

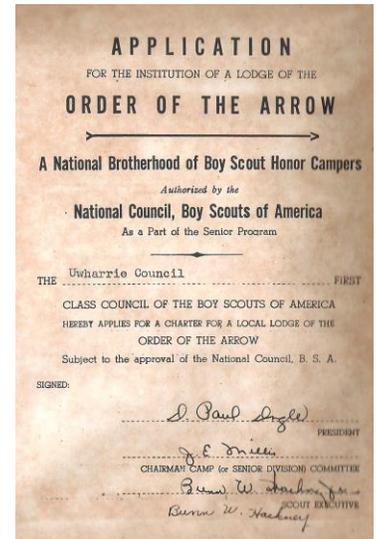
History

Uwharrie Lodge 208

The Order of the Arrow Comes to Uwharrie Council

In July 1940 Uwharrie Council Scout Executive Bunn Hackney was invited to a meeting at Camp Lasater to discuss the Order of the Arrow and the possibility of a national meeting being hosted in the South. In 1941 he decided it was time for Uwharrie Council to charter a lodge of the Order of the Arrow. He submitted a charter application dated July 28, 1941. The application was approved by the National Council on August 4th and approved by the National Lodge on August 6th. On this application Mr. Hackney requested the lodge be named "UWHARRIE" and that the lodge totem be a turtle. The National Lodge assigned the number 208 to the lodge. The application included the name of Claude Kimrey to serve as the lodge's first Chief.

Tali Taktaki Lodge 70 from neighboring Greensboro Council was contacted to install the new lodge.



1940s

In 1941 local Arrowmen learned that the 1942 National Meeting of the OA was to be held at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. Preparation was made with local lodges and Scout Executives heading committees to handle different aspects of the event. Unfortunately, with the entry of the United States in World War II the OA canceled the 1942 National Meeting. Areas were encouraged to hold fellowships for local lodges. On September 4 – 6 Tali Taktaki Lodge hosted about 70 Arrowmen from around the state at Camp Graystone for the North Carolina State Fellowship Meeting. Discussion groups reviewed many topics on the purpose and operation of the Order of the Arrow in their council and community. A Brotherhood ceremony was held.



The Order of the Arrow contributed most of its service to the council's main Boy Scout camp, Camp Uwharrie, located in Jamestown, NC. The camp was established in 1922 and was in use until 1990 when the council began preparing a new piece of property in Randolph County known as Woodfield Scout Preservation.

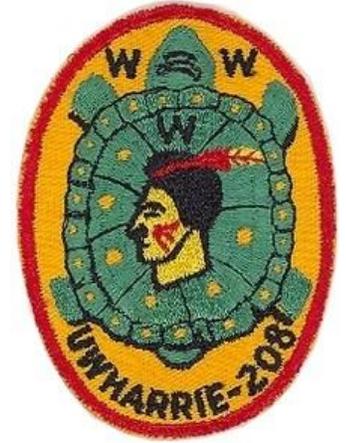
With the end of World War II the OA resumed holding National Meetings and Area Fellowships. Uwharrie Lodge sent representatives to NC Fellowship Meetings at Camp Graystone in 1945 and to Morrow Mountain State Park in 1946 and 1947.

In 1948 the NC Fellowship Meeting (Area I) was scheduled to be held at Camp Uwharrie on October 15 – 17. Unfortunately, North Carolina was experiencing a severe outbreak of polio. Guilford County, where the camp was located, reported 2,516 cases of polio that year. In fact all NC Arrowmen pre-registered for the National OA Conference at Indiana University were told they could not attend. Registration was low for the Area meeting and disappointment was high and finally on September 20 the Area Advisor told Scout Executive Bunn Hackney that the event would be canceled. Since the patches and neckerchiefs had already been ordered they were distributed.



1950s

In **1951** the lodge issued its first patch, an oval patch measuring about four inches tall. The orange twill patch has “WWW”, the lodge name, lodge number, lodge totem (turtle), and an Indian head similar to a design on their summer camp patch. It was first issued on a gray neckerchief. When lodges sent delegations to National OA Conferences they were requested to wear a lodge neckerchief. Plans to attend the 1952 NOAC at Miami University in Ohio may have been part of the motivation to issue this patch.



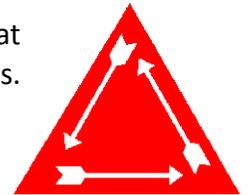
Uwharrie Lodge had 60 active members in **1952** and sent a small delegation to the Area 6A Fellowship that was held on March 7 – 9 at Camp Tuscarora. The lodge benefited from the training and learned how other NC lodges operated in support of their councils’ camping programs.

On March 19 – 21, **1954** the lodge sent a delegation to Camp Cherokee near Reidsville, NC for the Area 6A Fellowship. The host lodge was responsible for most aspects of the event but the visiting lodges each assisted by leading a discussion group. Uwharrie Lodge had the topic “Lodge and Chapter Organization” on Saturday morning.

The **LODGE RULES** as amended on September 22, 1954 indicate that the lodge would hold four Annual Meetings during the following year. These were as follows: **Fall Fellowship** – October 15-16 at Camp Uwharrie, **Annual Banquet** – December 30th in Lexington, NC, **Spring Fellowship** – May 13-14, 1955 at Camp Uwharrie, and **Summer Fellowship** – last week of summer camp.

In addition to the four lodge events Uwharrie Lodge always sent a delegation to the Area 6A Fellowship. On March 25 – 27, 1955 the lodge went to Camp Croatan located near New Bern, NC. The lodge was responsible for leading a discussion group on Saturday on “Service Projects”.

On April 27 – 29 **1956** the lodge attended the Area 6A Fellowship hosted by Wahissa Lodge at Camp Raven Knob. A feature of recent fellowships was the tap-out of Vigil Honor candidates. For the first time this year Uwharrie Lodge presented members for this recognition. On Saturday night **Frank Bailey, Carl Kaneer, and Earnest Hamilton** became the lodge’s **first Vigil Honor** members.



Uwharrie Lodge sent 35 delegates to the **1957** Area 6A Fellowship on April 26 – 28 at Camp Tuscarora. On Friday evening Tom Marlowe was called out for the Vigil Honor. On Saturday morning the lodge led a discussion group on the topic of “Service Projects”.

Troop elections for OA membership were held during summer camp and supervised by an OA member. The *LODGE RULES as amended on May 15, 1957* also stated that the Scout Executive is empowered to name Camp Staff members and Scouters to the Order of the Arrow.

This leads to a story told by an old Scouter from the lodge. He said that Scout Executive Bunn Hackney would have all of the non-OA boys at camp stand in a line from tallest to shortest. He would walk down the line and say everyone from this point up was a candidate for the Order of the Arrow. It was suggested that he was looking for the bigger boys that could do some “cheerful service” around camp.

On April 25 – 27, **1958** the lodge attended the Area 6A Fellowship hosted by Tali Taktaki Lodge at Camp Wenasa in nearby Brown Summit, NC. The lodge took 54 members to this event. On Saturday the lodge led a

discussion group on “Brotherhood Procedures”. That evening they conducted the Brotherhood ceremony for up to two candidates from each lodge. At the Area Congress Paul Briggs of Lexington was a candidate for Area 6A Chief, but he was not selected. On Saturday evening three members were tapped out for the Vigil Honor. They were Roy Lopp, Kent Lopp, and Paul Briggs.

On Saturday, August 23 thirty-seven Arrowmen from Area 6A boarded a charter bus for a trip to the 1958 National Order of the Arrow Conference. The NOAC was held at the University of Kansas. Uwharrie Lodge sent only one delegate and that was Lodge Chief Joe Stanley. The group traveled through Lexington, KY and St. Louis, MO and arrived in Lawrence, Kansas at noon on Monday. The trip created new friendships within the leaders of the Area and the shared experience led to a bright future.



1958 Area 6-A NOAC Delegation
Lawrence, Kansas

In October 1958 Uwharrie Council had five districts and corresponding chapters. They were High Point, Thomasville, Lexington, Rowan and Davie. Annual Lodge Dues were \$1.00.

The **1959** Area 6A Fellowship was hosted by Occoneechee Lodge on April 10 – 12 at Camp Durant near Raleigh. Uwharrie Lodge’s delegation enjoyed an emphasis on Indian Culture. Henry Hennings from the BSA National Staff and 1954 DSA recipient attended the fellowship and led demonstrations on Indian Dancing and Costuming. He also directed the Dance Team Competition. Another special guest was Captain Jack Obermeyer of the National OA Committee. He addressed the delegates during Saturday evening’s Banquet. Uwharrie was in charge of a discussion group on Ordeal membership and ceremonies and the lodge conducted the Brotherhood ceremony on Saturday night.

