



# The Bow

Tsali Lodge 134, Daniel Boone Council

November 2014

## 2014 Fall Fellowship

The 2014 Fall Fellowship was memorable and productive, just as it is every year. Throughout the weekend, those in attendance discussed the upcoming NOAC, which is sure to be an extraordinary event. During dinner on Saturday evening, Lucas Johnson gave the Lodge a brief history on Indian Straight Dancing, accompanied by a demonstration. Later that evening, many of the brothers displayed their patch collections. Everyone in attendance enjoyed bonding with new people, eating the excellent food, and participating in the hunt for the golden arrow, which Dakota Johnson won.

The Lodge had one new Arrowman earn Brotherhood, and elected a group of new lodge officers. The weekend served as a great opportunity for people to relax, camp, and serve the lodge through leadership or Indian Affairs. In summary, the Lodge could not have asked for a better Fall Fellowship.

-WWW Pierce Asaad, 2014-2015 Vice-Chief of Administration



2014-2015 Lodge Officers

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## 2014-2015 Executive Lodge Officers



### *Lodge Chief- Gabriel Neckolaishen*

Since joining the Lodge in 2012, I have acted as Vice Chapter Chief of the Terrora Chapter and Vice Chief of Program. I am a member of the Drum and Dance Teams and competed with both teams at NOAC in 2012. At the 2013 Dixie, I performed as Kitchkinet in the Ordeal Ceremony and competed with Kevin Eliot as a grass dancer.

This year, I want the Lodge to re-claim its spot at the top of the SR-5 totem pole by winning Lodge of the Year again and dominating each event at NOAC. I would love to hear from each member of the Lodge with feedback and ideas that might help the Lodge grow!

### *Vice-Chief of Administration- Pierce Asaad*

I am the Vice Chief of Administration for the 2014-2015 year. I am an Eagle Scout from Troop 8 and joined the Lodge in 2012. Since earning brotherhood in 2013, I have been very active, serving as the Soqua Chapter Vice Chief and the Elangomat Chairman over the past year.

As VCA, I will lead the Lodge toward reclaiming the title of Lodge of the year at the 2015 Dixie. Likewise, I will help the Lodge win every event at the 2015 NOAC. I seek to increase the number of active members in the lodge and show everyone that Tsali is the best lodge in the Council. I will be very receptive to any and all feedback, thoughts, and ideas to improve our excellent lodge.

### *Vice-Chief of Program- Ryan Grannon*

I am happy to be the new Vice Chief of Programing for Tsali Lodge. I am a Life Scout and recently served as the Senior Patrol Leader for Troop 15. I have been a member of Tsali Lodge since 2012 and a brotherhood member since 2013. As Vice Chief of Programming, I hope to increase the number of attendees at each event and make every event as enjoyable as possible. Please contact me when you have any questions or suggestions.

### *Vice-Chief of Indian Affairs- Lucas Johnson*

Brothers, I am your 2014-2015 Vice-Chief of Indian Affairs. An Eagle Scout of Troop 101, I have been in the Order of the Arrow for four years and participated in Indian Affairs extensively. I am a member of the Lodge's Group Drum team, Group Dance team, and Straight Dance group. For the three months prior to my election as VCIA, I acted as Vice-Chief of Indian Affairs to ensure that Indian Affairs went smoothly at each lodge event. I hope to guide the Lodge toward winning the Indian Affairs competitions at Dixie and NOAC.

### *Secretary- Kiffen Loomis*

Brothers, I am thrilled to be your 2014-2015 Lodge Secretary. I have had the pleasure of serving Tsali Lodge in the capacity of Vice-Chief of Administration and Soqua Chapter Chief since I joined the Lodge in 2011. My efforts over the next year will be concentrated on organization within the Lodge and a regular The BOW publication. I look forward to another successful year for Tsali Lodge!



## National Leadership Seminar

Greetings, brothers!

Just last weekend, I travelled to Mobile, Alabama to staff the final National Leadership Seminar (NLS) of 2014. I had the honor of staffing all three of the NLSs that the Southern Region hosted this year! It's a very exciting job, and a true privilege. This past weekend was a productive weekend of fellowship, quality leadership training, and some great shrimp gumbo on Saturday night!

For the majority of the NLS, Arrowmen participate in interactive and educational training sessions led by fellow Arrowmen who have previously completed the course. The trainers have extensive leadership experience. These sessions range from pure training, to OA jeopardy, to movies that demonstrate the leadership techniques. The unique aspect of the OA's NLS program is the NLS Contract, which all graduates are expected to complete in order to learn leadership. The Contract is a description for 3 projects that the Arrowman can complete at home with the skills he has developed that weekend. In 90 days, the Arrowman is expected to complete his tasks in any organization (not just the BSA or OA), and make a positive change in that organization through the completion of those tasks.

