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Occoneechee Lodge #104 Newsletter

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NOAC 2015!

By: Gray Barnhill, *Vice Chief of Communications*

Michigan State University, 15,000 Arrowmen, 2,000 Staff, 13,000 participants, 7 days, 100 hours, and 1 dare made this NOAC an incredible experience like no other. The last 100 years made this NOAC a special time for all of those who attended and even those back home. The entire event involved lots of history including a history book from every lodge, a large history museum encasing everything from handbooks to E. Uner Goodman's uniform, past and present national officers, and even some dirt and ashes from Treasure Island. Occoneechee brought 108 contingent members and contributed 19 staff members.

All of the shows had keynote speakers that were all incredibly inspiring and at one of the shows, Alex Call, the National Chief, dared all of us To Do! The Dare To Do was a dare that he gave everyone, not only at NOAC but to be spread across the nation and world, to bring the order back to its' roots and give small random acts of service to something or someone daily. Starting at NOAC for 100 days, he pledged along with everyone else in the coliseum, to complete this dare. You can learn more about this dare and follow it using #DareToDo.

The patches from across the nation were incredible. The colors were bright and the designs were original. The national competitions were a lot of fun and Occoneechee did well in a lot of them. Our Soccer team was second in the nation, Tim Cameron won the 21+ Shotput competition, and Tyler Perkinson won the 21+ 1600-meter dash. A drum team and 6 dancers competed and all of them did very well in their respective categories. Overall, Occoneechee Lodge made a huge impact on the nation from being one of the largest and loudest contingents in attendance. Who knows what will come in the next 100 years.



#DareToDo

By: Nicholas Anderson, *Website Committee Chair*

In August, our lodge attended the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference at Michigan State University. In the midst of the centennial celebration, the national chief, Alex Call, stepped onto the stage and dared all 15,000 Arrowmen to take part in a movement that could change the world: #DareToDo.

Up to NOAC, the centennial had been about celebrating the first 100 years of the OA. In his remarks, Alex began a pivot to the future: “we must also plot the course of what we will do and what we will be in the future. When we leave here in the next couple days, we will leave with the responsibility of laying the foundation for our next century of service.”

Alex dared all in attendance to take part in the #DareToDo movement. Accepting the #DareToDo is simple: make a difference in the lives of others by doing one act of service, and posting about it on social media, every day for 100 days. Arrowmen post their act through a photo or post to their social media with the hash tag #DareToDo. All of the Arrowmen in our lodge are challenged to participate in #DareToDo, and to encourage all of their friends (Scouting and non) to accept the dare as well. Acts do not need to be monumental – the dare is all about getting everyone doing small acts of service consistently.

DareToDo also has a website, dareto.do, as well as social accounts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram which will highlight some of the acts of service posted using the hashtag. The website also includes an interactive map to see the spread of the movement across the world. Arrowmen and their friends are encouraged to follow these accounts for inspiration, and to encourage others participating in #DareToDo.



Conclave Theme Ideas!

Do you have ideas for next year's conclave theme? The decision will be made by the EC at Fall Fellowship. Talk to your chapter chief to have your ideas heard at the EC meeting!

Fall Gathering

By: Keegan Pierce, *Vice Chief of Administration*

Coming up in October, we will finish the year out with Fall Gathering. This event will be a great event to celebrate the Lodge's year, reflect on our history, and look forward to our future. We will host activities for each chapter to participate in, service projects to complete #DareToDo, anyone?, and complete the outing with a banquet Saturday night. Make sure you attend this great event and pre-register early online. I look forward to seeing you all in October at Fall Gathering!

Help Contribute to the Thundy Fund!

Help us build a mascot outfit for the Lodge one feather at a time by donating to the Thundy Fund! Visit <http://shop.lodge104.net/products/thundy-the-mascot-builder> and contribute to the fund to help us build our mascot!



Fall Fellowship

By: Stephen Nuttall, *Vice Chief of Program*

Brothers!

I can't believe the summer is already over and that it's time for another Fall Fellowship! As we all know, Fall Fellowship is a time for... you guessed it, fellowship! There is a lot going on at this event, so be looking out for emails from the Lodge and make sure you pick up a schedule at registration.

The weekend will start with a wonderful Friday night show. The show will be full of songs, announcements, Lodge Officer nominations, and the Vigil Callout Ceremony. Make sure you get out to the Campfire Arena for that! After the show, we will make our way over to the Grand Lodge for cracker barrel. Bring all your patches and get ready for some fellowship!

The next day will consist of service projects, Webelos OA program, Brotherhood Trail, and Lodge Officer elections. There are a lot of things to do at camp, so be on the look out for a schedule and start thinking about what you want to do!

The Webelos program is a very unique and important part of Fall Fellowship. Dens from around the council have been invited for a weekend of fun and fellowship! There will be arts & crafts, AIA, archery, and much more! Please show some great hospitality to our guests, and make them feel welcome!



12th Point Committee

By: Owen Clapp, *12th Point Committee Chairman*

Ever feel bored on the Sunday morning of lodge events, with nothing left to do but pack up? Well, I am here to tell you that there is a great opportunity for you to experience a lodge event with the Scout's Own Service held at the lakeside Chapel. But what's a service without some hands to help make it happen?

We will need help with planning around the theme of Service at fall fellowship, and will specifically need help with handing out bulletins, reading prayers, getting the word out about the service, and other simple but important tasks. There is no previous experience required, but all the help we can get will be appreciated. I can personally attest to the fact that my faith has grown by working with this committee.