Four weeks after the 6A Fellowship the lodge held a Spring Fellowship on May 9th at Camp Uwharrie. The event was held on Saturday only. A Brotherhood Ceremony was scheduled.

1960s

The lodge started the 1960s with 146 active members. Of this number there were 116 Ordeal members, 25 Brotherhood members and 5 active Vigil members.

On April 29 – May 1, **1960** Uwharrie Lodge took a delegation of 49 Arrowmen to the Area 6A Fellowship held at Camp Cherokee near Reidsville. On Friday evening Lodge Chief Bill Mickey and future Lodge Adviser Richard Clapp were tapped out for the Vigil Honor. On Saturday **Bill Mickey** of High Point was elected as **Area Chief** for the coming year. On Saturday evening Uwharrie performed the Brotherhood Induction Ceremony.

FIRST FLAP

The BSA approved the right pocket flap of the Scout uniform as a place for Order of the Arrow insignia in the mid-1950s. Finally in 1961 Uwharrie Lodge issued its first flap. The design was simple including the lodge totem turtle, WWW, and the lodge name and number. In a letter dated April 21, 1961 Scout Executive Bunn Hackney advised Arrowmen that they could purchase the new pocket patch at the Area Fellowship. Each member attending the fellowship could purchase two flaps for \$1.00 each.



The **1961** Area 6A Fellowship was hosted by Croatan Lodge at Camp Lejeune on April 28 – 30. Bill Mickey of High Point served as Area Chief. Uwharrie Lodge took 52 delegates and everyone enjoyed the unique experience of visiting this US Marine Corps Base. The biggest change from recent fellowships was that each lodge brought their own tentage. Each lodge received one pyramidal tent for their officers then the lodge set up their own “village”. Arrowmen enjoyed touring the base and using some of the facilities. There was time for some of the usual discussion groups and Uwharrie led one on lodges’ Annual Program. Austin Swain and Tom Honeycutt received the Vigil Honor.



On May 27 Brothers gathered for the Spring Fellowship at Camp Uwharrie. People arrived on Saturday morning and met on the porch of the Berlin Lodge at 9:00. The morning and afternoon were spent working on a service project and helping prepare camp for the summer season. There was a lodge meeting following lunch. Brothers had a chance to swim prior to supper which was followed by a softball game. The final activity of the evening was the Brotherhood Ceremony. Members could spend Saturday night at camp by setting up their tents near the Dairy Barn, but no breakfast or activities were planned for Sunday.

The lodge took 41 delegates to the **1962** Area 6A Fellowship that was held on April 27 – 29 at Camp Raven Knob and hosted by Wahissa Lodge. The lodge made its flap available to delegates but each person could purchase only one at a price of \$1.00. Uwharrie Lodge was responsible for the Brotherhood Ceremony and in leading a discussion group on the “Annual Program”. This event followed the format of previous fellowships with Friday night campfire, Saturday morning discussion groups and afternoon exhibits, scrapbooks, Indian dancing and recreation. Dance team competition was the primary Saturday night event. The Vigil Tap-out was on Friday night this year and three lodge members were recognized: Gary Greene, Eddie Koonce, and Bobby Batten.

The **1963** Area 6A Fellowship had a schedule that matched the prior year’s event. Uwharrie lodge’s duties were the same as well. The highlight of the weekend was the tap-out for Vigil Honor of three lodge members: Calvin Rice, Mike Bernhardt, and Dick Helms. Everyone enjoyed the Sunday Final Challenge which was given by G. Kellock Hale.

On May 24-26 the Spring Fellowship was held at camp. There was good participation and much was accomplished in preparing the facility for the summer camp season.

On April 24 – 26 Uwharrie Lodge delegates attended the **1964** Area 6A Fellowship that was hosted by Tali Taktaki Lodge at Camp Wenasa near Brown Summit, NC. The lodge was responsible for leading the discussion group with the topic of “Annual Program”. They also took care of the flag ceremonies. A Vigil tap-out was held Friday night and Frank Roberts and Larry Rouse were recognized. Following the Closing Lunch on Sunday the participants enjoyed the Final Challenge by G. Kellock Hale.

In **1965** the Area 6A Fellowship was held on April 23 – 25 at the Camp Lejeune Marine Reservation near Jacksonville, NC. The site was located directly on Onslow Beach – “ON THE SAND, ‘NEATH THE SUN, BY THE SEA”. Each lodge had a private wing of a barrack including a room for lodge officers. The Marine Corps served all meals in a dining hall which included a central conference meeting hall. Everyone arrived on Friday afternoon and enjoyed a campfire program following supper. Saturday morning included discussion groups and once again Uwharrie led the one on “Annual Program”. After lunch a new activity was introduced, an athletic competition named the “Quest for the Golden Arrow”. Following dinner was the “Festival of

Feathers”, Indian Dance competition. Sunday included religious services followed by the Closing Dinner, Installation of the new Area Chief then Final Challenge.

The LODGE RULES as Amended July 15, 1965 outline the Requirements and Procedures for Election to Membership. “The election of all Order of the Arrow candidates from Troops will take place at Camp Uwharrie.” Explorer Posts could hold elections outside of camp but only under the supervision of a Chapter Adviser. Candidates nominated must complete their Ordeal Honor at the Ordeal conducted immediately following the close of Summer Camp. In order to be nominated the Scout/Explorer must be at least 13 years of age, have completed 15 nights of camping “under canvas”, be First Class, and have held an elected Junior Leader Office within his unit. Regarding lodge officers, Uwharrie Lodge had a Lodge Chief, Lodge Vice Chief, and Lodge Secretary. These officers shall be under 18 years of age when elected. Their term was from August 1st to July 31st.



On April 22 – 24, **1966** the Area 6A Fellowship was hosted by Tslagi Lodge 163 at Camp Cherokee located near Reidsville. The eight lodges of the area competed in various activities and one lodge dominated in all categories. Tali Taktaki Lodge 70 headquartered in Greensboro took top honors across the board.

In 1966 and 1967 the council referred to the council camp in Jamestown as Camp Bunn Hackney. Mr. Hackney had served Uwharrie Council as Scout Executive since 1927 and he was the key leader that developed the camp into a fine summer program.

The lodge sent a motivated delegation to the **1967** Area 6A Fellowship that was held at Camp Raven Knob on April 21 – 23. Everyone arrived on Friday and enjoyed opening ceremonies in Wahissa Lodge’s new arena. On Saturday training and discussion groups dominated the morning, but the afternoon was a time for competition. In the Solo Dance Competition Frank Lagrange took 1st place and the lodge placed 1st in the Team Dance competition as well.

Lawson Ingram became Lodge Adviser in 1967 and filled the position for almost ten years. Mr. Ingram had a vehicle that he allowed some lodge members to convert into the Uwharrie Lodge mobile.



The **1968** Area 6A Fellowship was hosted by Klahican Lodge at Camp Durant. Uwharrie Lodge was part of the 450 Arrowmen that gathered for a weekend of training, competition, and fellowship. This event was unique in that the host lodge (Klahican) was holding the event at Occoneechee Council’s camp. At the time Cape Fear Council did not have a camp facility adequate for this size event.

On December 1, 1968 Scout Executive Bunn Hackney retired. He served Uwharrie Council for over 41 years since being hired on October 1, 1927. Mr. Hackney was a big supporter of the Order of the Arrow since submitting the initial charter application in 1941. He was followed by Mack Gaskins as Scout Executive.

In **1969** the Order of the Arrow leadership of Region 6 decided to hold regional training and no Area Fellowships. This special training would be held in years of National OA Conferences. A few lodge officers of the Area traveled to Atlanta for this initial weekend. The outcry from many lodges in the Region made this a one-time occurrence. Local Arrowmen wanted their annual fellowship to take place every year.



In the late 1960s members of the lodge participated in the Thomasville Christmas Parade. Adults and youth dressed in ceremonial regalia and represented the Order of the Arrow and Uwharrie Lodge.

