

CROATAN LODGE #117 PLANBOOK



2018
40th Edition

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**Kyle Furgason
Croatan Lodge Chief**

Dear Brothers,

I want to thank you for affording me the honor of serving as chief for our lodge in 2018. Over the next year we will work together to cultivate our leadership, strengthen our chapters, and expand our lodge. I will do everything in my power to make our lodge the most well-known lodge in our section, in our region, and in the nation. As I write this I am reminded of a line from the pre-ordeal ceremony "Each one who comes to us must find us ever Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, and Kind". Let us the members of Croatan Lodge be the shining beacons of our communities. Let us be those who are helpful with even the smallest of tasks. This year the sky is the limit, we can accomplish anything we set out to. Because we are number 1...17.

**Yours in Brotherhood,
Kyle Furgason
Croatan Lodge #117 Chief**

Obligation of the Order of the Arrow

“I do hereby promise on my honor as a Scout, that I will always and faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow, Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui.

I will always regard the ties of brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow as lasting, and will seek to preserve a cheerful spirit even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities, and will endeavor, so far as in my power lies, to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.”



Mission of Croatan Lodge

The mission of Croatan Lodge is to achieve the purpose of the Order of the Arrow as an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America in the Council through positive youth leadership under the guidance of selected capable adults.

“The Order of the Arrow is a thing of the individual rather than the mass. The very ideals of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service spring to life in the flesh and blood appearance of real individuals... for what each does counts in establishing the Order’s success.”

-E. Urner Goodman

Croatan Lodge History 1990 - Current

Brian Powell from Jacksonville served as the Lodge Chief in 1990. At Conclave, the Lodge received the Spirit Award, 2nd Place Team Dance, Training Award, and placed first in the Brotherhood Ceremony Competition. The Lodge met its goal of fifty percent Brotherhood conversion.

One Lodge member participated in a special 75th Order of the Arrow Anniversary weekend at Treasure Island Scout Camp near Philadelphia, the birthplace of the Order. Thirteen delegates participated in the National OA Conference (NOAC) including four members on staff. In November, four members attended the National Leadership Seminar held at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

In 1991 the Lodge hosted their first Conclave in eleven years under the leadership of Lodge Chief Michael Edwards and Chairman David Pound both from New Bern. The event took over a year to plan and included several workdays to prepare. Everything appeared to be ready: a beautiful camp, organized registration, helpful campsite hosts, a fun campfire, and cheerful service to delegates. Then.....the rain came. And the rain continued throughout the night, as well as, the next day. The Council of Chiefs was forced to cancel the event because the entire camp was flooded. Even though rain canceled Conclave, Lodge members maintained high spirits and dedication of service towards their fellow brothers. Several months prior to Conclave, the Lodge had decided not to participate in any of the activities. However, the Council of Chiefs voted unanimously to present Croatan with the honored Spirit Award.

Jeff Gurkin from Bear Grass was the 1992 Lodge Chief. Program emphasis for the Lodge was proper training Elangomats for ordeals throughout the year. A highlight this year was NOAC held at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Twenty-four Lodge members attended, including one on staff. The year ended appropriately when National Chief Sean Cox spoke at the Lodge Banquet.

Seth Brown from Winton wore the Lodge Chief's bonnet in 1993. Lodge goals included revisions in camping promotion materials, increased Indian awareness, and membership participation at all ceremonies. This same year, Michael Edwards was elected Section Chief of the new Southern Section 7. He was the first to serve the capacity from Croatan since Al Patrick in 1980 and the first Lodge member to participate in the National OA Planning Conference held in Dallas, Texas. At the planning conference, Michael advocated that the OA, as a national organization, should orient more programs towards camping and high-adventure. Several national committeemen and Section Chiefs had similar thoughts and pursued this vision. Subsequently, Michael was selected to organize and lead "The Outdoor Adventure Place" (TOAP) at the 1994 NOAC. Due to its success, the program has become a Conference Vice-Chief position.

Todd Nobles from Winterville served as Chief in 1994 and 1995. The Lodge sent twenty members to NOAC held at Purdue University in Indiana, two served on staff. Seth Brown served on NLS Staff.

Seth Brown of Winton became the Section Chief for 1994-1995. Seth Brown, Michael Edwards, and Marty Tschetter participated in the National OA Planning Conference in Dallas to plan the National Order of the Arrow Conservation Service Project (OA Trail Crew) held at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. During this conference, Seth was selected as Program Development Chairman. And also served as a foreman for the project. Marty Tschetter was the OA Trail Crew director and Michael Edwards was an assistant director.

