

## 2016

Lodge Chief:	Lanning Honeycutt	Vice Chief – Indian Affairs:	Blake Ferree
Vice Chief – Program:	Brandyn Myers	Vice Chief – Communications:	Jimmy Kniss
Vice Chief – Service:	Easton Rains	Lodge Adviser:	Ken Shahbaz/Sue Hampton
Vice Chief – Administration:	Chase Draughn	Staff Adviser:	Ann Jones

*Officers served from June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016*

On February 29 members of Tsoitsi Tsogalii Lodge traveled to Raleigh to report to the State Legislature and Governor Pat McCrory. In 2015 as part of the Order of the Arrow's Centennial Celebration the ten lodges in North Carolina committed to do service projects in all 100 counties. Lanning Honeycutt joined other lodge and Section officers in reporting on the results of this service.



The Spring Fellowship was held at Cherokee Scout Reservation on March 18 – 20. Over 200 Arrowmen gathered for a weekend of food, fun, fellowship, and service. Part of



the weekend's activities was an opportunity for Scouts elected in 2015 to complete their Ordeal. One clan of fifteen candidates endured cool temperatures and joined the lodge on Saturday. During the day members had a chance to visit the Climbing Tower, Cope Course and Zip Line. Other members did Elangomat and Unit Elections Training. There was a gathering of members interested in getting involved with Indian Affairs activities where they learned about ceremonies, drum, and dance. Time was spent on Saturday in some friendly competition in Quest events between chapters



and making preparation for attending the Section Conclave in April.



Lodge elections were held to choose the officers for the coming year. The new officers are **Brandyn Myers**– Lodge Chief, **Sean Alewine** – Vice Chief of Communications, **Luke Riggins** – VC of Indian Affairs, **Isaiah Facemire** – VC of Administration, **David Garrett** – VC of Program, and **Jerod Hartsoe** – VC of Service.



On Saturday evening the Lodge Banquet was held. The program included a thank you to the outgoing officers, presentation of the Red Feather Award, recognition of Indian Affairs participants and Elangomats, plus a year-in-review video. Outgoing Lodge Chief Lanning Honeycutt gave his farewell address. The banquet concluded with the presentation of the Founders' Award to three loyal lodge members: **Dale Weber**, **Chris Williams**, and **Brandyn Myers**.

Following the banquet participants proceeded to the Council Ring for the Vigil Tapout.

Torches were lit, bonfires blazed and a light rain began to fall. Fourteen Brotherhood members were tapped as Vigil candidates. They are **Craig Reichenbach, Tom Triplett, Jared Stevens, Isaiah Facemire, Sandra Ritter, Josh Malloy, Jimmy Kniss, Scott Hartsoe, Jerod Hartsoe, Michael Russell, Luke Riggins, Tommy Riggins, Whitney Rodgers, Dale Price.**

After the ceremony everyone returned to the Dining Hall for a reception of cake and punch to congratulate those chosen. March is the season of the NCAA Basketball Tournament and as most members headed off to their beds UNC freshman and lodge chief Lanning Honeycutt talked the lodge communication experts into streaming and projecting the UNC – Providence basketball game on a screen for a few fans to watch. (UNC won at about midnight.)



Sunday morning featured breakfast, a brief worship service and final announcements. Chapters cleaned up their assigned areas of camp then participants headed for home. The Lodge Executive Committee held a meeting and wrapped up another successful lodge event.



On April 15 – 17 over 200 Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Arrowmen gathered with 1,200 of their brothers for the 2017 SR-7B Section Conclave held at Camp Boddie and hosted by Croatan Lodge 117. Everyone had an excellent time showing off the lodge's spirit theme, Hawk Dynasty. Members wore long beards, bandanas, and camouflage. Friday night got started with a fine show in the riverside council ring, but it was memorable for the constant 25 mph winds blowing across the crowd. The delegation experienced fun activities from OAX to the Quest for the Golden Arrow. The lodge had several members recognized for their efforts during the weekend. Wilson Triplett earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Senior Grass Dance, Ben Skidmore earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Junior Grass Dance, Jacob Watts won 1<sup>st</sup> and Blake Ferree won 2<sup>nd</sup> in Senior Fancy Dance, and Spencer Tysinger took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Junior Traditional Dance Competition. The new Saura Chapter ceremony team took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Crossover Ceremony competition. The lodge also received the section's Camping Recognition Award for outstanding effort through the year in supporting our council's camping ventures. In Section elections Sean Alewine was chosen as the 2016 – 17 SR-7B Section Secretary. It was a fun weekend and everyone went home energized for a busy year of service.



On May 6 – 7 the lodge held a make-up Ordeal in conjunction with the annual Beaver Day at Cherokee Scout Reservation. Fourteen candidates completed their Ordeal and joined our Brotherhood. There was a large group of Elangomats that guided the clan as the lodge used this event to do some training. About 100 Brothers joined in on Saturday to help with work projects around camp.



Two weeks later many current and future Lodge and Chapter officers and advisers returned to camp for **Lodge Leadership Development**. The turnout was so large the group of 50+ moved to the Dining Hall. Friday night and Saturday morning found the group participating in team building exercises, leadership training, and planning for the coming lodge year. The new officers elected during the Spring Fellowship will begin their year of service on June 1.

Late on Saturday afternoon additional Brothers arrived at camp for the Lodge's **Vigil Weekend**. At 6:00pm about 40 current Vigil members and 17 Vigil candidates enjoyed a covered dish supper in the Dining Hall. As darkness fell the evening's activities began. The weather was mild and cloudy and at 10:30 rain showers covered the camp and continued off and on through the night. The 17 successfully completed their duties and joined their Vigil brothers at a breakfast feast. The meal included scrambled eggs, country ham, sausage, bacon, hash browns, biscuits and gravy, fruit salad, orange juice, milk, and coffee. Following breakfast the new Vigil members were presented by their guides who shared stories that led to each member's Vigil name. The event ended with the singing of the song of our Order.

Lodge members filled many staff positions at Cherokee Scout Reservation and at Woodfield Scout Preservation. OA Brothers gathered each Monday night for fun and fellowship at CSR. Ordeal members were encouraged to seal their membership in our Order by becoming Brotherhood members. Others were recruited to serve as torchbearers and runners during the Thursday night Tap-out Ceremony. Each week (weather permitting) a beautiful ceremony with feathers, flames, and future Arrowmen was held in the Council Ring.



On August 26 – 28 Ordeal candidates had their first opportunity to join the lodge. Over 120 Scouts and Scouters went through their Ordeal at Woodfield Scout Preservation. Many useful projects were completed around the council's Cub Scout camp during the weekend. From painting buildings to clearing brush, repairing fences to cutting and splitting logs clans led by dedicated Elangomats provided hundreds of hours of cheerful service.



On September 30 – October 2 over 100 more candidates completed their Ordeal at Cherokee Scout Reservation.



November 11 – 13 was the date for the 2016 Fall Fellowship held at Cherokee Scout Reservation. Some Brothers arrived early and prepared the lodge's annual fund raiser Brunswick Stew. About 300 gallons of stew was prepared and sold by members one quart at a time. Over 150 more members arrived by Friday evening for a week end of fun and fellowship. Each member was asked to bring canned goods which were donated to the Christian Help Center of Person County. Saturday's activities centered around hosting Webelos Scouts and their leaders. The Webelos learned about American Indian games, drumming, dancing, and making regalia. They participated in Scouting skills activities and toured camp. In the afternoon Brothers competed in quest activities to prove which chapter was the best. A banquet supper topped off the day and the evening was filled with ceremonies and festivities. It was another fine lodge event to close the year 2016.