1970s



The **1970** Area 6A Fellowship was held on April 24 – 26 at Camp Wenasa and was hosted by Tali Taktaki Lodge. The lodges of the Area were happy to get together again since no fellowship was held in 1969. Uwharrie Lodge took a full delegation to this event and one of the main reasons was to meet and hear a special message from the co-founder of the Order of the Arrow, Col. Carroll A. Edson. On Saturday morning Col. Edson led a discussion group on the “History of the Order of the Arrow”. He shared the story of that first summer 55 years before when he and E. Urner Goodman started the Order at Treasure Island Scout Camp. Col. Edson also gave the Closing Challenge on Sunday morning and Arrowmen left inspired.

In **1971** the Area 6A Fellowship was hosted by Wahissa Lodge 118 at Camp Raven Knob. Uwharrie lodge took a large delegation under the leadership of Lodge Chief Doug Stanley. Everyone enjoyed the Friday night opening show in the OA arena and a great cracker barrel. On Saturday there was a slight change to the traditional schedule. At previous fellowships the morning was filled with discussion groups. This year the time was spent in “Idea Exchange Groups”. The difference was a format including new ideas and some training. Topics covered in the Publications Idea Exchange Group became a reality in the next few years. They discussed lodges establishing and improving newsletters, Camping Booklets, and Planbooks. This would keep current members informed and provide important information to new members. The Service Idea Exchange Group talked about the three areas of service for the OA: in the Community, the Council and the Camp. The Camp Promotions group suggested every lodge develop a slide show to play for troops to stress attending summer camp. In the Open Forum led by Area 6A Chief Wes Morgan several topics were discussed. One was “Should girls be elected into



the O.A.?" Another issue was if lodges had trouble with record keeping they should seek the services of a "computer". A special guest attended this fellowship – National Secretary of the OA, David Boshea.

The **1972** Area 6A Fellowship was hosted by Croatan Lodge at Bonner Scout Reservation on the Pamlico Sound on April 21 – 23. In the early 1970s there was a growing interest in the country about Native Americans and their culture. The OA benefited with more participation in ceremonies and Indian Dancing. This was seen by the number of dancers at the 1972 fellowship. This year's event was altered by a very rainy weekend, but only a swimming session and a sailboat race were canceled. Uwharrie Lodge brought 60 delegates to this event and as reflection of their participation and active year the lodge took home the **Honor Lodge** Award. The lodge took 2nd in the Camping Promotions exhibit and placed 1st in Team Dance competition.



In April **1973** Uwharrie Lodge brought an enthusiastic delegation to the final Area 6A Fellowship which was hosted by Tslagi Lodge at Cherokee Scout Reservation near Yanceyville, NC. The BSA had recently realigned the country from twelve regions to six. The Area chose to hold one last fellowship under the Area 6A name even though the same eight lodges were now part of Section 3A of the Southeast Region. For the past 35 years area events around the country were called Fellowships, Pow Wows, and Conferences. With the new region designations the OA chose to call all of these events "Conclaves". Future NC gatherings would be referred to as Section SE-3A Conclaves.

On December 27 the lodge held a Winter Fellowship at the Thomasville Women's Club. This event was a banquet to recognize and thank the outgoing lodge officers, install new officers, and present awards.



For several years Uwharrie Lodge had been requesting that the Area/Section allow the lodge to host an area fellowship/section conclave. Concern had always been expressed that the lodge was too small and weak to handle such a big responsibility. Discussions in 1974 were leaning toward finally approving the request. At the **1974** SE-3A Section Conclave hosted by Occoneechee Lodge at Camp Durant near Raleigh lodge members could be seen wearing buttons that said "UWHARRIE IN 75".

In **1975** for the first time in almost thirty years Uwharrie Lodge had the opportunity to host a Section Conclave. Some of the other lodges in the Section were concerned that Uwharrie Lodge was too small to handle this responsibility. Leaders of the lodge assured everyone that the lodge was up to the challenge. For several months leading up to the event the lodge held workdays at Camp Uwharrie to prepare for the conclave. Former Lodge Chief Ed Leonard served as the 1974-1975 Section SE-3A Chief. He along



with advisers Lawson Ingram and Mack Gaskins worked tirelessly to make sure this event was a huge success. While the host lodge was responsible for all facilities, logistics, trading post, and food services, other lodges in the section had assigned duties for Discussions and Displays:



| <u>LODGE</u> | <u>DISCUSSIONS</u> | <u>DISPLAYS</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Klahican | Unit Elections | Camp Promotions |
| Croatan | Lodge Planning | Induction Sequence |
| Tali Taktaki | Ceremonies | O.A. History |
| Occonechee | Conducting the Ordeal | Indian Costumes & Crafts |
| Nayawin Rar | Publications | Service Projects |
| Wahissa | Lodge Records | Cherokee Camp Life |
| Tslagi | Chapter Administration | Unit Elections |

The weather for the weekend was cool but pleasant. The Opening Campfire saw spirited cheering by all lodge delegations and short speeches by various VIPs. Saturday went smoothly with Discussions/ Training in the morning and competition in the afternoon. The Solo and War Dance Competition was held in the Fellowship Ring followed by the Quest for the Golden Arrow at Lake Uwharrie. Tslagi Lodge 163 won the Quest. The evening activities included Dance Team competition in the Commotin Circle and recognition of Vigil Candidates. A big cracker barrel ended the evening with delegates enjoying fellowship, good food, and a little patch trading! Sunday morning started early with the Vigil Breakfast at 6:30. Awards were presented following a Church Service at the Chapel and new Section Officers were installed. Tim Jones won 1st in the Jr. Division of War Dance and placed 3rd in the Sr. Division. Everyone agreed that Uwharrie Lodge did a fine job in hosting the 1975 SE-3A Section Conclave!



In August the lodge sent a delegation to the National OA Conference at Miami University located in Oxford, Ohio. The group participated in training, saw exciting shows, learned about the 60th Anniversary / Bicentennial Achievement Award, did some Indian dancing, and traded a few patches. Cliff Ward joined over 300 Arrowmen that competed in Indian dancing. Cliff did exceptionally well and placed 3rd in the nation in the Old Style War Dance.

By the end of 1975 six people had earned the 60th Anniversary Award – Roddie Hobbs, Andy Miller, Mark Elmore, Scott Bruton, Charles Mock, and Hugh Lagle.

On January 2, **1976** the lodge held its Winter Fellowship at Kepley's Barn in High Point hosted by Tutelo Chapter. Lodge Chief Bob Jackson acted as master of ceremonies. Brothers enjoyed dinner and entertainment and a brief lodge meeting was conducted.

Uwharrie Lodge sent a delegation to Camp Wenasa near Brown Summit, NC on April 23 – 25 for the SE-3A Section Conclave. The major change at this conclave was the Saturday morning schedule. Instead of Discussion Groups there was actual training. It was broken down into Level I (15 minutes), Level II (1 hour), and Level III (2 hours). This gave delegates the option to choose the topics they want to learn about and the amount of time to spend on each. Uwharrie Lodge was in charge of the Quest for the Golden Arrow. In Indian Dance competition Cliff Ward placed 3rd in the Senior Division. Delegates enjoyed visiting with a special guest, Ken Davis, a historian on the OA and a member of the National OA Committee.

The lodge held its annual Ordeal Weekends in May and June. The events ran smoothly and nearly 90 new Arrowmen were inducted. Camp was prepared for the summer and several important projects were completed.

Former Uwharrie Lodge Chief **Charlie Garwood** became Lodge Adviser replacing Lawson Ingram.

Roddie Hobbs, Dennis Presnell, Bob Jackson and Charlie Garwood attended the Southeast Region Training Conference held on July 30 – August 1 at Meredith College in Raleigh. There was lots of training and exchange of ideas and stories among the delegates.



On September 24 – 26, 1976 about 55 Brothers gathered at Camp Uwharrie for a weekend of fun and service at the Fall Fellowship. Friday night included a cracker barrel and a movie. Saturday started with a service project at the new rifle range. The morning concluded with an open forum led by Lodge Chief Bob Jackson. The afternoon featured the “Gauntlet” with chapters competing in knot tying, the atomic bomb, clove hitch, and the orienteering trail. Eswa Chapter placed first. Following supper Scout Executive Jim Terry shared the long term plans for Camp Uwharrie. The evening ended with Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies. Jay Helevy was recognized as a candidate for the Vigil Honor. Sunday morning included lodge elections.

