

2003

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 Vice-Chief – Program: Joey Petrack
 Vice-Chief – Service: Trey Stowe
 Vice-Chief – Finance: John Noor

Vice-Chief – Indian Affairs: Ben Stanley
 Vice-Chief – Publications: John Fennimore
 Vice-Chief – Records: Bo Salsi
 Lodge Advisor: Johnny Somers



On January 4 - 5, the lodge conducted its Lodge Officer Training at Cherokee Scout Reservation. New lodge and chapter officers participated in team building and goal setting exercises. Many ideas were exchanged between current and former officers and advisors on how to make 2003 a successful year for Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge!

On February 9 a longtime, dedicated Scouter, **Bud McManus**, died. He served as Scoutmaster for Troop 508 in Ramseur and was very active in Unaliyi Chapter. He served at Camp Cherokee as Provisional Scoutmaster for many years. A memorial fund was set up to pay for a large shelter in Sioux campsite in Bud's honor.



March 7 - 9, 2003 – *Story by Matt Moricle, Arrowmen Press Corps* - "This past Spring Fellowship was wonderful. The weather at the event was perfect and everyone had a good time. On Friday night everybody checked in and set up camp. There was a "floating dinner" and Scouts watched videos or played board games. Next morning a breakfast of gravy, eggs, grits and sausage was served. Immediately after breakfast those Scouts going to Philmont went hiking. Meanwhile Saturday classes were taking place in camp. Some of the classes were Patch Design, Indian Affairs Training, OA Troop Representative Training, and Elangomat Training. After the classes everyone sat down to lunch. When lunch was done, every chapter went on an "EC Hunt". This is where chapters must find certain "leaders" and get their signature. Later Scouts participated in a relay race and five activity events which included the Flour Fling, 6-legged Race, a Foot race, Canoe Relay, and Rowing Relay. Dinner followed and there was a Pow-Wow, Founder's Award Presentation as well as a Brotherhood Ceremony. Board games and Patch Trading continued until the late hours. An excellent Cracker barrel was enjoyed Saturday night. Sunday morning everyone packed up and left for home." Founder's Award recipients were Jason Hardy, Robert Staley, and Ron Lindler.



Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge was recognized in 2003 as one of eight lodges nationally to receive the much coveted **E. Uner Goodman Camping Award**. The lodge listed the following accomplishments in its petition for the award:

- Hosting Summer Camp Promotional Dinners
- Paying for Leader's Guides for both camps
- Distribution of "Where To Go Camping" CDs
- Where To Go Camping section on the Website



- Articles about Camping in the Lodge Newsletter
- Increase in Camp Promotion Visits
- Assistance with 50-Miler Trek
- Increase in Long Term Campers from 2001 to 2002 from 2,213 campers to 2,791 campers.



On April 11 – 13 the lodge took over 200 delegates to the SR-7B Section Conclave hosted by Nayawin Rar Lodge 296 at the Tuscarora Scout Reservation. The lodge chose a spirit theme of “That 70s Lodge”. The weather was pleasant and the fellowship was warm. Everyone enjoyed a fun weekend which included training, competition in Ceremonies, Indian Dance, a Quest, and great shows. The lodge placed First in Newsletter and Where-To-Go-Camping, and won the highest Section

award – **Honor Lodge!** Teams placed third in Team Dance and in Ceremonies. Many lodge members assisted with two large exhibits, one on Native Americans and the other on Scoutcraft skills. Following a memorable Saturday night show everyone enjoyed a great fireworks display.

The lodge held its annual Brotherhood Weekend in conjunction with the Old North State Council’s Beaver Day on May 2 – 4 at Cherokee Scout Reservation. It was a chance to complete various service projects around camp in preparation for summer with the most notable being the set-up of the camp’s newest site, Cheyenne. There were a total of twelve Ordeal candidates inducted and seven members sealed their membership in the Order by becoming Brotherhood during the weekend.

