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Conclave 2017 is now over. With over 1400 Arrowmen at Raven Knob Scout Reservation everyone had a blast. If you haven't seen them, check out these photos that were collected by Wahissa Lodge during Conclave.

[Conclave Photos](#)

**We look forward to seeing you again in 2018!**

Dear Brothers,

This is Ben Skidmore, the 2018 Conclave Chairman and I would like to invite you to the Cardinal Conclave hosted by Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge. Conclave will take place April 20-22, 2018 at Cherokee Scout Reservation in Yanceyville, North Carolina. Cherokee is situated in the beautiful piedmont region of North Carolina. Cherokee Scout Reservation will celebrate their 50 year anniversary in 2018, and this is a Conclave you will not want to miss! At the Cardinal Conclave we will "Build Upon the Fire". Want to add a patch to your

collection? Look forward to great games, a patch auction and patch trading, OAX, and Cardinal. Conclave will be one event you don't want to miss in 2018.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at Cherokee Scout Reservation in April of 2018.



### **Here are your new officers**

This weekend at Conclave, the section officers for the 2017-18 term were elected. Congratulations!

Section Chief: Sean Alewine

Vice Chief Program: Alex Schultz

Vice Chief Training: Simon Harris

Secretary: Nick Anderson



## Successful Service Projects

This weekend we fulfilled our organization's central tenant: service. Forty Arrowmen donated blood this past weekend helping build North Carolina's blood supply, and over 1000 care packages were prepared to help those still struggling in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew.



## Notable Awards

**Croatan Lodge** won in the competition for Honor Lodge. This award demonstrates the amount of hard work Croatan Lodge has done leading into and during Conclave.

**Wahissa Lodge** was selected by the COC to receive this year's spirit award. Wahissa Lodge went above and

beyond in demonstrating their excitement and spirit at Conclave.

**Occoneechee Lodge** won in the Quest for the Golden Arrow by achieving the highest score in the section Quest events.



Find out who did well in this past weekends AIA competitions on our website.

[AIA Awards](#)





Rob Kennerly has faithfully served our section for the past four years as the SR7B Section Adviser. This past weekend was Rob's final Conclave in this role. Those of us that have worked with Rob over the past few years have been grateful of his appreciation and dedication to the program. We wish Rob the best in his future Scouting endeavors as Southern Region DYLC Coordinator.



### **Message from the outgoing chief**

Dear Fellow Arrowman,

It was an honor to serve as your Section Chief these last few months. Serving in this role was a goal of mine for many years, and I would not trade the countless number of meetings, emails, phone calls, and lodge visits I have made during these last few months for anything. Quite frankly, I would do it all over again if I could, because I was inspired by every arrowman I met – I was inspired by you. I can only hope I inspired you as well.

I have confidence in the newly elected officers and their ability to put together a terrific Conclave for you next year. The rain from this past weekend should not dampen your spirit. If anything, it should brighten it and make you more excited for next year, because Conclave isn't just about watching a show, experiencing OAX, trading patches, or listening to a live band at Cardinal. It's about what these activities facilitate – fellowship. Maybe it's just me, but I think

this was more evident this year than in years past. It is fellowship that kept me involved in the OA and brought me to every Conclave from my first one to my seventh one. And it is fellowship that allows us to host the largest and greatest Conclaves in the nation.

I am proud to call you my brother, and humbled to have served you. I look forward to seeing you at Camp Cherokee next year.

Brandon Kelly

2017 Section Chief

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