

2006

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Vice-Chief – Program:	Geoff Hurin	Vice-Chief – Publications:	Michael Clifton
Vice-Chief – Service:	Buddy Hatley	Vice-Chief – Records:	Paul Borowicz
Vice-Chief – Finance:	Josh Payne	Lodge Advisor:	Rob Kennerly
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The newly elected officers of Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge gathered at Woodfield Scout Preservation on the weekend of January 6-8 for the Lodge Leadership Development Conference. A slightly different format was used this year as Bud Harrelson worked with Chapter Officers and Michael Long and Daniel Glaze dealt with Lodge Officers. A strong leadership team was developed through team building exercises, training sessions, and goal setting. This successful event started a very busy year!

On March 3 – 5, 2006 the lodge held its Spring Fellowship at Cherokee Scout Reservation. For the second year in a row the lodge sponsored a Webelos-Ree. While part of the lodge was demonstrating various Scouting skills to the Webelos Scouts other members were preparing for the SR-7B Section Conclave which the lodge was hosting at camp in April. Lodge members received the first patch of a series issued for the year. It was a feather that hangs from a new lodge jacket patch. Following a fabulous dinner several Arrowmen sealed their membership in the Order by converting to Brotherhood.



The lodge held work days to prepare camp for the upcoming conclave on Saturdays – March 18 and 25, April 1 and 8. For Brothers that worked the entire day each received one Workday flap. They also had the opportunity to purchase a second flap for \$3.00. These days were quite productive and camp was put into excellent shape for the big event. A total of 232 Brothers attended the workdays with 26 attending all four. The largest single accomplishment was the completion of the new Dance Arbor. It was dedicated to the nation’s veterans.

Finally on April 21 the 2006 SR-7B Section Conclave began at Cherokee Scout Reservation. Under the leadership of Martin Stamat and Johnny Somers, Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge was ready to host an event with 959 participants (488 youth and 471 adults). Staff arrived on Friday morning and prepared for a crowd. Following supper under a tent and in the Dining Hall the delegates gathered in the Council Ring for the Opening Campfire. Great enthusiasm was demonstrated by all lodges during the opening roll call. The lodge performed a few skits including a camp favorite, “Do You Like Fuzzy Cream?” The evening ended with cracker barrels in campsites for each lodge.



Saturday morning started early with a 6:30 Vigil Breakfast and Rededication. Following breakfast of Bacon, Eggs, Grits Biscuits & Gravy, participants enjoyed the OAX which ran from 9:00 to 2:30. All along Water Tank Road there were exhibits with everything from Amateur radio to state parts, reptiles to law enforcement. There were booths for mallet making, Dutch oven cooking, pottery, first aid training, fish studying, flute making, and Cub Scout gaming. The Archery and Rifle Ranges were open for shooting. An Indian Village located near the Dance Arbor offered Native American bead stringing, regalia visualizations and more. For

the first time the Section sponsored a Bloodmobile. There was so much interest the Red Cross had to turn some Brothers away. On the Activity field there were Redneck Games.



In the afternoon competition dominated the schedule. At 3:15 there was a Spirit Parade as lodge delegations moved to the Activity field for the Quest for the Golden Arrow. Tsoitsi Tsogalii Lodge had a spirit theme of the Pink Panther. Members wore pink epaulets, pink sashes, and some had pink hair. The lodge had two patches with this pink theme. At the Quest, lodges engaged in such events as Moon Pie

eating and Redneck Idol. Ceremony and Indian Dance competitions were also held. These activities went well although there was some rain to deal with during the day. Section Elections were held then everyone ate a delicious supper of Barbecue, Slaw, Boiled Potatoes, Baked Beans and Cobbler. At 7:00 there was a big Patch Auction.

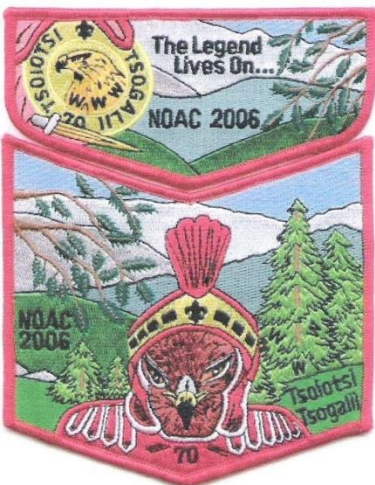


The Saturday night campfire included a slide show of all the day's activities. Dancers came dressed in regalia and danced to entertain the crowd. Indian Affairs awards were announced and then the lights dimmed for Tsoitsi Tsogalii Lodge's re-enactment of the first OA ceremony. The evening ended with a big cracker barrel and lots of patch trading.