On August 2 – 6 eleven lodge members traveled to Ridgecrest in the North Carolina mountains to attend the OA’s **Indian Summer**. They joined over 900 Arrowmen from across the country for training in Native American aspects of the Order of the Arrow. The delegates were Ken Shahbaz, Margaret Tatum, Ryan Elliott, Trey Stowe, Daniel Shope, Benji Rodgers, James Tatum, Andrew Tucker, Seth Fitzgerald, Ryan Neely and Geoff Hurin. Participants each chose one of three “learning tracks” for training: Native American events, Ceremonies, or Inductions Management. There was plenty of time for fun and fellowship with evening shows, Pow-Wows, and of course some Patch Trading.

On August 15 – 17 the lodge held an Ordeal at Woodfield Scout Preservation. There were 116 new members inducted into the Order and many hours of Cheerful Service was provided to the Council Cub Scout facility. Projects included clearing brush, trimming limbs, landscaping, and general clean-up of camp.



A special event for Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge each year is its Vigil Weekend. On September 13 – 14 the lodge added sixteen new Vigil members. They are **Daniel Somers, Scott Hagler, John Fennimore, Down Stowe, John Hamlett, Dan Popik, Andrew Tucker, Burma Wilkins, Joey Petrack, Paul Cole, Rusty Coco, Gary McIntyre, John Noor, Shirley Giles, David Barksdale, and Tim Donecker.**



On October 3 – 5 the lodge had a second Ordeal and inducted 156 candidates at Cherokee Scout Reservation. National Vice-Chief Rich Moore was a special guest and he served as an Elangomat. The weekend was spent cleaning up damage from Hurricane Isabel and preparing the camp for winter.

The lodge's main fundraiser each year is the Stew Sale. A group of dedicated Arrowmen under the leadership of Stewmeister Tommy Murray produced 1,428 quarts resulting in a profit of \$2,700 for the lodge.

On November 14 – 16 the lodge held its Fall Fellowship. Unfortunately, the weather was not cooperative as it was cloudy and rainy for most of the weekend. This did not stop the lodge from having a great event! Friday featured a huge Patch Auction with all kinds of patches, old uniforms, Scout books and other memorabilia. The auction raised over \$1,200. The second big event of the evening was a Dutch Oven cracker barrel with over 30 items to eat. Saturday was a busy day with training cells on the event's theme, Native American Heritage. Arrowmen learned about Regalia, Introduction to Dance, Finger Weaving, Beadwork, Drumming and Singing. The rain continued through the day limiting activities to indoors. In the late afternoon the lodge gathered for the Lodge Officers Forum and Elections. The following officers were elected: **Ryan Elliott** – Lodge Chief, **John Fennimore** – Vice Chief of Program, **Trey Stowe** – Vice Chief of Service, **Ranzie Bridgers** – Vice Chief of Unit Service, **Andrew Tucker** – Vice Chief of Indian Affairs, **David Wright** – Vice Chief of Finance, **Jeremy Freeman** – Vice Chief of Publications, and **Jonathan Stevens** – Vice Chief of Records.



The lodge's Annual Banquet kicked off the evening. Southern Region Chief Frank McMillan was the special guest and keynote speaker. The new Scout Executive, **John Meeks**, announced that **Ralph Ball** had been appointed as Lodge Adviser for 2004. The "Year in Review" slide show topped off the dinner. Later there was a Pow-Wow and cracker barrel.

It continued to rain on Sunday morning as all that remained had breakfast, a Worship Service, and final announcements. This event concluded another eventful year for Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge 70!

For the sixth year in a row the lodge met the requirements to be recognized as a **National Quality Lodge!** This is an achievement that only about 40% of lodges attain each year. The year's final membership numbers were 1,227 Total members with 529 – Ordeal, 638 – Brotherhood, and 170 – Vigil.

Patch issued to commemorate recognition of the lodge for earning the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award.

