

# 2024 Skyuka Lodge #270 Planbook



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## Letter from the Chief

As we prepare to gather with fellow brothers from across the region, I am filled with pride knowing that Skyuka Lodge will be well represented among the ranks.

This Conclave serves as a beacon of unity, camaraderie, and growth within our Order, and I am confident that our lodge will shine brightly amidst the festivities. I have no doubt that each of us will return home enriched and inspired.

Looking beyond Conclave, I am thrilled by the multitude of opportunities that await us in the near future. From service projects that will leave a lasting impact on our community to leadership development initiatives that will empower our members to reach new heights, the horizon is brimming with promise.

Together, let us seize these opportunities with enthusiasm and determination. Let us embody the spirit of Skyuka Lodge as we embark on this journey of growth and service. And let us always remember the values that unite us as brothers of the Order of the Arrow.

In closing, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your dedication, your passion, and your unwavering commitment to our lodge. Together, we will continue to soar to new heights, leaving a legacy of excellence for generations to come.

With anticipation and excitement for the journey ahead,

**Dylan Blackmon**

2024 Skyuka Lodge Chief

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## 2024 Lodge Goals

- E7 Lodge of the Year
- E7 Spirit Champion
- E7 Quest for the Golden Arrow Champion
- Increase Brotherhood Conversion rates
- Grow membership
- Receive more participation at events
- Have a higher attendance rate
- Bring more OA traditions from the past back
- Continue incorporating AIA traditions that were lost due to the loss of Camp Bob Hardin as well as lost to Covid

# Skyyuka Lodge

## Lodge Officers & Advisors

Dylan  
Blackmon

Lodge  
Chief



Creighton  
Taylor

Lodge  
Advisor



Justin Williams  
Chief of  
the Fire



Justin  
Williams  
Lodge  
Staff  
Advisor



Noah Banks  
Vice-Chief  
of Program



RJ Plumley  
Program  
Advisor



Joseph Cohen  
Vice-Chief of  
American  
Indian Affairs



Chris  
Garrison  
AIA  
Advisor



# Skyuka Lodge

## Lodge Officers & Advisors

Joy  
Smith



Vice Chief  
of  
Inductions

Chris  
Herring  
Advisor  
Inductions

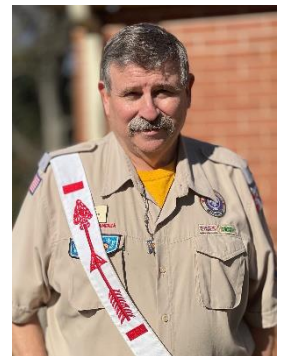


Elisabeth  
Dunn



Lodge  
Secretary

Doug  
Bartlett  
Secretary  
Advisor



Michael  
Danley



Lodge  
Treasurer

Elizabeth  
Stoner  
Treasurer  
Advisor

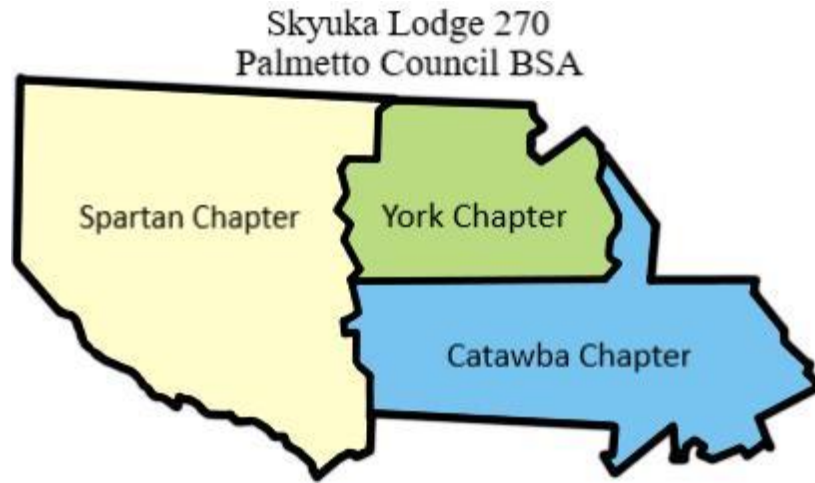


Cannon  
Herring



Past Lodge  
Chief

## Lodge Chapters, Chiefs, and Advisors



### Chapter Chief

### Chapter Advisor

#### *Catawba Chapter*

Luke Dunn

Cole Taylor

#### *Spartan Chapter*

Matthew Thompson

Michael Wiggins

#### *York Chapter*

Cheyenne Cleary

Robert Mercer

## **Officer Responsibilities**

### ***Lodge Chief***

Actively participates on the Executive Board as Chairman and will preside over all other lodge functions. He will construct a lodge event calendar for approval by the Executive Board that includes Executive Board meetings. He may call meetings of the lodge and executive board, as he deems necessary to insure the progress of the Lodge Programs. He may appoint committee chairman, and he will always serve as official lodge representative at out-side events personifying the ideals of Skyuka and The Order of the Arrow.

### ***Vice Chief of Program***

Actively participates on the executive board. He is responsible for coordinating program activities and organizes fellowship/extracurricular fun activities at all lodge functions. In conjunction with the Long-Range Planning, Camping and other appropriate Council approved committees; he will generate a camping "project" listing for approval by the Lodge's Executive Board for use in its programs. He will assist the Chief in all requested matters and be prepared to take his place in the event of his absence.

### ***Vice Chief of American Indian Affairs***

Actively participates on the executive board. He oversees all Indian affairs of the lodge, including having teams prepared for Conclave and fellowships, having individuals available for tap out ceremonies, educational presentations, and any other Indian Affairs related event the lodge may direct. He is responsible for coordinating the program activities for each lodge event that requires a ceremony. He is required to recruit teams to accomplish the necessary requirements that produce a quality performance, which typically includes site selection and its proper preparation, supplying the necessary support materials, and maintaining quality performance ideals. He should promote and teach Native American skills and recruit new members for all Native American teams. He will assist the Chief in all requested matters and be prepared to take his place in the event of his absence and the absence of the Vice Chief of Program.



## **Officer Responsibilities**

### ***Vice Chief of Inductions***

Actively participates on the executive board and will assist the Chief in all requested matters. He is responsible for coordinating program activities for the Ordeal, Elangomat & Brotherhood programs. He is responsible for the elections and inductions process and is in charge of coordinating the preparation of ceremonies grounds. He will assist the Chief in all requested matters and be prepared to take his place in the event of his absence and that of the Vice Chiefs of Program and American Indian Affairs.

### ***Secretary***

Actively participates on the executive board and will assist the Chief in all requested matters. He is responsible for coordinating program activities for all lodge publications and all forms of communication including Scribe for executive minutes and their timely distribution. He oversees registration at all lodge events, proper record keeping, including overseeing the lodge historian, and records unit elections results. He also oversees all lodge mail-outs and is responsible for getting announcements mailed in a timely fashion.

### ***Treasurer***

Actively participates on the executive board and will assist the Chief in all requested matters. He is responsible for collecting "dues", maintaining the Lodge's financial records and provides a functional operating budget as compiled from various committees. He coordinates program activities for the lodge trading post and reports on lodge financial status. He keeps track of budgets and expenses and is responsible for reimbursement to those whom the lodge owes money.

### ***Chapter Chief***

Actively participates on the executive board and will assist the Chief in all requested matters. He is responsible for chapter meetings and operations.

