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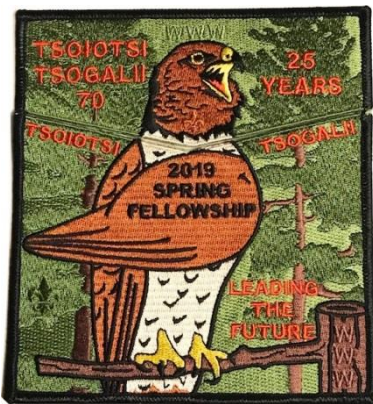
Lodge Chief:	Ben Skidmore	Vice Chief – Indian Affairs:	Emmett Edwards
Vice Chief – Program:	Lucas Hobbs	Vice Chief – Communications:	Harrison Skidmore
Vice Chief – Service:	Parker Stewart	Lodge Adviser:	Sue Hampton
Vice Chief – Administration:	Robert Hurin	Staff Adviser:	Ann Jones

Officers served from June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019

In 2019 Tsoitsi Tsogalii Lodge 70 celebrated its 25th anniversary. Since forming through merger in 1994 the lodge has inducted thousands of worthy Scouts into the Order of the Arrow and provided tens of thousands of hours of service to the Old North State Council and its camps at Woodfield Scout Preservation and Cherokee Scout Reservation.

On February 9 the Lodge Leadership Development course was held at the council office. About 40 lodge members spent the day learning how to plan and develop an effective lodge program, setting goals, and preparing for a busy year.

The lodge held its first activity of the year on March 15 – 17 with the Spring Fellowship at Cherokee Scout Reservation. About 120 Arrowmen attended for a fun weekend of fellowship, recognition and preparation. The lodge leadership



team worked hard to fill the weekend with activities, training, and opportunities for growth. Saturday morning contained three tracts for participants to choose from: Conclave Preparation, American Indian Affairs, and Training. Most of the morning you could hear singing and the beat of the drum in the OA Lodge Building. Time was spent learning about making regalia. Scouts in the museum were learning about Patch Trading. After lunch the lodge had chapter competitions in events scheduled for the SR-7B Section Conclave's Quest for the Golden Arrow. Later the lodge's youth gathered, heard speeches and held elections for the officers for 2019 – 2020.



The Spring Recognition Banquet began with a delicious dinner then a spirited program. The outgoing lodge officers were thanked for their service. The newly elected officers were sworn in: Lodge Chief – **Parker Stewart**, Vice Chief of Program – **Kenan Boswell**, Vice Chief of Communications – **Tanner Maerz**, Vice Chief of Indian Affairs – **Robert Rogers**, Vice Chief of Administration – **Calvin Meyers**, and Vice Chief of Service – **Anthony Mills**. The Founders Award was presented to **Charlie Corn**.

On Saturday evening following the Banquet the lodge held its annual Vigil Call-Out. The following Brothers were selected for the Vigil Honor: *Trotter Bolton, Robert Creech, Dillon Drummond, Maxwell Elkin, Joseph Fogleman, Raymond Fowler, Gaither Frye, Jeremy Hester, Lucas Hobbs, Tanner Maerz, Robert Paxton, Harrison Skidmore, Josh Stevens, Parker Stewart*. A fine reception / cracker barrel was held afterward to congratulate the new officers and Vigil candidates.



On April 12 – 14 over 1,550 Arrowmen from across North Carolina attended the 2019 SR-7B Conclave held at Camp Durant. The weekend started out rainy as lodges arrived and set up tents in their campsites. The Friday evening show was held in the Grand Lodge. Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge members were highly visible as they donned their spirit gear. The lodge chose a “construction” theme and members wore yellow plastic hard hats and yellow safety vests. There was also a special tool belt with the lodge name silkscreened on the front. Two pocket flaps were issued, a delegate and a trader, that showed the lodge’s spirit theme. On Saturday morning everyone enjoyed the OAX – with many exhibitors. Tommy Murray had a particularly instructive display of long rifles.



Throughout the day the lodge had teams and individuals competing in AIA activities. From ceremony competitions to singing to team and individual dance events Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge was well represented. When the day concluded the following members were recognized:

Brotherhood Ceremony Team – 1st Place, Emmett Edwards – 1st Allowat Sakima, Josh Hanflink – 1st Nutiket, Jeremy Hester – 2nd Meteu

Powwow Team Dance – 1st Place

Individual Dance – Sam Nichols – 1st Jr. Fancy, Kenan Boswell – 1st Sr. Fancy, Michael Rogers – 1st Jr. Chicken, Cody Wait – 1st Jr. Grass, Cole Swade – 2nd Sr. Grass, Hunter Leroy – 3rd Sr. Grass. Ultimately, the lodge won the **AIA Overall Award**.



On Saturday afternoon the lodge competed in the Quest for the Golden Arrow. The lodge represented itself well, but the quest was eventually won by Occoneechee Lodge. Elections were held, a big evening meal was served and the Saturday night show was staged. The Carnival followed and participants enjoyed evening activities including patch trading.