The Winter Fellowship was held on December 30 at the Ice Rink, Piedmont Sports Arena, in Greensboro

In 1977 the lodge’s annual dues were \$2.00. Members could pay this while attending the Spring Fellowship on March 18 – 20 at Camp Uwharrie. The cost for the weekend was \$4.50.

The **1977** SE-3A Section Conclave was held on April 22 – 24 at Tuscarora Scout Reservation. Nayawin Rar Lodge 296 did a fine job preparing their relatively new camp for this big event. Uwharrie Lodge performed the Brotherhood Ceremony on Friday evening for up to two delegates per lodge. Through the 1970s a great many Arrowmen took interest in Indian dancing. They spent many hours and lots of dollars to make their outfits as authentic as possible. The use of eagle feathers was authentic, but the government became concerned that birds of prey needed to be protected. The Rules for Dance Competition stated: “ABSOLUTELY NO ILLEGAL FEATHERS OR BIRD PARTS WILL BE TOLERATED!!!!!!!!”

The lodge held a workday at Camp Uwharrie on May 28. This event each year allowed Arrowmen to help set up tents and tarps and prepare the facility for the coming summer camp season. During summer camp the lodge held Ice Cream fellowships on Thursday night. This gave the lodge an opportunity to connect with everyone and encourage members to become more active in the lodge.

Following summer camp the lodge held Ordeals on July 29 – 31 and on August 5 – 7 at Camp Uwharrie.

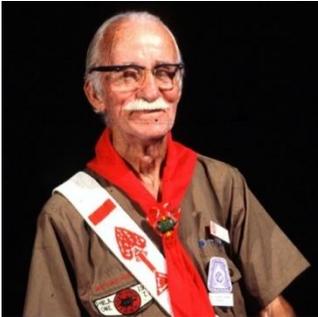
In late August the lodge took eight members to the 1977 National OA Conference held at the University of Tennessee. The cost to attend was \$85.00. The members attending were Roddie Hobbs, John Helm, Hugh Lagle, Brian Cole, Ben Lookabill, Ben White, Lawson Ingram, and Charles Garwood.

September 23 – 25 was the date of this year’s Fall Fellowship. Ordeal, Brotherhood and Vigil ceremonies were held. **Roddie Hobbs** was re-elected as Lodge Chief. The lodge held its first Elangomat training under the leadership of Tom Wells, Manuel Debettencourt and Charlie Garwood.



On December 30 Brothers met at Calabash Restaurant for the Winter Fellowship. At this banquet Awards and honors for outstanding service were presented.

The 1978 Spring Fellowship was held on March 17 – 19. A major objective was to prepare for conclave, but member also enjoyed Chapter competition in the Gauntlet, advanced to Brotherhood, and held Chapter meetings.



On April 21 – 23 Uwharrie Lodge went to Fort Caswell on Oak Island for the 1978 SE-3A Section Conclave. Klahican Lodge hosted the section at the Baptist Church camp on the coast. Unlike previous conclaves where everyone stayed in tents, for this event delegates stayed in dorms and barracks. The shows were presented in a large auditorium. The highlight for the weekend was a special guest, the founder of the Order of the Arrow, E. Urner Goodman.

May of 1978 was a busy month with the lodge assisting at the Council Camporee on May 19 – 21 and then on the following weekend (May 26 – 28) a Work Weekend at camp. Most of the camp staff were lodge members and a highlight each week was on Thursday nights when the lodge performed Tap-out ceremonies.

Following camp there was an Ordeal weekend for all of the recently tapped candidate on August 18 – 20. Meaningful projects were completed around Camp Uwharrie.

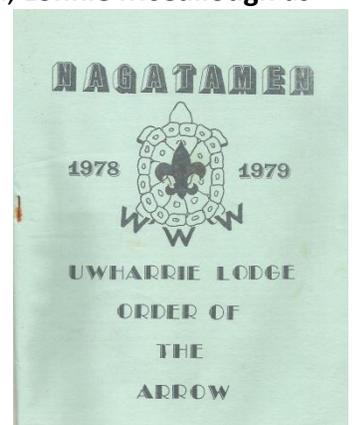


On the weekend of September 22 – 24, 71 Brothers and 11 Ordeal candidates gathered for the Fall Fellowship. Friday started with a Per-Ordeal ceremony. On Saturday Brothers attended training classes then everyone sought signatures of election candidates for the Wide Game. After lunch Brotherhood candidates were questioned. Tutelo Chapter won the Gauntlet and the Wide Game and Eswa walked off with Honor Chapter. The evening saw 19 members seal their membership in the Order by becoming Brotherhood. Four Vigil candidates were also called out. They were Bob Bruton, Dennis Presnell, Lonnie McCullough, and David McBride. A big cracker barrel in the Longhouse finished the evening. On Sunday morning following breakfast the lodge had a church service then elections. **Mike Rivers** was elected as Lodge Chief, **Bert Alexander** as Vice Chief of Administration, **Lonnie McCullough** as

Vice Chief of Ceremonies, **William Beeker** as Vice Chief of Publications, and **Todd Drake** as Secretary.

In September 1978 the lodge issued the “Nagatamen”, an information booklet for new members. The name means “useful one” and it provided details on the Order of the Arrow, on Uwharrie Lodge, and a schedule for the year. Lodge Chief Roddie Hobbs encouraged all members to use this tool and increase their participation in the lodge.

On Saturday, November 11, 1978 a special Longhouse Repair Day was held. The lodge building received fresh paint and some badly needed updates.



The lodge had another full year in **1979**. The schedule included a Work Weekend on February 16 – 18 and the Spring Fellowship on March 16.

On April 20 – 22 Uwharrie Lodge sent a delegation to the SE-3A Section Conclave at Camp Raven Knob. The lodge prepared well for this event and demonstrated great spirit. Everyone looked sharp in their uniforms with yellow neckerchiefs and green hats. The lodge had high participation in all activities and competed well. Out of the eight lodges attending Uwharrie placed 2nd in Team Dance, 3rd in Indian Culture Exhibits, and won the title of Honor Lodge. Roddie Hobbs placed 1st in the Senior division of Traditional style dancing and Lonnie McCullough placed 2nd in Junior Modern Dancing.

The lodge instituted an Honors Bead System on July 30, 1979. Each member was given one thong and then a colored bead was given for attending lodge events, serving as an officer, and for other special services.

On the weekends of August 3 and August 10 the lodge held Ordeals at Camp Uwharrie. About 80 candidates completed several important projects around camp and were inducted into the lodge. Much work was done on the new council ring, Commotin Circle.



Roddie Hobbs

Uwharrie Lodge sent thirteen members to the National OA Conference held on August 13 - 17 at Colorado State University. The delegates flew out of Charlotte airport and were privileged to be on the same flight as the Order's founder, **E. Uerner Goodman**. Each evening the group enjoyed entertaining shows and during the morning attended training sessions. A little patch trading was done during spare time. In the afternoon there was Indian dance competition. Roddie Hobbs placed **3rd nationally** in the Old Style division. Following the Closing show on Friday morning the group did some touring. For the next three days they visited Rocky Mountain National Park, the Air Force Academy, Cave of the Winds, and Garden of the Gods. On Monday morning the group flew back to Charlotte and headed home.

On September 21 – 23 a large contingent gathered for the Fall Fellowship. Friday evening started with a pre-Ordeal ceremony then a cracker barrel in the Dining Hall. It was a rainy night. Saturday morning included training sessions. After lunch there was a Candidates' Forum that was followed by the Gauntlet. This year's event was dominated by Eswa Chapter. Sam Fouts won the Chess Tournament and Mark Childers won the Backgammon Tournament. After a great supper there were Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies. Five deserving members received the Vigil Honor. They were Robert Wells, Mickey McCrary, Brian Cole, Todd Drake, and Mike Rivers. The evening ended with a big cracker barrel and a Pow-wow. The Pow Wow was sponsored by Eswau Huppeday Lodge 560. It was wet again on Sunday and following a worship service there were lodge elections. **Dennis Presnell** was elected Lodge Chief, **Ken Fishback** – Vice Chief of Publications, **William Beeker** – Vice Chief of Ceremonies, **Allen Purser** – Vice Chief of Administration, and **Paul Klosterman** as Lodge Secretary.



The November 1979 Section newsletter, *APENSUWI*, reported that Uwharrie Lodge had 225 active members with 148 Ordeal, 53 Brotherhood, and 24 Vigil.

On December 14 - 16 the new officers participated in Lodge Officer Training. The group learned how to be effective leaders, how to set goals, and to work as a team.

