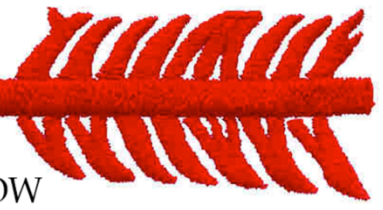


# CROA-TALK

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**By Kyle Pontieri**  
**NOAC Chairman**

*A Brotherhood like ours, will never be unbroken,  
no matter where our separate paths may lead.  
And even in the darkest hour we'll always be  
prepared. A brotherhood of service we shall be.*

This song from the Wednesday night show at NOAC rang loud and clear, and boy did it get stuck in your head. Sang as the tune to a skit where scouts shared their own experiences with OA and the impact it left on their lives. I could probably go on for the entire article repeating these magnificent stories, but it was something you just had to be there for. Also, don't go thinking that the shows were all just skits like that. The very first show had famous former *America's Got Talent* contestant Charles Peachock juggling bowling balls, a chainsaw, and more balls than I can remember. Oh and juggling knives (swiftly replaced with wooden sticks) over a blindfolded scout. Maddie and Tae sang a few songs. We had an indoor firework show and we even saw Creek Stewart.

Not all of NOAC was shows and speakers though. If you were at Michigan State University that week there is one word you heard over and over again. A single word I don't think anyone in the event will soon forget.

**Spark.** Left and right you saw people giving high-fours with their spark so they could complete achievements and earn points. Earning virtual patches, topping leaderboards, it was a competition that had more than a few thousand Arrowmen hooked that week. Virtual Patches weren't the only patches being collected though. Wherever there was a table inside the dorms and strewn about on the ground in front of the trading post, there was patch trading and patch traders. Out of the patches I saw, the Game of Thrones one was my personal favorite.

Now Spark and patch trading were not for everyone of course, but between NOAC's numerous classes you could take, and competitions you could compete in it was highly unlikely you had nothing to do. There were two separate video game competitions, one being Mario Kart 8, followed by the New Super Smash Bros. the next day. Sadly, nobody from Croatan won those. Though we didn't win in video games, we made up for it in Dancing Competition and Drum Competition. We placed 2nd in the National Team Dance Competition, 5th in Southern Drum, and 2nd in Northern Drum.

Then individually we had 9 Top 10 dancers in their respective competition and I believe 3 or 4 of those being in the Top 5. This easily marked Croatan as number 1(17) nationally for AIA competition.

There is so much I have yet to even mention, such as the HUB, where they had a multitude of daily events, including OA Warrior. The Founders Day Booth in the HUB had games such as knocking down cans with a yoyo for Cheerwine, shooting cans down with a rubber band gun, and hitting red solo cups with a ping pong crossbow. Oh and catapulting stuffed squirrels into buckets and the Devil Bike. All of this and so much more filled a week of brotherhood and cheerfulness, with one main message to carry us into the future **#DAREtoDO**. This was a challenge issued to us by our National Chief, for the next 100 days after accepting the challenge, do your good turn daily and get someone else to accept the challenge. For more on that you can go to [www.dareto.do.com](http://www.dareto.do.com).

*Now gather round the circle, weld  
tightly every link, we'll catch the higher  
vision. A Goodman has the wisdom. WWW  
tried and true.*

## Conclave Committee Members Needed! Sign up at Ordeal!!!

By Graham Copeland  
2016 Conclave Chairman

Brothers, I would like to thank all of you who came out to the workday on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. We were able to get a lot of work done. With 40 people in attendance we were able to finish the erosion dams in front of the dining hall, finish the dance arbor, work on clearing out the chapel area, and start clearing out the area behind the quonset hut to be used for parking.

This work has shown that we stepped off on the right foot, but we need to keep on this path until conclave is complete. It is going to take everyone's assistance to pull off the best conclave in SR-7B. I hope to see everyone come out to the Ordeal so we can keep on working towards our goal.

At this ordeal we will be signing up for our committees at conclave. So start thinking about the area that you would like to assist in. We will be having a brief conclave meeting directly after lunch in the dining hall for you to sign up.

## NOAC: Make sure you attend the next one.

My First NOAC  
Harvey Hoopes IV

In the years since I took my ordeal, there have been a total of three National Order of the Arrow Conferences. This summer I attended my first, and in hindsight, I do not know why I didn't take advantage of this opportunity sooner. As an older youth member I wasn't sure if the program would be suited for me, but what I found was something for Arrowmen of all ages. The trainings were first rate and they engaged Arrowmen like me as well as Arrowmen who had only recently taken their ordeals. The shows were fantastic, engaging, and between you and me, better than those at Jamboree. I also had the proud and unique privilege of representing Croatan Lodge as our mascot in the "Mascot Mayhem Competition" as well as at the shows. Because of this I was able to interact with hundreds of other Arrowmen throughout the course of the conference. It was an experience I will not soon forget, and hope that all Arrowmen, young and old, from Croatan lodge will have the opportunity to gain similar experiences by attending a National Order of the Arrow Conference!

## 2015 September Ordeal Schedule

### 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	Host Conclave Meeting	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	
7:00p	Supper	Dining Hall
7:30p	New Member Session	ECO Lodge
7:30p	Clean up/Set up	Dining Hall
8:00p	Patch Training/Games	Dining Hall
8:00	PowWow	
9:00p	Patch Auction	Dining Hall
	Cracker-Barrel	
	Drum Session	
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	Tanugahi
Sat	Night Cracker Barrel	Toisnot
Sat	Breakfast Set-Up/Clean-Up	Tearora
Sat	Lunch Set-Up/Clean-Up	Tau
Sat	Dinner Set-Up/Clean-Up	Arapahoe
Sun	Breakfast Setup/Cleanup	Arapahoe
	ECM Set-Up/Clean-Up	Natsihi
	Garbage/Recycling	Natsihi
	Shower House	Coree
	Reception Center Clean-Up	Wiccacon
	Lodge Meeting Clean-Up	Neusiok

### Upcoming Dates:

Oct. 16-18	Fall Fellowship
Oct. 24	Conclave Workday
Oct. 24	Council of Chiefs: Camp Boddie
Nov. 21	Conclave Workday
Jan. 8-9	Lodge Leadership Development
Jan. 9	Lodge Banquet
Mar. 18-20	Spring Ordeal
Apr. 15-17	SR-7B Conclave: Camp Boddie