Lodge,

What a great Conclave! I want to thank everyone who came down to Camp Bowers to show some Occoneechee spirit! For those of you who were unable to attend, you missed a great weekend filled with brotherhood, fellowship, and lots of cheering. Occoneechee even won the Quest for the Golden Arrow!

Stephen Frien was elected Section Chief of Section SR-7B. Everyone in our Lodge is excited for Stephen to lead our Section and plan the next Conclave. With Stephen rotating out, per the Lodge guidelines, I will step up and take his place. I look forward to leading our Lodge through the rest of the year during Spring Inductions, Fall Fellowship, and Fall Gathering.

I have always been happy to be a member of what I believe to be the greatest Lodge in our Section, and I am even more ecstatic to be leading it. The OA and Occoneechee Lodge have given me a lot and I'm glad that I can give back by setting an example for others and by planning events that other Arrowmen will remember for years to come. It was only a few years ago that I attended my first Lodge event. Some of my best friends are people that I have met through the Order of the Arrow. I can only hope that just as many great experiences happen during events that I help to lead.

In addition, our new Vice Chief of Program for the Lodge will be Kyle Bisbee. Please join me in welcoming him to the leadership team to help serve you!

I look forward to seeing you soon at Spring Inductions!



## AIA at Spring Inductions

By: Will Rea, *Lodge Chief*

Spring Inductions is a weekend full of service, warm weather, and fellowship with other arrowmen. Between the sweat, service, and fun, a lot more goes on. One group of brothers will spend most of their time on Friday and Saturday night portraying the traditions of the Native Americans. Ceremonialists, singers, and dancers all play an important part in helping welcome new brothers in to our lodge. Starting with the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony on Friday night and ending with the pow-wow on Saturday night, these brothers put in a lot of time to make sure they both respect Native American Culture, and spark interest in new brothers. Obviously, the ceremonialists play a huge role in the Ordeal. Where would we be without the Pre-Ordeal and Ordeal ceremonies? Many people do not know that our Lodge's drum team spends much of Friday night singing songs for the candidates who are sleeping alone. The dancers get together on Saturday night along with the drum team to put on a pow-wow to show the candidates how to have a good time after a long Ordeal.

All three of these groups are always looking for more participation and help. Anyone who has participated in singing, dancing, or ceremonies can tell you that it is rewarding and fun. There are many friends to be made and great experiences to be had. At Spring Inductions there will be many opportunities to watch and participate in each area of American Indian Affairs (AIA). With ceremonies going on both Friday and Saturday night, as well as a pow-wow on Saturday night during and after Thunderfest, there will be plenty of time to learn more about how to get involved. I encourage everyone to check out some form of AIA activity at Spring Inductions. Any of the dancers, ceremonialists, or singers would be more than willing to help an interested arrowman get active. For more information on AIA, you may contact Stephen Nuttall at [stephen.c.nuttall@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.c.nuttall@gmail.com). I look forward to seeing all of you at Spring Inductions and I hope that you will check out some of the different aspects of American Indian Affairs.

# The Bonds of Brotherhood

By: AJ Raulyniatis, *Vice Chief of Administration*

This month, at Spring Inductions, we will hold another opportunity for ordeal members to seal their membership in the Order of the Arrow. Check out the Brotherhood Trail - It's free for all 2014 dues paid members!

## How do I know if I am eligible for Brotherhood?

It is simple! If you have been an Ordeal member for at least ten months, then you are eligible for the Brotherhood trail. In other words, if you have completed your Ordeal at Spring Inductions 2013 or earlier, you are eligible.

## How do I become a Brotherhood member?

At spring inductions, we will have an informational meeting on Friday night with a question and answer session to help guide you on your way. On Saturday, you will follow the Brotherhood trail and will be tested along the way regarding information on the Order of the Arrow. The same evening, all Brotherhood candidates will complete their Brotherhood ceremony to seal their membership in our Order.

