

2017

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Officers served from June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017



The first big lodge event for the year was the Spring Fellowship held at Cherokee Scout Reservation on March 17 – 19. Over 200 lodge members gathered for a weekend full of activity. The lodge chose a theme of racing for the upcoming section conclave and used this weekend to get everyone ready. Following a delicious dinner on Friday evening youth Arrowmen built Pinewood Derby cars. The finished cars were raced late into the evening. On Saturday members gathered at the waterfront and prepared for Quest of the Golden Arrow activities. In the afternoon a large patch auction was held

with many pieces of Scouting memorabilia and lodge issues being sold. The lodge will be hosting the 2018 SR-7B Section Conclave and a special meeting was held for Arrowmen that will be taking leadership roles for that big event. Lodge elections were also held and new officers were selected to serve starting in June. The new officers are **Isaiah Facemire** – Lodge Chief, **Zach Matzinger** – Vice Chief Program, **Parker Stewart** – VC Service, **Robert Zeigler** – VC Communications, **Robert Hurin** – VC Administration, **Tom Triplett** – VC Indian Affairs



The annual Lodge Banquet was held on Saturday night. A highlight of this event was the presentation of the OA Founders' Awards. The 2017 recipients were **Ben Dawkins**, **Sean Alewine**, and **Isaiah Facemire**. The lodge also presented the James E. West Fellowship to **Dan Foster**. Following the banquet everyone moved to the Council Ring for the Vigil Call-out ceremony. The following Brothers were selected for the Vigil Honor: **Sean Alewine**, **Reade Allen**, **Brian Andrews**, **Hunter Andrews**, **Wes Brown**, **Ron Carter**, **Andrew Chockley**, **David Gardiner**, **David Garrett**, **Sam Greer**, **Shep Hester**, **Cameron Jacke**, **Barry Loy**, **Brent Owen**, **Jacob Perkins**, **Ben Skidmore**, and **Jeff Willett**. A reception was held with cake and punch following the ceremony.



On Sunday morning after breakfast everyone participated in a brief worship service and closing announcements. Chapters took responsibility for cleaning up camp and everyone headed home after a great fellowship.



The 2017 SR-7B Section Conclave was held at Camp Raven Knob and hosted by Wahissa Lodge 118. Tsoiotsi Tso Galii Lodge sent over 200 Brothers to participate in this annual event. Everyone arrived on Friday afternoon and early evening. The skies were threatening and some brief rain showers occurred. Lodge members collected their spirit gear with a racing theme including checkered flags, inflatable tires, NASCAR items, and two flaps designed for the weekend. Following dinner the weather worsened so the opening campfire was moved indoors to the camp's huge dining hall. Over 1,000 spirited Arrowmen gathered for an abbreviated show. It was a combination of singing songs and a brief skit or two. Nominations were accepted for Section Officers to be elected on Saturday. Following the show Vigil Honor members were invited to the

shelter outside the Dining Hall. They then proceeded to the G. Kellogg Hale Training Center / Wahissa Lodge Building where they enjoyed a moving rededication ceremony followed by refreshments.



The weather forecast called for rain on Saturday, but the day turned out very pleasant. Arrowmen enjoyed a great variety of exhibits during the OAX. The Old Hickory Council Scout Museum was open for touring and delegates enjoyed shooting sports, the climbing tower, playing disc golf, and hiking to the knob. Ceremony teams competed and American Indian activities were held. In the afternoon lodge delegations competed in the Quest for the Golden Arrow. Section elections were held and our own Sean Alewine was selected as Section Chief.

The forecasted rain was on its way, but the section decided to hold the Saturday evening show in the camp's beautiful arena. An impressive opening included flaming arrows, a flaming SR-7B, Indians canoeing across the lake to moving music. The winning Native American singing team drummed for Indian dancers and then awards were presented. Several of our lodge brothers took part in the various AIA competitions. Dillon Drummond from Alamance and Harvard Broadnax and Robert Rogers from Saura received 2nd place at the Drum. Jacob Watts from Tutelo won 1st place for Fancy Dance and Wilson Triplett from DT took 1st place in Grass Dance. Teams from DT and Saura provided a strong showing in Ceremonies. Outgoing Section Adviser Rob Kennerly was presented gifts from the section for his many years of service. Following the program the festive Carnival was scheduled. Everyone's enthusiasm was dampened as the rains finally began to fall. Many Conclave delegates left on Saturday night due to expected rain all night and all day on Sunday.



