

CROA-TALK

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CROATAN LODGE 117 ORDER OF THE ARROW

Croatan Lodge: Moving forward into 2014

By Jack Kittrell
Croatan Lodge Chief



Hi everyone, welcome to our 2014 Lodge Year! On behalf of the Lodge's leadership, we hope you are as excited about this year as we are serving Croatan's members. At one point during the Lodge Leadership Development in January, participants sat down and discussed what they would like to see the Lodge accomplish this year. Many gave novel ideas that we hope to try out soon.

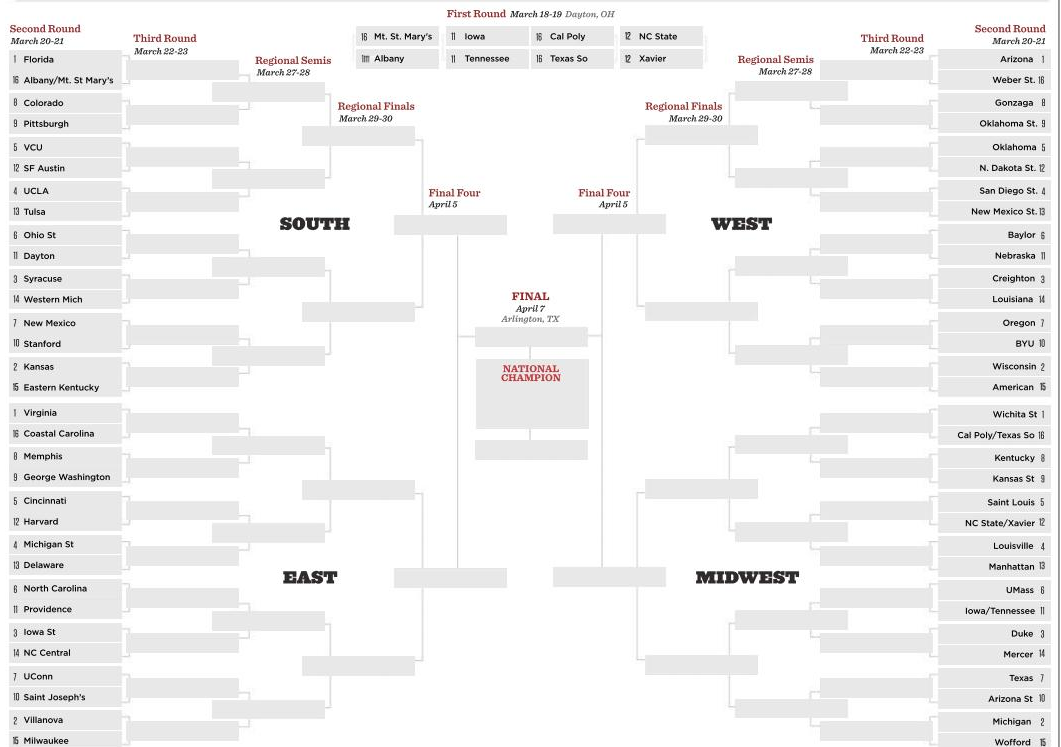
Speaking of new ideas, have you noticed anything different about the Croa-Talk yet? Our Secretary, Harvey Hoopes IV is revamping the Croa-Talk to be more concise and informative. Note the smaller page count; looks like it's concise. As for informative, some of the articles will be written by people like yourself. That's right, you can write an article to share an experience you've had in the Order! There will also be other fun content, like the NCA bracket you see below.

Another decision made at LLD was our Conclave theme. This year, we will be going to Camp Bowers as the Pirates of the Pamlico.

We'll be gunning for the Spirit Award against the other Lodges in our Section, so don your hats and brush up on your buccaney speech in time for April 25th. We've won many awards at the past few Conclaves, from communications awards to the Overall Advanced Indian Affairs award and even the Michael Turner Honor Lodge, but the Spirit Award has always slipped from our grasp. This year can be different: we can win it this year, but it will take a lot of spirit, a big show of enthusiasm and much cheering. If you think you can do that, than Croatan will make a clean sweep.

Don't forget to come to the Lodge Workday on February 15th. You can go to Camp Sam Hatcher in Newport or Camp Charles in Bailey. The Lodge may get to Boddie most of the time, but we can't forget to show some love to the other camps in our council.