## Lodge Committee Assignments

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Advisor</b>
Awards	Dylan Blackmon	Glenn Stoner
Banquet (York Chap. Hosts)	Cheyenne Cleary	Robert Mercer
Brotherhood	Emma Griffith	Chris Herring
Ceremonies	Isaac Crane	Doug Chambers
Chaplin	Dylan Hawkins	Doug Chambers
Dance/ Sing Team	Cheyenne Cleary	Chris Garrison
Tipi	Joseph Cohen	Chris Garrison
Conclave	Samuel Davidson	Charles Cassar
Elangomat	Rhys Keefer	Chris Herring
Elections	Josh Griffith	Chris Herring
LLD Training	Elisabeth Dunn	Cole Taylor
Lodge Rules	Dylan Blackmon	Chris Garrison
NOAC	Elisabeth Dunn	Creighton Taylor
Print Media	Elisabeth Dunn	Alec Surrett
Photographer	Elisabeth Dunn	Geoff Dunn
Projects	Katerina Ghionis	RJ Plumley
Registration	Elisabeth Dunn	Doug Bartlett
Thunderbird	Dylan Blackmon	RJ Plumley
Trading Post	Michael Danley	Frank Shylets, Bob White
Troop Representatives	Josh Griffith	Jimmy Summers
Webpage	Jeremiah Layne	Alec Surrett
Vigil	Joseph Cohen	Richard Cash
Firebirds	Joy Smith	Chris Herring

## **Committee Assignment Responsibilities**

### ***Awards***

At the direction of the Chief, this person is responsible for working in conjunction with a committee to determine the award winners for each year. These are to be presented at the banquet. He/she should also make sure that the recognition awards for each lodge officer and chairman are purchased and are presented at the banquet.

### ***Banquet***

At the direction of the Chief, this person is responsible for selecting a committee to help the Chief in planning (organizing and coordinating) the Annual Banquet. He/she should determine, speaker, set up, catering, entertainment, price, and venue. He/she is responsible for ensuring the banquet is the absolute best that it can be.

### ***Brotherhood***

At the direction of the Vice Chief of Inductions, this person will be responsible for all necessary Brotherhood training including handouts, paperwork, recruiting old brothers to help administer the Brotherhood test, and the Brotherhood walk. In conjunction with the Vice Chief of Inductions, he/she will be responsible for determining and organizing ample Brotherhood projects.

### ***Camp Promotions***

At the direction of the Chief, this person will encourage troops to attend all council camporees and to camp with their troop and to attend Camp Bob Hardin. He/she should coordinate getting camping promotional information to each election team so they can give it out at unit elections. This person should encourage all brothers to promote scout camping.

### ***Ceremonies***

At the direction of the Vice Chief of American Indian Affairs, this person is responsible for having all ceremonies prepared and conducted in a timely fashion at all events requiring ceremonies. This person should work with individual members of the team to enhance their knowledge and program. This person should make sure that the ceremonies team is ready for competition at the Conclave and recruit new members for the future of the ceremonies team.

## **Committee Assignment Responsibilities**

### ***Media Chairman***

At the direction of the Secretary, he/she is responsible for production of the Tanawa, Skyuka Lodge's newsletter, the lodge's website, and the Lodge Planbook. The Tanawa is typically published four times a year (lodge banquet, spring fellowship, summer ordeal and fall fellowship). For the Tanawa and the website, he/she should make sure that all pertinent articles are approved and that event announcements are timely. He/she is responsible for having plenty of the Plan Books and making sure that the books are of high quality. He/she should consult with books from other lodges for ideas.

### ***Lodge Rules***

At the direction of the Chief, the lodge rules committee handles all changes to the lodge rules and by laws. The committee then makes recommendations to the lodge executive committee to be voted on.

### ***NOAC***

At the direction of the Chief, the NOAC committee handles planning and preparation for the National Order of the Arrow Conferences. They arrange transportation, funding, spirit items, and fundraising activities for the contingent.

### ***Photographer***

At the direction of the Chief, the lodge photographer is responsible for taking pictures at all lodge events and supplying them as needed to various other committees.

### ***Project Chairman***

Works in conjunction with the Vice Chief of Program to determine projects. Once projects have been established, he/she will be responsible for making a list of all necessary skills, tools, supplies and or money that will be necessary to complete all projects. Once this list has been determined, he/she should make sure that all the items on this list are in place when needed. At an event where project work will be accomplished, he/she will prepare a plan and make sure all workers have a clear understanding of their project and its benefit to the scout camping program.

## 2023 Lodge Calendar

***Skyuka Lodge Banquet & Elder Fires***

@ Woodland United Methodist Church

February 10, 2024

***Skyuka Lodge Games***

@ Glendale Outdoor Leadership School

March 8-9, 2024

***2024 Cornerstone Conclave***

@ Camp Belk

April 26-28, 2024

***Skyuka Spring Fellowship***

@ Camp Conley Clarke

May 17-19, 2024

***Skyuka Summer Ordeal***

@ Camp Conley Clarke

August 9-11, 2024

***Skyuka Lodge Fall Fellowship***

@ Camp Conley Clarke

November 8-10, 2024

## Lodge Event Descriptions

### ***LODGE BANQUET & LLD***

Held in February, the banquet offers a time of good food and fellowship. An added attraction at the banquet is the guest speaker. In the past such people as "Green Bar Bill" Hillcourt, E. Urner Goodman, and Gaylord Perry have honored us as guest speakers. The night is then filled with honors and awards for those men and boys who have given unselfishly of themselves to their home units, districts, council, Skyuka Lodge, and the Order of the Arrow. Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) is held the same day at the same venue as the Banquet, starting in the morning. This is a time for all Lodge members to learn more about the Order, Skyuka Lodge, and to learn leadership skills and good practices.

*(Year/ Chapter/ Location)*

2023- Catawba TBD

2024- York TBD

2025- Spartan TBD

2026- Catawba TBD

2027- York TBD

2028- Spartan TBD

### ***LODGE GAMES***

This all-day Saturday event is intended to put more emphasis on preparation for the Cornerstone Conclave in April, but it is open to the entire lodge as a chance for fun and fellowship among brothers. It will be held at Wilksburg Baptist Church in Chester, which is near the geographic center of our Council. We will spend time on preparation for all aspects of the Conclave, the Quest for the Golden Arrow, the Spirit Competition, and other activities. The event also includes the crowning of the Lodge Champion and Event Champions for the Quest events held.

## **Lodge Event Descriptions (Cont.)**

### ***SPRING FELLOWSHIP***

The Spring Fellowship is held so that the Lodge can better serve the council. Arrowmen, with the exception of a few staff and Ordeal candidates, stay and eat with their troops, but the standard ceremonies to which only members may attend are still held. Ordeal candidates who did not complete their Ordeal in August will have the opportunity to complete it at the Spring Fellowship. Eligible Ordeal members will also be able to complete their Brotherhood at this event. This event includes Dixie-style troop competition events and other fun activities will be held.

### ***SUMMER ORDEAL***

This gathering comes after summer camp in August. Most ordeal candidates who were called out during the summer will elect to attend this event. This is a great opportunity for Ordeal members seeking the Brotherhood to perform service as an Elangomat for the ordeal candidates. Much fellowship as well as many worthwhile projects occurs during this August event.

### ***FALL FELLOWSHIP***

Probably the most important meeting of the members of Skyuka Lodge as well as the most fun is the Fall Fellowship. This is because much goes on at this event that affects the lodge during the rest of the year. Those brothers interested in serving as officers in the lodge campaign and are elected at this gathering. The Fall Fellowship is intended to be a pure "fun" event, with no service projects being done, except for Brotherhood candidates. There are board games and movies shown in addition to the Lodge's other activities. There is also more focus placed on Indian Affairs events at this fellowship, including a Saturday night pow-wow.

