

## 2015

Lodge Chief:	Lanning Honeycutt	Vice Chief – Indian Affairs:	Joshua Malloy
Vice Chief – Program:	Blake Ferree	Vice Chief – Communications:	
Vice Chief – Service:	Connor Steele	Lodge Adviser:	Ken Shahbaz
Vice Chief – Administration:	Brandyn Myers	Staff Adviser:	Ann Jones

*Officers served from June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2015*

On January 10, 2015 over seventy members of Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge attended LLD 101 – Lodge Leadership Development – at the Old North State Council office. This abbreviated training course was designed to introduce being a leader or adviser to any interested lodge members. The participants were grouped by chapter and went to the following sessions: Coaching a Team, ABC's of Decision Making, Conflict Resolution, and The Keys to Delegation. After lunch there was an "Adults Only" session where Lodge Adviser Ken Shahbaz updated the leaders on 2015 Journey to Excellence, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary topics, and plans for the year. The event ended with a general session to present certificates to everyone that was there. Following the LLD 101 the lodge held its first Lodge Executive Committee meeting of the year.



On February 9 the lodge officers took a trip to Raleigh and participated in the BSA's Annual Report to the Governor. In addition to hearing speeches and presentations, the group had a chance to speak with Governor Pat McCrory. Lanning took the opportunity to take a selfie with the governor and the Tsoiotsi Tsogalii delegation.

The weekend of March 20 – 22 was the occasion for the lodge's Spring Fellowship. Brothers gathered at Cherokee Scout Reservation for a time of fun and fellowship. There were several special activities enjoyed by the participants. These included a set of Mountain Man Rendezvous events

like a unique black powder activity. The Shooting Sports Committee for the lodge also provided Muzzle-loading shooting, .22 Long Rifle, shotgun, Slingshot and Archery. Other activities included knife throwing, Hawk throwing, and turkey shoot. The lodge used this event to promote and prepare for the Section Conclave. In the afternoon Lodge Officer Elections were held to choose the Arrowmen to lead the lodge from June 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016. The results of the election were **Lanning Honeycutt** - Lodge Chief; **Brandyn Myers** – Vice Chief Program, **Easton Rains**- Vice Chief Service, **Chase Draughn** – Vice Chief Administration, **Blake Ferree** – Vice Chief Indian Affairs, and **Jimmy Kniss** – Vice Chief Communications. The Lodge Banquet was held on Saturday evening and the lodge recognized its new officers and the Founder's Award was presented. The 2015 recipient was Chris Fulcher. Following dinner was the Lodge Vigil Call-out. Eight Brothers were announced as this year's Vigil candidates. They included: Ernest Caviness, William Hunter Caviness, Blake Ferree, Craig Hendrix, Wayne Isley, Brian Lasley, Brandyn Myers, and Easton Rains. It was a fun and eventful weekend enjoyed by all that attended!



On April 17 – 19 over 200 Brothers traveled to Tuscarora Scout Reservation in eastern North Carolina for the SR-7B Section Conclave. Everyone was excited to participate in the special centennial celebration at conclave.



Delegates arrived on Friday afternoon to a sunny and warm camp and set up their tents. They then picked up their spirit gear. The lodge chose a theme of LUAU and soon Scouts and Scouters were seen wearing Hawaiian shirts, blinking flower leis, sunglasses and beach hats. Brothers received their blue border “early bird” flap and green border delegate flaps which showed a hawk surfing in his Hawaiian gear.



Following dinner the 1,500 conclave participants gathered on the activity field for the opening show. A lot of spirit was demonstrated by each lodge cheering and lodge wind feathers flying. The show was a combination of humor and history as everyone was welcomed and reminded of this occasion to celebrate 100 years of cheerful service. A special Vigil Rededication and Reception was enjoyed by many Brothers while others returned to the campsite for Cracker Barrel.

Saturday was filled with the OAX and a centennial exhibit, “I AM HISTORY”. There were Indian Dancing and ceremonies competitions. After lunch the lodge competed in the Quest for the Golden Arrow then attended officer elections. A busy day ended with a delicious dinner then the Saturday night show. This evening will be remembered for a special rededication ceremony followed by a great fireworks display. The show was followed with the very popular “Cardnival”. Delegates played lots of games, ate ice cream sundaes, and traded patches. Conclave concluded with an entertaining religious service followed by the closing awards presentation. Everyone headed home after a great weekend of celebrating the Order of the Arrow’s 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. ALOHA!



On May 1 & 2 the lodge held a make-up Ordeal on the weekend of Beaver Day. Arrowmen and Scouters worked around Cherokee Scout Reservation to help prepare camp for the upcoming summer season.



The current and future leaders of the lodge gathered at camp on May 15 – 16 for the Lodge Leadership Development course. New lodge and chapter officers were trained and took the opportunity to do some team building and set goals for the coming year.

On Saturday afternoon Vigil members of the lodge prepared for the Vigil Weekend. The eight Vigil candidates that were called-out in March now had their special weekend. It was another opportunity for members to enjoy fellowship and celebrate what it means to be an Arrowman.



