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SECTION COLLECTION



By: Joe Lally

AWARDS AT CONCLAVE

Each year as a part of Conclave, all six lodges compete against each other for several awards. These awards are highly coveted and in order for your lodge to win, they will need your help!

The first award is the Charley Sullivan Spirit Award. The Spirit Award is given to the lodge who in the eyes of the Council of Chiefs showed the most spirit throughout the weekend. This spirit is typically shown through a lodge wide theme that everyone dresses up for. Some themes in the past have been Nerds, America, Swamp People, Camo, Mardi Gras, and Bismol: Calming the Fire Within.

The Second Award given out to lodges is the Honor Lodge Award. In order to win Honor Lodge, a lodge must complete many tasks throughout the year that help them to accomplish their goals. Some of the requirements include participation in CLS, attendance at Conclave, and contribution to the Section Apensuwi

Several other Indian Affairs awards will be up for grabs during the weekend. These include Team Dance, Grass Dance, Fancy Dance, Old Style Sioux Dance, Chicken Dance, and Traditional Dance. Each of these categories are divided up into a junior competition and a senior competition. There will also be awards for Team Singing, Brotherhood Ceremonies, Crossover Ceremonies, and Pre-Ordeal Ceremonies. If you are interested in competing, contact your lodge chief or lodge IA chairman.



CONCLAVE SERVICE PROJECT

On Friday night, there will be a canned food drive at Conclave. The goal is to raise 3,000 lbs. of non-perishable food to help benefit the Sacred Pathways Soup Kitchen and Pantry. Lodges have already started collecting food for this project and food will be accepted by individuals at Conclave as well.

The food drive will be a competition between the lodges, and the winning lodge, based on the average amount of food brought by each participant, will be announced at the Saturday night show.

On Saturday, we will be packaging toiletry and school supplies for displaced families in the local community. More than 500 packages will be created, in the morning after breakfast during OAX, to help these families. All help is welcomed and encouraged.

Please come out and participate in cheerful service!

WHAT'S UP TSOIOTSI TSOGALII

Tsoiotsi Tsogalii has had a great start to the new year and is excited to continue with our 20th Anniversary year at Conclave! With our new LLD 101 event in January, we were able to train and inspire many youth and adult Arrowmen.

On the weekend of March 21-23, we will be holding our Spring Fellowship at Cherokee Scout Reservation, which is sure to be an action packed weekend. We will be preparing for Conclave, electing our new Lodge

officers, and having lots of competitions between chapters! We will cap off the weekend by recognizing our new Vigil honorees, Founders' Awards recipients, and all others that have given unselfishly to the Lodge in the past year.

We at Tsoiotsi Tsogalii are excited to spend the weekend in White Oak with our fellows Brothers in fellowship, service and competition. Whether it's making new friends, reuniting with old ones, or competing in all the events, we hope everyone has a great time!

See you all at Conclave!

Yours in Cheerful Service,
Chris Kuczkowski



COUNTDOWN TO CONCLAVE

There is only a little over 1 month until Conclave! Have you registered yet?

register.sr7b.org



WHERE'S THE CARDINAL?

Have you ever played Where's Waldo? Well, this is Where's the Cardinal! Hidden in this image are three small cardinal heads. Can you find them? The locations of all three cardinal heads will be released next week on the SR7B FB page!



CONCLAVE BLOOD DRIVE

This article officially kicks off our pre-registration sign-up season. This year's goal is 75 donors. We will have 2 buses again this year from the American Red Cross from 9AM-1:30PM on April 26, 2014 at the beautiful Camp Bowers in Elizabethtown, NC.

Pre-registration is **STRONGLY** encouraged to minimize wait times and to show our commitment to the American Red Cross. If we don't have strong pre-registrations, we risk this drive being cancelled. Thankfully due to your generous support of your time and life-giving blood over the years, we have always met or exceeded our goal!

I have time slots available every 15 minutes beginning at 9AM . I will assign these on a first come first serve basis according to preference.

In order to lock-in your time, please email Brett Warner (brett@brettwarner.com) with the following information:

- Full Name
- Cell Phone
- Time Slot Preference

Remember that if you are under 17 years of age, you must have your parent or guardian sign a [consent form](#) and bring it with you on April 26th .