Following Sunday breakfast there was an Interfaith Worship Service in the Council Ring led by Cameron Barr. The Awards Ceremony followed as the conclave ended with the introduction of new Section officers. The lodge placed first in Newsletter, Website, and Team Dance. Several members placed first in Individual Dance competition. Everyone headed for home and it was deemed by all to be a great weekend!

Shortly after the conclave the lodge held its Brotherhood Weekend. A total of 38 candidates passed their Ordeal and 22 members converted to Brotherhood. Several work projects were completed preparing the camp for summer. Participants received the second feather patch in the year's series.

On July 29 – August 3 the lodge sent a delegation to the National Order of the Arrow Conference held at Michigan State University. They were part of the biggest NOAC to date with over 8,000 participants. The lodge traveled by bus with delegates from Occonechee Lodge.



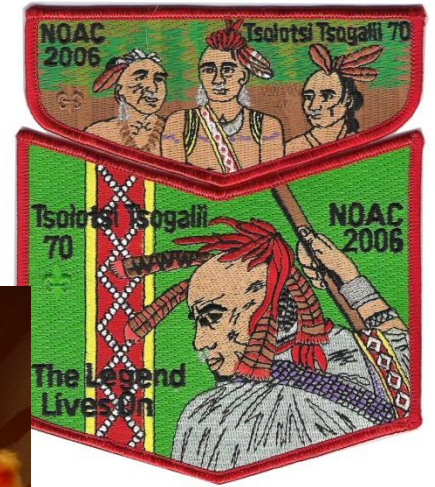
The delegates enjoyed a week of training, competition, and great shows. There was a special spirit in the different activities which included Brothers from across the country.

The lodge entered the NOAC competition for Lodge Newsletters, Lodge Websites, Patch Design and Lodge History. Tsoitsi Tsogalii also had competitors in Team and Individual Indian Dance events. Everyone was surprised and excited





National Champions in the competition on Oral History. The two-piece patch with a Cherokee Indian theme was declared First Place! For Founder's Day the lodge manned a booth serving Cowboy Beans and Sweet Tea. It was very popular!



On August 19 – 20 the lodge held its annual Vigil Weekend. The following Brothers received the Vigil Honor: **Michael Clifton, Geoffrey Hurin, Greyson Gsell, Ben Stanley, Martin Stamat, Edwin Owens, Josh Payne, Mark Oliver, Larry Parker, Jeff Gleiser, Randy Shope, and John Branson Brown.**



The lodge held its first fall induction weekend on September 8 -10 at Woodfield Scout Preservation. A total of 141 candidates completed their Ordeal and provided a tremendous amount of service to the council's Cub Scout camp. Participants received the third feather patch for the 2006 series.



On October 6 – 8 the lodge held its second Induction weekend. The location for this event was Cherokee Scout Reservation. Over 130 candidates worked on important projects all over camp. On this occasion lodge members received the fourth feather patch.

Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge has one fundraiser which has been a tradition for over 25 years, originally started by Tsalagi Lodge. On November 3 – 4 the lodge conducted its annual Stew Sale. Arrowmen in each chapter sold quarts of the lodge’s version of Brunswick Stew. A few key members start the process on Friday night by preparing chicken and vegetables. On

Saturday morning wood fires are built under several 100 gallon kettles. The kettles are filled with some ingredients and the process begins. Under the supervision of stewmaster Tommy Murray each component is added at the proper time. Brothers spend time stirring with large wooden paddles to keep the stew from sticking. The process takes most of the day. By late afternoon the stew is fully cooked and an assembly line is formed to transfer the stew to plastic quart containers. Stew is then available for members to fill their orders.



On November 17 – 19 the lodge held its final event of the year, the Fall Fellowship. Brothers arrived on Friday evening for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and a chance to reflect on the year’s activities. Various activities and some light training took place on Saturday. The Indian Affairs enthusiasts enjoyed seminars working on regalia, rehearsing ceremonies, and beating the drum. During the afternoon the lodge held its election of officers for 2007. The following Scouts were elected: **Martin Stamat** – Lodge Chief, **Jay Lawler** – Vice Chief of Program, **Caleb Smith** – VC of Service, **Cody Harker** – VC of Unit Affairs, **Andrew Krasula** – VC of Indian Affairs, **Tyler Faucette** – VC of Finance, **Michael Clifton** – VC of Publications, and **Ryan Neely** – VC of Records. On Saturday evening the lodge held its annual banquet. Special recognitions were presented. The Founders’ Award was presented to Martin Stamat, Pam Wilson, and Jason Coe. New lodge officers were sworn in and outgoing officers were thanked for their service. The highlight of the evening was a “year in review” PowerPoint show including photos of all the lodge’s activities

during 2006. Participants received the fifth feather patch in the series for the year. This fun-filled event brought to a conclusion the lodge’s activities for 2006 and all looked forward to a great 2007.