This was the first time the National OA Committee sponsored a long-term camping, outdoor education program based on youth leadership, personal development, and service for youth Arrowmen. Originally only a one-year program, the National OA Committee extended the program into 1996. Three Lodge members participated in the Trail Crew Program. Marty Tschetter attended the National OA Planning Conference in December to prepare for another trail crew season at Philmont.

In 1996 the Lodge dance team placed second at the Section Conclave. Nathan Brown from Winton served as the 1996 Lodge Chief. At the 1996 NOAC Marty Tschetter with the help of Nathan Brown and Dane Brinkley along with other members of various Lodges coordinated three training sessions. Also at the NOAC Marty Tschetter, Seth Brown, and Mike Edwards received the Distinguished Service Award. The OA Philmont Trail Crew was extended with nine sessions scheduled for the summer of 1997.

Dane Brinkley of New Bern served as Lodge Chief in 1997. His leadership enabled the Lodge to form and organize the first ever Section 7B Conclave. His leadership at 1997 Conclave helped us achieve four place winners in Native American Dancing Competition. The Lodge also had an excellent High Adventure Program Display. Croatan held a Summer Fellowship at Camp Bonner, along with several workdays to prepare for the upcoming Conclave. The OA Trail Crew Program had seven participants from Croatan, and was extended to 1999.

Jesse Strong from Winterville served as Lodge Chief in 1998. This was a very busy year for the lodge. It was Croatan's 60th year Anniversary and Camp Bonner was the site of the first SR-7B Conclave. The dreadful "R-word" was forbidden throughout the entire weekend and the skies stayed clear. Camp Bonner was in great shape with the addition of 3 new shelters, a Dance Arbor, and rebuilt Campfire Circle, as well as the finishing of the handicap site. The year of hard work paid off and everything ran smoothly thanks to Dane Brinkley, the Conclave Committee Chairman. Croatan voted not to participate in any competitions. Croatan Lodge sent fifteen delegates to NOAC at Iowa State University where the National logo was changed. The Order of the Arrow Trail Crew program was also extended another year.

Travis Worrell of Jacksonville served as Lodge Chief in 1999. The Lodge started off the year with a financial burden that had accumulated with the hosting of Conclave, but answered in true Croatan Style. Many improvements were made to Camp Bonner despite the financial problems. A new Where To Go Camping book was published and distributed throughout East Carolina Council. William Highsmith was elected Section Secretary at Conclave. Hurricanes were very dominant in 1999. Hurricane Floyd caused extensive flooding in Eastern North Carolina and Hurricane Irene forced the Lodge to end the October Ordeal on Saturday Night. The Lodge was represented at the National Leadership Seminar with three participants and one staff member. Croatan had members attend the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew and it was once again extended another year.

The year 2000 brought about changes in Croatan. Andrew Tee of Wilson wore the Lodge Chief's Bonnet and Ken Brown became the new Lodge Adviser. The Camp Charles workday had to be postponed until February due to inclement weather. Under Andrew's leadership our Lodge took a Pirate theme to Conclave. Taking a theme to Conclave was a first for Croatan. Andrew Tee was elected SR-7B One Day of Service Coordinator and William Highsmith served as the Southern Region Web Page Coordinator. Our Lodge sent three Arrowmen to OATC at Philmont and the program was extended for another two years. NOAC was held at Knoxville, Tennessee and our Lodge was represented by 22 delegates and 3 staff members. Andrew Tee participated on staff at NLS. The year ended with a good turnout at the annual Lodge Banquet, where Seth Brown was the guest speaker.

King Jones of Ahoskie served as Lodge Chief in 2001. Our Lodge captured the Spirit Award at Conclave with a Rodeo theme. Several brothers earned the newly introduced Arrowman Service Award. The Lodge gave out \$2,830 in Camperships to approximately 25 campers for summer camp. The Lodge Executive Committee voted to absorb Tarhunta Chapter into Tau due to the realigning of districts by the Council. Despite the infamous terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the annual September ECM was held and some past chiefs of the Lodge hosted a banquet honoring Mr. Arnie Formo at Vermillion's in Kinston on September 23rd. Jason Kemp, 2001 SR-7B Chief, was guest speaker at the annual Lodge Banquet held at the Camp Bonner Dining Hall on December 21st, and the OA Trail Crew Program was extended for yet another year.

