

## 2014

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| Lodge Chief:                 | Chris Kuczkowski  | Vice-Chief – Indian Affairs: | Wil Triplett |
| Vice-Chief – Program:        | Ben Triplett      | Vice-Chief – Communications: | Blake Ferree |
| Vice-Chief – Service:        | Sierra Webb       |                              |              |
| Vice-Chief – Administration: | Lanning Honeycutt | Lodge Advisor:               | Ken Shahbaz  |

*Officers served from June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014*

The lodge began 2014 on January 11 with LLD 101, a new version of Lodge Leadership Development open to all members, youth and adult. The purpose of the event was to develop leadership skills and learn benefits of participating in the OA at leadership levels. Over 75 members attended the event at the ONSC Service Center. Brothers attending the activity enjoyed lunch and were to receive a special LLD jacket patch. Lodge Adviser Ken Shahbaz had the unpleasant task of telling everyone that the patches had arrived but been misplaced. He received a lot of good-natured kidding over losing the patches. (Each participant did receive their patch in the mail a short time after the event!)



On the weekend of March 21 - 23 Tsoioitsi Tsogalii Lodge held its Spring Fellowship. The lodge kicked off its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration with this event. Attendance was lower than normal because some of the local school systems had school on Saturday to make up for days lost due to winter snow and ice. The event was full of activity including lots of planning and preparation for the upcoming SR-7B Section Conclave. The Indian Affairs group worked with ceremonial teams, regalia making, drum and dance practice.



On Saturday afternoon the lodge held election for the officers to serve for the coming year. The following officers were elected: Lodge Chief – **Lanning Honeycutt**, Vice Chief of Program – **Blake Ferree**, VC of Service – **Connor Steele**, VC of Administration – **Brandon Myers**, VC of Indian Affairs – **Joshua Malloy**. The VC of Communications position remained open.



That evening the lodge held its annual Banquet. Following a tasty meal, awards and recognitions were presented to deserving Brothers for the past year. The Founders' Award was presented to John Young and Andrew Gannon. Indian Affairs awards were distributed to those that served as Elangomats and assisted with ceremonies, dance team and drum. The 2013 – 2014 Lodge officers were recognized and thanked for their service. The new officers for 2014 – 2015 were introduced. Outgoing chief Chris Kuczkowski then passed the bonnet to Lanning Honeycutt. A plug was made to encourage Brothers to sign up to attend the 2015 National OA Conference. Those attending the event received an attractive patch. Each of the lodge's issues in 2014 will feature a "20" to commemorate the anniversary of the lodge's founding through merger in 1994.

As the sun set the lodge gathered in the Campfire Ring for the Vigil Tap-out. The following Brothers were selected for the Vigil Honor: **Lanning Honeycutt, Brandon Grose, Benjamin Triplett, Wilson Triplett, Garrett Richardson, Joey Boyd, Jeff Triplett and Colin Lemon.**



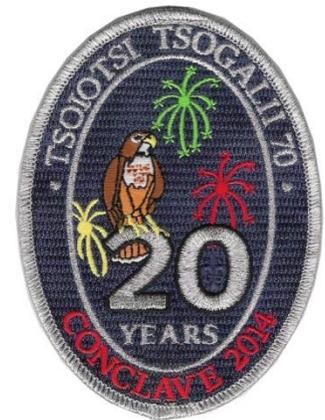
On April 25 -27 the lodge sent a delegation of 200+ to the SR-7B Section Conclave hosted by Klahican Lodge at Camp Bowers near White Oak, NC. The weather was warm as members arrived and set up camp. Those delegates that signed up by a late March deadline received a special Early Bird flap. This year the patch was a “ghost” flap with a 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary theme. The second patch was a limited edition delegate dangle and the third item was a delegate flap. The design matched the ghost flap, but with lots of color. These flaps were available to all delegates and became popular traders.



Following dinner the lodge gathered to attend the evening show held on Eagle Field. Section Chief Kenneth Ericson welcomed the 1,330 cheering delegates. An entertaining program was followed by a Cracker Barrel in



the lodge campsite. Vigil members enjoyed a reception at the BB& T Training Center and a special rededication ceremony. Saturday was filled with the OAX, Ceremonies and Dance competition, the Quest for the Golden Arrow, and Section elections. Members of the lodge manned several OAX exhibits including a large cooking demonstration. A number of delegates chose the lodge’s jambalaya, soft-shelled crabs, and other treats over the box lunch served by the host lodge. Many lodge members participated in the Section Blood Drive. The lodge competed in several events. Teams performed in Pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood Ceremony competition. The lodge dance team also competed. The results were strong with the lodge placing second in both the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony and in the Team



Dance. The following dancers also received honors: Josh Malloy and Tom Triplett (Jr. Grass Dance), Connor Steele and Blake Ferree (Sr. Fancy Dance).

In Section elections Tsoioisi Tsoi galii brother, **Blake Ferree**, was elected to the position of Section Secretary. Following a delicious dinner the lodges gathered on Eagle Field for the Saturday night show. It was relatively

short yet still quite spirited. The Carnival was held in front of the Dining Hall and featured bounce houses, sumo suits and a sticky wall. Delegates enjoyed a cracker barrel and ice cream sundaes. A Powwow was held in the Dance Arbor and several lodge members attended. Patch trading was also a favorite activity for several lodge members.