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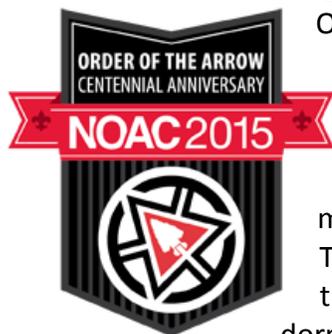


On July 1 Lodge Adviser Ken Shahbaz and Rick Horne traveled to Camp Durant to participate in the OA's Southern Region edition of ArrowTour. The men were joined by other lodge members on site representing Tsoiotsi Tsogalii in this traveling OA Centennial Celebration. Participants toured several



interesting displays, played games, branded items with the Centennial logo, and celebrated the OA's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. The lodge exhibit included a display of lodge patches, the Centennial Crate lid, and the lodge history for everyone to view.

## National Order of the Arrow Conference



On Sunday, August 2, the Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge NOAC delegation boarded two buses and departed from Woodfield Scout Preservation beginning their journey to Michigan State University. The group was made up of 75 Arrowmen, 56 Scouts and 19 adults. The first day's travel ended in Findley, Ohio where lodge members checked into their hotel and enjoyed dinner at local establishments. Early Monday morning everyone put on their light blue lodge polo shirt and headed on to Michigan. The buses arrived in East Lansing midday and after a fast food lunch the lodge went to the university to check in. Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge was housed in Hubbard South, the dormitory that was the furthest possible location from the center of NOAC activities.



Following a welcoming Orientation session the delegates moved into their assigned rooms and got settled. The highlight of Monday was the Opening Show. The 15,000 delegates and staff gathered in the Breslin Center for the start of a week of celebration. The theme of the opening show was "It Sparks With Us."



Everyone attending NOAC received a special Centennial OA Sash that was to be worn only during this week. The show began with all delegates taking off their white sashes and putting on the special red sash. The four Region Chiefs led to the stage processions of Scouts carrying poles displaying large pocket flaps from each of the lodges attending NOAC. The National Chief and National Vice Chief welcomed all to a great week of Scouting. Donnie Stephens, National Vice Chief, gave a keynote address emphasizing the role of the OA in providing service and promoting the NOAC theme, "It Starts With Us".



Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday were days for training, competition, fellowship and gatherings. There were lots of special exhibits from the "GEO" (Goodman Edson Observatory-NOAC Museum), Legacy Display Tent (where Lodge Rocks, Crate Lids, and Lodge Histories were on display), and the HUB. Delegates went in different directions each day as each Arrowman pursued items that interested him. Some members spent much of their time at the Munn Ice Arena participating in American Indian Activities. Others visited the HUB and became OA Warriors by conquering a challenging obstacle course. Some members traded patches whenever time allowed.

Tuesday night's show brought the 15,000 delegates together again. The show opened with an amazing juggler, Charles Peachock, who gained fame performing on *America's Got Talent*. Former Secretary of Defense Dr. Robert M. Gates, President of the BSA, addressed the delegates on their role as future leaders of the country. The closing act was "Maddie & Tae", a very attractive young female duo singing country music.

On Wednesday morning Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge attended the NOAC signature session where members learned "The Secret to Ruling the World". The show that evening had a theme, "100 Arrows: The OA's Centennial Commemoration". DSA recipients were introduced and the highlight of the evening was the keynote speech by National Chief Alex Call who introduced a special effort, "#Dare To Do". Arrowmen were encouraged to share their good deeds done in the next 100 days following the conference.



Thursday was dominated by American Indian Activities. Indian Dancers and Ceremonialists completed their competitions and were recognized during the "Night of Champions". **Wilson Triplett** of our lodge was one of the ten finalists in the Grass Dance competition. The Ceremonies team placed in the top 10 in clothing judging. A Gathering of Eagles and the Grand Hodag were also held that night.