When the Bonnet and sash was placed on Brad Roberson, he became the Croatan Lodge Chief for 2003. The year started out great when Croatan Lodge went to Conclave, which was hosted by Nayawin Rar Lodge 70. The Lodge's theme showed the Section how a true North Carolinian should act! The theme was "Down on the Farm". During Conclave, Croatan Lodge brought home many awards such as the "Quest for the Silver Arrow", first place in the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony competition, and first place in each individual acting role in the Pre-Ordeal Competition. \$4,567.50 was raised in camperships to help needy scouts go to summer camp. Croatan Lodge earned Quality Lodge, which put Croatan starting a new year on a good note.

John Bowers of New Bern served as chief for 2004. Croatan hosted the SR-7B conclave with several new Croatan inspired additions like the Internet Midway, the kayaking experience and the rifle shooting. The Outdoor and Camping Expo was also a big success. The section officers seemed very satisfied with the job of our Conclave Planning Committee Chairman, Bobby Newbold and his committees. Campership donations reached \$6,349.00. Croatan attended the NOAC in Ames Iowa with 13 delegates and it was a HOOT! Croatan honored John Bowers and Phil Decker with the Founder's Award.

Bobby Newbold took over as Lodge Chief for 2005. The year started off great when Croatan was awarded the Quest for the Golden Arrow and the Team Dance Competition at Conclave. The theme of Croatan at the Conclave was Monty Python and the Search for the Holy Grail. We donated materials and labor to construct two new shelters in Arapahoe and Croatan campsites at Camp Bonner. With the minds of some of the officers, we were able to come up with a donor patch to sell, and help pay expenses for National Events we attend. We were able to reach our goal in getting Quality Lodge for the year. During our Banquet in 2005, Croatan honored Bobby Newbold and Mike Elks with the Founder's Award.

Randall Spence of Roanoke Rapids served as Croatan Lodge Chief for 2006. The year began on the right foot with an intensive LLD, bringing in past Lodge officers to help train the youth leadership. At Conclave, we were presented with the Honor Lodge award, primarily thanks to the leadership of the officers from 2005, and we took a clean sweep of the Brotherhood Ceremony competition. Ordeals ran smoothly, and workdays were successful. Many of Croatan Lodge's goals were met, thanks to the outstanding leaders of the ECM. Croatan honored Randall Spence and Hank Dieker with the Founder's Award. The year would not have been successful without the help of the lodge officers: VC of I – Drew Pearson, VC of CP – Robert Dail, VC of S – Kyle Veneski, Secretary – Jordan Byrum, and Treasurer – Matt Lanouette. "The success of this year came from the teamwork of the Lodge Officers, not from me alone." – Randall Spence

Randall Spence of Roanoke Rapids served as Croatan Lodge Chief for 2007 also. The year was started off with the usual LLD training, but with this training came the beginning of a year of many changes. The ECM moved to change the schedule from the one the Lodge had always used to a new one. Also the Lodge decided to change the 2008 calendar from the norm., all of these changes were made in an effort to increase membership retention. Many of the Lodge's goals were met thanks once again to the outstanding leaders of the ECM. Croatan honored Drew Pearson and Ashley Dail with the Founder's Award. As always, the year would not have been a success without the help of the lodge officers: VC of I – Drew Pearson, VC of CP – Riley Spence, VC of S – Jordan Byrum, Secretary – Robert Dail, and Treasurer – Daniel Lanouette.

Publications

The following are descriptions of publications issued on the Section and Lodge level.

Croatan Lodge Planbook – The Lodge Planbook is issued annually by the Lodge Chief. It is to be used by the members of our Lodge as a reference for vital information. The Lodge Planbook provides contact information for all Lodge Officers, Committee Chairmen, Chapter Chiefs, and Adviser's for each. It contains the requirements for Lodge issued awards and the bylaws of our Lodge.

Croa-Talk – The Croa-Talk is the official newsletter of Croatan Lodge, and is published at least 4 times a year by the Lodge Secretary. It contains articles submitted by Lodge Officers, Chapter Chiefs, Committee Chairman, and other important information. Any Lodge member can submit articles for the Croa-Talk.

Croatan Lodge "Where To Go Camping" Guide – This publication contains detailed information on many in and out of Council campgrounds, as well as Sections on hiking trails, summer camp, high adventure, and points of interest in North Carolina. The "Where To Go Camping" Guide is published and maintained by the Vice-Chief of Program, and is distributed to all unit leaders in the East Carolina Council.

