

2023

Lodge Chief:	Garrett Cook	Vice Chief – Indian Affairs:	Sam McNabb
Vice Chief – Program:	Grayson Gray	Vice Chief – Inductions & Ceremonies:	Aubreigh McPhail
Vice Chief – Service:	Jackson Davis	Lodge Adviser:	Rusty Gray
Vice Chief – Administration:	Liam Shaw	Staff Adviser:	Bud Harrelson
Vice Chief – Communications:	Jameson Apple		

Officers served from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

On March 10 – 12 the lodge held its **Spring Fellowship** at Cherokee Scout Reservation. The theme for this first event of the year was a carnival atmosphere. There were carnival games and activities, chapter competitions and preparation for the Section Conclave. There was face-painting, a magician doing tricks and showing how to make balloon animals. Time was spent on American Indian Activities and practice for conclave competition.

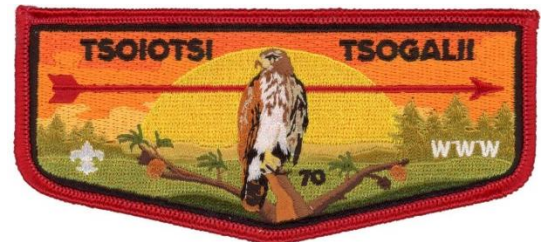


Lodge members were surprised to find a new flap available in the Trading Post. In 2015 a new flap design was unveiled. Unknown to lodge members the first shipment of flaps had a mistake in the embroidery. The lodge totem, red-tailed hawk, had red spots on his back. These spots were supposed to be brown. The lodge requested the manufacturer remake the flap with the proper colors. The new patches came in and were issued in 2015 (\$60). The batch of 1000 flaps were put into a closet and forgotten.

In early 2023 the error flaps were re-discovered. The decision was made to sell these flaps to lodge members for \$3.00.



The National Order of the Arrow committee made some significant policy changes that will impact unit elections and the induction process. These changes will affect the culture of OA lodges in a positive manner. To ensure their successful implementation and that all lodge members were aware of these changes the lodge hosted a special meeting on Saturday afternoon of the Spring Fellowship to share the details. A “New Dawn” flap was issued to each Brother that attended the meeting. Each member could purchase three additional flaps at \$10.00 each.



A dedicated group of lodge members attended the **2023 E8 Section Conclave** hosted at Camp Boddie by Croatan Lodge 117. Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge 70 chose for its spirit theme for the weekend to be “PIRATES”! When lodge members arrived on Friday afternoon they were given appropriate pirate paraphernalia including tri-corner hats, eye patches, and skull-and-crossbones flags. The lodge delegation showed a lot of spirit during the opening evening program and that spirit continued throughout the weekend.



On Saturday the lodge had a large number of members participate in the American Indian Activities (AIA). There were several members who danced / participated for the first time and they had great success. At the end of the day Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge 70 had won First Place in Team Singing, First Place in Pow Wow Team Dancing, and received the Overall AIA Award. This marked the fourth year in a row that the lodge brought home this trophy!



A few of the winners were Nick Withrow – First in Senior Men’s Grass Dance, Lee Oakley – First in Junior Men’s Grass Dance, Keegan McArdel – First in Junior Men’s Chicken Dance, Aubreigh McPhail – First in Junior Women’s Traditional Dance, and Ana Barbosa – First in Junior Women’s Jingle Dress Dance. A number of second and third place finishes were recorded by lodge dancers. The lodge also received special recognition for its ceremonialists that were evaluated during the conclave.

Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge 70 has had a successful AIA program for many years and at the 2022 National OA Conference lodge member Sam McNabb was declared the Fancy Dance National Champion. In order to commemorate this first for a lodge dancer a special flap was issued. It featured some of the beadwork designs in Sam’s regalia.

