

2000

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On January 8 - 9, 2000 the lodge conducted its Lodge Officer Training at Woodfield Scout Preservation, Old North State Council's Cub Scout Camp. A total of 36 youth and adults participated under a training staff of eleven. There were a number of topics covered including Team Building, Dynamics of Leadership, Developing Lodge Goals, and Brainstorming. New Lodge Chief Michaelong and his new officers benefited from this gathering.



On March 3 – 5 over 220 Brothers attended the Spring Fellowship at CSR. The weekend was filled with fun and competition. Xualla Chapter won the Spirit Award and the Quest competition. Other activities on Saturday included Elangomat Training, Team Dance Practice, Brotherhood Prep, Ceremony Competition, Building Regalia, and OA Troop Rep Training. The world famous Woodfield Cook Crew served some great meals including spaghetti on Friday, hamburgers for Saturday lunch, and stew beef and potatoes for supper. An impressive Brotherhood Ceremony was held on Saturday evening as twelve Arrowmen sealed their membership in our Order. The weather was “gorgeous” and fun was had by all!

The 2000 SR-7B Section Conclave was hosted by Klahican Lodge at Camp Bowers on April 14 - 16. The weather was questionable on the way to camp but things were dry when the lodge arrived. Following dinner we assembled for the Opening Show. The lodge showed a lot of spirit along our theme of “Conclave at the Beach”. All but the patch traders were in bed by midnight and then the rains hit and it rained all night. Saturday started gray and rainy as the Vigil Honor members headed out for the Vigil Breakfast. Training dominated the morning and our members led several sessions. David Trull headed a team that set up a huge scoutcraft exhibit. They cooked Deer Sausage, Antelope, Chicken, Deer Chili, and Cowboy Beans. The Dance Team performed the Corn Dance from the Cherokee Nation. Heavy rain began after lunch and the Ceremony Competition and Individual Dance Competition had to move to shelters. Next was the Quest for the Golden Arrow. We competed well and with much spirit. The Closing Show was staged on Eagle Field and although there was lightning and thunder off in the distance the storm missed us. Next was the Section Feast where we prepared 300 hot dogs with the fixings. At the Awards Ceremony on Sunday morning the lodge won Honor Lodge, First in competition in Newsletter and Where to go Camping.

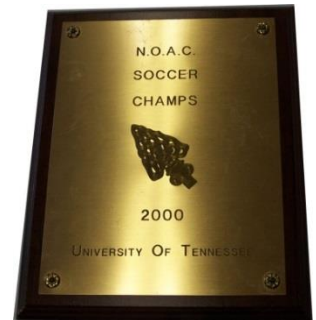


Only two weeks after the conclave the Old North State Council held a Council Camporee on April 28 - 30. More than 4,000 Scouts and Scouters visited Denton Farm Park for a weekend of fun and exciting activities. Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge rendered many hours of Cheerful Service in supporting this event. We provided Troop Guides, Chaos Crew, Camporee Newsletter, Midway Support, Show Ushers, Building Security, and an Indian Village with Necklace Making, Flint Napping, Archery, Dance & Drum, a Cooking Station and a Trading Post.

Another week passes and the lodge holds its Brotherhood Weekend and Beaver Day at Cherokee Scout Reservation. We inducted 20 new Ordeal members and 53 Arrowmen became Brotherhood. A lot of projects

were completed to help prepare CSR for the upcoming summer camp season. Good food, good weather and lots of service made this a very successful weekend!

From July 29 to August 2, 2000 a total of 45 members (31 Youth & 14 Adults) attended the National Order of the Arrow Conference held at the University of Tennessee located in Knoxville, TN. The lodge issued a special flap for this event. The delegation met at Woodfield Scout Preservation on Friday night so the group could depart early on Saturday. At 5:15am the group was on the road arriving in Knoxville at 12:30pm. The delegates were pleased to discover their dorm rooms were air conditioned! After dinner everyone headed to the Southern Region Gathering on the Intramural field. It ended early when a strong storm blew in. Sunday included Volleyball competition and a heartbreaking loss. The soccer team advanced via forfeit. An inspiring Opening Show filled the evening. Monday was filled with Training cells. Michaelong, Ron Lindler, and Bud Harrelson served as trainers for the session on "Taming the Mega Lodge". Larry Warlick was also on staff. The lodge soccer team played five games that afternoon ultimately winning the **National Championship!** Other lodge members competed in the NOAC Swim Meet. That night everyone enjoyed the History / Recognition Show where **John Isley** was presented with the **Distinguished Service Award (DSA)**. Tuesday had more training and Group Dance Competition. The lodge team performed the Cherokee Corn Dance. Chuck Hill and Michael Long manned a booth at the Camping Promotion Extravaganza and earned a 1st Place Ribbon and the lodge's "Where To Go Camping Booklet" placed 4th nationally. The American Indian Show was Tuesday night. Wednesday started early with a 5K Walk/Run then an all-day Founder's Day. There was Arrowfair and lunch on the South Lawn of the World's Fair Park. The final night's Theme Show focused on the NOAC's theme of "Bound in Brotherhood, Led by the Spirit". The evening ended with the Goodman Gala where everyone enjoyed Ice Cream and Fireworks. The lodge returned to NC on Thursday having participated in a great Conference!



On August 11 – 13 and October 6 – 8 the lodge held Ordeal Weekends inducting 180 and 200 new members.



September 9 – 10 was Vigil Weekend. The lodge chose three youth and three adults for this honor. They are Brandon Ellis, Chris Erickson, Jason Hardy, Chuck Hill, James S. Hardy, Jr. and Fred Mackie.



On November 17 – 19 the lodge held its Fall Fellowship. This year’s event had a theme of “Rodeo”. During the day Friday a group of dedicated members made Brunswick Stew. This fundraiser generates \$2,000+ each year for the lodge. That evening was casual with Brothers playing Board Games and having a Chess Tournament.



On Saturday the Western theme took over. Everyone enjoyed the Bronking Bull, Roping, Branding, and a Pie Eating Contest. A special lunch of pizza was attended by Troop OA Representatives. In the afternoon there was a Chapter Volleyball Tournament and a big Patch Auction. Lodge elections were held and the 2001 officers were selected. They are as follows: **Curtis Giles** – Lodge Chief, **Jack Wyrick** – VC Program, **Chris Erickson** – VC Service, **Brian Peters** – VC Publications, **Jason Hardy** – VC Finance, and **Travis Ramsey** – VC Records. Special guests joined us for the weekend, National OA Chief Carey Mignerey and Southern Region Chief Jim Cheatham. Carey was the keynote speaker for the Lodge Banquet and continued the tradition required of visiting dignitaries, he kissed the Moose! The banquet concluded with the year-in-review picture show. A Brotherhood Ceremony was held and a final Cracker Barrel.

This sixth full year for the lodge was very successful! Lodge Chief Michael Long and Lodge Adviser Ron Lindler led the lodge in obtaining **National Quality Lodge** status. The lodge had 1,256 members with 602 Ordeal, 504 Brotherhood, and 150 Vigil.