## 2024 Lodge Budget

### *Anticipated Revenue:*

Membership Dues:	\$5,790
Trading Post	\$4,700
Activities	
LLD:	\$420.00
Banquet:	\$2,000
Cornerstone	\$5,440
Conclave:	
Spring Fellowship:	\$4,700
Summer Fellowship	\$4,594
Fall Fellowship	\$2,038

### *Anticipated Expenses:*

LLD:	\$320
Winter Banquet:	\$1,900
Cornerstone Conclave:	\$5,300
Spring Fellowship:	\$4,700
Summer Fellowship:	\$4,733
Fall Fellowship:	\$2,200
Donations to Council:	\$6,500
Chapters:	
Spartan:	N/A
York:	N/A
Catawba:	N/A

### Awards

Founders:	\$110.00
Vigil:	\$50.00
Indian on the Mountain:	N/A



## ***Founders Award Recipients***

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Youth</u></b>	<b><u>Adult</u></b>
2023	Emily Pilarczyk	Geoff Dunn
2022	Dylan Blackmon	Chris Herring
2021	Matthew Hepp	Creighton Taylor
2020	Will McPherson	Bob White
2019	Ellis Greene	Elizabeth Stoner
2018	Max Robinson	John Hill
2017	Cole Taylor	Chris Garrison
2016	Branden Campbell	Doug Bartlett
2015	Alex Summers	Bob Stoner
2014	Ryan Hobbs	Jimmy Summers
2013	Joseph Kovas	Troy Roberts
2012	Steven Long	Glenn Stoner
2011	Andrew Strasburger	Marion Outen
2010	Phillip Stewart	David Simmons
2009	Taylor Thomas	Richard Cash
2008	RJ Plumley	Jim Maguire
2007	Josh May	John McArthur
2006	William Gieser	Rick Hoover
2005	Greg Garrison	Emerson Couch
2004	Jonathon Malphurs	Clyde Davis
2003	(Not Awarded)	Hulic Ratteree
2002	(Not Awarded)	Jon Humphries
2001	Kyle Hoover	Gib Kohr
2000	Jeremy Christie	Bob Holmes
1999	Jonathan Hayes	Doug Chambers
1998	Justin Sill	Ed Gibs
1997	Drew Martin	Ron Russell
1996	Topher Gibbs	Harold Sill
1995	Kevin Sill	Danny Faulkenberry
1994	Scott Neely	Mike Martin
1993	Chris Ledford	Layne Brown
1992	Mark Cable	Frank Shytles
1991	Eric Neely	Bill Stikeleather
1990	Jaime Caggiano	Frank Bryson, Jr.
1989	Wayne Stone	Don Mobley
1988	Dennis Mobley	Bob Justice
1987	Ben Davis	Dr. Kirk Neely
1986	Chris Burnette	Randy Wells



## Indian On the Mountain Award Recipients

The Skyuka Lodge Indian on the Mountain Award was started in 1989 as a way to honor Arrowmen and Advisors with an award that was truly Skyuka in its origins.

The Indian on the Mountain was the first patch for lodge members and the first Vigil Honor members wore them on yellow neckerchiefs. What better symbol of our heritage and history of our lodge than our first patch. The criteria for this award are the same as the Founders Award and are given each year to a deserving youth and adult who are the best examples of the spirit of the Order in our lodge.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Adult</u>
2023	Joy Smith	Bob White
2022	Matthew Hepp	Matthew Cline
2021	Anthony Wiggins	Geoff Dunn
2020	Max Robinson	Creighton Taylor
2019	Stephen Hercka	Glenn Stoner
2018	Aiden Roberts	Jimmy Summers
2017	Addison Fox	Troy Roberts
2016	Cole Taylor	Roz Simmons
2015	Braden Campbell & Ryan Hobbs	John Hill & Bob Justice
2014	Joseph Kovas	Keith McFarland
2013	Steven Long	David Simmons
2012	Brent Lowney	Jim McGuire
2011	Zach Roberts	Emerson Couch
2010	Taylor Thomas	Gib Khor & David Kelly
2009	Wes Boone	Dennis Kimbrell
2008	Marshall McArthur	Bob Holmes
2007	RJ Plumley	Jon Humphries
2006	William Gieser	Richard Cash
2005	Travis Wood	TJ Martin
2004	Chris Garrison	Frank Porter
2003	Tommy Jeffords	Randy Wells
2002	(Not Awarded)	Clyde Davis
2001	Jonathan Malphrus	Don Campbell
2000	Jonathan Hayes	John McArthur
1999	Jeremy Christie	Jim Stone
1998	Drew Martin	Harold Sill
1997	Justin Sill	Ed Gibbs
1996	Kevin Sill	Frank Shytles
1995	Steve Suits	Layne Brown
1994	Scott Neely	Jim Alverson
1993	Kris Neely	Frank Bryson, Jr.
1992	Chris Ledford	Dr. Sam Reid, Jr.
1991	Richard Cash	Eugene Skinner
1990	Randy Price	Bill Murphree

## Lodge History

In June of 1934, the National Council approved the Order of the Arrow as an affiliate to the Boy Scouts of America. Palmetto Council, before this time, had incorporated two other service organizations known as KANA-WA and KUNIEA. During or about 1944, upon suggestions by the National Council, Palmetto adopted the service organization now known as the Order of the Arrow.

After research into the cultural background of the area, it was decided the Lodge name would be SKYUKA. It would be named after an American Indian who escorted colonial soldiers through the woods of the Green River valley up through what is now Camp Bob Hardin (Previously Camp Palmetto), to the top of a nearby mountain where the soldiers surprised and defeated the unsuspecting Cherokees. Skyuka was later captured by Indians who cut out his tongue and left him to die on the face of a cliff.

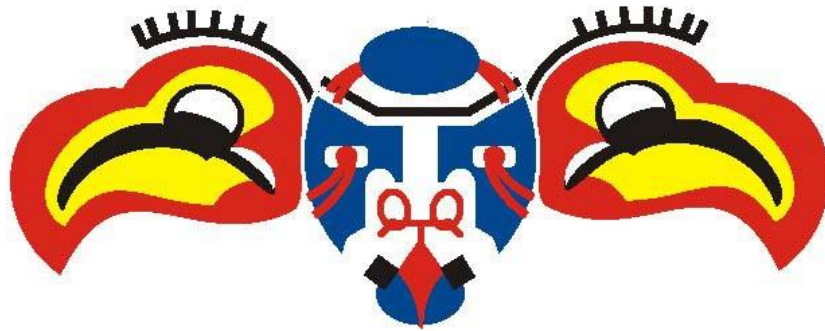
During the first few years of Skyuka Lodge there were no volunteer advisors. Franklin Chase, a Field Scout Executive, was selected to be the professional advisor and he remained in that position for several years before the first Lodge Advisor or Chief. Finally, upon mutual agreement by the lodge and the Palmetto Council Camping Committee, Bill Huskey became the first lay volunteer advisor. He had been in the Order of the Arrow and had knowledge of the duties of such a person.

During these years the lodge grew in numbers and the first brotherhood and Vigil Honor members were inducted into the lodge. The lodge was then able to accept full responsibility for its actions such as ceremonies, induction of new members, the business parts of the lodge, and finally the keeping and maintaining of lodge records.

The Lodge decided it had to have its own "patch." A committee within the organization was formed to develop an emblem. The first lodge patch was a green triangle with an outline of Skyuka Mountain on it. After a while, the Brotherhood members wanted a patch of their own or at least a special Brotherhood patch of some sort.