Given the combination of the interactive training and personal application that follows, the NLS has revolutionized my leadership style and played an integral role in my Scouting career. I would highly recommend it to any aspiring leader, no matter his age. However, the training is specifically geared toward youth in the OA, as they have the priority in registering for each session.

The first training session of 2015—the 100th anniversary of the OA, mind you—takes place on February 13-15, 2015 in Fruitland, Florida. The following Seminar takes places on April 10-12, 2015 in Radnor, Virginia. The final event takes place on November 6-8, 2015 in Antioch, Tennessee. For all in Tsali Lodge, the closest NLS will be in Virginia in April. The total cost for the program is \$210, which pays for very comfortable accommodations, great food, unique training, and life-long skills. To register, please visit <http://southern.oa-bsa.org/nls/>

Thanks, and I look forward to seeing you in April!

P.S. - Did I mention that one will get to meet 2 OA National Officers when one goes? Furthermore, on Saturday nights, the host lodge provides a phenomenal cracker barrel!

-WWW Travis Broadhurst, 2014-2015 SR-5 Chief



## Brotherhood Membership

Attaining Brotherhood is a great way to become more active in the Lodge and seal your membership. If Tsali Lodge inducts a great enough number of Brotherhood members, the Lodge can become a Quality Lodge of the Year. The four events during the year where one can earn one's Brotherhood are the Spring Fellowship, Spring Ordeal, Summer Ordeal, and Fall Fellowship. Camp Daniel Boone holds all four events.

The following are the requirements to become a Brotherhood member:

1. Be an Ordeal member for at least 10 months.
2. Be an active member of your Scout unit.
3. Be an active and paid member of Tsali Lodge.
4. Write a letter to the Lodge Secretary (Kiffen Loomis).
5. Know the signs that show your membership in the OA.
  - The Obligation (p.10 O.A. Handbook)
  - The Admonition (ask one of your fellow brothers)
  - The OA Song (p.13 O.A. Handbook)
  - The OA Handclasp (p.27 O.A. Handbook)
  - The Sign of Ordeal Membership: "to move the right hand over the left shoulder, as if drawing an arrow from a quiver."
6. To gain a better understanding of the Ordeal, review the questions found on pages 52-54 of the O.A. Handbook.

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“Things of the spirit are what count: brotherhood – in a day when there is too much hatred at home and abroad; cheerfulness – in a day when the pessimists have the floor and cynics are popular; service – in a day when millions are interested in getting or grasping or, rather than giving”

- Dr. E. Urner Goodman

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## University of Scouting

The 2015 University of Scouting was the first year of the event in which Arrowmen from Tsali Lodge participated by answering questions about the Lodge and the Order of the Arrow. These questions included those about OA nomination eligibility, lodge events, and the 2015 Dixie Fellowship. The audience from the question-and-answer sessions included Vigil members and new scouts.

-WWW Matthew Penland

Those participating in the classes at the 2014 University of Scouting 2014 received information about NOVA, OA training, and numerous other topics. Each presenter at the event delivered curricula extremely well. In the “Introduction to the OA” class, we discussed how to increase interest in the Order of the Arrow, the 2015 NOAC, and the different Leadership Positions in the OA.

The day was extremely productive. I learned a great deal of information in each of the classes and hope that more people will attend the event in the coming years.

-WWW Nicholas Lundy, Soqua Chapter Chief



## December Day of Service

Tsali Lodge will hold its annual Day of Service on December 6, 2014 to contribute to the Smoky Mountain Toy Run. The event is a fundraiser for the Eblen Charities and Saint Nicholas Project. Motorcyclists will ride from Black Mountain into Asheville proper to deliver toys to these organizations, which will give the donated toys to WNC children in need during the Christmas holiday. The Toy Run starts at the Kearfott Corporation on 2858 US Highway 70 W, Black Mountain, NC 28711.

Tsali Lodge's role in the event will range from serving food to post-event cleanup. The event runs from 9:00am until 12:30pm. The Lodge's participation will display the OA's mission to promote a brotherhood of cheerful service.

-WWW Kiffen Loomis, Lodge Secretary

## Carolinas Indian Seminar

The 2015 Carolinas Indian Seminar is to be held in Statesville, NC from January 23-25, 2015. The Seminar is one of the premiere Indian culture training events found in the nation. The emphasis at the seminar is geared toward individuals within the Order of the Arrow lodges. In many ways, the CIS exceeds the Indian training activities found at NOACs. The seminar is very "user friendly," especially for those who have just become interested in American Indian activities, such as crafts, singing, and dancing.

Here are some of the special features of Carolinas Indian Seminar:

(1) The event begins on Friday evening and concludes with breakfast on Sunday. It takes place at Mitchell Community College in Statesville, NC. With limited participant space, reservations are strongly encouraged.

(2) The CIS holds a wide variety of training classes throughout Saturday. Individuals are able to select the classes in which they would like to participate. The online webpage for the Carolinas Indian Seminar displays the many offerings and schedules for each class.

