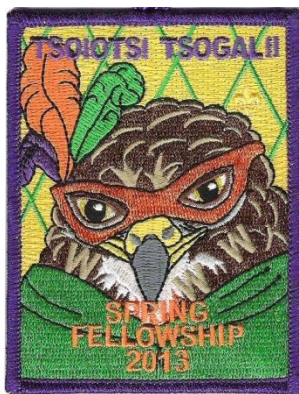


2013

Lodge Chief:	Justin Erickson	Vice-Chief – Indian Affairs:	Chris Cannon
Vice-Chief – Program:	Andrew Gannon	Vice-Chief – Communications:	Grayson Jones
Vice-Chief – Service:	Cody Thomas		
Vice-Chief – Administration:	Wil Hoppe	Lodge Advisor:	Ken Shahbaz

Officers served from June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013

On February 16, 2013 a small group of Arrowmen went to Cedarrock Park to participate in “One Day of Service”. General clean-up and trail maintenance was done at this Alamance County park.



On March 22 – 24 Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge held its Spring Fellowship at Cherokee Scout Reservation. It was a cool but pleasant weekend filled with fun activities. After an evening of board games, corn hole, karaoke, and a yummy cracker barrel, the lodge started a busy Saturday. There was a competition between chapters, but most of the time was spent preparing for the upcoming conclave in April. Quest events were practiced and plans were made for exhibits. Indian Affairs participants rehearsed for ceremony competitions, dancers worked on regalia, and singers beat the drum. Later in the day elections were held and the following officers were elected: Lodge Chief - **Chris Kuczkowski**, Vice Chief of Program – **Ben Triplett**, VC of Service – **Sierra Webb**, VC of Administration – **Lanning Honeycutt**, VC of Indian Affairs – **Will Triplett**, VC of Communications – **Blake Ferree**. Another special activity at the Spring Fellowship was the Vigil Tap-out.

On April 19 - 21 lodge members headed to Camp Durant for the SR-7B Section Conclave. The lodge took 222 delegates to join a record attendance of 1,701! Friday afternoon featured a severe storm with heavy winds and downed trees and branches. Power to camp was knocked out until 9:00pm. Arrowmen set up camp in light showers and picked up their spirit items. The lodge’s spirit theme was Mardi Gras. The most popular item was the colorful hats, some having lights. The Opening Campfire was held in the Grand Lodge. Vigil members enjoyed a reception and rededication ceremony. By Saturday morning the weather had cleared and everyone enjoyed the OAX – OA Xperience.



Several lodge members manned popular booths. Tommy Murray displayed his long rifles. Several Scouters worked a large cooking demonstration featuring a delicious Gumbo and other treats. In American Indian Activities the lodge did well. The dance team placed second in team competition, the Cub Scout Crossover Ceremony team placed second, and the Brotherhood Ceremony team placed third. Successful individual dance competitors included Will Triplett (1st Jr. Grass Dance), Austin Shelton (3rd Jr. Grass Dance), and Dustin Cocklereese (1st Sr. Fancy Dance). The afternoon saw delegates assembled in their spirit wear and prepared for the Quest for the Golden Arrow. The lodge’s team did well but did not win. On Saturday evening the Section staged a “Legacy Dinner”. The Section took this occasion to recognize and thank former Section Advisers. Several were

members of Lodge 70 and its predecessor lodges: Charlie Garwood (1982 – 89), John Young (1990 – 93), Larry Warlick (1994 – 99), Tommy Murray (2000 – 2003), J. Corpening (2004 – 2009), Bud Harrelson (2010 – 2013) and Staff Adviser Ted Williams (1996 – 2013). The Saturday night show was the highlight of the conclave. The lodge chiefs and section officers started off by decorating Section Adviser Bud Harrelson as a birthday cake. A lifesaving medal was presented and Indian Affairs awards were distributed. The show concluded with a brilliant fireworks display. Following the show was the Section's first "Cardnival". This celebration included



fun activities around the Grand Lodge. Arrowmen enjoyed karaoke, corn hole, a dunking booth and ice cream sundaes. A Friendship Pow-wow also ran deep into the night.

Overnight the temperature dropped and Sunday morning was crisp and cool. Everyone attended a Worship Service and Closing Ceremonies where final awards were presented and the new Section officers were sworn in. Special gifts were given to outgoing Section Advisers Bud Harrelson and Ted Williams. New Section Adviser Rob Kennerly wished everyone a safe trip home.



On May 2 – 3 the lodge held its Spring Inductions Weekend in conjunction with the council's Beaver Day at Camp Cherokee. A great many projects were completed and a final group of 31 Ordeal candidates helped prepare for the summer camp season.



The Lodge Leadership Development training session was held at CSR on May 18 – 19. The recently elected lodge officers, chapter officers, and advisers gathered to plan for the coming year. The session included team building exercises, training on leadership in the OA, and goal setting for the coming year. Participants received a special jacket patch designed by Rick Morgan.