## Lodge History

The patch design was the headpiece of the fire ceremonial totem pole of the Kwaticut Indians of British Columbia and Alaska. The lodge advisor had seen this totem pole while serving with the Canadian Army and recommended it to the lodge. It was so colorful that all members accepted it. We know this totem pole design as our own double-headed thunderbird.



As a point of interest, Skyuka Lodge members (Brotherhood) ran the first Brotherhood Ceremonies for Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge in Greenville (Blue Ridge Council). Our lodge is rich in tradition, and you should be proud to be a part of its many years of impressive History.

## Skyuka's Charter Members

Several years ago, a handwritten list was found at Camp Bob Hardin that named the charter members of Skyuka Lodge. We honor those who laid the foundation for our great lodge.

Jimmy Ardrey	Jack Ergle	Maxie Lynn
Richard Atherton	T. L. Estes	Hugh Martin
Ted Atkins	Clifford Fain	Richter Moore
Brady Austin	Robert Hall	Jerry Moscovitz
Ed Austin	Charles Hardin	Jack Moss
Billy Auther	Robert Hardin	Jack Neal
J. C. Ballew	B. G. Holt	Ted Newton
Jimmy Bear	Dean Holt	Lucins Pressley
Bernard Bishop	Jack Hood	Harry Ross
C. A. Bradley	Henery Howe	Volney Sarratt
H. E. Brock	Bill Howell	Paul Sherrard
Bobby Cash	Tommy Howell	Stuart Shippey
Donnie Collins	Floyd Hughes	Hoyle Smith
Howard Cooke	Howard Hunter	Dave Steele
J. V. Cooke	James Ivey	Charles Thrower
Millard Crotzer	Billy Jeffords	Wilson Truluck
G. F. Dempsey	David Jett	Jimmy White
J. F. Dennis	Gene Lawter	Frank Wilson
Richard Denton	Doyle Lowe	Elvin Woolen
Wallace Dupre	Billy Lee	

## Past Chiefs and Advisors of Skyuka Lodge

<u>Year</u>	<u>Chief</u>	<u>Advisor</u>
2023-2024	Cannon Herring	Jimmy Summers
2022-2023	Cannon Herring	Jimmy Summers
2021-2022	Cole Taylor	Jimmy Summers
2020-2021	Max Robinson	Jimmy Summers
2019-2020	Ellis Greene	Jimmy Summers
2018-2019	Max Robinson	Jimmy Summers
2017-2018	Addison Fox	Jimmy Summers
2016-2017	Cole Taylor	David Simmons
2015-2016	Alex Summers	David Simmons
2014-2015	Joseph Kovas	David Simmons
2013-2014	Steven Long	David Simmons
2012-2013	Zach Roberts	Jon Humphries
2011-2012	Taylor Thomas	Jon Humphries
2010-2011	Taylor Thomas	Jon Humphries
2009-2010	Andrew Stasburger	Jon Humphries
2008-2009	RJ Plumley	Clyde Davis
2007-2008	Wes Boone	Clyde Davis
2006-2007	Josh May	Clyde Davis
2005-2006	Travis Wood	Clyde Davis
2004-2005	Thomas Bonner	Clyde Davis
2003-2004	Greg Garrison	Clyde Davis
2002-2003	Greg Garrison	Frank Porter
2001-2002	Jonathan Malphrus	Frank Porter
2000-2001	Jeremy Christie	Jim Stone
1999-2000	Roger Revell	Jim Stone
1998-1999	Jeremy Christie	Jim Stone
1997-1998	Drew Martin	Ed Gibbs
1996-1997	Eric Shytles	Harold Sill
1995-1996	Topher Gibbs	Ed Gibbs
1994-1995	Kevin Sill	Frank Shytles
1993-1994	Kevin Sill	Frank Shytles

# Skyuka Lodge

<u>Year</u>	<u>Chief</u>	<u>Advisor</u>
1992-1993	Mark Cable	Layne Brown
1991-1992	Sam Reid, III	Layne Brown
1990-1991	Wayne Stone	Dr. Sam Reid
1989-1990	Richard Cash	Dr. Sam Reid
1988-1989	Jaime Caggiano	Frank Bryson, Jr.
1987-1988	Wayne Stone	Frank Bryson, Jr.
1986-1987	Eddie Ellis	Claude Hunt
1985-1986	Ben Davis	Dr. Kirk Neely
1984-1985	Bobby Cappello	Joe Cappello
1983-1984	Kurt Gustafson	Bob Holmes
1982-1983	Joey Cappello, Jr.	Bob Holmes
1981-1982	Andy McGaha	Bob Holmes
1980-1981	John Olds	Bob Holmes
1979-1980	Johnny Walker	Bob Holmes
1978-1979	Don Charles	Bob Holmes
1977-1978	Frank Hacklander	Bob Holmes
1976-1977	Don Charles	Bob Holmes
1975-1976	Leland Summers/ Billy Inman	Bob Mitros
1974-1975	Leland Summers	Bob Mitros
1973-1974	Leland Summers	Bob Mitros
1972-1973	Leland Summers	Cole Allison/ Bob Mitros
1971-1972	Kevin Brock/Leland Summers	Cole Allison/ Bob Mitros
1970-1971	Billy Knight	Cole Allison
1969-1970	Dennis Smith	Cole Allison
1968-1969	Rickie Spradling	Cole Allison
1967-1968	John Ricky Glance	C. Spears Alexander
1966-1967	Jim Sander	C. Spears Alexander
1965-1966	Jim Sander	C. Spears Alexander

# Skyyuka Lodge

<u>Year</u>	<u>Chief</u>	<u>Advisor</u>
1964 - 1965	Keith Parks	-
1963-1964	Dickey Taylor	Dr. T.T. Gault
1962-1963	Dean Shehand	Dr. T.T. Gault
1961-1962	Jimmy Dawkins	Dr. T.T. Gault
1960-1961	Charlie Weathers	Harold Malone
1959-1960	Jackie Hicks	Harold Malone
1958-1959	Edward Sac Bagwell	Harold Malone
1957-1958	Jonny Warlick	-
1956 - 1957	Billy Wilkes	-
1955-1956	Billy Wilkes	Bill Huskey
1954-1955	Jerry Cook	Bill Huskey
1953-1954	Joel Sexton	-
1952-1953	Craig Kennedy	-
1950-1951	Bob Parker	-





## Skyuka Lodge Rules

*As amended January 7, 2007*

- I. **Mission:** The mission of this 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.
- II. **Name and Affiliation of Lodge:** The name shall be Skyuka Lodge #270 and shall be affiliated with Palmetto Council #549, Boy Scouts of America, and shall be under the supervision of the council camping committee and the administrative authority of the Scout executive.
- III. **Insignia:** The totem of this lodge shall be the double-headed thunderbird.
- IV. **Membership:**
  - A. The requirements for membership in this lodge areas stated in the current printing of the Order of the Arrow Handbook and the Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisors.
  - B. The procedure for the Ordeal shall be as stated in the current printing of the Order of the Arrow Handbook and the Order of the Arrow Guide for officers and Advisors.
  - C. Completion of the Brotherhood shall be in accordance with the requirements in the current printing of the Order of the Arrow Handbook and the Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisors.
  - D. Attainment of the Vigil honor shall be in accordance with the requirements in the current printing of the Order of the Arrow Handbook and the Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisors.
- V. **Officers:**
  - A. The officers of this lodge shall be lodge chief, lodge vice chiefs, chapter chiefs, lodge secretary and lodge treasurer. None of the members of the elected body shall attain the age of 21 at any time in their term of service.