On Sunday morning lodge members packed their bags and prepared for the trip home. After breakfast everyone attended a Worship Service and the Closing Ceremony and Awards. Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge did not bring home top honors, but everyone enjoyed a great weekend of fellowship.



Just one week following conclave the Old North State Council held its annual Beaver Day on May 2 - 4 at Cherokee Scout Reservation. A make-up Ordeal gave 2013 candidates one final opportunity to join the Order. Valuable projects were completed to help prepare for the upcoming summer camp season.

On May 16 – 18 lodge and chapter officers and advisors met for LLD 102. Training was the main objective for this event, then the setting of goals for the coming year. On Saturday afternoon lodge Vigil Brothers arrived to prepare for Vigil Weekend. A special dinner was held for those chosen for the Vigil honor. Seven of the Brothers tapped in March took their vigil that evening. Breakfast followed on Sunday morning for those that stayed the night.

The summer of 2014 found many lodge members serving on the staff of Cherokee Scout Reservation and Woodfield Scout Preservation. Each week OA members were invited to a reception on Monday night to discuss their involvement in the Order. Ordeal members were encouraged to convert to Brotherhood on Tuesday and to help with the Tap-out ceremony on Thursday night. A total of \_\_\_\_ members became Brotherhood during the six weeks of camp.



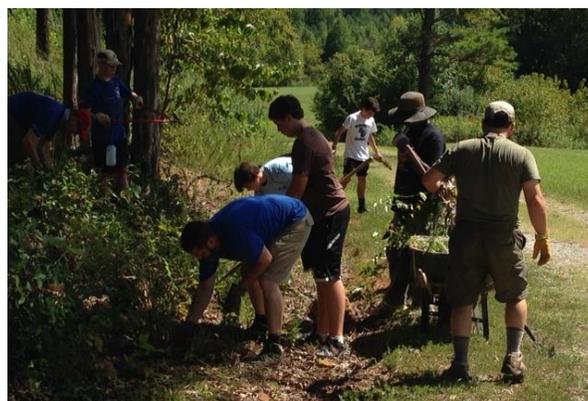


During the summer members were encouraged to sign up to attend the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference to be held at Michigan State University. Those that made a deposit were given a special Early Bird patch. By early August over a year before the NOAC, 55 members had signed up. The lodge was well on its way to reaching its goal to take 100 delegates to this OA Centennial event.

The Scouts that were tapped out during summer camp had two opportunities to take their Ordeal. A total of 140(?) candidates arrived at Woodfield Scout Preservation on Friday, September 5. After setting up their tents and stowing their gear the candidates gathered at the campfire ring where they were divided into clans and met their Elangomats. The clans got acquainted and awaited the start of the Ordeal. They bedded down for the night following the starting ceremonies. Saturday was a day of scant food, silence and hard work. Several buildings at camp received a new coat of stain, underbrush was cleared, and logs were cut. A fine dinner rewarded the candidates after a productive day. Moving ceremonies followed dinner and the lodge welcomed its new members with a fine Cracker Barrel.



On October 3 – 5 more than 140(?) candidates arrived at Cherokee Scout Reservation for their Ordeal. The weather was fine for a weekend of ceremonies and service projects. A lot of work was completed and camp was prepared for the fall and winter season.



On the weekend of November 7 – 9 Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge held its Fall “Gathering”. About 200 Brothers gathered at Cherokee Scout Reservation for fun, fellowship and to celebrate the lodge’s 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



Friday started early with a small crew preparing the lodge’s annual fundraiser activity. For over 30 years the lodge has made its version of Brunswick Stew. Quarts are sold for \$6.00 each and this year over 1,500 quarts were prepared. The lodge was pleased to welcome Section Chief Stephen Frein of Occoneechee Lodge to the event and he was put to work in helping stir the stew. That evening a number of Brothers were seen trading patches during the cracker barrel.

On Saturday the lodge welcomed 200 Webelos Scouts, their parents and leaders to camp for the annual Webelos-ree. From 9:30 to 3:00 the young Scouts were treated to many activities all over camp. They made Indian crafts, beat the drum and tried Indian dancing. There were games and displays in several program areas and they got a look at what it means to be a Boy Scout and attend summer camp. After lunch the Old North State Council dedicated the camp Rifle Range to Ted Williams. Ted recently retired as a longtime professional in the council. He served Section SR-7B as Staff Advisor for many years and in 2012 was presented the OA’s Distinguished Service Award (DSA). Later that afternoon the annual patch auction was held with many local patches going to eager collectors.



During the weekend Brothers were able to purchase the recently released 2015 NOAC fundraiser patches. The five, two-piece sets were sold as a group with a limit of 5 sets per member. A fine banquet was held that evening followed by a brief presentation on the 2015 SR-7B Conclave given by the Section Chief. The new Brotherhood ceremony was performed Saturday night for the first time by Tsojotsi Tsogalii Lodge. A Dutch oven competition provided some tasty desserts for the lodge's Birthday celebration.

This fun-filled weekend concluded on Sunday morning with everyone looking forward to 2015 and celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Order of the Arrow.

As 2014 drew to a close the lodge introduced two new patches to celebrate the Order of the Arrow's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2015. The first was a Council Shoulder Patch (CSP) for Old North State Council which included the OA's special 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo. The second patch was an OA flap. The patch included the OA's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo and the dates 1915 – 2015.