Apensuwi – This is the official newsletter of Section SR-7B that is written by the Section Secretary. Arrowmen may subscribe to this publication.

National Bulletin – The official publication issued quarterly by the National Order of the Arrow, BSA. Arrowmen may subscribe, or read this newsletter online at <http://www.oa-bsa.org/bulletin/> .

Awards

SPIRIT AWARD

Lodge Chief David Pound first presented the Spirit Award in 1988. This award is given to the Chapter that shows the most spirit throughout the year. It is based on information gathered from Spirit Award Evaluation Forms that are provided to the Chapter Chiefs at each Ordeal, as well as the Fall Fellowship. Chapters receive points based on their service to the Lodge by being responsible for tasks at Ordeals and participating in Lodge Events.

CAMPING PROMOTIONS AWARD

The Camping Promotions Award was first presented by Tommy Fulghum, Vice-Chief of Camping Promotions, in 1976. The Requirements for this award are as follows:

1. Contact 100% of the troops in your area and offer the camping promotions program.
2. Must make a presentation to 75% of the units that agree to a presentation.
3. The chapter must provide at least two members to help with the OA display at the Council Camporee.
5. Give report to Lodge Vice-Chief of Camping Promotions on how many troops your chapter contacted in your district.

INDUCTIONS AWARD

The Inductions Award was first presented in 1983. It is given annually, at the Lodge Banquet, to each chapter that meets a set of requirements meant to promote increased participation in ceremonies. The Requirements are as follows:

1. The chapter must offer to hold elections in 100% of the troops in its district.
2. The chapter must hold at least one "Call Out" ceremony per year.
3. The chapter must provide at least (3) members to serve as Elangomats Throughout the year.
4. The chapter must provide a minimum of one (1) member to serve as a Nimat at the Lodge Ordeals
5. The chapter must have at least 30% of its eligible members obtain Brotherhood.

SERVICE AWARD

The Service Award was first presented by Zach Hawes in 1998. The purpose of this award is to encourage service in our Council and Lodge. The award will be given to the Chapter who completes all the requirements and earns the greatest amount of points. The requirements are as follows:

1. Provide members for the Lodge Fall Fellowship Committee
2. Participate in Quest Events
3. Participate in the Lodge Volleyball Competition
4. Participate in all Lodge workdays and Ordeals
5. Hold a Chapter Workday (outside lodge events)
6. Participate in Conclave Quest Events
7. Conduct a minimum of 2 community projects (not on scout property)

FALL FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

Each year several awards are presented to individuals and Chapters at the Fall Fellowship. Dance and Ceremony competition participants are recognized, as well as the winners of the Quest for the Silver Arrow. The winner of the “Minute to win it” Challenge at the Friday night campfire is presented with a trophy at the Sunday morning lodge meeting. The Chapter with the best display at Fall Fellowship is recognized at the annual Lodge Banquet.



2018 Lodge Goals

Every January, the members of the Lodge and chapter Leadership gather at Camp Boddie for Lodge Leadership development (LLD). The purpose of this event is twofold: 1) it allows for the training of the incoming lodge officers. 2) The incoming lodge officers outline their goals for the year. With these goals, the lodge chief creates this plan book to aid in achieving those goals over the course of the year.

1. Increase Membership Retention
2. Journey To Excellence Gold
3. Positive growth in membership
4. Improve Communication



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Your online source for Croatan information!

Including Officer, Committee, and Chapter contact information; access to important Lodge news; the Lodge History; latest publications including forms, Croa-Talks, and ECM Minutes; information about upcoming events; the Lodge Photo Album; Indian Affairs information; and links to other interesting sites.

2018 Lodge Officers and Committee Chairmen

Lodge Chief, Kyle Furgason, is responsible for overseeing all Lodge Programs. He serves as the Executive Committee Chairman and stays in constant contact with all Lodge Officers, Advisers, Committee Chairmen and Chapter Chiefs. He also represents the Lodge at the Section Council of Chiefs, Council Scouting Events, and sits on the Council Executive Board.

Lodge Chief's Goals for 2018

Maintain constant communication between Officers, Advisers, and Lodge members.

Make progress for the betterment of the Lodge while keeping to our high traditions.

Increase Chapter Involvement through working with chapters at their meetings

Vice-Chief of Program, Matt Clements, is responsible for Friday and Saturday night fellowships at ordeals, Spirit award at conclave, as well a planning and executing Fall Fellowship and Summer Fellowship. He is also in charge of promoting Council Camps and High Adventure Programs, as well as overseeing the distribution of camperships.