## Anything I should know before the weekend?

Yes! The Order of the Arrow has put together a great resource to help our Brotherhood candidates. You can visit this interactive site called Jumpstart at <http://www.jumpstart.oa-bsa.org>.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to [brotherhood@lodge104.net](mailto:brotherhood@lodge104.net) with any questions.

# You can't pass up these patches!

By: Ryan Biegert, *Vice Chief of Finance*

The Lodge 104 Trading Post is a happening place. If you have not checked it out lately then you are missing out on great items.

The trading post has a new home and is now located in the Charley Sullivan Lodge Building and Training Center. This is our new and permanent home for the trading post. It is working well so far, we are glad to utilize the Lodge building that many people worked so hard to complete. We will continue to offer concessions in our new location with the use of the kitchen.

Here are the NEW ITEMS to look forward to at the Spring Inductions Trading Post!

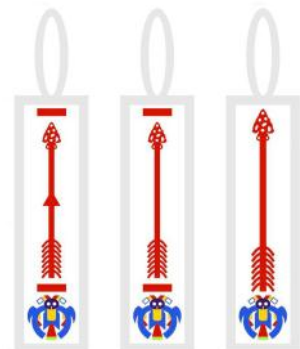
1. Thunderbird Tripod stools
2. Tie dye Lodge 104 t-shirts
3. Camo hats
4. Occoneechee Athletic shorts

And check out our new patches as well!

Can't make it to Camp Durant to buy stuff? No problem. We are happy to announce the availability of our **online trading post!** It is just getting started and today we are offering a selection of patches. But we will continue to review the online inventory and offer more and more. We are happy to take your suggestions. Access the online trading post from the Lodge's website, or go directly to: <http://shop.lodge104.net/>

Don't miss your chance to support the Lodge and grow your collection of Lodge memorabilia.

If you would like to help staff the Trading Post, please see our Trading Post Chairman, Jackson Seagroves, or myself. We are always excited to get new folks involved to help serve our fellow brothers.



# So you're a new member.... What's next?

Congratulations on your induction to the Order of the Arrow! You are now a part of the Boy Scout's of America's National Honor Society, an esteemed honor! You might be asking yourself, what's next?

The Order of the Arrow has many ways for you to get involved. Hopefully, you've had the chance to attend your local chapter meeting already. The next step is to attend our second lodge event for the year, **Spring Inductions** May 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> at Camp Durant. Spring Inductions is an event where scouts like yourself who have been elected to the Order of the Arrow will go through their Ordeal. There will also be fellowship, patch trading, ceremonies, service opportunities and thunderfest! Ways that you can help are by serving as an elangomat, ceremonialist, cook crew member, or by getting involved in a committee that interests you. You can sign up for Spring Inductions at <http://www.lodge104.net/registration/>. To view all of our committees, visit <http://www.lodge104.net/leadership/>. If you have any questions on how to get involved, you can talk to your Chapter Chief at your next meeting.



Another opportunity coming up is for you to attend the Chapter Leadership Summit in October of this year. The Chapter Leadership Summit is a great way for you to learn about valuable leadership skills that will help you within your troop, school, chapter, and even at home. More information on that event will be shared later.

This upcoming year is unique in the fact that it is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Order of the Arrow. The National Order of the Arrow Conference is the main event to celebrate this occasion and will be held Augst 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 2015 at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan. NOAC is a gathering of thousands of arrowmen from across the nation for competitions, training, and giant arena shows. If you are interesting in attending, you can find out more information and sign up to attend at <http://www.lodge104.net/committees/noac2015/>

Another benefit to being in the Order of the Arrow is that you can participate in special High Adventure programs at all of the BSA's national camps. Each one is a two week program that encompasses one week of service and another of participating in the activities that you would normally do if you were to attend the base. The cost is at a reduced rate of \$200 and provides you with the opportunity to meet arrowmen from around the nation and have an experience of a lifetime. New to this year is our special program at the Bechtel Summit Reserve in Beckley, West Virginia. If you are interested in attending, you can find out more information at <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/>. There are still some slots open to attend this summer, but you have to hurry before they fill up!

