

## 2005

Lodge Chief:	John Fennimore	Vice-Chief – Indian Affairs:	Josh Fennimore
Vice-Chief – Program:	Geoff Hurin	Vice-Chief – Publications:	Alex Martin
Vice-Chief – Service:	Michael Stamat	Vice-Chief – Records:	Buddy Hatley
Vice-Chief – Finance:	Greyson Gsell	Lodge Advisor:	Ralph Ball
Vice-Chief – Unit Affairs:	Ben Stanley		

The year started with the Lodge Leadership Development Conference on January 7 – 9 at Woodfield Scout Preservation. Lodge and Chapter officers were split up so skills learned would be more tailored to their duties. Participants learned leadership skills such as Building Relationships, How to run a Chapter Meeting, the Mission of the Order, and Planning Lodge Events. At the conclusion of the weekend, previous Lodge Chief Ryan Elliott took a little swim!

During the winter of 2005 lodge members helped with the construction of the new Metalwork Shelter.

On the weekend of March 4 – 6 Tsoiotsi Tsogalii lodge held two events. In conjunction with its Spring Fellowship the lodge held a Webelos-REE. About 80 Webelos Scouts visited Cherokee Scout Reservation on Saturday for a sampling of what it would be like to be a Boy Scout. The lodge provided Cooking Demonstrations, American Indian Dancing, Singing, and Crafts, Fire Building, First Aid How-tos, and Archery. Other Arrowmen received training in Unit Elections, New Member Orientation, and being an Elangomat. A total of 165 Brothers attended the event. Ten Arrowmen sealed their membership in the Order by converting to Brotherhood.



The 2005 SR-7B Section Conclave was hosted by Wahissa Lodge #118 at Camp Raven Knob. Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge used the Blues Brothers theme. Members were seen wearing Fedoras, sunglasses, and sport coats.



Friday night opened with a campfire and luau. Saturday featured a new training format called the **OAX**, the OA Xperience. There were numerous exhibits to visit including History of NC Through Guns (Tommy Murray), Snake Demo, Patch Trading Ethics, GPS Orienteering Course, History of the Section Through Patches (Rick Horne) and more. An Indian Village taught participants about Flute making, dancing, singing, and drumming. The

afternoon included competition. There was Indian Dancing and the Quest for the Golden Arrow. The lodge placed first in the Team Dance! The Quest team came close but finished second. Wahissa presented a new rededication ceremony with the assistance some Tsoiotsi Tsogalii dancers. Following the final campfire there was a pow-wow and a big cracker barrel. For the sixth year in a row Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge won the coveted Honor Lodge Award!

In the summer of 2005 the BSA celebrated its 95<sup>th</sup> birthday with a National Jamboree. Once again the event was held at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia. Old North State Council sent five troops and the lodge issued a special flap for members that were attending. The patch was available to all Brothers for \$3.00 each via pre-order.



**National Service Grant** – The Order of the Arrow announced that eleven Service Grants were being awarded for 2005. Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge was presented with \$3,280 to construct a program shelter for summer camp health and safety programs.

It was hot on August 12 - 14 when the lodge held an Ordeal at Woodfield Scout Preservation. Many of the candidates tapped out during summer camp gave lots of cheerful service in projects throughout the council's Cub Scout camp.

On September 10 – 11 the lodge held its Vigil Weekend. Special activities are conducted each year with the process of inducting the candidates for the Vigil Honor. This year's new Vigils were Cameron Barr, Andrew Craven, Josh Fennimore, Willard Hinkle, Cyndy Pierce, Daniel Shope, Grant Smith, Jonathan Stevens, Ken Stevens, and Patti Tucker.

The lodge's largest Ordeal of the year was held at Cherokee Scout Reservation on September 30 - October 2. Almost 200 candidates were inducted following a busy day of silent working all over camp.

The 2005 Fall Fellowship held on November 18-20 was deemed a great success! Many Brothers enjoyed the weekend's theme of "Kingdom of Yanceyville". In keeping with the medieval theme, members displayed their homemade armor and participated in mock fights and jousting. There was a movie night and time spent working on Indian arts and crafts. A special dedication ceremony was held with the opening of the new Bud McManus Shelter in Sioux campsite. Bud was a longtime lodge member and provisional scoutmaster for many summers. The lodge raised the funds and built this shelter in his memory. The afternoon included the election of Lodge Officers. Following are the results: **Ben Stanley** – Lodge Chief, **Geoff Hurin** – Vice-Chief of Program, **Buddy Hatley** – VC of Council Service, **Matt Moricle** – VC of Unit Affairs, **Daniel Shope** – VC of Indian Affairs, **Michael Clifton** – VC of Publications, **Paul Borowicz** – VC of Records, and **Josh Payne** – VC of Finance. Saturday evening began with the Lodge Banquet. It featured guest speakers Justin Stirewalt and Scout Executive John Meeks. **Linda Shahbaz** was presented the Red Feather Award, the lodge's recognition for a non-member that provides distinguished service in support of Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge. **J. Trivette** was presented the Founder's Award for giving outstanding service to the lodge. A special patch was issued for participants in Indian Affairs. There is a round patch with four rockers available: Ceremonies, Dance, Drum, and Helper. Ralph Ball was thanked for serving as Lodge Advisor and Rob Kennerly was introduced as the new one. This event was a great way to end the year!