Sean Alewine concluded his second year as Section Chief with a very successful conclave. While the conditions were wet, the fellowship was warm, and another fine section event was enjoyed by all.



Throughout the week-end the lodge showed great spirit and was recognized with the coveted **Spirit Award**.

On May 3 - 4 the lodge held its Spring Induction at Cherokee Scout Reservation. There were 72 attendees with 24 being Ordeal candidates. Important work projects were completed around camp.

Two weeks later, on May 18, the Old North State Council held its annual Beaver Day at camp. Scouters from throughout the area came to camp to help clean up the winter's havoc and prepare the property for the upcoming summer camp program. On Saturday evening the Vigil candidates called out at the Spring Fellowship assembled at CSR. These candidates participated in a special night of reflection and ceremony. In the morning they were recognized as Vigil brothers and presented with their Vigil names.

In June and July Cherokee Scout Reservation had a very successful summer camp season. Under the leadership of Camp Director Bud Harrelson an experienced staff hosted a record number of campers. Each Thursday evening the campers' families visited camp and enjoyed a meal with their Scouts. Following a spirited flag ceremony featuring a blast of cannon fire and lots of staff singing everyone went into the Council Ring for the evening entertainment. After enduring the performance of several staff skits and singing of songs, the Order of the Arrow conducted its Tap-Out ceremony. Scouts elected by their troops were brought before Allowat Sakima to be recognized as Ordeal candidates.



During 2019 lodge members had the opportunity to pre-order a special 25th Anniversary jacket patch. The design chosen featured a Red Tail hawk perched on an arrow, similar to the 5th Anniversary jacket patch. The patch measured about ten inches tall, has a yellow "25" and the years 1994 - 2019. Chapter names appeared on the hawk's tail feathers.

A special 25th anniversary flap was also issued by the lodge.

The first chance for Scouts to complete their Ordeal was at the Summer Inductions held at Woodfield Scout Preservation on September 6 – 7. A total of 78 candidates joined 84 lodge brothers in providing valuable service to the council's property used primarily by the Cub Scout program.



A month later the Fall Inductions were held at Cherokee Scout Reservation on October 4 – 5. There were 96 Ordeal candidates and 67 lodge members working all over camp. Trees were felled, firewood cut, mulch spread, buildings painted, trails repaired and many other projects completed. A fine banquet on Saturday evening welcomed the new members that would soon experience their Ordeal ceremony.



On November 11 several lodge members participated in "One Day of Service". A clean-up was done in Pleasant Garden.



The Fall Fellowship was held at Cherokee Scout Reservation on the weekend of November 8 – 10. The event got started with the annual cooking of the Stew. A few dedicated Brothers assembled on Thursday evening to begin preparing the ingredients for the lodge's version of Brunswick stew.

Potatoes were peeled, onions were chopped, chickens were plucked and squirrels were skinned. The required possum was also prepared. (Well that is what someone said was in the recipe.) On Friday morning wood fires were built under the huge 100 gallon pots to begin cooking. Meats and vegetables were cooked, spices and seasonings were added. By early evening the Stew was complete. Arriving lodge members joined the cooks and began packaging the stew. Hundreds of quart containers were filled with steaming stew. The annual stew sale is the lodge's major fund raiser for the year.



Almost 200 Arrowmen arrived at camp for this weekend of fun, food, and fellowship. This year's event had a Frontiersman theme. Saturday activities included shooting sports, tomahawk and knife throwing, an American Indian Pow-wow with drumming and dancing, and a Patch Auction.

On Saturday evening a delicious meal was served as the lodge held a banquet to celebrate the successes of 2019. First-Year Arrowman awards were presented. Later that evening there was a Dutch Oven competition. Several experienced Scouters demonstrated their cooking skills competing to be the Cast Iron Champion. The weekend concluded on Sunday morning with a clean-up of camp and well wishes to all for a happy holiday season and a healthy 2020.

On December 5th the Old North State Council announced the hiring of Bud Harrelson as Director of Cherokee Scout Reservation and Strategic Initiatives. One of Bud's responsibilities includes serving as Staff Adviser for Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge. Bud has a rich history in the Order of the Arrow, serving as Tsalagi Lodge 163 Chief, SR-7 Section Chief, SR-7B Section Adviser, and member of the OA's National Committee. Bud is a recipient of the OA's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award (DSA). Bud replaces Ann Jones who has faithfully served the lodge for many years.

UWHARRIE BLANKET INSTALLATION IN MUSEUM

For many years lodge member and former Section Advisor Larry Warlick has collected patches issued by Uwharrie Council, by Uwharrie Lodge 208, and by Camp Uwharrie. His wife has spent hundreds of hours sewing these patches on an old army blanket.

On Saturday, November 9, with the assistance of former Uwharrie Lodge member Paul Huffman, this blanket was framed and mounted on a wall in the Old North State Council Scout Museum in the basement of the Allen "Doc" Lewis OA Lodge Building.

This blanket becomes a permanent exhibit to highlight the history of Scouting in High Point, Davie, Davidson, and Randolph counties.

