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 scouters 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 Peacock 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.

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 22nd. 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
- 6-8p Member Registration
- 8:00p Pre-Ordeal Ceremony
- 8:00p Service Leaders Meeting
- 9:15p Adult Leader Meeting
- 9:30p ECM
- 9:30p Cracker-Barrel

**Saturday**
- 8:00a Breakfast
- 8:45a Work Assignments
- 9-12:30 Cheerful Service
- 12:30p Lunch
- 1-1:30p Host Conclave Meeting
- 1:30-4p Cheerful Service
- 2:45p Brotherhood Questioning
- 3:30p Brotherhood Hike
- 4:00p Member Showers
- 4:30p Candidate Showers
- 5:00p Brotherhood Ceremony
- 5:30p First Ordeal Ceremony
- 7:00p Supper
- 7:30p New Member Session
- 7:30p Clean up/Set up
- 8:00p Patch Training/Games
- 8:00p PowWow
- 9:00p Patch Auction
- 10:00p Movie

**Sunday**
- 8:00a Breakfast
- 9:15a Church Service
- 9:30a Lodge Meeting

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 |
| Sun  | ECM Set-Up/Clean-Up | Natshi |
| Sun  | Garbage/Recycling | Natshi |
| Sun  | Shower House | Coree |
| Sun  | Reception Center Clean-Up | Wiccacon |
| Sun  | 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