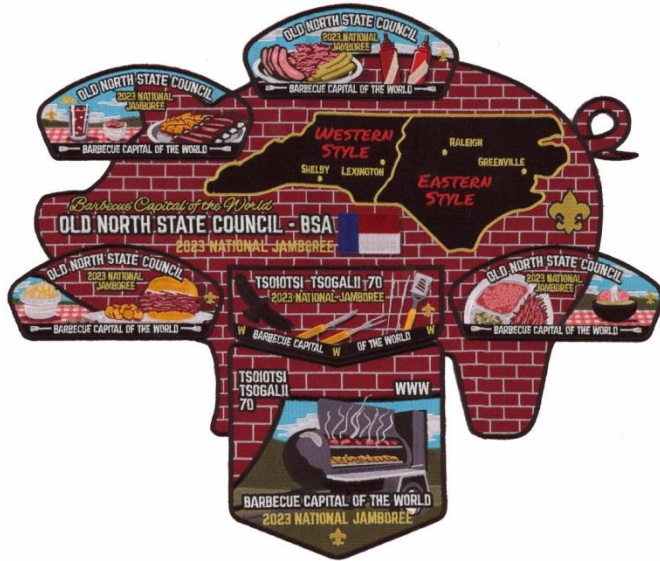


Also available for the 2023 Section Conclave was a flap issued for the event. The flap featured a hawk skull with crossed bones on a red and black background. Fun and Fellowship were the result of another enjoyable weekend shared by Brothers of the six lodges that make up Section E8.

On May 5 – 7 the lodge held its **Spring Inductions** at Cherokee Scout Reservation. This was an opportunity for Scouts who were elected by their units to complete their Ordeal and join the Order of the Arrow. During the weekend 30 Scouts and Scouters completed their Ordeal and an additional 30 members sealed their membership in the Order by becoming Brotherhood. In total over 400 man-hours of service were completed to help prepare camp to deliver the best experience for Scouts visiting this summer.



In June many lodge members returned to Cherokee Scout Reservation to serve on Camp Staff. CSR opened for its first summer in 1968 so during 2023 the camp celebrated 55 years of serving Scouts. The lodge issued a special flap to help raise funds to support the summer camp program.



From July 16 – 29 the Boy Scouts of America held a National Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. The Old North State Council sent a contingent of Scouts to participate. The lodge approved a two-piece set aligning with the Council’s theme of “Barbecue Capital Of The World”. We all know that the best barbecue in the world is made within our Council’s border. “Lexington Style” pork barbecue is famous and the Council wanted to show the pride we had for this delicacy. The Council issued an uncut version of the full design or you could acquire the set as individual pieces. The Jamboree was a big success for the BSA and several of our Brothers served on staff to help make it happen.

During summer camp each year the lodge has its “Call Out” ceremony recognizing dedicated lodge members who have been chosen to receive the Vigil Honor. On September 23 -24 the lodge held a **Vigil Reunion** where all Vigil Brothers were invited to Cherokee Scout Reservation for a special dinner and to participate in a rededication ceremony. On Saturday night the members who had been called out would keep their Vigil. On Sunday morning a breakfast was held with a celebration for the new Vigil members. The Class of 2023 included the following Brothers: **Jameson Apple, Grayson Cardwell, Garrett Cook, Jackson Davis, Ezra Evans, Allison Houck, John Lowry, Aubreigh McPhail, Walker Meyers, David Parker, Carol Plaster, Delores Weber, Charles Wookey, and Steve Worrell.**



The fall is a busy season for the lodge. On September 9th the lodge held a Service Project at Cherokee Scout Reservation. OA members and Scouters from the Council are invited to provide a day of Cheerful Service at camp. A variety of important projects were completed to prepare camp for an event-filled fall of 2023.



On October 6 – 8 the lodge held its Fall Induction. About 100 Scouts and Scouters arrived at camp on Friday to complete their Ordeal. Elangomats guided their clans through a Saturday of silence, scant food, and arduous toil on projects around camp. Another productive weekend provided many hours of service to camp.



Fall Fellowship, the last big event for the lodge in 2023, was held on November 10 – 12 at Cherokee Scout Reservation. This year's theme was Hawaii. Tropical shirts, grass skirts, coconuts and flower leis were the wardrobe for the weekend.

Brothers arriving early were asked to help prepare the lodge's version of Brunswick Stew which is the big fundraiser each year. The funds are used for camp facility projects and

for camperships for Scouts to attend local and national events.



The Fall Fellowship is a full weekend of activities. Unlike recent service project days and inductions, this event is all about Fun, Fellowship, and Food! There are lots of games played, most centered on the theme for the event. Since Hawaii was the theme Scouts got a chance to bowl with coconuts, do the limbo, and make tie-dyed t-shirts. In the afternoon a patch auction was held with collectors having a chance to obtain old rare items issued by the lodge.