## Skyuka Lodge Rules

- B. The lodge executive committee shall be composed of the elected officers, the immediate past lodge chief, lodge advisor, a member of the council camping committee (excluding those already serving on the executive committee) chapter advisors, Scout executive, and the lodge staff advisor.
  - C. Members of the executive committee exclusively shall vote in matters before the committee.
  - D. Election of lodge officers and chapter chiefs shall occur annually.
  - E. An elected lodge officer may not serve in the same lodge office for more than two consecutive terms.
  - F. Officers may be impeached by a two-thirds vote of the executive committee and a two-thirds vote of those members present and voting at any lodge meeting. In case of impeachment or resignation, the lodge chief shall appoint, with approval of the lodge advisor, a replacement until the executive committee approves the candidate by a majority vote as a permanent replacement.
  - G. All advisors shall act in an advisory capacity. It is the responsibility of all advisors to support the youth being advised.
- VI. **Meetings and Events:**
- A. The lodge shall be convened for business at least twice a year.
  - B. The lodge may hold a banquet each year.
  - C. The executive committee may call special meetings of the lodge.
  - D. The lodge's executive committee shall conduct itself in accordance with Parliamentary Procedure.

## Skyuka Lodge Rules

**VII. Finances:**

- A. All Order of the Arrow funds shall be handled through the council service center and go through all normal and appropriate accounting procedures.
- B. Dues from individual members should be paid to Skyuka Lodge #270.
- C. The lodge executive committee shall determine the annual dues.
- D. The lodge shall set a budget that complies with National Policy.

**VIII. Voting:** Arrowmen under the age of 21 may vote in matters of lodge business.

**IX. Lodge Policies and Procedures:** The lodge shall be operated in accordance with the lodge policies and procedures. The lodge policies and procedures may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the executive committee present.

**X. Amendments:** These lodge rules may be amended at any meeting of the lodge, provided...

- A. That a thirty-day notice has been given to the Executive committee.
- B. The amendment(s) are read and approved by a two-thirds vote of the lodge members present and voting.
- C. Any changes in the *Order of the Arrow Handbook* or *The Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisors* supersede anything contradictory herein.

## Lodge Policies & Procedures

### I. *Officers and Duties:*

#### A. *Lodge Chief:*

1. He shall lead and represent the lodge in all matters.
2. He shall act as a liaison between the council, Palmetto Council #549, and the lodge, Skyuka Lodge #270.
3. He shall, with the assistance of the executive committee, develop a set of goals for the lodge pertaining to the current term of service.
4. He shall serve as chairman of the executive committee.
5. He shall appoint committee chairmen for the current term of service, as needed, with the approval of the executive committee.
6. He shall abstain from voting except in circumstances that result in tie vote.
7. He may call meetings of the executive committee, as he deems necessary.
8. He shall conduct the election of lodge officers annually.
9. He shall have served for at least one year on the Lodge Executive Committee as a voting member

#### B. *Vice Chief of Program:*

1. He shall preside over all lodge functions in the absence of the lodge chief.
2. He shall coordinate and direct the lodge projects.
3. He shall coordinate a schedule for each lodge event, as needed, with the approval of the executive committee.
4. He shall assist the lodge chief in all matters.

#### C. *Vice Chief of American Indian Affairs:*

1. He shall preside over all lodge functions in the absence of the lodge chief and vice chief of program.
2. He shall preside over the lodge American Indian Affairs.
3. He shall be responsible for the procurement and upkeep of all materials, items, and outfits that pertain to the lodge American Indian Affairs committee, i.e., drums, ceremonial regalia, and tepees. He shall approve all use of these materials, items, and regalia.
4. He shall be responsible for all ceremonies.
5. He shall be responsible for all teams planning to compete in the annual conclave under the pretense of American Indian Affairs.
6. He shall assist the lodge chief in all matters.

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### *D. Vice Chief of Inductions*

1. He shall preside over all lodge functions in the absence of the lodge chief, vice chief of program, and vice chief of American Indian Affairs.
2. He shall oversee all aspects of the induction of candidates for membership.
3. He shall oversee the preparations for all ceremonies concerned with the advancement of knowledge about the order, the pre-ordeal, ordeal, and brotherhood ceremonies.
4. He shall direct the elections process.
5. He shall oversee the Elangomat and clan systems.
6. He shall assist the lodge chief in all matters.

### *E. Secretary:*

1. He shall maintain all records of the lodge in good order.
2. He shall keep the minutes of all executive committee meeting and lodge meetings.
3. He shall publish the minutes in a timely manner and make them available to any member of the lodge.
4. He shall be responsible for all lodge correspondence and publications.
5. He shall be responsible for registration and preregistration of all lodge events.

### *F. Treasurer:*

1. He shall maintain the financial records of the lodge in good and current order and shall report them at executive committee meetings and publish the same at lodge events.
2. He shall publish the budget as approved by the executive committee at inception.
3. He shall be informed of all lodge income and expenses.

### *G. Chapter Chiefs:*

1. They shall manage all chapter affairs.
2. They shall direct the unit elections for those units in their respective chapters.
3. They shall manage the Troop OA Representative program in their respective chapters

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### II. **Insignia & Patches/ Flaps**

#### A. *Insignia:*

1. All use of the lodge totem, the double-headed thunder bird, should be brought before the executive committee for their approval.
2. All items containing the lodge totem may be sold at the direction of the executive committee.
3. Items containing the lodge totem for special occasions may be used or sold with pre-approval of the executive committee

#### B. *Unrestricted Pocket Flaps:*

1. The lodge will have no less than one current unrestricted lodge flap for all OA members and distinguished guests.
2. Any OA member shall be able to attain an unlimited number of the current unrestricted lodge flap at every event that he/she participates in.

#### C. *Restricted Pocket Flaps:*

1. The lodge will have a current pocket flap for all members regardless of honor level. This flap will be restricted to two (2) per lifetime for these members.
2. An extensively damaged pocket flap may be returned to the lodge and a new current one of the same restrictive status be purchased only with the approval of the lodge chief and treasurer. The returned flap must be destroyed.

### III. **Lodge Events:**

- A. Participation in lodge events constitutes being present for no less than three meals. The participant must be present at the event by no later than Saturday at lunch to meet the above requirement. Order of the Arrow members exclusively may participate in events.
- B. Every person attending or participating in a lodge event must check in at registration upon arrival at which time they must specify which campgrounds they plan to retire to.
- C. No one may leave a lodge event after they have registered at an event without the express permission of the lodge chief and the lodge advisor.
- D. All persons seeking to operate a vehicle must obtain a Driver's Pass from the lodge chief or lodge advisor.
- E. No driver under the age of twenty-one (21) may carry any person in their vehicle.
- F. Scout-like behavior should be practiced by all persons at every lodge event.

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- G. Drugs and/or alcohol are strictly forbidden from all lodge events.
- H. Fireworks and firearms are strictly prohibited from all lodge events.
- I. All current youth protection guidelines must be followed by all individuals, participating or not, at every lodge event.

### IV. **Finances:**

- A. The amount of annual dues for individual lodge members shall be twenty U.S. dollars (\$20.00).
- B. Notification of the individual lodge member on the subject of annual dues shall be sent with notification for registration of the lodge banquet.

### V. **Publications:**

- A. The lodge shall have a newsletter known as the "TANAWA" which should be published at least four times a year.
- B. The editor in chief of the "TANAWA" shall be the lodge secretary.
- C. Any other publications distributed from Skyuka Lodge #270 to any segment of the members other than the members of the executive committee must have prior approval from the executive committee.

