

# The BOW

APRIL 2024



## Welcome!

Welcome to Tsali Lodge new Brothers! Congratulations on completing your Ordeal! We are so excited to have you join us.

Page 6 through 9 of this newsletter edition are dedicated to you. There you will find new member information that should help you wrap your head around all things Tsali Lodge. Don't forget to reach out with any questions!



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## Fire Warriors Needed

Are you a new or seasoned member of our Lodge, a youth or adult? Well, either way you could make a great fire warrior! Tsali's fire warriors are in charge of safely and efficiently starting and maintaining our fires for ceremonies during lodge events. If you are interested, connect with Robbie Pacilli (VCIA) at our next event!

## Connect With Us

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## UPCOMING: SPRING FELLOWSHIP

By Jackson Laufer, Vice Chief of Program

Brothers, Spring fellowship is right around the corner. We would love to see everyone there, the weekend will be filled with games, service, and fellowship. We will be able to welcome new brotherhood members into the circle and share service with returning ordeal members. Thank you to everyone that attended the Spring Ordeal and we can't wait to see you at the Fellowship.

## RAVING REVIEWS FROM SECTION OFFICERS:

After visiting Tsali Lodge's Spring Ordeal 2024

### Michael Tiedman, 2023-2024 E7 Section Chief

I have had a great time at Tsali. This has been the 8th lodge I have visited and between moving a whole tree, playing ultimate frisbee, to the ceremonies, this has been a great weekend. I look forward to seeing Tsali again at E7 Conclave!

### Elijah Aiken, 2023-2024 E7 Section Vice Chief

Tsali has truly blown me away! From the great brothers that I have had the privilege to meet, the fantastic food that was prepared for us, and the phenomenal hospitality that has been since we stepped foot here, and the amazing property of Camp Daniel Boone, Tsali truly has a great heritage and an even brighter future. Thanks again for having us!



## Charlie Backus Secretary

Hello! My name is Charlie and I am serving as the Lodge Secretary this year. I am a Life Scout with Troop 61. I joined Tsali Lodge in 2023 and I am a Brotherhood member and a member of the Tsali drum team.



### Quick Facts:

- Member of Troop 61
- Joined Tsali in 2023
- Brotherhood member

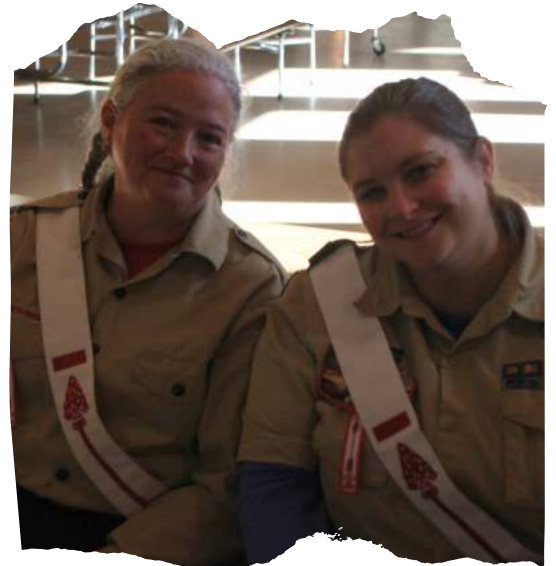
I look forward to our lodge winning the ultimate frisbee tournament this year at Conclave and I can't wait to meet everyone in the lodge!



# RECAP: SPRING ORDEAL

Charlie Backus, Lodge Secretary

Tsali had a very enjoyable and successful Spring Ordeal! We had a total of 4 Brotherhood conversions (pictured below missing 1 brother) and welcomed 17 ordeal members to our Lodge (also pictured below). We played ultimate frisbee, partook in cheerful service for Camp Daniel Boone, and many of us went on a quest for the golden arrow! Great job to our ceremonies team, fire warriors, Elangomats, Vice Chief of Program, cook team, and adult Lodge members for making the weekend possible.





# RECAP: 2024 CONCLAVE

Robbie Pacilli, Vice Chief of Indian Affairs

What an amazing 2024 Cornerstone Conclave! This year it was held at Belk Scout Camp in Midland, NC just outside of Charlotte. The Tsali contingent were able to participate in so many activities over the weekend. From the egg toss competition and tug-of-war, to zip lining and the boulder wall, to AIA ceremonies and drum & sing - it was an incredible weekend. And how about the first place Tsali totem pole! Congratulations to everyone that helped us earn 3rd place for Lodge of the Year, making Tsali a 2024 Honor Lodge! Check out the listing of all of our awards from this year on the next page!