In the afternoon elections were held to select the lodge officers who would serve during 2024. The following individuals were chosen:

Grayson Cardwell
Alli Houck
Robert McGrew
Mason Williams
Michael Rose
Keegan McArdle
Camerson Moore

Lodge Chief
Vice Chief – Program
Vice Chief – Communicationa
Vice Chief – Administration
Vice Chief – Service
Vice Chief – Inductions, Ceremonies, Elections (ICE)
Vice Chief – American Indian Activities (AIA)



A banquet was held on Saturday night to celebrate all of the lodge's successes during the year. Following a delicious dinner over 150 lodge members thanked the outgoing officers and advisers for their service. New officers were introduced and sworn into office along with chapter chiefs and a whole lot of advisers.



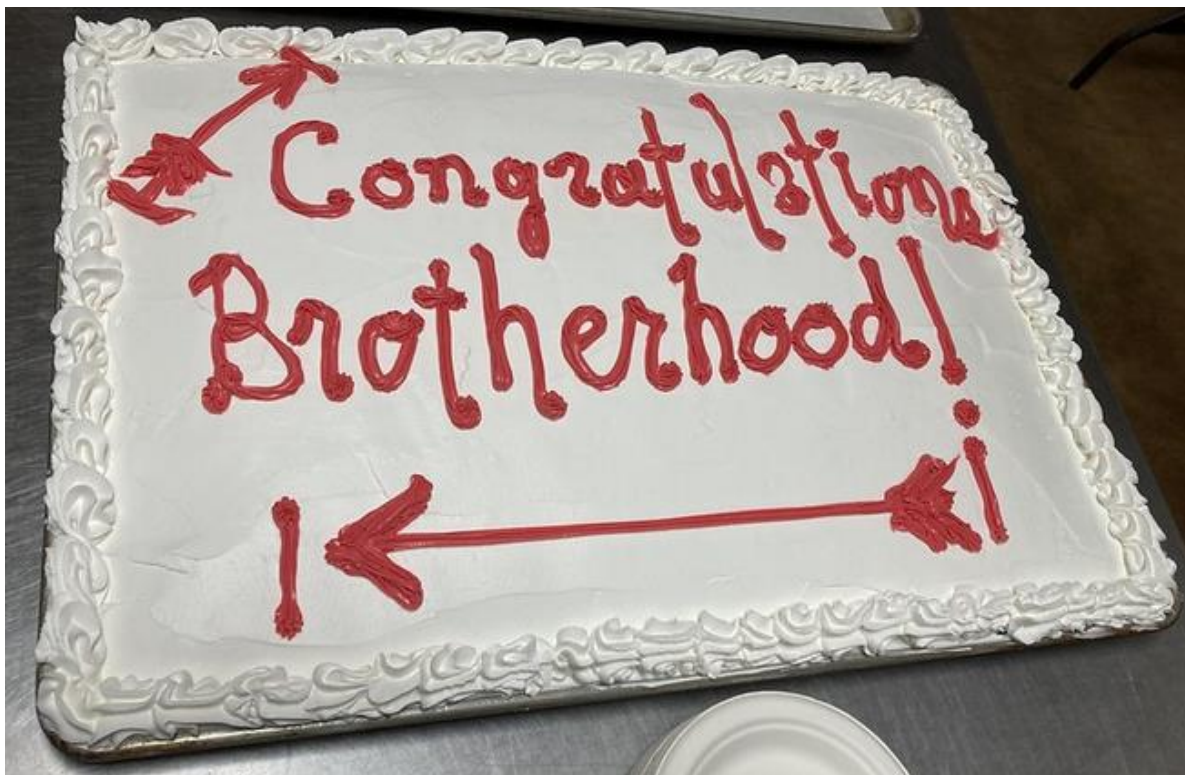
A number of lodge members were recognized for their service during the year. Brothers that served as Elangomats were presented their patches. Neemat Awards were presented to Elangomats whose clans had the required number of members earn their Brotherhood. American Indian Activities participants were recognized and presented patches they earned. Members that served as Ceremonialists were presented. Adults who served as "Nightwalkers" making sure everyone was safe through the night were recognized. Also volunteers who participated in the 2023 Service Corps were introduced.



Special awards were presented. **James E. West Fellowships** were given to the Old North State Council by the lodge in the name of deserving Arrowmen: Grayson Cardwell and Bruce Ferris. The lodge's highest honor is the **Founder's Award** and the 2023 recipients were Lyndal Butler and Jackson Davis.



Everyone agreed that 2023 was a very successful year for Tsoitsi Tsogalii Lodge 70 and the new officers promised to make 2024 even better.



On November 18 about 40 Brothers provided a Day of Service at the Hagan Sea Base on High Rock lake. This was the last activity for the lodge in 2023.