Brett Warner
Associate Section Adviser



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RUNNING FOR A SECTION POSITION

Each year during Conclave, the Section hosts it's elections for the four officers that will lead the next year. Those positions include Section Chief, Vice Chief of Program, Vice Chief of Training, and Secretary. These officers work in conjunction with the six lodge chiefs and the host lodge to plan and implement the section conclave.

While putting on conclave is the main job of the four officers, they also have other responsibilities. The section chief represents the section on a national level, oversees various section committees, and resides over all Council of Chiefs (COC) meetings. The two vice chiefs are voting members of the Council of Chiefs, and are charged with overseeing and coordinating with various lodges on programs such as OAX, quest, training initiatives, and much more. Website maintenance, Apensuwi production and distribution, and taking minutes at the COC meetings all fall under the section secretary's responsibilities.

In order to be eligible to run for a section position, you must first obtain a letter from your scout executive. This letter will need to be sent to the Section Adviser, Rob Kennerly at rkennerly@engconcepts.com, before the end of the nomination period during Conclave. Without a letter, you will be unable to run. If you have any questions about running for a position, feel free to talk with your lodge chief and or the Section Chief, Kenneth Erickson, at chief@sr7b.org.

Whether you are an experienced arrowman who has served at the lodge level and now wants to take on the added opportunity and responsibility that a section office holds, or you simply want to contribute to the direction of Section SR-7B, you will not want to miss the section elections during Conclave!

BUILDING A FORGE

In scouting, we are exposed to many opportunities that may not otherwise be experienced through merit badges, campouts, and troop meetings. Every once in a while, a program being offered may just become your hobby! This is the case for SR7B member Andrew Thorp, from Wahissa Lodge.

"I've always really been interested in metalworking, not specifically blacksmithing. Like, even when I was 5, when I would go to war re-enactments I would just sit around watching the blacksmith or silversmith or whatever they had.

What got me interested in actually learning it was Raven Knob. When I applied to work at RK I found out they were offering Metalwork MB my reaction was basically "yes"

Andrew Thorp continued his exploration into metalworking outside of camp. With a goal in mind, he set out to build his own forge.

" It took my a little under a year to build up my shed and tool box. The biggest and most time consuming factor was money. Blacksmithing is a lot of fun and a great hobby, but it can be a little pricey. Specifically, the anvil, vice, and forge. Though Anvils can usually be substituted with railroad rails or big pieces of steel, honestly. Vices are pretty common too. I built my first forge by attaching an air mattress inflator to a pipe connected to a brake drum. If someone wanted to build their own there are literally hundreds of online plans. When it comes to blacksmithing google is your friend" said Thorp.

" I think other people should get into blacksmithing because it is a true discipline. A lot of people now days might have a job but not only do they not like their job but so many jobs are desk jobs. Its good to do something physical besides exercise. Not to mention its hella fun, the ladies dig it, and it will make you tough as nails (which you'll totally be able to make)."

Andrew Thorp continues his metalworking today and even landed a job with Charleston Forge as a blacksmith! It just goes to show you that when you find something you love, do it.



Andrew Thorp from Wahissa pictured with his homemade forge

SECTION SPOTLIGHT

Blake Ferree

Blake Ferree is from Boy Scout troop 527 in Asheboro NC and has achieved his arrow of light as well as being on his road to Eagle. He has worked at Cherokee scout reservation for the Old North State Council for 2 years now and is looking forward to another year with his Cherokee Family. He also plays Tennis for Asheboro High School and plays in the Marching band. Blake Ferree has held the position of VC of Communications for Tsoiotsi Tsogalii and is currently Recognitions Chairman for the Section. Blake has grown up with scouting and the OA has given him the opportunity to hold leadership positions and learn how the lodge and section functions.

Joe Daley

Joe is a member of Klahican Lodge where he served as Vice Chief of Administration for the 2013 year and as Secretary the year before. On the section level, he is the Vice Chief of Training with the primary role of planning and executing the Order of Arrow Experience (OAX) at Conclave this year. He has previously served as the 2013 Promotions Chair and looks forward to Conclave being hosted at Camp Bowers. Joe attends UNC-Chapel Hill.



CONTRIBUTE TO THE APENSUWI

Is there something fun and exciting going on in your chapter or lodge that you would like to share with the rest of the section? Let us know!

If you have an article that you would like included in the next edition of the Apensuwi or have any feedback regarding this edition, feel free to contact the Section Secretary, Stephen Frein at secretary@sr7b.org



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