VC Program's Goals for 2018

Ensure that the Friday and Saturday night Fellowships remain fun and exciting

Build upon the Current Where to Go Camping Guide

Execute a wonderful Summer Fellowship

Execute an amazing 80th Fall Fellowship

Vice-Chief of Inductions, Robbie Bass, is in charge of supervising the whole inductions process, before and during the Ordeal. This includes: developing an elangomat system, training elangomats, preparing New Member Packets, issuing Spirit of the Arrow Booklets, providing brotherhood counseling, and recognizing new brotherhood members. He also sends letters to all brotherhood eligible members and ordeal candidates.

VC Inductions' Goals for 2018

Revamp the Elangomat and Nimat trainings.

Ensure each chapter has one designated trainer.

Develop a running list with contact for all newly trained Arrowmen

Have all Elangomats and Nimats in place before the Ordeal weekend.

Vice-Chief of Service, Caleb Miller, coordinates all Ordeals and Workday Projects, publishes the work list and needed materials in the Croa-Talk, and provides all ordeal candidates and member work crews with an endless supply of water during the workday.

VC Service's Goals for 2018

- Help every chapter earn the lodge service award.**
- Communicate the worklist with all members of the lodge prior to ordeal weekends.**
- Continue to provide exceptional service to the council.**

Vice-Chief of Indian Affairs, Brennan Flanagan, supervises all Native American activities within the Lodge. Some of these activities include the Dance Competition at the Fall Fellowship, Indian Craft and Dancing Seminars, Native American activities at Conclave, and promotion of the Section Indian Seminar.

VC of Indian Goals for 2018

- Prepare for and perform well at Conclave and NOAC.**
- Increase overall AIA involvement especially in chapter programs.**

Vice-Chief of Communications, Isaac Kirkman, is responsible for publishing the Lodge newsletter, the "Croa-Talk", at least four times a year, supervising the registration process during Lodge functions, signing membership cards, taking minutes at ECMs, maintaining the Lodge website (www.croatan.org), and overseeing Communications within the Lodge.

VC Communications' Goals for 2018

- Have Five Reliable Members on the Media Crew by Fall Fellowship**
- Have Better Publications out 2 weeks prior to an event**
- Visit Each Chapter**

Vice-Chief of Finance, Nick Kilpatrick, is responsible for overseeing the operation of the Trading Post at all Lodge Functions, keeping accurate inventory of items, and reordering items when they are depleted. He also manages the Lodge budget and gives a financial report at all ECMs.

VC Finance's Goals for 2018
Develop a Lodge Budget
Reduce overstock

First Year Arrowman Committee Chairman, Luke Hult, is responsible for overseeing all activities associated with retaining new members. He will make himself very visible throughout the Ordeal weekend as well as make sure that all new members feel welcome and involved. He is responsible for keeping a list of all members who have completed their first year arrowman award and presenting those awards at the Lodge Banquet.

NOAC Committee Chairman, Kyle Furgason, is responsible for publicizing information regarding the National Order of the Arrow Conference.

Patch Committee Chairman, Jim Kittrell, is in charge of accepting patch designs, ordering new patches, promoting patch designing, and maintaining the Lodge Patch Collection.

Vigil Committee Chairman, David Kittrell, is responsible for the nomination, election, and ceremony procedures for Vigil candidates. He is also responsible for publicly recognizing the new Vigil Honor members at the Fall Fellowship and Lodge Banquet.

OA Representatives Committee Chairman, Kendric Fountain, is responsible for maintaining an updated list of OA reps at the chapter and unit levels. He does this through the use of OA rep committee chairmen at the chapter levels allowing for a simple diffusion of information down to the unit level with the goal strengthening the Order's presence at the unit level.

Brotherhood Committee Chairman, Jim Kittrell, is responsible for the all aspects of the brotherhood experience at Ordeals. He oversees the brotherhood questioning process, serves as head Nimat for the brotherhood hike and presents patches to new brotherhood members at the Sunday morning Lodge meetings.

Lodge JTE Committee Chairman, Scott Parry, is responsible for keeping track of the Lodges Journey to Excellence

Conclave Committee Chairman, Hunter Hairston is in charge of leading spirit alongside the VC of Program at conclave.