## **Purpose & Principles of the Order of the Arrow**

### **The Purpose of the Order**

To recognize those campers Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and by such recognition cause other campers to conduct themselves in such manner as to warrant recognition. To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit. To promote Scout camping, which reaches its greatest effectiveness as a part of the unit's camping program, both year-round and in the summer camp, as directed by the camping committee of the council. To crystalize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

### **The Principles of the Order**

The Order of the Arrow was founded upon the principles of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. These principles form the foundation for the Obligation of the Order. In pledging this Obligation, your promise, on your honor, "to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others." This is not an easy pledge to fulfill, for there are few who live a life of cheerful service in our world. For some, the Order will be like a supernova, shining brilliantly for a brief time and soon crumbling to ashes. For others, the Order will kindle a flame of brotherhood, brighter than a thousand suns, lasting throughout eternity. During your candidacy, you have impressed upon those fellow members who have lived closest to you the sincerity of your purpose to live in accordance with the high ideals of the Scout Oath. The judgment of your fellows can hardly have been mistaken. You were inducted into the Order of the Arrow "not so much for what you have done, but for what you are expected to do." Now the time to judge has come. You have entered our Brotherhood. The distinctive pocket emblem and sash are yours. Now you are to face another test, one administered and graded solely by yourself.

Will you embrace the traditions and obligations of our Order? Your election into our order was indeed unique. There is no other organization in which members are elected by both members and nonmembers. Any organization that inducts only from within is prone to lose touch with society, but your election was based on the standards set by your fellow Scouts. Thus, the Order, grounded in outdoor camping, will continue to be relevant to today's society.



## History of the Order of the Arrow



The Order of the Arrow was founded during the summer of 1915 at Treasure Island, the Philadelphia Council Scout camp. Treasure Island was part of the original land grant given to William Penn by King Charles II of England. The camp was located on a 50-acre wooded island in the Delaware River between New Jersey and Pennsylvania, 30 miles upriver from

Trenton and 3 miles from Point Pleasant. Historical records show that it was an early camping ground of the Lenni Lenape or Delaware Indians. In May 1915, a young man named E. Urner Goodman was selected to serve as summer camp director of Treasure Island. Another young man, Carroll A. Edson, was appointed assistant director in charge of the commissary. Both men were 24 years old. Goodman had been a Scoutmaster in Philadelphia and had considerable experience in Scouting and camping. Edson was a graduate of Dartmouth College and had also been in Scouting for several years. After their appointments were announced, they spent many hours together planning their summer camping season, and both did considerable reading and research to better prepare themselves for their new responsibilities. Among the books Goodman read, several were about camping. One of these that impressed him the most, a book dealing with summer camp operation, contained a description of a camp society that had been organized at a camp to perpetuate its traditions and ideals from season to season. Goodman and Edson agreed that they wanted to establish a similar society at their camp. They wanted some definite form of recognition for those Scouts in their camp who best exemplified the spirit of the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. Since the Delaware Valley was rich in Indian tradition, and the island had been used in early times as an Indian camping ground, it seemed only natural to base this honor society on the legend and traditions of the Delaware Indians. Shortly after it had been announced that he was selected to serve as assistant camp director, Carroll Edson went home for a weekend visit. During that visit, he attended a meeting where Ernest Thompson Seton, Chief Scout of the Boy Scouts of America, was speaking. Seton described how, when organizing an earlier youth movement called the Woodcraft Indians, he had much success by utilizing American Indian ceremonies at camp. This crystallized Goodman and Edson's idea of using the lore and legends of the Delaware Indians in their new brotherhood.

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As a result, they prepared a simple yet effective ceremony that, in turn, led to the organization of what was later to become known as the Order of the Arrow. It was agreed from the beginning that the procedures and programs of the organization were to be based on the ideals of democracy. In their initial decisions,

Goodman and Edson reflected

those ideals by planning to elect members into the first lodge from the troops encamped at Treasure Island. Thus, from the beginning, a unique custom was established in that members were elected by nonmembers. There has been no change in this since that time. The original name, *Wimachtendienk*, *Wingolauchsik*, *Witahemui*, was suggested by Horace W. Ralston, a Philadelphia Scouter. Ralston and Horace P. Kern had done most of the research on the Delaware Indians. Soon after camp opened, Goodman explored the island to find the most appropriate setting for the ceremonial ground. He selected a site in the south woods of the island, far removed from the ordinary activities of camp, and Edson agreed that it would be an ideal spot. It was considerably off the beaten path, and because of its location was an excellent site. The site chosen was a natural amphitheater formed by a ravine in dense woods. There was a clearing with sloping ground on one side, which lent itself well to spectator seating. The site was cleared of brush and a path cut through thick underbrush from the camp to the site. Friday, July 16, 1915, dawned bright and clear on Treasure Island. In addition to the heavy heat that often hangs over the valley of the Delaware, there was something else in the air. It was an almost indescribable feeling of expectancy and mystery. By sundown the air was charged with a tense excitement. Those who were present always remembered the first induction into what is now known as the Order of the Arrow. As darkness fell, the campers were lined up in single file by Harry Yoder, who acted as guide and guardian of the trail. In total silence the campers followed the guide by a roundabout route through the woods to the site of the council fire. The path led down a small ravine across which lay an old fallen tree. The boys were unaware that they were approaching the council fire until suddenly it was revealed. It was built in a triangular shape. Behind it, in long black robes, stood the co-founders of the Order of the Arrow E. Urner Goodman, Chief of the Fire, and Carroll A. Edson, Vice Chief of the Fire.



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The Chief of the Fire wore on his robe a turtle superimposed upon a triangle, denoting leadership, and the Vice Chief of the Fire, then called Sachem, wore a turtle without the triangle (The turtle is the totem of the Unami Lodge). In the first year, 25 members were inducted into the Brotherhood. Many of the members wore a black sash with a white arrow on it. The black sash was used because it offered an excellent contrast to the white arrow. In the original plan there were two degrees; the first was much like a combination of the Ordeal and Brotherhood memberships, and the second an early version of the Vigil Honor. To perpetuate the brotherhood, a membership meeting was held on November 23, 1915. George W. Chapman, the first lodge chief of Unami Lodge, served as chairman of the organization committee.

This marked the first formal meeting of the Order of the Arrow. Goodman and Edson served as advisers to the committee. By 1917, news of the organization, Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui, spread to other Scout camps and inquiries began. Goodman spoke to many interested Scouts and Scouters, and as a result, lodges were established in New Jersey, Maryland, New York, and Illinois. From 1915 until 1921 the Order grew slowly. World War I kept Scouts and leaders busy with many other problems and projects. In 1921 steps were taken to establish the Order on a national basis. The early years had produced sufficient experience to form a foundation on sound basic policies. The first national convention was held on October 7, 1921, in Philadelphia, at which a national lodge was formed, composed of four delegates from each of the local lodges. This group adopted a constitution and a statement of policies. Committees were appointed to develop plans for making the Order effective as a national honor campers' brotherhood. Following the convention there was a steady growth in lodges and membership. In 1922, after the national lodge meeting at Reading, Pa., the Order of the Arrow became an official program experiment of the Boy Scouts of America.

