2012

Lodge Chief: Justin Erickson Vice-Chief – Indian Affairs: Chris Kuczkowski Vice-Chief – Program: Matthew Stevens Vice-Chief – Communications: Grayson Jones

Vice-Chief – Service: Andrew Gannon

Vice-Chief – Administration: Drew Latimer Lodge Advisor: Ken Shahbaz

Officers served from June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012

The lodge started 2012 with the challenge of preparing to host the SR-7B Section Conclave on April 20 - 22 at Cherokee Scout Reservation. Several workdays were planned to get the lodge and the camp ready. But before the lodge began working on conclave, they participated in "One Day of Service" on February 4.



The Spring Fellowship was held at CSR on March 23-25. Much of the time was spent in preparing for the upcoming conclave. Committees met and plans were made. There was time for some fun and games and Saturday evening seven Arrowmen sealed their membership in the Order by becoming Brotherhood. Lodge elections were held and **Justin Erickson** was re-elected Lodge Chief. **Andrew Gannon** was chosen as Vice-Chief of Program, **Cody Thomas** – VC of Service, **Wil Hoppe** – VC of Administration, **Chris Concannon** – VC of Indian Affairs, and **Grayson Jones** – VC of Publications. On Saturday evening a Vigil Tap-out was held with nine deserving Brothers being recognized.

Conclave Workdays were held on March 17, March 30, and April 14. Lodge members worked hard to prepare for the 1,200+ OA Brothers from around the Section that would arrive at camp on April 20. One particularly active group was the Shows Staff. They had big plans for special skits to be performed for the Friday and Saturday evening shows. Multiple props were built and staged on the Activity Field where all performances were scheduled.

Conclave finally arrived and the event got off to a great start. Almost 400 lodge members arrived early and helped the visiting delegations move in smoothly with vehicles dispatched to under the power line and the outskirts of camp. The Friday evening show went very well with the spirited contingents gathering on the Activity Field. Two young OA



members learned about all that was available during conclave. They met a deputy, a doctor, a mountain man, and an Indian Chief. The show was followed by a special Vigil Reception in the Delaware campsite. A moving ReDedication Ceremony was conducted. Saturday saw nice weather for a morning filled with the OA Xperience.

Delegates toured camp seeing numerous exhibits and many visited the new Scout Museum in the OA Building basement. The afternoon schedule featured Indian Team Dance competition, Quest for the Golden Arrow, and Section Elections. A fine dinner was enjoyed by everyone and then the highlight of the evening was planned for 8:00. Unfortunately, at 7:30 torrential rains hit camp. The show was canceled and the conclave was really over. Everyone headed to bed and rose early on Sunday to head for home. The weather had turned cold and wet and put a big damper on this great event.

































May 4-6 was Inductions Weekend and Beaver Day at Cherokee Scout Reservation. While the attendance was low, important projects were completed. There were three new Ordeal members and two members became Brotherhood.

Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) was held on May 18-19 at CSR. It was followed on Saturday afternoon by the Vigil Weekend. A special dinner was held for the Vigil candidates. That night they kept the vigil and on Sunday morning a breakfast was given for the following new Vigil Brothers: Seth Allred, Adam Bigelow, Allen Brown, Todd Callahan, Chris Concannon, Ben Dawkins, Daniel Day, Eugene Quillen, and Zach Warner.



On June 2 the Lodge sponsored a Corn Hole Tournament at the Old North State Council Office to raise funds for camperships to summer camp.



On July 28 ____ Brothers of Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge boarded a bus with twelve Arrowmen from Nayawin Rar Lodge to travel to Michigan State University for the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). The group stopped in Dayton, Ohio for the night and toured the National Museum of the US Air Force.

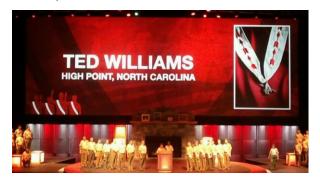


Delegates enjoyed several days of dynamic

training sessions, Indian Dance and Ceremony Team competitions, and inspirational evening shows. There was time for recreation activities and of course patch trading! The lodge issued a delegate and a trader two-piece set for NOAC.



A special honor was announced at NOAC that Ted Williams was being recognized for his many years of dedicated service by receiving the OA's Distinguished Service Award (DSA).



The group returned by bus on August 5 once again stopping in Ohio.

On September 7 – 9 the lodge held its first fall Inductions weekend at Woodfield Scout Preservation. A total of 164 candidates took their Ordeal and 7 members became Brotherhood. Clans led by Elangomats cleared brush, stained buildings, and completed other important service projects at the council's primary Cub Scout facility.

The October Inductions was held at Cherokee Scout Reservation on October 5 – 7. On Friday 125 candidates arrived to take their Ordeal. These Scouts and Scouters were divided into clans and met their Elangomats. After getting acquainted the clans witnessed their first ceremony of the weekend. Following a quiet night the clans began work on projects all over camp. They received scant food and worked in silence. The day went well and the work finally ended in late afternoon. Everyone cleaned up and enjoyed a fine dinner. That evening each candidate experienced the Ordeal ceremony and officially became a member of the Order of the Arrow. A fine cracker barrel and some fun and games welcomed the new Brothers. Also 9 Arrowmen sealed their membership in the Order by becoming Brotherhood members.



The Fall Fellowship was held at Cherokee Scout Reservation on November 9 – 11. About 200 Brothers attended this event. The weekend was filled with fun and fellowship. The day had some limited training and some good-natured competition. The Indian Affairs group worked on regalia, practiced dance and drum. Others visited the museum and prepared for the evening. There were 26 members that completed the requirements to become Brotherhood.

This event included the Lodge Banquet and a reflection on all that had occurred in 2012. The Red Feather Award was given to Nita Grubbs. The highlight of the

banquet was the convening of a National Court of Honor with the sole purpose of presenting Ted Williams with his **Distinguished Service Award** (DSA) medal.







The lodge was honored in 2012 with the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award. This award is given each year to only two Order of the Arrow lodges per region. It was achieved through effective camp promotions and long term camping percentages within Old North State Council during 2011.

In Memoriam – On June 30, 2012 the lodge lost one of its most dedicated members – Ron Jones. For several years Ron served as the lodge's Adviser to the Vice-Chief of Communications. At most OA, and many council events, you would see Ron, camera in hand taking pictures. He had a wonderful, caring spirit and had the ability to capture Brothers at their best. He will be greatly missed!