Bylaws of Croatan Lodge 117

Article I. Name and Affiliation of Lodge

- A. The name of this Lodge of the Order of the Arrow shall be “Croatan #117, W.W.W.”
- B. The Lodge Shall be affiliated with the East Carolina Council, BSA, and shall be under the administrative authority of the Scout Executive.
- C. The Lodge Totem shall be the “Standing Deer”.
- D. The Lodge shall be divided into Chapters, each representing their respective District. Chapters shall be monitored by the District Committee.
- E. Each member shall be allowed to purchase only one (1) official Lodge neckerchief

Article II. Elections to Membership

- A. The requirements for membership in this Lodge are as required in the Order of the Arrow Guide to Inductions.
- B. Procedure for the Ordeal shall follow that which is stated in the Order of the Arrow Guide to Inductions.

Article III. Lodge Officers

- A. The Officers of this Lodge shall be the Lodge Chief and the Lodge Vice-Chiefs. These elected officers must be under twenty-one (21) years of age during their entire term of office.
- B. Lodge officers shall be elected at the Fall Fellowship of the Lodge. The deadline for nominations to run for a Lodge office shall be the Lodge Meeting of the October Ordeal. Only those who meet the deadline will be eligible. Candidates who are not elected to their original office sought, may run for a “drop down” position which has been previously selected. Newly elected

officials will be installed at Fall Fellowship, however their term shall not begin Until January 1st and run to December 31st of the same year.

- C. Should a vacancy of a Lodge Office occur, the replacement shall be nominated by the Lodge Key 3 and approved by the Lodge Executive Committee.
- D. The Lodge Adviser shall be appointed by the Council Executive, and Chapter Advisers shall be appointed by their respective District Chairman.
- E. The Lodge Chief shall appoint Lodge Operating Committees as they are required, however these Committees are subject to the approval of the Lodge Executive Committee. All Chairmen shall be under twenty-one (21) years of age.

Article IV. Lodge Executive Committee

- A. The Lodge Executive Committee is to be chaired by the Lodge Chief and shall be composed of the Lodge Officers, the immediate Past Lodge Chief, all Chapter Chiefs, appointed Committee Chairman as well as all their respective advisers.
- B. Voting Members of the Lodge Executive Committee include the Lodge Officers, and the Chapter Chiefs. Non-Voting members of the Lodge Executive Committee include the appointed Committee Chairman, and the Past Lodge Chief.
- C. In order for the Lodge Executive Committee to conduct voting, 50% of all voting members must be present or be represented.
- D. Any ties in voting shall be broken by the Lodge Chief
- E. The Responsibilities of the Lodge Executive Committee include the approval of the Lodge Calendar, for the following year, approval of the Lodge Operating Budget for the current year, and any necessary changes that may arise, and the approval of final Lodge patch designs.
- F. The Lodge Executive Committee shall hold at least four (4) meetings during the year

Article V. Finance

- A. There shall be an induction fee payable at the time of induction. This fee shall cover the cost of the following
 - I. Order of the Arrow Sash
 - II. New Member Packet
 - III. Lodge dues for the remainder of the calendar year
- B. Dues of the Lodge shall be collected annually by the Membership and Records Adviser in an amount set by the Lodge Executive Committee. Dues must be paid by December 31st. There will be a penalty of two dollars added to the original amount for dues received after the deadline.
- C. All Croatan Lodge funds shall be handled through the East Carolina Council Office and shall go through all normal accounting procedures.

Article VI. Scheduled Lodge Meetings

- A. The Lodge shall hold at least three (3) Ordeals each calendar year.
- B. The Lodge shall hold at least one (1) Fellowship each calendar year.

- C. Special meetings of the Lodge Executive Committee may be called by the Lodge Chief with the approval of the Lodge Adviser.
- D. Members of the Order of the Arrow who are twenty-one (21) years of age or over shall have no vote in any decision of the Lodge.

Article VII. Brotherhood Membership

- A. Completion of the Brotherhood honor shall be in accordance with the Order of the Arrow Guide to Inductions.

Article VIII. Vigil Honor

- A. Attainment of the Vigil Honor shall be in accordance with the Order of the Arrow National Guidelines and conducted by the Croatan Lodge Vigil Committee

Article IX. Amendments to the Bylaws

- A. These bylaws shall be subject to amendment at any Lodge meeting provided such amendment has been submitted in writing to the Lodge Executive Committee at least one month prior to such meeting and the notice has been sent to all active members at least (10) days prior to such meeting. A two-thirds vote of the members present under twenty-one (21) years of age shall be required.