## Section E7 Leadership



Section Chief

Michael Tiedman



Section Vice Chief

Elijah Akien



Section Secretary

Dylan Blackmon

## Section E7 Member Lodges

Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge

Bob White Lodge

Catawba Lodge

Eswau Huppeday Lodge

Itibapishe Iti Hollo Lodge

Muscogee Lodge

Skyuka Lodge

Tsali Lodge

Unali'yi Lodge



## **E7 Cornerstone Conclave Past & Future**

### **Future Conclave Hosts**

- 2023- Unali'yi Lodge
- 2024- Catawba Lodge
- 2025- Bob White Lodge
- 2026- Muscogee Lodge
- 2027- Skyuka Lodge

### **Past Conclaves**

*Year/ Service Lodge / Theme*

- 2022 Itipapishe Iti Hollo Lodge "Embrace a Better Future"
- 2021 Tsali Lodge "True Service Always Lives Inward"
- 2020 No Conclave this year
- 2019 Eswau Huppeday Lodge "Honor the Tradition, Strengthen the Ties"
- 2018 Skyuka Lodge "Those Who Chose You Need You"
- 2017 Muscogee Lodge "Whispers of the Past-A Vision of the Future"
- 2016 Bob White Lodge "What is Your Legacy"
- 2015 Catawba Lodge "Remembering the Past, Honoring the Future"
- 2014 Santee Lodge "United in a Life of Cheerful Service"
- 2013 Unali'yi Lodge "The Spark is Here"
- 2012 Itibapishe Iti Hollo Lodge "Gathering as One"
- 2011 Tsali Lodge "Horizons of Service"
- 2010 Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge "Build Upon This Legacy"
- 2009 Eswau Huppeday Lodge "Honoring our past, Envisioning the Future"
- 2008 Skyuka Lodge "Fan the Flame of Cheerful Service"
- 2007 Tomo Chi-Chi Lodge "Preserving the Traditions"
- 2006 Bob White Lodge "Let us Try to Find the Arrow"
- 2005 Muscogee Lodge "Take Your Place in the Circle"
- 2004 Catawba Lodge "Find the Flame, Light the Fire"
- 2003 Santee Lodge "The Tradition Continues"
- 2002 Unali'yi Lodge "A Golden Legacy"
- 2001 Itibapishe Iti Hollo Lodge "Remember the Past, Serve the Future"
- 2000 Tsali Lodge "Your Journey is just Beginning"
- 1999 Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge "Cheerfully Serving into the 21st Century"
- 1998 Eswau Huppeday Lodge "Faithful to these High Ideals"
- 1997 Unali'yi Lodge "Look You Back"
- 1996 Egwa Tawa Dee Lodge "Catch the Dream, Carry the Spirit"
- 1995 Tomo Chi-Chi Lodge "An Adventure of the Spirit"
- 1994 Bob White Lodge "You Were Drawn from Many Others"
- 1993 Muscogee Lodge "A New Beginning"
- 1992 Skyuka Lodge "Seek the Higher Vision"
- 1991 Santee Lodge "With Hearts and Wills United"
- 1990 Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge "A Noble Goal and Purpose"

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- 1989 Unali'yi Lodge "Aim High, Serve Y'all"
- 1988 Tsali Lodge "Weld Tightly Every Link"
- 1987 Tomo Chi-Chi Lodge "Go Become a New Arrowman Now and Serve"
- 1986 Bob White Lodge "In the Spirit of the Order"
- 1985 Muscogee Lodge "70 Years in the Spirit"
- 1984 Skyuka Lodge "Those Who Chose You Need You"
- 1983 Santee Lodge "A Golden Past and a Brighter Future"
- 1982 Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge "Mindful of our High Tradition"
- 1981 Tsali Lodge "Scouting - A Thing of the Spirit"
- 1980 Muscogee Lodge "Kindling the Flame"
- 1979 Itibapishe Iti Hollo Lodge "Find the Greater Beauty"
- 1978 Eswau Huppeday Lodge "For Friendship"
- 1977 Unali'yi Lodge "25 Years of Service"
- 1976 Catawba Lodge "Our Heritage"
- 1975 Skyuka Lodge "Mindful Now of our Traditions"
- 1974 Santee Lodge "National Standard Lodge for Section 3-B"
- 1973 Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge No theme or theme unknown
- 1972 Itibapishe Iti Hollo Lodge No theme or theme unknown
- 1971 Eswau Huppeday Lodge No theme or theme unknown
- 1970 Catawba Lodge No theme or theme unknown
- 1969 No Conclave this year
- 1968 Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge No theme or theme unknown
- 1967 Itibapishe Iti Hollo Lodge No theme or theme unknown
- 1966 Eswau Huppeday Lodge No theme or theme unknown
- 1965 Santee Lodge "Fifty Years of Service 1915-1965"
- 1964 Tsali Lodge "Catch the Higher Vision"
- 1963 Catawba Lodge "Sturdy More Fit Brother Hood of Arrowmen"
- 1962 Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge "Strengthen America through Scout Camping"
- 1961 Skyuka Lodge "I'll Do My Best: to Build, to Serve, to Achieve"
- 1960 Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge "Better Camping through the Golden Jubilee"
- 1959 Santee Lodge "Brothers in Service, Leaders in Camping"
- 1958 Catawba Lodge "The Truest Arrow for Leadership and Safety"
- 1957 Skyuka Lodge "Serving God and my Country through the Order of the Arrow"
- 1956 Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge "The Order of the Arrow and Me"
- 1955 Santee Lodge "Better Camping for more Boys through the Order of the Arrow"
- 1954 Itibapishe Iti Hollo Lodge "Our Heritage is Nature, our Purpose to Conserve"
- 1953 Catawba Lodge "Information and Aims and Ideals of the Order of the Arrow"

## Regional and National Event Descriptions

**INDIAN SEMINARS** - There are several Indian seminars held throughout the area at which Skyuka Lodge members may increase their knowledge of Indian history and tradition. Perhaps the best of these is the Carolinas OA Indian Seminar held in January and Indian Summer, a week-long National OA program in August. For information on these and other Indian seminars contact the Lodge Vice-Chief of Indian Affairs.



**NOAC** a brother may learn about lodge leadership, Native American history, and many other interesting topics. Also, there are many Indian competitions for team dance, ceremonial teams, individual outfits, and individual dancing. As always, patch trading is a fun way to relax. The next NOAC will be held in 2024.

**Cornerstone Conclave** - Formerly known as Dixie Fellowship, Cornerstone Conclave is the common name for the section E7 conclave held every April. At this conclave, the 10 lodges in E7, including lodges from the Carolinas and Georgia, compete in AIA events, administrative events, and the Quest for the Golden Arrow. A brother who attends can learn about the operation of the lodge at the Knowledge & Training seminars or help Skyuka win the Spirit Award. Conclave is also a time for fellowship with brothers in Skyuka and beyond. The History of the Conclave has spanned over 60 years. Conclaves hosted by Skyuka Lodge include:

1957 Dixie Fellowship held at Camp Palmetto (6th Dixie)

1961 Dixie Fellowship held at Camp Palmetto (10th Dixie)

1975 Dixie Fellowship held at Camp Palmetto (23rd Dixie)

1984 Dixie Fellowship held at Camp Lea (32nd Dixie)

1992 Dixie Fellowship held at Camp Bob Hardin (40th Dixie)

2008 Dixie Fellowship held at Anne Close Springs Greenway (57th Dixie)

2018 Dixie Fellowship held at Anne Close Springs Greenway (67th Dixie)



## Customs & Traditions of the Ordeal



There are many traditions and customs of the Order of the Arrow. You were told of these when you became an ordeal member of the Skyuka Lodge. Although you may not remember all the details, which you were taught or were told, you must know them in order to become a brotherhood member. For your information, the following questions and answers are included here for your benefit so you will be better prepared for your advancement in the Order of the Arrow.