Whatever you are interested in, the Order of the Arrow has it...get involved and have fun! To stay up to date on all things OA, like Occoneechee Lodge on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/lodge104>. We look forward to seeing you at Spring Inductions!

WWW,  
Your 2014 Lodge Officers

## Spring Inductions Menu

Friday Crackerbarrel: Popcorn, Bologna, Cheese, Crackers

Saturday Breakfast: French Toast, Baked Apples, Hash browns, Bacon

Saturday Lunch: Chili Hot Dogs, Slaw, Mac n' Cheese, French Fries, Cookies

Saturday Dinner: Chicken Tenders, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Corn

Saturday Crackerbarrel: Apple and Cherry Pie

Sunday Breakfast: Fruit, Muffins, Danishes, Cinnamon Buns, Cereal

\*Subject to Change

# Occonechee Lodge Welcomes New Vice Chief of Program!



My name is Kyle Bisbee and I am excited to say that I have the privilege of serving as your Vice Chief of Program for the remainder of the term. Just to tell you a little bit about myself, I live in Fayetteville, and am currently a sophomore at UNC Pembroke. I have served in the past as Vice Chief of Program and Chapter Chief for Niganit Chapter (now known as Mimahuk Chapter), and most recently I served as Lodge Documentarian. I have a passion for being a ceremonialist, which I have done since I first became an Ordeal member and I will do my best to bring that same passion to the office of Vice Chief of Program. Again I just want to say how excited I am for the coming months and I can't wait to get started serving the lodge.

WWW,  
Kyle Bisbee

## The Power of One

By: Kevin Blackwood, *Lodge Adviser*

Each of us has the ability to make an important difference. Whether you know it or not, each of us has the power to make a difference in the Lodge. As inspiration, consider just a few people in history that have proven one person can make an important difference.

Gandhi made peaceful protest and peaceful civil disobedience a valuable process of peaceful change. Susan B. Anthony rose to the challenge as a famous leader in the battle to obtain women's right to vote in the U.S. In 1908, an acclaimed English war hero, Robert Baden Powell, founded the Scouting movement in Great Britain. Seven years later at Treasure Island in the Delaware River, E. Urner Goodman launched an innovative program, the Order of the Arrow, which is based on peer recognition and service to others. John F. Kennedy, America's thirty-fifth President believed that "one person can make a difference and every person should try."

We need to realize that important improvements can begin with one person. If that one person is truly passionate about his or her mission, then they can make a difference. Imagine what would happen if each one of us worked together to improve the attendance at each of our lodge events or performed one extra hour of service each month. It is easy to say that you don't need to attend the next event, or that someone else will help with service instead of you. That would not matter since you were only one person. But what would happen if two hundred Arrowmen felt this way, or the 1700 arrowmen in the Occonechee Lodge? What would be the outcome if they did just the opposite and doubled their effort?

You may not realize that each and every one of you is important and can make a difference. But just think that if one person can make a difference, imagine the difference a group of committed Arrowmen can make to the lodge.

Thank you for your service to scouting and the difference you make.



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Llau Machque: Ash • Eluwak: Hickory • Kiowa: Maple • Lauchoseen: Sassafras & Magnolia • Mimahuk: Beech • Netami: Red Oak & Poplar • Netapolis: Holly & Red Cedar • Neusiok: Sweetgum • Saponi: Persimmon & Loblolly • Tamakwe: Dogwood

## 2014 Lodge Calendar

Event	Date	Location	Details
Spring Inductions	May 16-18	Camp Durant	Ordeal - Brotherhood Trail
Trade-o-ree	August 22-23	Camp Durant	
Fall Fellowship	September 19-21	Camp Durant	Ordeal - Brotherhood Trail - Vigil Honor Call Out – Lodge Elections - Webelos OA Weekend
Council Camporee	October 10-12	Occonechee Scout Reservation	
Fall Gathering	October 17-19	Camp Durant	Recognitions Banquet - Vigil Weekend
Lodge Leadership Development	November 14-16	Campbell University	
One Day 50 Miler	November 29	North Raleigh Area	