On Saturday afternoon Vigil members from the lodge gathered at camp and set up a special dinner and evening for the 2013 Vigil candidates. The following Brothers became Vigil members of the Order of the Arrow that evening: **Preston Aldridge,**

Gregory Barber, Alan Brown, Jr., Mike Dornbush, James Downs, Sr., Tony Evans, Kenneth Price, Jr., Walter Stowe, Sierra Webb, Stephen Williams.

From July 15 - 24 over 200 Scouts and Scouters from Old North State Council attended the 2013 National Jamboree as participants or staff. They traveled to the BSA's new high adventure base, the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve, located near the New River Gorge in West Virginia. The weather was warm with numerous thunder storms, but everyone enjoyed this new Scouting resort. The lodge issued a two-piece patch set for the jamboree.



On September 6 – 8 the lodge held an Ordeal at Woodfield Scout Preservation. The candidates completed several projects around the camp. The old deck on the Longhouse was removed. Shelters and Restrooms were stained. Trees were removed, cut and split. Brush was cleared from dams and roadways. A total of 115 new Brothers were inducted and 8 members sealed their membership in the Order by becoming Brotherhood.



On October 4 – 6 the lodge held the second of its three Fall Inductions. This event took place at Cherokee Scout Reservation. Over 120 candidates arrived on Friday to take their Ordeal. Numerous Arrowmen served as Elangomats and others provided cheerful service all over the CSR property. From cleaning an old cemetery to cutting trees and splitting logs, painting the OA Lodge Building to working on the shooting ranges, many valuable projects were completed.



For many years the lodge celebrated its achievements in November at an event called the Fall Fellowship. An annual banquet was held with presentation of awards and the introduction of new officers. In 2009 the lodge changed the term served by officers from the calendar year to June 1 through May 31. In 2013 the lodge decided to designate the Spring Fellowship as the time to hold its banquet and celebrate the year's accomplishments. In the fall of 2013 the event formerly known as the Fall Fellowship became the Fall OA Experience.



On November 8 – 10, 2013 the lodge held the renamed and repurposed event. Much was scheduled for the weekend including the Lodge Stew, an Ordeal, a Museum dedication, and a Webelosree. On Thursday afternoon a few dedicated Lodge members arrived at Cherokee Scout Reservation to begin making the lodge's version of Brunswick Stew. Vegetables and chicken were prepared to make over 400 gallons of stew. Under the leadership of Dan Day, Lodge Stew Adviser, and guidance of Tommy Murray, the process began in a manner followed for over 30 years. By Friday afternoon when most Brothers arrived at camp four large kettles of stew were nearing completion. At that time a number of OA candidates also arrived at camp to begin their Ordeal. The evening was busy with everyone getting settled in for a big weekend.

Saturday morning was like a three-ring circus at camp. Webelos Scouts and families arrived for a day of learning about becoming a Boy Scout and the adventures available at Cherokee Scout Reservation. Ordeal candidates were busy doing work projects. A number of guests arrived by lunch for a special early afternoon event. The Old North State Council dedicated the Boy Scout museum located in the basement of the “Doc” Lewis OA Lodge Building. David Pugh, chairman of the council History Committee, led the museum dedication ceremony. Scout Executive Rodney Carpenter and Council President Bill Goebel also spoke. The museum was named for Bill Pergerson, a “Scoutmaster, Vigil Honor Member, Wood Badge Staffer, Silver Beaver Award recipient, Patch Trader, Teacher”. Mr. Pergerson had been a very active member of Tsoitsi Tsogalii Lodge and Tsalagi Lodge before that. His son, Bryant Pergerson, shared that the family thought it was fitting to remember his father through the museum since he loved Scouting, enjoyed collecting Boy Scout memorabilia, and was very close to Doc Lewis in whose building the museum is located. Following the ceremony everyone enjoyed cake and touring the museum.



Later that afternoon the lodge held its annual patch auction raising funds to help provide scholarships for Arrowmen to attend the 2015 NOAC. Following dinner there were Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies then a fine cracker barrel for all to enjoy. There were evening games, karaoke, corn hole, and even some patch trading. Sunday was time for breakfast followed by a brief worship service, some announcements, and then a quick clean-up of camp. Everyone headed for home concluding another successful year of OA activities.

At the end of 2013 three, dedicated, long-term BSA professionals that served Old North State Council retired. To commemorate their service the lodge issued special patches to honor these men. Alfred Giles served as Camp Ranger at Camp Uwharrie and then Woodfield Scout Preservation from 1983 to 2013. Dan Dobbins served as DE, District Director and Field Director in General Greene Council and ONSC from 1981 to 2013. Ted Williams served Cherokee Council and ONSC most recently as Assistant Scout Executive from 1972 to 2013.