The lodge's Winter Banquet was held at the Fireside Fish Camp on December 28. The lodge was honored to have National Chief Jeff Herrmann attend and make a keynote address.

The lodge gathered again at Camp Uwharrie on March 21 – 23 for the 1980 Spring Fellowship. This event gave the officers a chance to plan and prepare for the upcoming section conclave.

Once again Uwharrie Lodge dominated the competition at the **1980 SE-3A Section Conclave** held at Bonner Scout Reservation and hosted by Croatan Lodge on April 18 – 20. This year the lodge earned the following awards: 1st – Indian Cultural Exhibit, 1st – Team Dance, 1st – Quest for the Golden Arrow, and 2nd for Honor Lodge. Individual Indian dancers performed well also. Todd Drake won 1st in the Jr. division of War Dance with Frank Rosensky 2nd and Kevin Rosensky 3rd. Danny Brown won Overall in the Sr. division of War Dance. Jason Hendrix found Mr. 3-A. Another big responsibility for the lodge was producing the Shows. The weather cooperated and all went well. There was great participation by both youth and adults. **We're the Great 208!**



A Service Fellowship was held on June 6 – 8. There was more service than fellowship as members put in a full day on Saturday preparing Camp Uwharrie for the summer camp season. Tap outs were held during the summer and on August 8 – 10 and August 22 – 24 Ordeals were held to welcome new members.

The 1980 Fall Fellowship was held on September 19 – 21 and it was a special event. Friday began with a cracker barrel and Pow Wow in the Dining Hall. A Business Meeting was held in the Longhouse. A few patches were traded as well. Saturday started with training. There was a session on the OA's History and Purpose then training on the Revised Pre-Ordeal Ceremony. Following lunch there was a Candidates Forum so everyone could meet and here the Brothers running for office. The Gauntlet and Wide Game were next. There was time in the afternoon for swimming, Chess and backgammon tournaments, and Individual Dance Competition. A great supper was enjoyed then a time for ceremonies: Brotherhood, Ordeal, and the Vigil Call-out. A cracker barrel in the Berlin Lodge and Pow Wow in the Dance Arbor finished off a busy day. Sunday began with breakfast, worship service then a Lodge Meeting for Elections. The following officers were elected: **Scott Percival** – Lodge Chief, **Joe Bailey** – Vice Chief of Administration, **Scott Bruton** – Vice Chief of Ceremonies, **Stefan Berrier** – Vice Chief of Publications, **Billy Fox** – Secretary, and **Paul Klosterman** – Vice Chief of Finance.



The Winter Banquet was held at West Davidson Senior High School in Tyro, NC. The guest speaker was Southeast Region Chief, Jody Clark.

Since the mid-1970s OA lodges around the country began making a big deal over anniversary years. **1981** was the **40th Anniversary** of the founding of Uwharrie Lodge. Plans were made to celebrate this special occasion.

On February 20 - 22 a total of 45 Brothers reported to Camp Uwharrie for the Service Fellowship. They worked on the following projects around camp: Screening on cabins in Cherokee and Catawba campsites, Worked on Chimney in Longhouse, Put shingles on new garage roof and Nature Lodge, and Built shelves and worktable in Handicraft Area. The Spring Fellowship followed on March 20-22. This event was designed for fun not work. The lodge held Chapter competitions and prepared for the section conclave.

On April 24 – 26, 1981 a delegation from the lodge attended the SE-3A Section Conclave that was hosted by Tslagi Lodge 163 at Cherokee Scout Reservation. The delegates had a chance to meet several special guests.



These included William “Green Bar Bill” Hillcourt (Boy Scout Handbook author), Bill Downs (National Executive Director of the Order of the Arrow), and Brad Starr (National Chief). During the conclave each lodge had responsibility for running an activity. Uwharrie Lodge directed the Ordeal Ceremonial Competition. The lodge competed well in the Quest and Team Dance Competition.

From August 10 – 14 twelve members of Uwharrie Lodge attended the **National OA Conference** held at the University of Texas in Austin. The group included Paul Klosterman, Jeff Copley, Ben Lookabill, Randy Parks, Joe Bailey, Kevin Rosensky, Frank Rosensky, Danny Brown, Roddie Hobbs, Sam Fouts, Charlie Corn, and Charlie Garwood. The delegates drove in two vehicles and stopped in New Orleans on the way down to tour the French Quarter. While the NOAC is known for lots of training and great shows, this year’s event will be remembered for the lodge’s success in Indian Affairs. For the first time in lodge history a group entered the Team Dance competition. After the dust settled and the smoke cleared, the team placed 2nd in the nation. Individual competition was scheduled for the day following team competition. Here are the results:

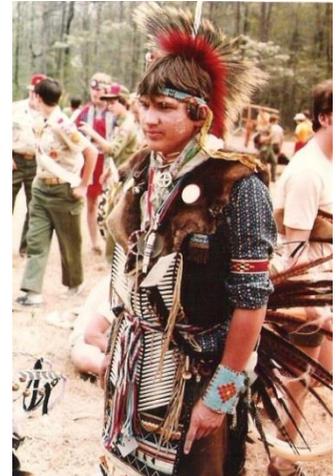


Joe Bailey

- Kevin Rosensky** – Semi-finalist (top 20 nationally)
- Joe Bailey** – Finalist (top 10 nationally)
- Frank Rosensky** – Third Place nationally
- Danny Brown** – First Place National Winner



Danny Brown



Frank Rosensky

These four dancers credit their advisors: Roddie Hobbs, Sam Fouts, and Charlie Corn for guiding them to success.

Following NOAC the lodge had Ordeal Weekends on August 14 – 16 and 28 – 30.

On September 18 – 20 the lodge held its Fall Fellowship at Camp Uwharrie. This occasion was used to commemorate the lodge’s 40th Anniversary. Time was spent reflecting on the past and looking forward to the future. A patch auction was held that raised over \$500. On Sunday elections were held and the following officers were chosen: **Paul Klosterman** – Lodge Chief, **Scott Elkins** – Vice Chief of Service, **Eugene Fine** – Secretary, **Kevin Snider** – Treasurer, **Lee Purser** – VC of Publications, **Bill Fox** – VC



of Ceremonies, and **Brent Harrison** – VC of Camp Promotions. These new officers participated in Lodge Officer Training on November 6 – 8. The group worked on team building exercises and setting goals for the coming year.

On December 28 the lodge held its Winter Banquet at Davidson County Community College. New lodge officers were installed and special awards were presented. The Order of the Arrow had recently introduced a new award that lodges could present known as the Founder's Award. Two Brothers were recognized for their outstanding service to the lodge. The first was Allen Purser and Bob Bowers was the second recipient whose award was presented posthumously.



Uwharrie Lodge was thriving in **1982!** On February 19 – 21 the Service Fellowship was held and on March 19 – 21 there was the Spring Fellowship. One of the memorable activities was the silkscreening of neckerchiefs for conclave.

In the March 1982 edition of **The Shaft** Lodge Adviser Charlie Garwood included a strongly worded letter to the lodge. Apparently during the Spring Fellowship some participants left camp and purchased beer. It was not disclosed if any beverages were consumed on camp property, but needless to say this was not acceptable!

On April 3 – 4 the lodge handled concessions for the Southern Life Horse Show. This was a money earner for the lodge and appreciated by the leadership at Sedgfield Stables.

Uwharrie Lodge once again was a leader at the SE-7 Section Conclave held at Camp Durant on April 16 – 18, 1982. This was the first year for the newly aligned section that included eleven of North Carolina's twelve lodges. Under the leadership of Lodge Chief Paul Klosterman the lodge achieved the following honors: 1st Place – Topic Exhibit, 1st Place – Indian Culture Exhibit, 1st Place – Indian Dance Team, and 2nd Place in Quest for the Golden Arrow. Individual Indian Dancers performed well with Kevin Rosensky taking 1st in Jr. Traditional and Tim Mitchell taking 3rd, Daniel Wassum won 1st in Sr. Modern Division, and Danny Brown and Frank Rosensky taking 2nd and 3rd in Sr. Traditional. Lodge Vice Chief Scott Elkins was elected Section Vice Chief. It was a spirited weekend with great participation by many Arrowmen!

Uwharrie Lodge's own **Charlie Garwood** was selected to become the new Section Adviser for SE-7. In order to fill this position he stepped down as Lodge Adviser. **Sam Fouts** was appointed as the new Lodge Adviser.