## PATCH OF THE MONTH

By Weldon Clinard

Here is a flap set that has just been released and became available at the Spring Ordeal. It's the S165 Trader and R8 dangle being issued for Conclave 2024 in April. The set was designed by Chris Williams and is based on a Lord of the Rings theme featuring a Hobbit door. This is a set that I'm sure you will want in your collection so get them before they're all gone. If you have any information or want to talk patches email me at [thetea\\_man@hotmail.com](mailto:thetea_man@hotmail.com) or come by the Trading Post. I'll see you there.



## 2024 CONCLAVE RECAP CONTINUED

- 2024 Honor Lodge - 3rd place Lodge of the Year
- Newsletter - 2nd place
- Display - 2nd place
- Team Sing - 2nd place
- Ceremonies Honor Team
- Totem Pole (power tools) - 1st place
- Knot Tying - 3rd place
- Boulder Wall - 1st place
- Ultimate Frisbee - 3rd place
- Fishing Skills - 2nd place

### Ceremonies Team Scores:

- Alice Brown
  - Pre-Ordeal: Excellent
  - Brotherhood: Excellent
- Aaron Swift
  - Pre-Ordeal: Excellent
  - Brotherhood: Excellent
- Oak Wallace
  - Pre-Ordeal: Excellent
  - Brotherhood: Excellent
- Thomas Elley
  - Pre-Ordeal: Exemplary
  - Brotherhood: Excellent

Congratulations Tsali Lodge!



# NEW MEMBER

## INFORMATION

Get involved.  
Try everything.  
Join everything.  
Meet everybody.  
- JFK



Tsali Lodge serves a useful purpose that supports our Council camping program which causes the Scout Oath and Law to spring into action. Arrowmen are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long-term resident camping, and providing cheerful service to others.

### Ways to get involved:

- Attend Lodge events
- Participate in Lodge Committees
- Become a Lodge Officer
- Serve as an Elangomat
- Become a ceremonialist, dance team member, and/or a drum/sing team member
- Become a Tsali representative at District Roundtables for your DBC District

### Lodge Handbook

The Tsali Lodge Handbook can be found on our website at [tsalilodge.org](http://tsalilodge.org). This is your go to place to find information on how the lodge is organized, leadership position descriptions, our rules and policies as well as the Legion of Tsali.

### Lodge Dues

Your annual lodge dues was been paid for this current year during your Ordeal registration and is good through the end of this calendar year. It is recommended that you pay your following year's dues in either December or January.

### All Access Pass

Tsali Lodge offers an "All Access Pass" which covers registration for all Lodge events that year (Spring Fellowship, Spring Ordeal, Summer Ordeal, Fall Fellowship, and Winter Banquet) at a discounted rate.

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# LODGE INFO

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## Lodge Flaps

Have you noticed the different colored borders on the lodge flaps worn by Tsali Arrowmen? They signify the membership level of the wearer. A white border is worn by Ordeal members. An orange border is worn by Brotherhood members and a gold border is worn by Vigil members.

## LECM Meetings

You may have seen "LECM" on your Ordeal weekend schedule as the very last item. LECM stands for Lodge Executive Committee Meeting and is attended by all Lodge Officers and Advisers. Other members are welcome to join if interested.

## Communication

Tsali Lodge communicates through several means including email, the lodge website, and social media. New members are automatically added to the lodge email distribution list. Be sure to follow Tsali on Instagram and Facebook to keep up with current happenings and announcements.

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# LODGE TEAMS

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## Lodge Committees

There are plenty of available positions in the Lodge's various committees for both chairmen and advisers. Committees function under the Vice Chiefs and having somebody in charge of and advising each committee would greatly help lodge organization and operation.

## Fire Warriors

Fire Warriors set up all ceremony circles, builds the fire, and cleans up before and after each ceremony. The Fire Warrior responsibilities sounds pretty easy, but it takes several Arrowmen at each event to cover the needs of each ceremony. There's always room for more Fire Warriors on this team/committee!

✉ [fire.warrior@tsalilodge.org](mailto:fire.warrior@tsalilodge.org)

## Drum/Sing Team

Youth members of the Twisted Rawhide Drum/Sing Team participate in Lodge fellowship performances and events as well as Conclave competitions and biannual competitions at the National Order of the Arrow Conference. This team meets for practices biweekly throughout the year. Adult members may be coaches or helpers. ✉ [drum@tsalilodge.org](mailto:drum@tsalilodge.org)

## Dance Team

Youth members have the opportunity to participate in the Lodge's American Indian Dance team, as well as individual dancing. The group dance team uses authentic Cherokee Indian Regalia, and if you dance individually, you get to design your own outfit for competition. You can make your own original dance steps, and you can choose how to make your outfit. Each dance style has guidelines for outfits, but the majority of individual dancing is personal preference. Adults can assist youth by being dance mentors or by helping out at our various regalia workshops held throughout the year.