Getting involved with the 12th point committee is a great way to keep the fact that a scout is reverent strong within the Order of the Arrow experience. Both Youth and Adults can join in this great service, please contact me at owen.clapp@att.net if you are interested!

Do you want to be a Lodge Officer?

Things to know before running for a lodge position

By: Gray Barnhill, *Vice Chief of Communications*

Lodge 104 is made up of ten chapters in Occoneechee Council. We need arrowmen from our Chapters to help lead the Lodge. The Lodge will be having elections at Fall Fellowship for the following positions: Lodge Chief, Programs Vice Chief, Administration Vice Chief, Communications Vice Chief, and Finance Vice Chief. Have you considered running for a lodge position? There are no pre-requisites or prior positions necessary to run for a Lodge position.

The question is, are you ready for the commitment it takes to be successful as a lodge officer? Here are a few things to consider: 1. Working at the Lodge level is a big commitment. You should expect to work at least one hour a day on Lodge planning and event execution. There are many deadlines that must be met in order for everything to operate smoothly. 2. You have to be a people person. Many people from the Lodge will reach out to you and ask you questions about things that you may not know the answer to, but you have to be able to find out the answer and get back to the person in a timely manner. 3. Every Lodge position has an adviser. Communication with your adviser needs to be completely open. You, the officer, need to communicate with your adviser on a regular basis to make sure that they understand what is going on and gain their support and help when needed. If communication with your adviser is not open, things may not run as smoothly as they should.

Are you ready to commit to a busy year? Are you ready to plan Lodge events and provide cheerful service? Then running for a Lodge position is for you. Section B of our Lodge Planbook will provide you with specific officer duties. Please feel free to talk with any current lodge officer if you have questions about the responsibilities and commitments you will have. As an officer, you will work hard, be busy providing cheerful service to your fellow arrowmen, and attend regular meetings. But even with all the hard work required, being a Lodge officer is also a lot of fun!! See you all at Fall Fellowship!

Trade-O-Ree

By: Jackson Woody, *Patch Committee Chair*

The Occoneechee lodge Trade-O-Ree was a huge success! There were 43 tables full of patches and other scouting memorabilia. We had vendors not only from our lodge but from 4 different states including Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia. Everyone at the event enjoyed themselves and the trading was amazing. Everyone's patch bags were full of new stuff.

Our cook crew did a amazing job on all the meals and the best surprise was they served brownies and ice cream to all of our guest on Friday night! A big highlight of the show was the silent auction with an Occoneechee Lodge X1 being sold for \$935.00 and an elango-mat pie patch for \$185. Our trading post had numerous new items for our guest to buy.



Chief's Corner

By: AJ Raulynitis, *Lodge Chief*

Six weeks of summer camp has come to an end with nearly a dozen Order of the Arrow ceremonies performed. As always, our Lodge has made a lasting and positive impact on camp during this past summer. The Lodge celebrated the centennial of the Order of the Arrow by providing birthday cake at every ice cream social. These socials reached hundreds of arrowmen not only from our Lodge and Section, but scouts ranging all the way from Echockotee Lodge in Florida. The Lodge also provided its members with the opportunities to go through their brotherhood trail and roughly 50 members took advantage of this opportunity! Our ceremony teams also made a lasting impression providing some of the highest quality performances delivered to summer camp in years. This year there were new brotherhood and tap out ceremony scripts which provided a new experience to hundreds of campers! The following ceremonialists did a fantastic job.



In the tap out ceremony:

Jason Sola
Zack Cochran
Joe Suzanne
Brenton Cameron

In the Brotherhood ceremony:

Richard Aaron
Thomas Tomkins
Kyle Bisbee

Adviser's Minute

By: Kevin Blackwood, *Lodge Adviser*

Leadership comes in all forms.

As the lodge year comes to a close, I'd like to take a minute to thank everyone who has served in a leadership position this year. My thanks are not directed to just youth and adults in elected or appointed positions, but to every Arrowman that stepped up this year to help with a Lodge Committee, helped out during a Lodge weekend, helped with a Chapter program and all the members who made a difference in their unit.

After all, leadership does not come from a title and it's not something you can be given. Leadership comes from within and it's the act of making a positive change in those around you that differentiates a Leader in the crowd.

This year, we continued our positive growth, both in overall membership and in program participation. We broke records for the second year in a row for conclave attendance and new member induction. We hosted the largest ArrowTour in the Southern Region and took an impressive number of Arrowmen to the 100th Anniversary NOAC, placing us in the top 5% of Lodges across the nation.



I mention these things not to boast on the things we have done, but to point out the potential for things we can do. As Arrowmen, you have the ability to affect change on many things and as a leader, you can act on that ability. Take the time to find one thing that you are passionate about and make a commitment to a positive change.

With your leadership, your family, your troop, your lodge and your world can be a better place. ... And it starts with us.

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2015 Lodge Calendar

Event	Date	Location	Details
Fall Fellowship	September 18-20	Camp Durant	Ordeal - Brotherhood Trail - Vigil Honor Call Out – Lodge Elections
Fall Gathering	October 16-17	Camp Durant	Recognitions Banquet
Lodge Leadership Development	November 14	Campbell University	Leadership training
Pow-Wow	March 18-20, 2016	Camp Durant	Ordeal Experience– Brotherhood Trail– AIA Competitions– Quest for the Golden Arrow