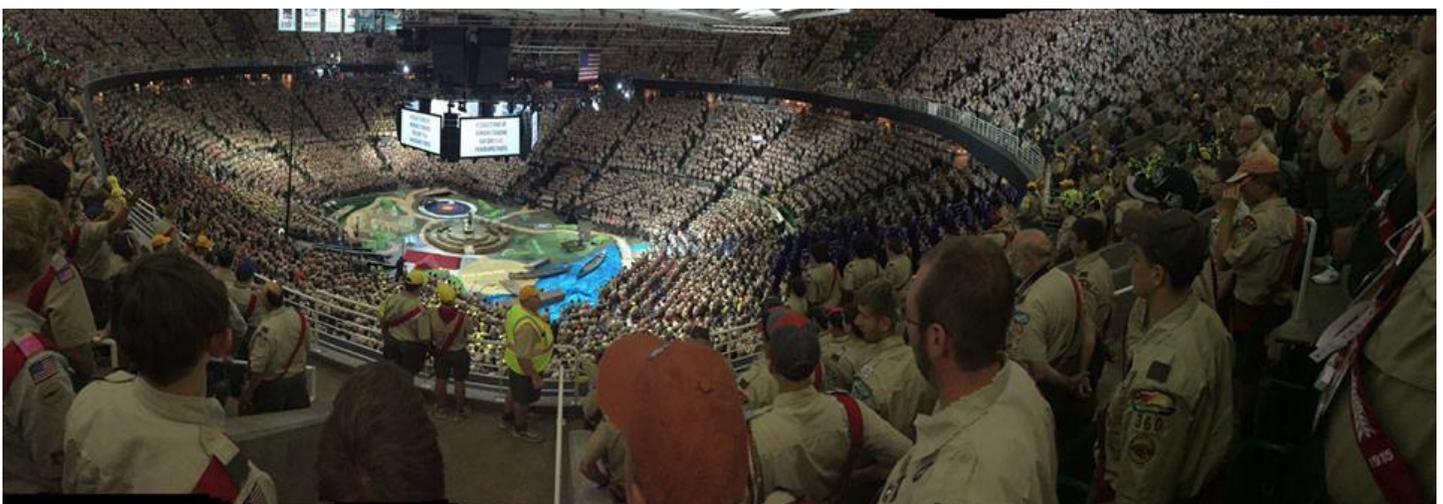
Friday was the final full day of NOAC and it started with a Conference-wide service project. The 15,000 delegates gathered in the Spartan football stadium. A short program was presented featuring Eagle Scout and reality TV star Creek Stewart. A card stunt was performed showing the NOAC's theme. The stadium was then emptied by MSU staff to help them practice their evacuation plans. The rest of the day was dedicated to the Centennial Festival.



As part of the OA's Legacy Project Tsoiotsi Tsogalii produced a Legacy Lid, Lodge History Book, and a Lodge Rock. These were displayed in The HUB during the conference. The committee overseeing this project reviewed each lodge's submissions and awarded ribbons to the top ten in each of the three categories. Tsoiotsi Tsogalii's Lodge History Book was recognized as "Exemplar" declaring it to be one of the ten best of the 200+ books submitted.

The highlight of the whole NOAC for many delegates was the Closing Show, themed "The Order of the Arrow Presents 'The Tri-Fletchers' ". The show featured a professional theatrical presentation across the arena's floor staged as a Boy Scout camp. This was followed by an amazing multimedia 3-D video presentation. The enthusiastic crowd enjoyed karaoke sing alongs, fireworks, and final farewell.

On Saturday morning all the delegations packed up to return home filled with a great spirit for the Order of the Arrow and inspired to Dare To Do as It Starts With Us. Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge boarded the two buses and headed south. Saturday night was spent in Ohio with the final miles covered on Sunday and a return to Woodfield. It was a great event enjoyed by all!!!



In addition to the 75 lodge delegates there were 25 lodge members that served on NOAC staff. The areas covered included Training, Medical Services, Shows, American Indian Activities, Trading Post, and ARC.

Following NOAC Ken Shahbaz stepped down as Lodge Adviser. He was replaced by Sue Hampton.

On September 11 – 13 the lodge held an Ordeal at Woodfield Scout Preservation. On Friday evening almost 150 candidates arrived at camp for their induction into the Order of the Arrow. Staff and Elangomats



gathered to organize the candidates into clans and begin the Ordeal. The evening began with Scouts and Scouters getting acquainted with each other and preparing for a weekend of silence, scant food, and cheerful service. Following ceremonies the clans were off to bed. Saturday was warm and pleasant and service projects were the order of the day. Brush was cleared, buildings painted, and facilities repaired until afternoon when showers arrived. The candidates enjoyed a fine dinner then their Induction ceremonies. The evening ended with a fine cracker barrel celebration.



The weekend of October 2 – 4 was the date for an Ordeal at Cherokee Scout Reservation. Unfortunately, the area was threatened with high winds, heavy rains and flooding due to the expected track of Hurricane Joaquin. This event was postponed until early December.



Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge celebrated the Order of the Arrow's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by hosting 1,500 Scouts and Scouters from Old North State Council at Cherokee Scout Reservation on November 13 – 15. This Council Camporee resembled a Section Conclave and the lodge provided a full schedule of activities. Scouts set up camp on Friday evening then gathered for an evening show which featured a welcome from the Lodge chief, Scout Executive, and Council President. They learned a little about the history of the OA in the Old North State Council area then were entertained by a juggler/magician.

Temperatures dropped into the 30s on Saturday morning, but the sunny day warmed up nicely. Troops were responsible for their own meals except for Saturday lunch which was provided. The lodge set up numerous exhibits on the Centennial Trail and troops competed in quest events. A patch auction offered Scouts a chance to bid on lots of local issues. Saturday evening the lodge recognized its eleven Centurion Award recipients. Following the evening show the Scouts enjoyed a carnival with lots of music,



inflatable obstacle course, food and games.

Sunday saw everyone pack up and depart following a brief morning worship service. The lodge gained valuable experience to prepare them to host a section conclave in a couple of years. All participants received a pocket patch for the weekend.



On December 4 - 6 the lodge held an Ordeal at Cherokee Scout Reservation. Over 100 candidates braved the cool temperatures to go through their induction. Clans were formed and Elangomats led their candidates through a productive weekend of meaningful work projects, thoughtful reflection, and colorful ceremonies.

**A few more glimpses at 2015.**