The next morning delegates gathered in the Dining Hall for breakfast, worship service, and closing ceremonies. Final awards were presented and the new Section officers were sworn in. The passing of the Chief's bonnet marked the start of Sean Alewine's term. Everyone headed for home following another great conclave.



The lodge issued a special flap for the 2017 National Jamboree. The design was simple incorporating the flag from the Battle of Guilford Courthouse.

On May 5 – 6 the lodge held a make-up Ordeal in conjunction with the annual Beaver Day at Cherokee Scout Reservation. Several candidates completed their Ordeal and joined our Brotherhood. There was a large group of Elangomats that guided the clan.

The Lodge Leadership Development conference was held on May 19 and 20 at Cherokee Scout Reservation. About 40 lodge and chapter officers and advisers enjoyed Team Building Exercises, setting goals for the year, and developing



leadership skills. The group did Planning for Chapters, reviewed a budget for the year, and there was a session on Adults / Youth Working Together. The Lodge Executive Committee under the leadership of the newly elected officers met and discussed business of the lodge.

On Saturday evening lodge Vigils gathered for a pig pickin' dinner and to welcome the candidates for the Vigil Honor. The evening was pleasant, but some rain showers came in the middle of the night. A special breakfast was enjoyed by the new Vigils and their Vigil brothers. Certificates and gifts were presented, Vigil names and interpretation were announced, and stories were shared. Everyone headed for home by mid morning.



Cherokee Scout Reservation was open for six weeks of program and the staff included many lodge members. Each week Ordeal members were invited to seal their membership in the Order by becoming Brotherhood members. The Thursday night campfire program included the traditional OA Tapout ceremony. Families always enjoy the colorful Indian ceremony with blazing torches, roaring bonfires, and the mystery of the Order of the Arrow.

The lodge welcomed over 80 new Arrowmen into the Order during the summer induction weekend held on August 25 – 27 at Woodfield Scout Preservation. During the course of the weekend, our newest members and supporting brothers

made repairs to the arena and chapel, cleared away brush and undergrowth across the camp, built new walkways, and many other projects necessary for the maintenance and development of our council's camp.

On September 29 – October 1 the lodge gathered at Cherokee Scout Reservation for the Fall Ordeal. More than 100 candidates were divided into clans and met their Elangomats to begin a weekend of work projects, learning about the Order of the Arrow, and participating in Indian ceremonies. Many worthwhile projects were completed to help prepare camp for the winter and for hosting the 2018 SR-7B Section Conclave.



The lodge's final event of the year was held at CSR on November 10 – 12. The Fall Fellowship was not only a time for fun and brotherhood, but to continue planning for the upcoming conclave. During the day Friday lodge members prepared the annual stew. Brothers sold the lodge's version of Brunswick Stew as a fund raiser each year. Almost 300 gallons is prepared using the lodge's secret recipe.

The spirit theme for the 2018 conclave was Brotherhood of Bluegrass. Lodge members discussed ways to demonstrate their spirit on this theme. The movie "O Brother, Where Art Thou" provided inspiration to the lodge leadership. Events such as the pickled egg toss and toilet seat horseshoes were planned. Friday night featured games and a movie playing. On Saturday there were different Indian Affairs activities going on throughout camp such as regalia beading, dance and singing lessons, and ceremony practice. The Redneck Games competition by chapter was also played.

On Saturday evening the lodge held its Fall Banquet. Following a tasty meal the program included a number of recognitions. There were presentations about Conclave and NOAC. Elangomats and Nimats were presented patches for their service. American Indian Affairs awards were also presented. The requirements for the new First Year Arrowman Award were discussed. The new Vigil Brothers were also recognized. The banquet closed with the Song of our Order.

