

2018

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Vice Chief – Service:	Parker Stewart	Lodge Adviser:	Sue Hampton
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Officers served from June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018

The focus for the lodge in early 2018 was preparation for hosting the SR-7B Section Conclave in April at Cherokee Scout Reservation. Under the leadership of Conclave Chairman Ben Skidmore and Conclave Adviser Lee Hubbard numerous committees worked tirelessly to make sure camp was ready.



The Spring Fellowship was held on March 16 -18 and over 200 lodge members attended. This event is always filled with many activities but this year had the added feature of conclave host preparation. The lodge was divided into two groups: Conclave Staff and Conclave Delegates. The Delegates were primarily new Arrowmen that were to attend their first conclave. They spent time during the fellowship practicing for Quest events, Ceremonies competition, and Indian Dancing. The Staff worked on their areas of responsibility preparing lists of what needed to be accomplished during upcoming workdays. On Saturday afternoon Lodge elections were held to choose the youth that would lead the lodge following conclave starting in June. The new officers were **Ben Skidmore** – Lodge Chief, **Lucas Hobbs** – Vice Chief of Program, **Robert Hurin** – VC Administration, **Parker Stewart** – VC Service, **Harrison Skidmore** – VC Communications, and **Emmett Edwards** – VC Indian Affairs.

On Saturday evening the annual Lodge Banquet was held. Following a fine meal time was spent reviewing the successes of the past year, thanking the outgoing lodge officers, and presenting some awards. The 2018 recipients of the Founders' Award were **Andrew Chockley** and **Ben Skidmore**. A James E. West Fellowship was given to **Dale Weber**. After the banquet everyone went to the Council Ring for the Vigil Call-out Ceremony. The 2018 Brothers selected for the Vigil Honor were **Ryan Edrington, Emmett Edwards, Will Edwards, Julian Hester, Robert Hurin, Scout Executive Ed Martin, Janet Mintz, and Lindsey Murphy**. A reception was held in the Dining Hall following the ceremony.



The next several Saturdays (March 24, April 7 and 14) were scheduled for Conclave Workdays at Cherokee Scout Reservation. There was much work to be done to prepare camp for the upcoming conclave. Well over 100 Brothers attended each workday. An amazing amount of work was accomplished during these outings. Campsites were cleared and cleaned, shower houses were painted, and new fences were installed. Program areas were prepared for conclave activities. The participants were served lunch and received a special "Cheerful Service" workday flap for each Saturday they attended. Weather is always a concern for conclave. On the afternoon of March 24 the temperature was cold and at about 3:00 large fluffy snowflakes began to fall. It was cold again on April 7 and a few snowflakes were seen again as the last few Scouters were leaving camp. April 14 was more pleasant as final touches were finished at camp.



Conclave Staff members began arriving at Cherokee Scout Reservation on Thursday. By Friday over 400 Tsoiotsi Tsogalii members were in camp for the event. They were joined by 1,000 other Arrowmen from around the state bringing the total attendance to over 1,400. Friday activities began with a delicious dinner delivered by the lodge cook crew under the leadership of Dale Weber. The American Indian Affairs area held the Historic Team Dance competition starting at 6:30 on Friday. It was followed by the Opening Show held on a professional stage set up on the Activity Field. The six lodge delegations cheered and showed great spirit to start the weekend. The show included elements on the conclave theme, "We Build Upon The Fire". Local Native American tribes were mentioned followed by The Beaver Dance presented by Croatan Lodge. Following the show Vigil Honor members were invited to a special rededication ceremony and

reception.

Saturday was an extremely busy day with the OAX filling the morning. Participants could visit over fifty exhibits along Water Tank Road. Many Arrowmen made donations at the Bloodmobile. There was Ceremonies Competition, demonstrations of making regalia, and several Native American related activities. Some sportsmen took part in the Cardinal Conclave Clay Classics on the camp's sporting clays course. The afternoon started with Individual Dance competition at 1:00. Lodges assembled at the Activity Field to compete in the Quest for the Golden Arrow. The afternoon wound down with elections for Section Officers. Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge member **Sean Alewine** was re-elected as SR-7B Section Chief. The AIA folks were still competing with Team Singing taking place at 6:00. Another wonderful dinner was served by the Cook Crew then lodges headed to the Saturday evening show. Once again Native American activities were featured in the show. There was a large bonfire and dramatic presentation along the conclave's theme. The show was followed by everyone's favorite evening activity, the Carnival. Participants got to play lots of games and celebrate a great day. Ice Cream sundaes were enjoyed by all.

The next morning following breakfast delegates gathered on the Activity Field for a morning worship service and the closing ceremonies. Everyone enjoyed the message delivered by a local minister. Final awards were presented and the new Section officers were sworn in. Everyone headed home after a great conclave. The weather was pleasant, the food was tasty and plentiful, and there were no logistical problems. Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge had hosted one of the best conclaves in recent history.



For the conclave the lodge issued three new flaps. Two were for the lodge delegation and showed the spirit theme of "O Brothers Where Art Thou?" The third flap was a special Service Staff patch which was limited to one per staff member. Only 300 were made making it rare and sought after by all.



After only two weeks passed Brothers again gathered at Cherokee Scout Reservation. The Spring Induction Weekend was held on May 4 - 6 along with the Old North State Council's Beaver Day. This was an annual event held so that Scouters could come to camp to help prepare the facility for the upcoming summer camp season. During lunch a special presentation was made to Joe Higgins who had participated in 51 Beaver Days at CSR.

On May 18 – 19 the newly elected lodge officers and leaders from each chapter participated in the Lodge Leadership Development conference. This group worked on setting goals for the coming year. Everyone there had shared in the successful hosting of the SR-7B Conclave and they wanted to build on the momentum that the lodge gained from the large number of Brothers that participated.



On Saturday afternoon Vigil members of the lodge arrived at camp. The 2018 CSR Camp Staff was also in camp for their Staff Development weekend. Many of the staff members are Arrowmen. Following a dinner together, the Vigils began the evening activities of welcoming the new candidates for the Vigil Honor. The evening went as planned and on Sunday morning the Vigils had a special breakfast. The group then gathered in the OA Lodge for presentation of certificates and the story behind each new Vigil's Indian name.

Cherokee Scout Reservation held its first summer camp program in 1968. This year the Council is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the camp. Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge issued a special two-piece patch set to commemorate the occasion. The patches sold for \$10.00 per set with all profits being contributed to the summer camp.

Future 2018 Events

On July 30 – August 4 a delegation of lodge members will attend the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) being held at Indiana University.

September 7 – 9 Summer Induction at Woodfield Scout Preservation

October 5 – 7 Fall Induction at Cherokee Scout Reservation

November 9 – 11 Fall Fellowship at CSR