Here is a quote I like to live by: "Determine to be something in the world, and you will be something. 'I cannot,' never accomplished anything: 'I will try,' has wrought wonders." -Joel Hawes



- Spring Ordeal Weekend Schedule**
Camp Boddie
- Friday**
- 5-7p Ordeal Candidate Registration Reception Center
 - 6-8p Member Registration Reception Center
 - 8:00p Pre-Ordeal Ceremony Amphitheatre
 - 9:30p Cracker Barrel Reception Center
 - 9:45p ECM Health Lodge
- Saturday**
- 7:30a Brotherhood Questioning Dining Hall
 - 8:00a Breakfast Dining Hall
 - 8:45a Work Assignments Quartermaster Shed
 - 9-12:30 Cheerful Service
 - 12:30p Lunch Dining Hall
 - 1:00p Training Session Dining Hall
 - 1:30-5p Cheerful Service
 - 5-5:45p Candidate Showers
 - 6-6:30p Candidate/Brotherhood Supper-Dining Hall
 - 6-6:30p Member Showers
 - 6:30p Member Supper Dining Hall
 - 6:30p Brotherhood Hike Sea Base Sign
 - 7-7:30p New Member Session Reception Center
 - 7:30p Brotherhood Ceremony Ceremony Circle
 - 8:00p Ordeal Ceremony Ceremony Circle
 - 9:30p Cracker Barrel/ Patch Auction Reception Center
- Sunday**
- 8:00a Breakfast Dining Hall
 - 9:15a Church Service Dining Hall
 - 9:30a Lodge Meeting Dining Hall

Lodge Leadership Development: Testimonial

**By Michael Burton
Coree Chapter Chief**



Croatan Lodge leaders learn how to better serve the Lodge during LLD.

This past January I had the opportunity to participate in our Lodge's Leadership Development weekend for the first time. I must say even though I've been in the Lodge for a few years now it was a great experience. Not only do you get to see how our Lodge operates you get to take part in some of the behind the scene processes such as voting on the Conclave theme for this year. Participants also got to work together and brainstorm ideas, and goals for the lodge. I hope that I have given you some kind of idea as to how awesome LLD is, and I hope I'll see you there next year. This event is open to all, plan to attend next year!

2014 Lodge Calendar

April 25-27 | SR-7B Conclave
@ Camp Bowers
May 16-18 | Summer Ordeal
September 19-21 | Fall Ordeal
October 17-19 | Fall Fellowship
November 22 | Lodge Banquet (Location TBA)

**By Avery Ingalls
Wiccacon Chapter Chief**

Wiccacon Chapter has been busy the past few months. At Fall Camporee, Wiccacon Chapter hosted an AIA area at the trading post, which we also maintained for the weekend. The area consisted of a few Indian games, and we got the opportunity to show other scouts who the Order of the Arrow is, and what we do.

Our last few meetings have been centered on increasing membership in Wiccacon Chapter so that we can become a bigger and stronger chapter. We will have had three elections before the March Ordeal, so we are expecting a large crowd of new brothers at the March Ordeal. I am very excited about the future of the chapter, and I can't wait to see you all at the March Ordeal!

**By Michael Burton
Coree Chapter Chief
1st Year Arrowman Chair**

Since we last met Coree Chapter has been very busy. We had a highway clean-up last December where we collected 16 total bags! Also this January we held a Cub-scout Webeloree and it was a lot of fun for the Webelos. In February we held our annual OA elections at the Croatan Trails winter camporee. We look forward to this Ordeal and can't wait to see everyone.

First Year Arrowman Report:

Let me just start off by saying "WOW!" You guys are awesome; last year we had twenty-six members earn their first year arrowman award. This is the most people to earn the award in a year ever. This year I need your help to encourage the new ordeal members to earn this award so we can beat last year's number. If you already have a filled out card just give it to me or Mr. Snow this weekend. Thanks!

**By Zachary Carpenter
Tanugahi Chapter
Vice Chief OA Reps**




I help the Troop OA Reps. and make sure they understand what is going on with the chapter and lodge. To accomplish this I have compiled an email and phone list for the Reps in my area and whenever there are events, I will send out details to my Reps to be sure everyone is in the know. I do my best to soak the troops in knowledge. This has drastically increased the amount of attendance as I've been told.

To set up this type of officer in your chapter is simple, give a set of duties similar to mine and vote one in. When the need arises, inform all the Reps about changes and make sure they know to spread the word. The job is pretty easy and over time experience will teach you a lot. If you have any questions the greatest source of information is the Lodge.

Chapter Responsibilities

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

Camp Boddie Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Sunny 68 / 48 F Chance of Rain 0 %	Mostly Cloudy 72 / 42 F Chance of Rain 20 %	Mostly Sunny 57 / 36 F Chance of Rain 10 %