Special Events & Opportunities

The following is a list of special events and programs offered on the Lodge, Section, Regional, and National levels of the Order of the Arrow.

Lodge

Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) – LLD is held during January of each year in order to train the new Lodge Officers and Committee Chairman, in addition to planning the year for the Lodge.

FALL FELLOWSHIP – The Fall Fellowship is an annual event held on the third weekend in November. Various Training Sessions, Lodge Officer

Elections, the Quest for the Silver Arrow, Native American Dance and Ceremony Team Competitions, as well as Chapter Display Competitions are just a few of the activities Arrowmen can participate in on this fun filled weekend.

Section

Conclave – Croatan Lodge participates in the SR-7B Conclave each year. This is a weekend full of fun and fellowship. A few of the activities included are Section Officer Elections, Quest for the Golden Arrow, Native American Dance and Ceremony Team Competitions, and the battle for the Spirit Award. The “Where To Go Camping” books and the Lodge websites are also judged.

Region

National Leadership Seminar (NLS) – NLS is a weekend Training Seminar that is taught by the best Trainers, Advisers, and Section Officers from all over the Southern Region. The Southern Region Chief along with his assistant, either the National Chief or the National Vice-Chief, coordinates the event. NLS is a great program for experienced leaders and new members wishing to serve as a leader.

National

National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) – NOAC is held every two years at a major college or university. It is a great experience for any Arrowman, including various shows, competitions, training sessions, patch trading, and fellowship. Over 8,000 arrowmen usually attend this event.

Order of the Arrow Trail Crew (OATC) – OA Trail Crew is a program offered at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. This program consists of one week of labor on special trails followed by a week of hiking anywhere on the ranch for only \$250. OATC participants often have special privileges and opportunities not offered to scouters on regular treks.

Northern Tier – The Northern Tier offers a program similar to that of the OATC at a High Adventure Base in Ely, Minnesota. This trek involves canoes as an alternative to hiking.

Florida Sea Base (OAOA) – OA Ocean Adventure

Bechtel Summit Reserve

Brotherhood Requirements

After an Arrowman has been actively registered in the Order of the Arrow for at least ten months as an Ordeal Member, he is eligible for Brotherhood Membership. To attain Brotherhood membership, the member must live his life according to the principles of the Order of the Arrow and must be able to answer the following questions:

Who are Kichkinet, Nutiket, Meteu, and Allowat Sakima? What do they represent and what are their duties?

What are the four tests of the Ordeal, and what do they illustrate?

What is the full name of our Order?

What is Ordeal membership?

The candidate must also be able to perform the following requirements:

Repeat the Obligation of the Order of the Arrow.

Give the handclasp of the Order and show the sign of the Ordeal.

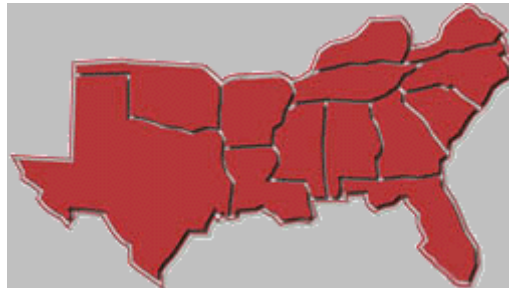
Give the admonition and tell what it means.

Repeat or sing the Order of the Arrow song.

Opportunities are available for Arrowmen to attain Brotherhood membership at every Ordeal. Answers to the questions above can be found in the Order of the Arrow Handbook.

Section Information

Croatan Lodge is part of the OA Section SR-7B. The “SR” stands for Southern Region. The map below shows the 13 states that make up the Southern Region.



The following Lodges make up Section SR-7B:

Tsoiotsi Tsogalii – Lodge #70
Old North State Council
<http://www.bsaonsc.org/oa/>