On June 4 – 6 the lodge held its annual Camp Service Fellowship. A major topic at this event was assignments for the 1983 conclave. In preparing to host the 1983 conclave the lodge appointed Allen Purser as the Chairman of the **SE-7 Conclave Planning Committee**. There were nine subcommittees set up as follows:

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| 1. Trading Post | Mooney Snyder, Chairman | Larry Warlick, Adviser |
| 2. Food Services | Peewee Richards | Alfred Giles |
| 3. Campsite Hosts | Scott Bruton | Parker McLendon |
| 4. Transportation & Parking | Ken Fishback | Mickey McCrary |
| 5. Program Coordination | Mike Rivers | Sam Fouts |
| 6. Budget & Finance | Paul Klosterman | Chuck Rivers |
| 7. Physical Preparation | Mark Sheets | Tommy Chaffin |
| 8. Safety | Billy Fox | Charlie Corn |
| 9. Publications | Lee Purser | Don Lambert |

All lodge members were encouraged to join a subcommittee to help prepare for the big event of 1983.

Ordeal weekends were held on August 13 – 15 and on August 27 – 29. The Fall Fellowship was held on September 17 – 19. A major component of this weekend was the process for welcoming new Vigil Honor members. The recipients for 1982 include the following: Bill Fox, Danny Brown, Frank Rosensky, Sam Fouts, Ken Fishback, Alfred Giles, and Rickey Pierce. Lodge elections were also held and the following officers were elected: **Billy Fox** – Lodge Chief, **Brian Boger** – Vice Chief of Service, **Mark Sheets** – Vice Chief of Camping Promotions, **Lee Purser** – Vice Chief of Finance, **Bob Bowser** – Vice Chief of Ceremonies, **Kelvin Snider** – Vice Chief of Publications, and **Lynn Clodfelter** – Lodge Secretary.



These new officers received Lodge Officer Training on November 5 – 7. On December 27 the lodge held its Winter Banquet at the American Legion Hut in Lexington. The new officers were installed and outgoing officers were thanked for their service. The Founder's Award was presented to Paul Klosterman and Charlie Garwood.

1983 was all about getting ready for conclave! Conclave Service Weekends were held on February 4-6, 18-20, March 4-6, 18-20, and April 1-3. Two big projects before conclave were to stain the Longhouse and to complete the control booth at the top of Commotin Circle. These tasks were completed with the most participation on March 18 – 20 during the Spring Fellowship.



On the weekend of April 15 – 17

Uwharrie Lodge hosted the SE-7 Section Conclave. When the lodge last hosted a conclave in 1975 there were eight lodges in the section, but with the recent reorganization of the Southeast Region the section now had eleven lodges. The lodge worked hard to get Camp Uwharrie ready for the event and the camp was in excellent shape. The Section had established ten Program Areas for the Section Conclave. Uwharrie was the Host Lodge and the other lodges each took care of an assigned area. They were Elections, Shows, Quest for the Golden Arrow, Training, Indian Dance Competition, Topic Exhibits, Special Events, Ceremonial Competition,



and Vigil Rededication.

Parking was the first issue for the lodge to handle with such a large group attending. The lodge arranged for parking at a business located about one mile from camp. It was a hectic Friday but everyone arrived safely and each lodges' delegations set up their tents in their assigned campsites. An evening Campfire opened the conclave and section officers and leaders welcomed the participants. Saturday included training classes in the morning. Delegates that attended training could purchase a segment that fit under the Conclave patch. The segment included the event theme, "Visions of the Arrow". In the afternoon everyone enjoyed competition. Ceremonial Teams, Individual Indian Dancers, and Questers competed.



The Quest was won by Wahissa Lodge 118. Uwharrie Lodge's cook team did a fine job of providing tasty meals throughout the weekend. Saturday night's show spotlighted Team Dance competition. On Sunday Croatan Lodge 117 was recognized as Honor Lodge.

On June 3 – 5 there was the OA / Troop Service Weekend to prepare Camp Uwharrie for the summer camp season.

On August 15 - 19 twelve members of Uwharrie Lodge attended the 1983 National OA Conference that was held at Rutgers University in New Jersey. As part of the trip the group had a chance to visit Treasure Island Boy Scout Camp. This camp was the place where E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson founded the Order of the Arrow in 1915. The group enjoyed the trip and benefitted from the training received at the NOAC.



On September 16 - 18 the Fall Fellowship was held. This busy weekend included the Vigil Ceremony and the following members were honored: Scott Bouldin, William Cody, James Roberson Jr., Mark Sheets, James Suthpin and John Thomas, Jr. The following lodge officers were selected: **Leslie Church** – Lodge Chief, **Bob Bowser** – Vice Chief of Service, **Mark Sheets** – Vice Chief of Camping Promotions, **Billy Pullum** – Vice Chief of Ceremonies, **Wilborn Roberson** – Vice Chief of Finance, **Steve Briggs** – Vice Chief of Publications, **Paul Huffman** – Vice Chief of Special Events, and **Greg Manning** – Secretary.

These new officers enjoyed Lodge Officer Training on November 4 –6.'

On December 28 the lodge held its Winter Banquet. The new officers were installed and Bill Fox and Sam Fouts received the Founder's Award.

The **1984** SE-7 Section Conclave was hosted by Tali Taktaki Lodge at Camp Wenasa on April 27 – 29. Uwharrie Lodge took over 60 delegates to this event. In competition the lodge Ceremonial Team placed 3rd and in Topic Exhibits the lodge placed 2nd. The lodge placed in the top three for Honor Lodge. Former Lodge Chief Bill Fox was elected as Section Vice Chief.

On June 1 - 3 the lodge held its OA/Troop Work Weekend at Camp Uwharrie. This annual event was a chance for Scouts and Arrowmen to help prepare camp for the summer season.

Each week during summer camp the lodge held a tap-out ceremony.

OA candidates had two opportunities in August to take their Ordeal. On the weekends for August 10 – 12 and 24 – 26 the lodge held ordeals which included the following projects: Cleaning the spring that feeds the old "Civil War" pump, fixing up the Longhouse, cutting the camp road banks back, continue fencing at Commotin Circle, and digging some stumps out of Sioux campsite.





The Fall Fellowship was held on September 21 – 23. Brothers paid \$6.00 for the four meals and a weekend of fun. There were games, the Gauntlet (Chapter competition under the leadership of Tutelo Chapter), Patch Trading, and Officer Elections. The results of the elections were Lodge Chief – **Mark Sheets**, Vice Chief of Service – **Billy Pullum**, VC of Camp Promotions – **Steve Briggs**, VC of Finance – **Paul Huffman**, VC of Publications – **Rodney Allred**, VC of Ceremonies – **Keith Nelson**, VC of Special Events – **Robert Bowser**. The Vigil Honor was bestowed on Robert Bowser, William Chniel, Leslie Church, Tracy Latham, Michael Louis, Greg Manning, George McLarty, Jr., Billy Pullum, James Sloan, and Frank Whalin.

On December 27 the lodge held its Winter Banquet at First Methodist Church in Lexington. The occasion was used for giving out OA recognitions and awards. The new officers were installed. Tom Wells and Leslie Church were presented the Founder's Award.

The lodge kicked off 1985 on February 22 – 24 with its annual Work Weekend at Camp Uwharrie.

The **1985** SE-7 Section Conclave was held on April 19 – 21 at Camp Grimes and hosted by Catawba Lodge. Uwharrie Lodge took a delegation that was part of the 734 Arrowmen from eleven North Carolina lodges. Special guests attending the event were National Chief Steve Mimnaugh and SE Region OA Chairman Dusty Sparks. Everyone enjoyed Saturday morning training and competition in the afternoon. There was the Quest for the Golden Arrow and individual Indian dancing. The Saturday evening show included the Team Dance competition. In Section Elections Uwharrie Lodge's Greg Manning was chosen for Section Secretary.

Scouts were tapped out during summer camp each week and had an opportunity to complete their Ordeal on August 9-11 and 23-25.

