

2018

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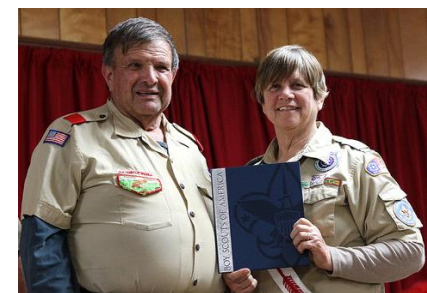
Officers served from June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018

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

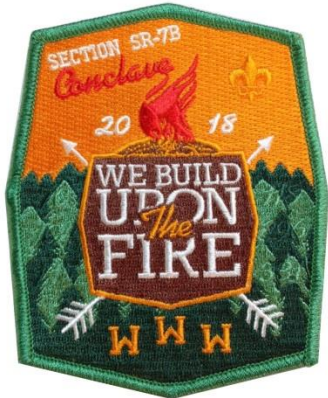


The Spring Fellowship was held on March 16 -18 and over 200 lodge members attended. This event is always filled with many activities but this year had the added feature of conclave host preparation. The lodge was divided into two groups: Conclave Staff and Conclave Delegates. The Delegates were primarily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

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



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



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

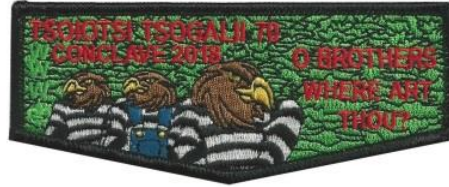
reception.

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

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



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

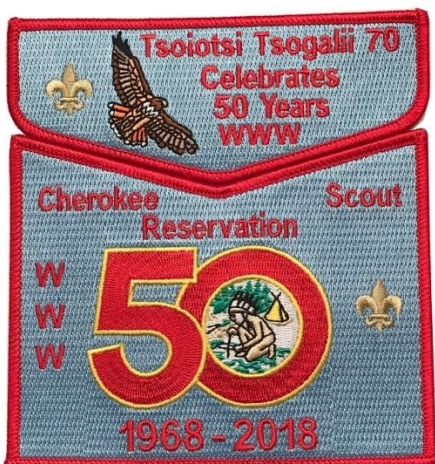


After only two weeks passed Brothers again gathered at Cherokee Scout Reservation. The Spring Induction Weekend was held on May 4 - 6 along with the Old North State Council's Beaver Day. This was an annual event held so that Scouters could come to camp to help prepare the facility for the upcoming summer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

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



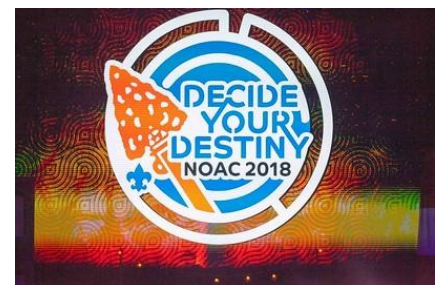
On Saturday afternoon Vigil members of the lodge arrived at camp. The 2018 CSR Camp Staff was also in camp for their Staff Development weekend. Many of the staff members are Arrowmen. Following a dinner together, the Vigils began the evening activities of welcoming the new candidates for the Vigil Honor.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



Cherokee Scout Reservation held its first summer camp program in 1968. In 2018 the Council celebrated the 50th anniversary of the camp. Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge issued a special two-piece patch set to commemorate the occasion. The patches sold for \$10.00 per set with all profits being contributed to the summer camp.

National Order of the Arrow Conference – Indiana University

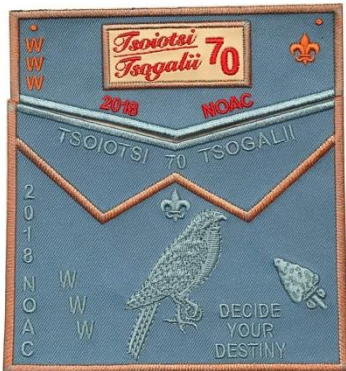
On July 30 – August 4 a delegation of 29 lodge members attended the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) being held at Indiana University. The group boarded a bus in Greensboro heading to Bloomington, IN for a week of training and shows, competition and fellowship.





The lodge also provided several Brothers that served on the staff for the NOAC.

During the day participants enjoyed attending training sessions, viewing various exhibits, and competing in different activities. Each evening there was a show for all 6,000 Arrowmen held in Assembly Hall. The shows featured the National Chief, National Vice-Chief and the Region Chiefs. They shared inspirational thoughts and plans for the Order's future. They challenged each Arrowman to "Decide Your Destiny" and how as Servant Leaders we can make a difference in our lodge, our schools and our communities.



The lodge issued special patches for the conference. There were two, 2-piece sets with a design that resembled the hip pocket on a pair of Wrangler jeans. The original design called for the patches to be embroidered on denim, but a change was made before manufacturing. The flaps even included a pleather rectangle with the lodge name in a style similar to Wrangler's pocket.



Our lodge participated in many of the American Indian Activities (AIA) competitions. We participated in the drum, fancy dance, and grass dance competitions. Our drum team, consisting of Harvard B., Dillon D., Robert R., and Kenan B., placed **third in the nation**. Our two fancy dancers, Jacob W., and Kenan B. placed top 10 overall. We also had five brothers who participated in grass dance, they were Tom T., Cole S., Jackson B., Wilson T., and David W.



On September 7-9 the lodge held a Summer Induction at Woodfield Scout Preservation. On October 5 – 7 a Fall Induction was held at Cherokee Scout Reservation. There was an excellent turn out for the two inductions. The lodge welcomed nearly 200 new members and together provided over 2000 hours of service for the council camps.

On November 9 -11 Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge held its Fall Fellowship at Cherokee Scout Reservation. | A few Brothers



arrived on Thursday evening to begin preparation for the Lodge Stew, the major fund-raising event of the year. On Friday morning three 100 gallon pots were heated by wood fire and ingredients added for a day of cooking, stirring and good fellowship. More Brothers arrived during the day to help and by early evening the stew was done. All hands were needed to fill the pint containers.



On Saturday a camp-wide scavenger hunt was enjoyed by the participants with many fun games at various locations. In the afternoon a patch auction was held giving everyone a chance to bid on early and recent patches issued by the lodge.

The lodge began celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary during this event. A special two-piece patch set was issued.



The highlight of the weekend was the Fall Banquet. A delicious dinner was served followed by an entertaining program. This year's banquet featured the first presentation of the **First Year Arrowman** Award. This unique patch was presented to those Arrowmen who took the initiative to get involved at chapter and lodge events since completing their ordeals. Since this was the first presentation of this award existing members also had the opportunity to complete the award requirements.

Everyone enjoyed a great weekend at camp and looked forward to 2019 when the lodge becomes 25 years old.