✉ [indian.affairs@tsalilodge.org](mailto:indian.affairs@tsalilodge.org)

## Ceremonies Team

Youth members of the Ceremonies Team can be Principles, Seconds for Principles, Torch bearers, or other helpers. Members carry out ceremonies at Lodge events as well as Conclave competitions and biannual competitions at the National Order of the Arrow Conference. This team meets a few times each month for practices throughout the year as well as prior to each ceremony at a Lodge event. Adult members may be coaches or helpers. ✉ [ceremonies@tsalilodge.org](mailto:ceremonies@tsalilodge.org)



# LODGE EVENTS



## Spring Ordeal

The induction process, called the Ordeal, is the first step toward full membership in the Order. Candidates for the Order have their first opportunity after their unit election to complete their Ordeal in April or May each year.

Upon completion of the Ordeal and its ceremony, members are expected to strengthen their involvement in their Scouting unit and encourage Scout camping. They are encouraged to become active within the Lodge and learn more. Fellow Arrowmen and candidates together help with maintaining Camp Daniel Boone during the Ordeal weekends.



## Summer Ordeal

Summer ordeal is an event very similar to Spring Ordeal except its held toward the end of August each year. This event gives selected Scouts another opportunity to become a part of the Order if they could not attend the Spring Ordeal weekend. The service project is different than Spring Ordeal and gives more opportunity for people to earn their spot into our Lodge. Brotherhood candidates are also given the opportunity to seal their membership in the Order during the Summer Ordeal weekend each year.



## Become an Elangomat for Ordeals

The word Elangomat is the Lenni Lenape word meaning friend. As an Elangomat you'll be responsible for a "clan" of 8-10 candidates whom you'll work with during their Ordeal. You will spend most of the day with your clan, setting an example of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service, which the candidates learn through you.

Because of the influence you'll have in motivating your new brothers, your service as an Elangomat is one of the most important and rewarding things you can do in the lodge.

 [program@tsalilodge.org](mailto:program@tsalilodge.org).



## Spring Fellowship

Spring Fellowship is a weekend of fun, games, and fellowship. It is a time to reconnect and visit with fellow Arrowmen as well as practice Indian Affairs activities and meet and work on Lodge committee meetings. At every Spring Fellowship, members do a small work project to benefit camp, eat lots of good food, patch trade, and conduct committee meetings. We also have several quest events at each fellowship. Quest events include things such as kick ball, arrow toss, tent pitching, tug of war, knot tying, and much more; sometimes we even offer rifle shooting, archery and/or tomahawk throwing. Spring Fellowship is held in April each year.



## Fall Fellowship

Fall Fellowship is the Lodge's largest event of the year and is similar to Spring Fellowship. However, in addition to the Spring Fellowship typical activities, there are several other quest events and fun activities like a water balloon fight, canoe race, archery, tomahawk throwing, and rock climbing! The rifle range may even be open for shooting during the weekend. Annual Lodge elections are held during Fall Fellowship, which is held in October each year.



## Log Rolling

Our annual Log Rolling day of service happens the first week of June each year at Camp Daniel Boone. Lodge members spend the day in cheerful service helping with whatever is needed to be done to have camp ready for when campers arrive for Summer Camp. Projects can include, but are not limited to, putting up tents and cots, fixing tent platforms, weed-eating camp grounds, painting signs, etc. The day of service is open to all Scouts (Arrowmen and non-Arrowmen alike) who love Camp Daniel Boone and want to help out, but Tsalilodge organizes the day each year.



# LODGE EVENTS



## Lodge Leadership Development

The purpose of the Lodge Leadership Development is to build the team of lodge leaders who will guide Tsali Lodge for the coming year. This training event consists of several sessions over the weekend that will help attendees focus their attentions on the issues and leadership responsibilities that the lodge needs to function at its highest level while simultaneously attaining Scouting's Journey to Excellence distinction. This weekend is attended by all Lodge Officers and Advisers and is typically held in January.



## Winter Banquet

For the Order of the Arrow wintertime means one thing...our annual Winter Banquet! Youth and adult Arrowmen, as well as their family and friends, are invited to attend our banquet. This time of food and fellowship is our opportunity to recognize those who have gone above and beyond in their service to the Lodge and Council, as well as welcome our new brothers who have been inducted over the past year. At the Winter Banquet, new officers are formally inducted, awards are given, and everyone enjoys the festive meal provided. Winter Banquet is always held in December, typically on the first Saturday of the month.