(3) The weekend begins on Friday evening with a "Learning Powwow." The coordinators provide dance demonstrations with detailed explanations of the dance and clothing styles pertaining to the six OA individual dance categories.

(4) On Saturday evening, yet another powwow takes place, which is the most enjoyable event during the weekend.

Anyone interested in attending the 2015 Carolinas Indian Seminar should attend at least one of the two 2014 Tsali Lodge Indian Affairs Workshops. These workshops are held on the Saturdays of December 6 and December 13 from 10:00am until 2:30pm at the Daniel Boone Council Service Center in Asheville, NC. Both workshops are free of charge.

In order to reserve a CIS sleeping area for Tsali Lodge, the Lodge needs to make advance reservations and bring two adult leaders. If there is enough interest during the two December Tsali Lodge Indian Affairs workshops, lodge leaders will move forward with plans to send a group to CIS.

Contact Bill Dyar at [billdyar@frontier.com](mailto:billdyar@frontier.com) if interested.

-WWW Bill Dyar



## 2015 Winter Banquet

The 2015 Winter Banquet will be held on February 21, 2015 at Macedonia Baptist Church, which is located at 1468 Jenkins Valley Rd, Alexander, NC 28701. As always, the event will serve as a time to bond with other members of the lodge. The patches from the 2014 Fall Fellowship will be distributed at the Banquet. Those in attendance will enjoy a barbeque dinner and engaging presentations.

-WWW Kiffen Loomis, Lodge Secretary

## 2015 Dixie

Dixie Fellowship is the highlight of the Order of the Arrow's year. With over one thousand participants from eleven lodges, the event is memorable both in scale and enjoyment.

The 2015 Dixie Fellowship will take place at the Belk Scout Reservation in Charlotte, NC during the weekend of April 24-26, 2015. The theme for the event is "Remembering the Past, Honoring the Present," given that 2015 is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the Order of the Arrow. Following this guideline, Tsali Lodge's Theme will involve the traditions and history of Scouting and the Order of the Arrow.

Registration forms and Pre-Orders are due on January 21, 2015. Both documents are included in this publication of The BOW. With definite information concerning the number of participants, the Lodge will be able to finalize travel plans and other logistical necessities.

-WWW Kiffen Loomis, Lodge Secretary

## 2015 NOAC

The National Order of the Arrow Conference is the premier National OA event. With over fifteen thousand participants at each event, the NOAC experience is extraordinary. The events include competitions similar to those at the Dixie Fellowships and a plethora of courses and demonstrations.

The 2015 NOAC is to take place on August 3-8, 2015. Pre-Order and Registration information will be sent out soon. Attached to this Publication of The BOW is the patch design for the 2015 NOAC.

-WWW Kiffen Loomis, Lodge Secretary

## Dues

In order to be an active member of Tsali Lodge, one must pay the \$8.00 dues fee. Being an active member of the Lodge allows one to participate in all of the exciting activities the Lodge holds. Every year, the National Order of the Arrow Committee requires the Lodge to pay \$2 per actively registered person. As a part of the new Lodge's Journey to Excellence, the criteria for gold is donating \$5 per person to the Council's Friends of Scouting Campaign. \$1 per person goes toward Lodge plaques, certificates, newsletters, and upkeep of the website. These three realms constitute to where the dues fees go.

Print and fill out the attached form to pay your dues. When finished, mail the form to the Council Office. The Lodge is also accepting dues over the phone through the Council Office. One can use a credit card to pay one's dues in this way.

Thank you to everyone for continuing to make our lodge the heart of cheerful service in Western North Carolina!

-WWW Kiffen Loomis, Lodge Secretary



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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### **DECEMBER DAY OF SERVICE**

9:00AM-12:30PM

6 DECEMBER 2014

KEARFOTT CORPORATION

2858 US HIGHWAY 70 W, BLACK MOUNTAIN, NC 28711

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### **CAROLINAS INDIAN SEMINAR**

JANUARY 23-25

STATESVILLE, NC

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### **2015 WINTER BANQUET**

FEBRUARY 21, 2015

6:00-9:00

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

468 Jenkins Valley Rd, Alexander, NC 28701

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### **2015 DIXIE FELLOWSHIP**

APRIL 24-26, 2015

BELK SCOUT CAMP, CHARLOTTE, NC

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# Dues

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Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Dues: \$8.00 per person

Number of Persons Paid For: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Submit this form to either the Council Service Center or to the Lodge Secretary at events

Make checks payable to:

Daniel Boone Council

333 W. Haywood St.

Asheville, NC 28801

Account Number: 994



## Delegate Registration for Dixie Fellowship

**April 24-26, 2015**

**Belk Scout Reservation**

**Charlotte, NC**

**Total Cost of \$65.00**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address

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Street

City

state

zip

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to:

**Daniel Boone Council**

333 W. Haywood St.

Asheville, NC 28801

**\*Please send in Parts A and B of the Attached Medical Form with Registration Fee**