

CROA-TALK

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CROATAN LODGE 117 ORDER OF THE ARROW

Spring brings new Brothers and preparations for Croatan to host 2016 Conclave

By Jackson Lamm
Croatan Lodge Chief

Greetings Brothers,

Now that we are (hopefully) out of the death grip of winter and moving onto a more pleasant time of the year, it's time to get back in action! March Ordeal is going to be a very busy weekend for us at Camp. Not only will we be inducting what is typically the largest number of candidates, but also, we will be in full swing of getting our



Camp ready to host Conclave in 2016. Our lodge has a history of starting our preparations a year in advance and 2015 will be no different. There is plenty that needs to be done, so hop on a work crew and help make a difference.

In the March Ordeal schedule that has been attached, please take note of some of the changes that have been made. We have moved supper back to starting at seven o'clock Saturday evening. This will not only give us the opportunity of holding our ceremonies closer to dusk, making for an awe-inspiring mysterious atmosphere,

but also for the lodge as a whole to welcome and fellowship with our new brothers as they enter the dining hall.

Lastly, if you have not signed up with the lodge remind101 system, then the time is now. Simply send the message @cro117 to the number 252-772-9735 and you can receive lodge updates right on your cell phone.

I hope this message finds each of you well and I look forward to reuniting with you all at the March Ordeal.

Passing of "The Buck!"



Outgoing Lodge Chief Jack Kittrell passes "The Buck" to new Chief Jackson Lamm.

Photo by Graham Copeland

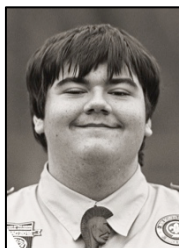
Meet your 2015 Croatan Lodge Officers



Ryan Boyd
Lodge Treasurer



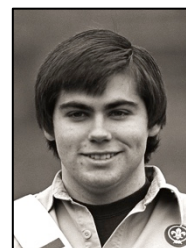
Nathan Yates
VC Service



Matthew Hodges
VC Indian Affairs



Graham Copeland
VC Communication



Sam Overby
VC Camp Promo



Garrett Thompson
VC Inductions

Croatan Lodge Updates

By Jeremy Long
2015 Conclave Chairman

It's that time of year again. Conclave and Croatan are ready to celebrate. As you probably already know, it's the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow, so in honor of this great event, we're throwing a birthday party at Conclave. That's right brothers, the Conclave theme for this year is Happy Birthday OA!!! Well, what does that mean? Easy, this is a BSA party, so uniforms are the best way to go. With that you can also wear various party hats, use all different celebratory noise-makers, and do just about anything you'd see done at a birthday party. We ask that you avoid fireworks and party poppers because this isn't our camp and we want to respect other camps and keep them clean. Aside from that, celebrate the 100th anniversary of OA in your own way. Hope to see you there.

By Sam Overby
Natshi Chapter Chief

Recently our chapter has not been very active due to the weather conditions. However, we have managed to start creating new regalia for our chapter and we participated at the Work-Camp weekend to help around camp. Also, we have gotten permission to work on the Thunderbird trail. It is located behind Pitt Community College and has been a project that our chapter has worked on before, but there are some recent touch ups needed to be done.

By Kyle Pontieri
2015 NOAC Chairman

I just wanted to tell you guys a bit about NOAC 2015 this year, well as far as registration goes anyway. Currently we are almost full on our 80 member cap, but we still have a

couple of spots left open for those who want to have the time of their lives! Right now if you want to go to NOAC the Council will need \$300 dollars, but don't fret, chapters throughout our Lodge are currently preparing and holding fundraisers in order to make NOAC payments easier. If you want more information or want to sign up, please see me or Mr. Eddie Cahoon. Hope everyone has a great March Ordeal and is ready for an amazing Conclave.

By Matthew Hodges
Vice Chief of Indian Affairs

Croatan Lodge Indian Affairs is in full swing to get ready for NOAC 2015. Last month several of our dancers attended the Carolina Indian Seminar. Our dancers had a great time and learned a lot. This weekend will be the first Ordeal we will be using the new Brotherhood script. You don't want to miss out in viewing it for the first time in our Lodge. Make sure you come out to our Pow Wow Saturday night and our Training sessions Friday night at Handicraft. If you are interested in getting involved as a Dancer, Drummer, Ceremonialist, Craftsman, or Ceremony Support do not hesitate to come talk to me.

By Michael Burton
Coree Chapter Chief

Since we last met Coree has completed all of our Unit Elections and held a call out ceremony at the Croatan Trail's District Winter Camporee. In addition, we have also moved a number of platforms from the South side of Camp Sam Hatcher to the North, which will be used for instructional purposes. I look forward to working with you all and celebrating our Order's 100th anniversary.

New Ordeal Schedule Announced for 2015

2015 Ordeal Weekend Schedule Camp Boddie

Friday

5-7p	Ordeal Candidate	Dining Hall
6-8p	Member Registration	Dining Hall
8:00p	Pre-Ordeal Ceremony	Amphitheatre
8:00p	Service Leaders Meeting	Dining Hall
9:15p	Adult Leader Meeting	ECO Lodge
9:30p	ECM	ECO Lodge
9:30p	Cracker-Barrel	Dining Hall

Saturday

8:00a	Breakfast	Dining Hall
8:45a	Work Assignments	Quartermaster Shed
9-12:30	Cheerful Service	
12:30p	Lunch	Dining Hall
1-1:30p	Training Session	
	Dining Hall	
1:30-4p	Cheerful Service	
2:45p	Brotherhood Questioning	Campfire Circle
3:30p	Brotherhood Hike	Campfire Circle
4:00p	Member Showers	
4:30p	Candidate Showers	
5:00p	Brotherhood Ceremony	
5:30p	First Ordeal Ceremony	
6:00p	Second Ordeal Ceremony	
7:00p	Supper	Dining Hall
7:30p	New Member Session	ECO Lodge
7:30p	Clean up/set up	Dining Hall
8:00p	Cracker-Barrel	Dining Hall
	Patch Auction	Dining Hall
	Pow Wow	Dining Hall
10:00p	Movie	ECO Lodge

Sunday

8:00a	Breakfast	Dining Hall
9:15a	Church Service	Dining Hall
9:30a	Lodge Meeting	Dining Hall

Chapter Responsibilities

Fri	Night Cracker Barrel	Tearora
Sat	Night Cracker Barrel	Tau
Sat	Breakfast Set-Up/Clean-Up	Arapahoe
Sat	Lunch Set-Up/Clean-Up	Natsihi
Sat	Dinner Set-Up/Clean-Up	Natsihi
Sun	Breakfast Setup/Cleanup	Coree
	ECM Set-Up/Clean-Up	Coree
	Garbage/Recycling	Wiccacon
	Shower House	Neusiok
	Reception Center Clean-Up	Tanugahi
	Lodge Meeting Clean-Up	Toisnot

By Jeremy Long
Tanugahi Chapter Chief

Tanugahi Chapter has been working to increase interest in the program. Our meetings are now filled with more than just business; we have trainings such as elangomat and nemat training, brotherhood prep courses, regalia construction and drum. We are working on obtaining volleyball equipment so we will be more prepared this year at Fall Fellowship. Our Indian Affairs program has made a complete change from our outdated plains regalia to the Eastern-Woodlands look that was more prominent in our area. The effectiveness of our new ceremony teams was exhibited at the WORD winter camporee when we called out several prospective new members. We are trying our best to make the program as efficient and entertaining as possible so that it will be even easier for us to find cheerfulness in our service.