About 75 brothers were at Camp Uwharrie on September 20 – 22 for the Fall Fellowship. Saturday morning started with a pre-Conclave pep rally. Lodge Chief Mark Sheets was determined to have the lodge prepared for the next year's conclave. The group learned some songs and cheers and discussed plans to be ready for 1986. After lunch there was a Lodge Officer Candidates' Forum. This was followed by a gathering on Baden-Powell Field where chapters competed in the "Gauntlet". This year's event included egg tossing, water relay, balloon bust, plus other fun activities. ESWA Chapter took home the trophy. The highlight of the afternoon was the big Patch Auction. Auctioneer Roddie Hobbs, assisted by Paul Huffman and Greg Manning, raised over \$550 which was to be used for providing new benches in the Uwharrie Chapel. The benches would be dedicated to Don Lambert, a longtime OA member and Chapter Advisor that recently died. Saturday night eight brothers were



tapped out for the Vigil Honor. They were Rodney Allred, Sidney Bailey, Robert Barto, Steve Briggs, David Driver, Paul Huffman, Mike Louis, and Charles Nance. On Sunday morning the lodge held elections. The following Arrowmen were elected: **Greg Manning** – Lodge Chief, **Scott Choplin** – Vice Chief of Service, **Greg Monroe** – Secretary, **Mark Crook** – Treasurer, **Gordon Flanagan** – VC of Publications, **Keith Nelson** – VC of Ceremonies, **Steve Briggs** – VC of Special Events, and **Paul Huffman** – VC of Camp Promotions.

The new officer were trained on October 18 - 19 and installed on December 30 during the Winter Banquet.

February 21 -23 was the date for the **1986** OA Service Weekend. Only three weeks later the lodge gathered again on March 14-16 for the Spring Fellowship.

On April 18 – 20 Nayawin Rar Lodge 296 hosted the **1986** SE-7 Section Conclave at Tuscarora Scout Reservation. This event set a record to date with over 1,200 Arrowmen attending. Uwharrie Lodge joined the other ten lodges in the Section for a great weekend of training, competition, elections, and fellowship. Each lodge took responsibility for a different activity during the event. Uwharrie was in charge of Topic Exhibits.

The OA Troop Service Day was held on the weekend of May 30 – 31.

The lodge once again helped with the Henredon Classic on August 2 – 10. Arrowmen helped clean up litter each day for the LPGA event. This fundraiser project netted \$1,000 for the lodge and the Henredon made a gift of \$3,000 to Uwharrie Council.

On August 10 five members of Uwharrie Lodge left for Central Michigan University to attend the 1986 National OA Conference. The members were Greg Monroe, Keith Nelson, Eric Dozo, Mark Crook and Roddie Hobbs. Larry Warlick and Charlie Garwood also attended working on staff. The group participated in training sessions, shows, competition and late night patch trading. Greg Monroe and Keith Nelson danced in the NOAC Old Style Dance Competition. A highlight of this conference was the presentation of the Distinguished Service Award (**DSA**) to former Lodge Adviser and current SE-7 Section Adviser **Charlie Garwood**.



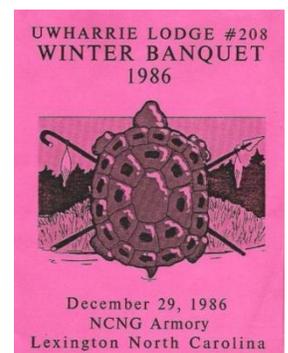
At the August 8 – 10 and 22-24 Ordeals the lodge inducted 85 new members. Under the guidance of a team of dedicated Elangomats a number of important projects were completed at Camp Uwharrie. Positive comments were made about the solemn and inspiring ceremonies. Sixteen members also became Brotherhood.

September 19 - 21 was the date for this year's Fall Fellowship. Members enjoyed card and board game tournaments, patch trading, and a Pow-wow. A patch auction generated some needed funds for the lodge. A Vigil Tap-out was held and the following Brothers were honored: Scott Choplin, Mark Crook, Keith Nelson, Carter Robinson and Holli Nelson. On Sunday lodge elections were held and the following officers were chosen for 1987: **Keith Nelson** – Lodge Chief, **Scott Choplin** – Vice Chief of Service, **Greg Monroe** – Secretary, **Gordon Flanagan** – Treasurer, **Mark Crook** – VC of Publications, **Eric Dove** – VC of Ceremonies, **Danny Briggs** – VC of Camp Promotions, and **Mark Barnes** – VC of Special Events. These new officers gathered on October 31 - November 2 for their Lodge Officer Training course. In addition to learning about their individual responsibilities the group worked on Team building and on making plans for having a successful year in 1987.



On December 29 the Lodge Banquet was held at the National Guard Armory in Lexington. This event was an occasion to present awards for 1986 and to install the officers for 1987. Greg Manning and Roddie Hobbs were presented the Founder's Award.

The lodge calendar started 1987 on February 20 – 22 with the Service Weekend at Camp Uwharrie followed by the Spring Fellowship on March 20 – 22.

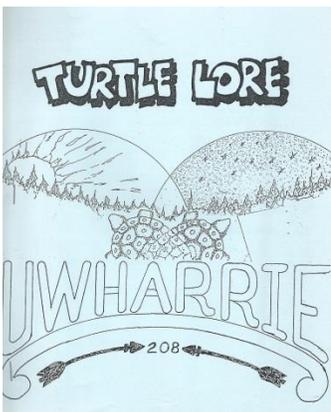
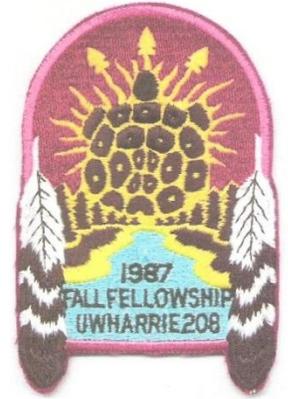


Uwharrie Lodge sent a small but enthusiastic group to the SE-7 Section Conclave hosted by Eswau Huppeday Lodge at Camp Bud Schiele on April 24 – 26. There were over 1,000 Arrowmen in attendance and it was a great event. The weather was drizzly at times, but that did not dampen the spirits of the participants. The lodge performed well and even brought home a few awards including 1st in Camping Promotions. Greg

Monroe placed 1st in Old Style Indian Dance competition and Keith Nelson had a top ten finish. A highlight for each lodge was the recognition of their recent Founder's Award recipients.

The busy year continued on May 15 – 17 with the OA Service Weekend. Following summer camp the lodge had conflicting responsibilities on August 7 - 9. Members helped at the LPGA event, the Henredon Classic, while there was an Ordeal being conducted at Camp Uwharrie. Fortunately, a second ordeal was held on August 21 – 23 for those that wanted to participate.

The Fall Fellowship was held on September 18 – 20. This weekend of fun and games also included two major lodge events: Officer Elections and Vigil recognition. Only three members became Vigil that weekend: Eric Dove, Ben Fox, and Greg Monroe. Elections were held and the following officers were selected: **Greg Monroe** – Lodge Chief, **Eric Dove** – Vice Chief of Service, **Dan Briggs** – Secretary, **Scott Quesenberry** – Treasurer, **Justin Myers** – VC of Publications, **Mark Barnes** – VC of Ceremonies, **Paul Sink** – VC of Promotions, **Robby Phillips** – VC of Special Events. These officers were trained on October 30 – November 1 and installed on December 28 during the Winter Banquet.



On February 26 – 28 the lodge completed many important projects at Camp Uwharrie during the OA Service Weekend. This weekend of hard work was followed only three weeks later with a weekend of fun and games during the Spring Fellowship.

The March 1988 issue of **THE SHAFT** included a financial report for the lodge. For the Fiscal Year ended 11/30/87 the lodge reported revenue of \$9,063.83 and expenses of \$6,655.35 for a net income of \$2,408.48. Adding this amount to a starting balance of \$3,383.42 gave an ending balance of \$5,791.90.

On April 22 – 24 eleven North Carolina lodges traveled to Camp Bowers for the SE-7 Section Conclave. Uwharrie Lodge brought a spirited delegation wearing yellow t-shirts and ready for a great event. After setting up camp and eating supper of Friday everyone went to the Opening Campfire. The highlight was a special candlelight rededication ceremony. Saturday morning was filled with training for most but an early start for those participating in Team Dance and Ceremonial Team competitions. Brothers also set up topic exhibits and ones on Indian Culture. Individual Dance Competition and Indian Craft judging took place in early afternoon. There was great enthusiasm for the Quest for the Golden Arrow, but Occoneechee Lodge took first place. Youth members headed for the Candidates Forum and Elections while many of the adults returned to the campsite for a badly needed nap. Following a delicious chicken supper delegations went to the evening campfire. This thoughtful show was enjoyed almost as much as the cracker barrel that followed. While the lodge did not bring home any major awards, everyone thought great spirit was shown by all.