## E7 Cornerstone Conclave

Every year, the Lodges in a section gather for an event known as a Conclave (formerly Dixie Fellowship). Each year, the host Council Lodge rotates around the Lodges within the section allowing for Arrowmen to travel to and experience nearby Scout camps each year as well as to be the host Lodge every 10 years. During a conclave, a section gathers for fellowship and the sharing of skills and best practices. Over the years, section E7 (formerly SR5) has distinguished itself through a nationally known program.

From our unique competitions such as totem pole carving to patch trading, spirit, and amazing food, it's a once-in-a-lifetime experience for those who can attend. Conclave is filled with competitions that spans all areas of a Lodge - from administration to Scout skills (quest events) to Indian Affairs events. The highlight of the weekend is learning which Lodge has earned the Section E7 Lodge of the Year, which Tsali has earned many times! For more information, check out <https://sectione7.oa-bsa.org/conclave/>.



## National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is the flagship national Order of the Arrow event. It is held every two years at a major university campus and is attended by as many as 8,000 Arrowmen from all 50 states. It is second only to the BSA National Jamboree in size and scope. The largest conference was in 2015, attended by more than 15,000 Arrowmen to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow.

Tsali Lodge sends a contingent of Arrowmen to the conference no matter where it is being held. Common elements to the conference include arena shows, national awards, national OA competitions, training, The Outdoor Adventure Place activities, OA Center for History museum, and patch trading.

**It is said, "In the Ordeal, the Order of the Arrow accepts the new member. In the Brotherhood, the individual accepts the lodge and the ideals of the Order." Advancement to Brotherhood membership is a personal decision, and we recommend that you look over the information on our website and then refer to your Order of the Arrow Handbook for further detail.**

**Now that you've completed your Ordeal and have become a member of Tsali Lodge, we encourage you to become an active member of the Lodge. You don't have to do it all, but strive to participate as much as you can. And reach out for more information on any of the above! We look forward to seeing you at our next event!**



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## ORDER OF THE ARROW

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024:

April 5-7, 2024

Spring Ordeal  
Camp Daniel Boone

April 26-28, 2024

Section E7 Cornerstone Conclave  
Belk Scout Camp, Midland, NC

May 17-19, 2024

Spring Fellowship  
Camp Daniel Boone

June 1, 2024

Log Rolling  
Camp Daniel Boone

June/July 2024

Summer Wednesday Evening  
Call-Out Ceremonies  
Camp Daniel Boone

July 29 - August 3, 2024

National OA Conference  
University of Colorado Boulder  
Boulder, CO

August 16-18, 2024

Summer Ordeal  
Camp Daniel Boone

October 4-6, 2024

Fall Fellowship  
Camp Daniel Boone

December 14, 2024

Winter Banquet  
Location TBAYou can register and pay for all  
Tsali Lodge Events at [tsalilodge.org](https://tsalilodge.org)


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## Lodge Leadership

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## Lodge Committees

**Lodge Chief:** Vigil Committee; Training Committee**Vice Chief of Administration:** Handbook Committee; Camping Promotions Committee; Unit Elections Committee; Lodge Display Committee; Membership Committee, Lodge Video Committee**Vice Chief of Program:** Activities Committee; Service Committee; Section Conclave Committee; Kitchen Committee; Elangomat Committee**Vice Chief of Indian Affairs:** Ceremonies Team; Group Dance; Drum/Sing Team; Individual Dance Committee; Fire Warrior Committee**Lodge Secretary:** Digital Communications Committee; The BOW Committee; Lodge Records Committee**Lodge Treasurer:** Finance Committee; Trading Post Committee*\*If you are interested in joining a committee, please contact the appropriate Lodge Officer as listed above.\**





# 2024 Tsali Lodge Dues Payment Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Names:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Dues are \$20 per person

Number of persons paying for \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_

Submit this form to the Lodge Treasurer or directly to the Council Service Center  
at 333 W Haywood St. Asheville, NC 28801.

Please make checks payable to the Daniel Boone Council, BSA.

If you have any questions, contact the Tsali Lodge Treasurer at [treasurer@tsalilodge.org](mailto:treasurer@tsalilodge.org).

**Tsali Lodge 2024 "home" events:**

April 5-7: Spring Ordeal

August 16-18: Summer Ordeal

December 14:

May 17-19: Spring Fellowship

October 4-6: Fall Fellowship

Winter Banquet



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