Occonechee – Lodge #104
Occonechee Council
<http://www.Lodge104.org/>

Croatan – Lodge #117
East Carolina Council
<http://www.croatan.org>

Wahissa – Lodge #118
Old Hickory Council
<http://www.wahissa.org>

Nayawin Rar – Lodge #296
Tuscarora Council
<http://ww2.esn.net/296/>

Klahican – Lodge #331
Cape Fear Council
<http://www.klahican.org/>

SR-7B
<http://www.oasr7b.org>

Section Adviser
J. Corpening

Section Staff Adviser
Ted Williams

Section Officers
Section Chief
Talon Parker

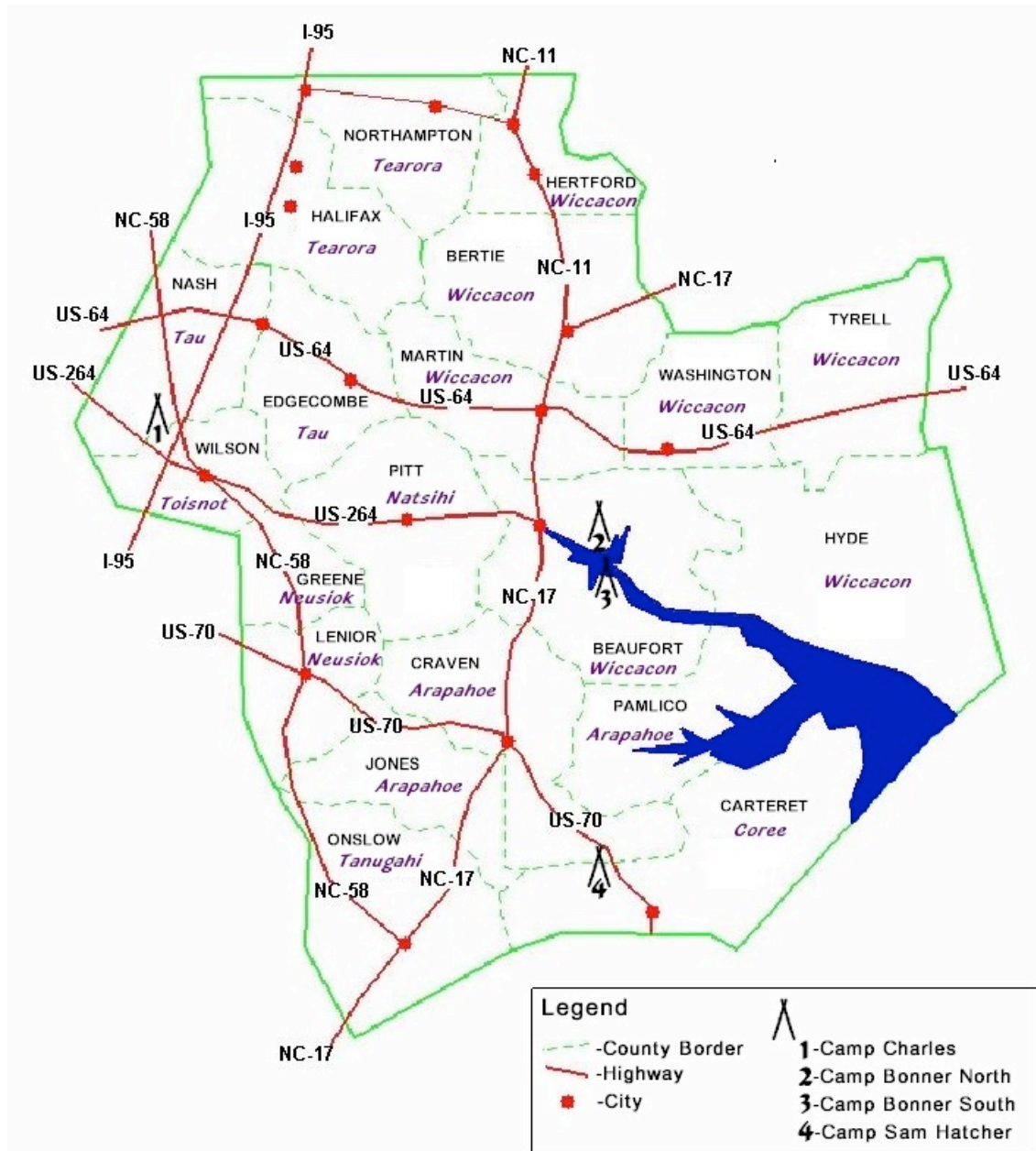
Section VC of Program
Michael Kelly

Section VC of Training
Simon Harris

Section Secretary
Sean Alewine

Croatan Lodge Map

This map shows the counties our Lodge represents and the Chapters that cover those counties.



Croatan Lodge 2018 Schedule of Events

February	17	Camp Charles Workday
March	16-18	Spring Ordeal
April	20-22	SR-7B Conclave
May	18-20	Summer Ordeal
July	27-29	Summer Fellowship
October	19-21	Fall Ordeal
November	16-18	Fall Fellowship
January	4-5	LLD and Lodge Banquet