On May 14 everyone returned to Camp Uwharrie for the OA/Troop Service Day. With camp once again ready for its summer run members prepared for the ever popular Tap out ceremonies held each week. The newly recognized candidates were directed to become lodge members through the July 29 – 31 Ordeal or the one held on August 26-28.

The lodge sent one member to the 1988 National OA Conference that was held at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO: Lodge Chief Greg Monroe. He was joined by two members on staff: Section Advisor Charlie Garwood and Larry Warlick. There were two highlights of this event for Uwharrie Lodge. First was Greg Monroe being named National Champion in Old Style Indian Dance competition. Second was the recognition of the service to the OA by **Larry Warlick** who was presented with the Distinguished Service Award (DSA).



On September 16 – 18 the Fall Fellowship was held at Camp Uwharrie and those that were there will tell you it rained all weekend. They would also tell you that the food was good and the fellowship was great! On Saturday several Brothers enjoyed running six-legged races and playing football in the rain. The Patch Auction earned over \$400 for the lodge. On Saturday night an impressive Vigil Tap-out ceremony was conducted in the Longhouse. Mark Barnes and Dick Newbill were tapped out. On Sunday Lodge Elections were held and the following officers were chosen: **Eric Dove** – Lodge Chief, **Mark Barnes** – Vice Chief of Service, **Chris Ingram** – Secretary, **Bobby Staley** – VC of Finance, **David Fisher** – VC of Ceremonies, **Chris Grubb** – VC of Special Events, **Daniel Brittain** – VC of Camp Promotions, and **Wayne Herron** – VC of Publications. These new officers were

trained on November 5 – 6 in the Lodge Officer Training course.

On January 3, 1989 the lodge held its Winter Banquet at Shiloh Methodist Church in Lexington hosted by Eswa Chapter. To the surprise of some Sam Fouts stepped down as Lodge Adviser to be replaced by Brad Brewer. Outgoing officers were thanked for their service and new officers were sworn in. Carl Bailey was recognized with the Lodge Adviser's Award.



The new year for the lodge really got started on February 24 – 26 during the OA Work Weekend. A special project for this event was work on the COPE course. Three weeks later the lodge gathered again for the Spring Fellowship on March 17 – 19.

Uwharrie Lodge sent 63 Arrowmen to Camp Barnhardt on April 21 – 23 for the SE-7 Section Conclave. The total attendance for the event was 1,047 from eleven North Carolina lodges. This event ended Charlie Garwood's tenure as Section Advisor. He was thanked for his service and the innovative way he improved Section SE-7. In Section Elections Greg Monroe was elected as Vice Chief of Training.

The busy year continued with the OA/Troop Service weekend on May 12 – 14. On June 7 – 11 the lodge assisted with the Pat Bradley Golf Tournament as a fundraiser for the lodge.

On August 11 – 13 the lodge held an Ordeal at Camp Sapona which is located on High Rock Lake. The property was in need of a great deal of maintenance and this event delivered it. The camp was now open for troop camping thanks to the efforts of the lodge. A regular Ordeal was held at Camp Uwharrie on August 25 – 27.



The weekend of September 15 – 17 was the date for the Fall Fellowship. Brothers once again gathered for fun and fellowship. Eight members were recognized for the Vigil Honor including: Carl Bailey, David Fisher, Chris Grubb, Bud Kennedy, Darin Kennedy, Robert Koontz, Joe Peters and Jay Vannoy. Elections were held and the following officers were selected: **Mark Barnes** – Lodge Chief, **Chris Grubb** – Vice Chief of Service, **William Dean** – Secretary, **David Fisher** – VC of Administration, and **Matt Busch** – VC of Ceremonies.

For many years the lodge had a tradition for the outgoing lodge chief.

On Sunday morning Brothers would retain the chief, remove his shoes, and put paint on his feet. He would then be turned upside down in the Longhouse where his feet would be pressed to the ceiling. After the footprint ceremony, members would carry the chief to the lake and toss him in. Here is a photo of Eric Dove being carried to the lake. Note that his left foot is painted blue and his right foot is red.



On October 21 – 23 the new officers received Lodge Officer Training. This valuable weekend prepared the youth to take charge of the lodge in the coming year.

On January 4, 1990 the lodge gathered for its Winter Banquet. The guest speaker was Bryant Webster, the current SE-7 Section Chief. Stuart Peters received the Lodge Advisor's Award and Matt Busch received the Lodge Chief's Award. A highlight of the banquet was a slide show promoting the National OA Conference where the Order would celebrate its 75th anniversary.

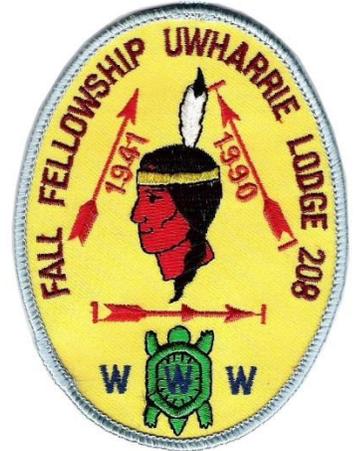
The lodge schedule continued on February 23 – 25 with the Work Weekend at Camp Uwharrie followed four weeks later on March 23 - 25 with the Spring Fellowship.

A total of 104 delegates from Uwharrie Lodge attended the 1990 SE-7 Section Conclave at Camp Raven Knob on April 20 – 22. The lodge's ceremonial team performed well in competition. The winners were Chris Grubb, Corey Cameron, and Chris Tate.



The summer of 1990 was the final season for Camp Uwharrie. High Point, Greensboro, and Jamestown were growing and new housing subdivisions were being built in site of the camp. Fortunately, Mary and Elliott Wood donated 786 acres of land in western Randolph County to Uwharrie Council with the understanding that the property be kept as a nature conservancy and that young people have the opportunity to experience nature and learn how to conserve it. The property was named **Woodfield Scout Preservation** and the council began making plans to establish it as the new summer camp for Uwharrie Council. With the acquisition of the new property in Randolph County the council chose to close the camp and begin moving all of the equipment.

The fall of 1990 was a blur for the lodge with an Ordeal on July 26 – 29, delegates attending the National OA Conference at Indiana University in August, the Fall Fellowship on September 14 – 16 and Lodge Officer Training on October 27 – 28. On November 2 – 4 Uwharrie Council held its final camporee at Camp Uwharrie. The lodge played an active role in this event and in the closing ceremonies. The year concluded on December 27 with the Winter Banquet.



1991 would be a special year for Uwharrie Lodge as it celebrated its 50th anniversary. It was an unusual year with everyone getting used to the idea that Camp Uwharrie, which had been open for almost 70 years, was no longer the home of the lodge. More changes would come sooner than expected.

On March 15 – 17, 1991 a total of 30 members attended the Spring Fellowship at Camp Sapona. The small but hearty group enjoyed the cooking of Shirley Giles. Those attending claimed they ate the “World’s Greatest Pineapple Upside-down Cake” thanks to Mrs. Giles.

The SE-7 Section Conclave was held at Bonner Scout Reservation on April 19 – 21. Croatan Lodge worked hard to provide a great fellowship but the weather did not cooperate. It started raining on Friday night and continued into Saturday morning. Water was knee deep in some campsites and the weather was cool. At about 10:00 AM the Council of Chiefs decided to cancel the conclave. Everyone except the host lodge packed their wet bags and tents and headed for home.



On September 13 – 15 Brothers gathered at Woodfield Scout Preservation for the Fall Fellowship. Due to the newness of the camp the format of the event was a little different than for previous years. First no food was provided on Friday night. This event was held on the west side of camp in more of a camporee like setting. Four brothers were recognized with the Vigil Honor: Ronald Hartley, Jeffrey Peters, Charles Phillips, and Lewis White.

In the fall of 1991 Uwharrie Council and General Greene Council discussed the possibility of merging. Both councils were small having only two counties each. After much discussion the decision was made to join the two councils. The new council was chartered at the beginning of 1992 and chose the name Old North State Council. They set up headquarters in Greensboro in General Greene Council’s offices. The two Order of the Arrow lodges also merged. The new lodge members chose the name **Keyauwee** Lodge No. 70 and for its totem they chose the River Otter.





Uwharrie Lodge 208
Fifty Years of Service
1941 – 1991

