

## 2022

Lodge Chief:	Nic "Texas" Fillippa	Vice Chief – Indian Affairs:	Aubreigh McPhail
Vice Chief – Program:	Caroline Ruppel	Vice Chief – Inductions & Ceremonies:	Josh Hanflink
Vice Chief – Service:	Andrew Bir	Lodge Adviser:	Drew Maerz / Rusty Gray
Vice Chief – Administration:	Garrett Cook	Staff Adviser:	Bud Harrelson
Vice Chief – Communications:	Camdon Rohrer		

*Officers served from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022*

On March 5<sup>th</sup> a group of hardworking Arrowmen spent the day at Cherokee Scout Reservation preparing for the upcoming Spring Fellowship. These new members of the lodge Service Corps cut firewood for the cooking of stew on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

The lodge's first event of 2022 was the Spring Fellowship on March 11 – 13. Friday was dominated with the cooking of the lodge's version of Brunswick Stew. Over 600 quarts were pre-sold throughout the council for \$8.00 each. The stew sale traditionally was held in the Fall, but following a couple of years of Covid-19 interruption this important lodge fundraising activity returned.



This year's event had a theme of *Blast into the Stars* where Arrowmen could explore the galaxy within a fellowship with a space theme. On Saturday there were activities such as Build your own rocket from a 2-liter bottle, create a 3-D Alien made with a variety of craft items, or compete in a variety of games. This was the last event before the section conclave so a lot of time was spent by lodge members preparing for the Quest of the Golden Arrow and American Indian Activities. In addition to fun and games there was a training session on Servant Leadership to help members develop their leadership skills.

A highlight of each fellowship is the Saturday evening banquet. Following a wonderful meal the lodge celebrates recent achievements and makes special presentations. Many activities planned for 2020 were canceled due to the pandemic caused by Covid-19. This included a National Order of the Arrow Conference. A highlight of the NOAC is the recognition of outstanding Arrowmen with the Distinguished Service Award. Tsoitsi Tsoialii Lodge had three Brothers scheduled to be recognized. On Saturday evening, March 12<sup>th</sup>, the lodge had the opportunity to present the DSA to a very deserving member, Rob Kennerly. Mr. Kennerly served the BSA and the Order of the Arrow in many positions including Section Advisor. The weekend was a great success with hot and cold, snow and rain, but most of all a good beginning for life returning to normal.



On April 22 – 24 about 150 lodge members traveled to Tuscarora Scout Reservation for the final SR-7B Section Conclave. The weekend was filled with fun and fellowship. The lodge continued its spirit theme of adventures in Space. A special lodge flap was issued with a hawk piloting a flying saucer and navigating through the universe.

For the third year in a row the Lodge won the **Conclave American Indian Affairs Award**. This award is presented to the lodge with the best overall performance in AIA activities. Following are some of the lodge winners at conclave:

Southern Women's Traditional	Jr. Division	1 <sup>st</sup>	Alli Houck		
Women's Fancy Shawl	Sr. Division	1 <sup>st</sup>	Aubreigh McPhail		
Women's Fancy Shawl	Jr. Division	1 <sup>st</sup>	Yana Withrow	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Katya Withrow
Men's Traditional Dance	Sr. Division	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sam McNabb	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Josh Hanflink
Men's Traditional Dance	Jr. Division	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jeremiah Bautz		
Men's Fancy Dance	Sr. Division	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sam McNabb		
Men's Grass Dance	Sr. Division	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jackson Benes	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Braden Messersmith
Men's Chicken Dance	Jr. Division	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Joshua Hester		



The lodge earned second in TEAM SINGING.

This year the lodge also placed first place for the **Inductions and Ceremonial Events (ICE) Award**. The following groups were honored:

Pre-Ordeal: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Honor Team - Allowat: Josh Hanflink, Meteu: Joshua Hester, Nutiket: Nick Withrow, Kitchkinet: Braden Messersmith

Brotherhood: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Honor Team – Allowat: Braden Messersmith, Meteu: Joshua Hester, Nutiket: Josh Hanflink, Kitchkinet: Nick Withrow, Nimat: Chase Ferris

Pre-Vigil: Josh Hanflink – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Honor Ceremonialist, Joshua Hester – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Participant Ceremonialist

Fun was had by all as the six lodges of Section SR-7B said good-bye to that designation. With the reorganization of the BSA from four regions to 16 National Service Territories the Order of the Arrow decided to organize into two regions: Eastern and Gateway. The same six lodges that were grouped as SR-7B were redesignated as Section E-8.



On April 29 – May 1 the lodge held Spring Inductions at Cherokee Scout Reservation. This was an opportunity for Scouts tapped out to become members of the Order of the Arrow to complete their Ordeal. It was also a chance for lodge members to help prepare the property for the upcoming Summer Camp season. On Saturday the council held Beaver Day, a chance for scouts and volunteers to spend a day providing service to camp.

The lodge was very active during the six weeks of summer camp. Each week the lodge held a social event on Monday night inviting all OA members regardless of lodge. This set the tone for a week of service and fellowship. Members were encouraged to seal their membership in the Order by taking part in the Brotherhood ceremony. Over 50 members became Brotherhood during summer camp. Scouts were also recruited to participate in the Thursday Family night OA Call Out ceremony.

On Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, the lodge held its Vigil Call Out during the Family Night campfire program. The following members were recognized as Vigil nominees: **Andy Bir, Dave Douglas, Kirby Dunn, Bruce Ferris, Chase Ferris, Nic Fillippa, Sharon Hamlett, Sam Ivey, Robert McGrew, Sam McNabb, Benton Neese, Van Owens, Loryn Payne, Gary Stasco, Carlton Van Hurd, Lane Walser, Scott Welch, and Paul Wright**. A reception was held following the call out ceremony.



On July 25 – 30 the lodge delegation of 33 Brothers attended the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) held at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The group traveled by bus and moved into a dormitory convenient to all of the activities on campus. For this event the lodge issued a special three-patch set. It had a theme of **Steampunk**, *a subgenre of science fiction that incorporates retrofuturistic technology and aesthetics inspired by 19<sup>th</sup> century industrial steam-powered machinery*. The patches were popular and traded well.

During the week delegates had a busy schedule attending training sessions, eating meals in the cafeteria, enjoying a variety of recreational activities and going to nightly shows in the university's





basketball arena. There were over 6,000 Arrowmen in attendance making this a great opportunity to meet Brothers from other lodges and share information.



The lodge's American Indian Affairs team had a very successful NOAC! Five lodge members participated in various styles of Indian dance competition.

**Sam McNabb** placed 1<sup>st</sup> nationally in Men's Fancy Dance!  
This was a first for the lodge to have a **National Champion**.

**Aubreigh McPhail** placed **Top 5** for Women's Fancy Shaw. This was the first NOAC to allow women in AIA competitions.

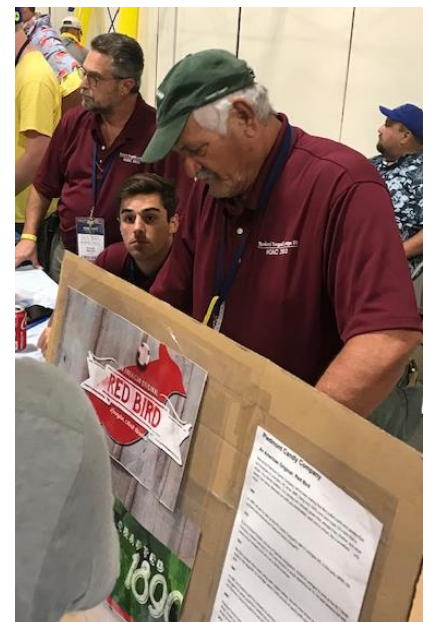
**Nick Withrow** placed **Top 10** for Men's Grass Dance. This was the second time we had a grass dancer place in the top 10.

**Jackson Benes** made it to the **Semi-Finals** of Men's Grass Dance.

**Ben Cole** represented the lodge in Men's Straight Dance.

Thanks to **Linda Shahbaz** four of the lodge dancers placed **Gold** (1<sup>st</sup> Place) for regalia construction and one Blue (2<sup>nd</sup> Place).

On Friday the NOAC participants went to the nearby World's Fair grounds to the Exhibition Hall for the **Ignite Festival**. This was the new name for what traditionally was known as Founders' Day. The lodge set up a booth where members told delegates about the history and plans for the future of Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge 70. The lodge gave out Red Bird mints, a sweet treat manufactured in Lexington, NC.





The final night arena show inspired delegates to return home to help their lodge and Scouting units. The delegates arose early on Saturday and boarded the bus for a relatively short trip home. It was a great experience for all!



On September 9 – 11 Scouts recently tapped out for the OA had their first opportunity to complete their Ordeal during Summer Inductions at Cherokee Scout Reservation. A variety of important projects were completed around camp.

The weekend of September 24 – 25 was a special one for Vigil honor members of the lodge as the Vigil Reunion was held at camp. On Saturday the 18 nominees for the Vigil honor would participate in ceremonies and activities and existing lodge Vigil members would welcome the newest members to their ranks.



On October 7 – 9 a large number of Ordeal candidates took part in the lodge's Fall Induction. Several important projects were completed around camp. Trees were cleared, logs were cut and firewood was split.

The **Fall Fellowship** was held at Cherokee Scout Reservation on November 11 – 13. Since Friday was Veterans Day the lodge chose a theme for the weekend of "Armed Forces". A variety of special activities were planned to remind Brothers of the important role the Armed Forces play in protecting the freedoms of our country.





A key feature of each Fall Fellowship is the selection of new officers to serve in the following year. The following Arrowmen were selected to serve in 2023:

Lodge Chief	Garrett Cook
Vice Chief – Administration	Liam Shaw
Vice Chief – American Indian Affairs	Sam McNabb
Vice Chief – Ceremonies	Aubreigh McPhail
Vice Chief – Communications	Jameson Apple
Vice Chief – Program	Grayson Gray
Vice Chief – Service	Jackson Davis

At the Saturday night banquet there was a busy evening of recognitions, awards, and thank yous. Brothers that earned the First Year Arrowman award were presented. Arrowmen that served as Elangomats and Nimats were recognized. Others involved with AIA activities were presented AIA patches. The outgoing officers and advisers were thanked for their service. This included Chapter Chiefs and their advisers, lodge officers and their advisers. The outgoing Lodge Chief, Nic “Texas” Fillippa, was presented a gift, thanked for his leadership and given an opportunity for a few parting comments. New lodge officers were sworn in and challenged to continue the successes achieved by the lodge in 2022. The lodge also presented The Founders Award to Jeff Willett and to \_\_\_\_\_.

Later that night a Brotherhood ceremony was conducted and a lively Cracker Barrel concluded the evening. Participants awoke Sunday morning to breakfast, a brief worship service, then time to clean up camp and head for home. Another successful year was drawing to a close.