**Q. Who are Kitchkinet, Meteu, Allowat Sakima, and Nutiket?**

*A. Kichkinet is your guide in the ceremonies. He symbolizes helpfulness and friendliness. Nutiket is the guard of the Circle. He upholds the tradition of cheerfulness. Meteu is the medicine man and representative of brotherhood. He reminds us of our need to love one another. Allowat Sakima, the mighty chief, symbolizes service. From him you accepted the Obligation of the Order.*

**Q. How was the Arrow revealed to you in the pre-Ordeal?**

*A. Nutiket gave the bow to Allowat Sakima as a token of liveliness and flexibility under stress, the principle of cheerfulness. Meteu gave the bowstring to Allowat Sakima as a token of the ties of Brotherhood, also symbolized by the rope in the Ordeal ceremony. Allowat Sakima strung the bow uniting brotherhood and cheerfulness for service and drew an arrow from a quiver as a token that your election separated you from your fellows for something higher. Allowat Sakima asked you to test the bow as a sign of willingness to test the dedication to Scout ideals, which led to your election. Lastly, Kichkinet shot the arrow upward, symbolizing the pathway you will follow if your dedication is unwavering.*

**Q. What are the tests of the Ordeal, and what do they mean?**

*A. The night alone focuses attention on your need for courage and self-reliance on the trail ahead. You must be willing to accept individual responsibility for your thoughts and actions. You will find that your course will set you apart from your friends to the extent of isolation, but you must act according to your resolution regardless of what others do or fail to do. Your pledge of silence emphasizes the continuing need for you to spend time in thoughtful silence. Difficult decisions will face you now and, in the future, and you will need to search your heart and spirit deeply to find the resolution that will guide you onward successfully. The scant food test illustrates self-denial. Often you will find it necessary to abandon mere personal comfort or desires if you are to fulfill your Obligation. The day of work indicates your willingness to give service, even when this service involves hardship and toil. In the Ordeal, you worked with the help and cooperation of other candidates and members, but now you must be ready to serve without the help and cooperation of others.*

## Customs & Traditions of the Ordeal



### **Q. What are the three symbolic preparations for the Obligation?**

*A. Before you entered the circle, you placed your hand on the shoulder of the candidate ahead of you to indicate your intention to continue in service to your own Scout unit. Kichkinet, seeing that you all had the same purpose, symbolized this bond of brotherhood by binding you all together with the rope. Finally, upon Allowat Sakima's direction, Kichkinet asked you to advance before the fire of cheerfulness.*

### **Q. What is the tradition given by Uncas as described in the Legend?**

*A. The legend tells how the peaceful lives of the Lenni-Lenape Indians were threatened by neighboring tribes and distant enemies. Chief Chingachgook's call for volunteers to go and alert other villages of the tribe was met with apathy and indifference from tribal members. Uncas cheerfully offered his help despite the negative attitudes of everyone around him. He cared enough for others that he was willing to face hardship and danger to protect them from harm. Uncas clearly saw a higher vision, and his desire for his brothers was that they could see it, too. The self-sacrificing service given by Uncas and Chingachgook is said to have saved the tribe from annihilation.*

### **Q. What is the significance of Allowat Sakima's description of the Arrow in the Ordeal ceremony?**

*A. The chief stated that the various qualities attributed to the Arrow are ingredients of leadership. His discussion is a continuation of Meteu's comments about the Arrow in the pre-Ordeal. The Ordeal asks individuals to act according to their highest sense of right, regardless of the attitudes or actions of others. The four tests and the Obligation point the way, and Allowat Sakima reveals this way as one of real leadership. Any member who understands his or her Obligation and is striving to fulfill it inevitably becomes a center of strength in his or her troop. His or her example sets the pace in cheerful service, and his or her dedication has a rich effect on those who know him or her. Although wearing the sash identifies a Scout or Scouter as a member of the Order, it is his or her efforts to fulfill his or her Obligation that truly distinguishes him or her and provides others with glimpses of the Arrow.*

### **Q. What is Ordeal Membership?**

*A. Like the Ordeal, it is a time of trial, during which your understanding of the traditions of the Arrow will be put to the test. In the Ordeal ceremony, each advancement you made into the circle was challenged, but your resolution and faithfulness in time of testing enabled you to go forward. You will find this to be true also in the experiences ahead. By striving to fulfill your Obligation, you will provide the higher vision of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service to your fellow Scouts, even as Uncas did for his tribe.*

## Customs & Traditions of the Ordeal



### **Q. When are you ready to accept Brotherhood membership in the Order?**

*A. Successfully meeting the demands of the Obligation is usually rather hard for the first several months. Gradually, however, your dedication to it will bring about changes that will make it easier for you. Eventually, the Spirit of Cheerful Service will become almost second nature to you, and you will be fulfilling the Obligation and hardly even thinking about it. As this experience develops, you are beginning to see the Arrow, and you are ready for the Brotherhood.*

### **Indian Names & Pronunciations**

*Allowat Sakima* - Mighty chief; (Lodge Chief) - al'-lo-wot sa-kee'-ma  
*Chingachgook* - Chief of the Lenni Lenape tribe - ching'-gatch-gook  
*Elangomat* - Friend - ee-lang'~go-mat  
*Gegeyjunhet* - Chief on the fire; (camp director) - gay-gay-yew'-met  
*Kichkinet* - Guide - kitch'-kin '-et  
*Kittakima* - Supreme chief; (Council Executive) - kit-ta-kee'-ma  
*Lenni Lenape* - Delaware Indian tribe - len'-nee  
*len-ah'-pe*  
*Meteu* - Medicine Man - mee-tay'-eww  
*Nutiket* - Guardian of the Circle - nu-te'-ket  
*Skyuka* - Name of Lodge 270 - sky-u-cah  
*Uncas* - Son of Chingachgook - un'-cuss  
*Wimachtendienk* - Brotherhood - wee-mok'-ten'-dee'enk  
*Wingolauchsik* - Cheerfulness - win'-go-ouch-sick  
*Witahemui* - Service - wi'-tah-hem'-oo-ee

### **Order of the Arrow Terms & Traditions**

*Key Three*- Lodge Chief, Lodge Advisor, Lodge Staff Advisor  
*Cornerstone Conclave*- Sectional meeting of members from all lodges. It consists of ceremonies, contests, games, and training sessions.  
*E. Urner Goodman*- Founder of the Order of the Arrow  
*N.O.A.C.*-National Order of the Arrow Conference. Training and competition for members from all lodges. Held every other August.  
*Obligation-Oath.* Affirmation of what we will do as OA members.

## Challenges of Brotherhood



As a candidate for Brotherhood in Skyuka Lodge, you must meet the following challenges before you can enter the Circle of Brotherhood:

- I.* Memorize the signs of Arrow Membership Memorize the Obligation of the Order, which you received from Allowat Sakima (printed on the back of your membership card and in this plan book). Also, memorize the Order of the Arrow Official Song, the Admonition, the Sign of Ordeal membership, and the Arrow handclasp.
- II.* Advance your understanding of the Ordeal. Gain a thorough understanding of the Ordeal through which you passed.
- III.* Serve your unit. Retain your registration in Scouting. During a period of at least six (6) months, strive to fulfill your obligation by continuing and expanding your service to your own Troop, Post, or Team.
- IV.* Plan for service in your lodge Retain your registration in your Order of the Arrow lodge and keep your dues paid. Be aware that acceptance of Brotherhood membership involves a pledge of service to the lodge. Develop a concrete idea of how you plan to fulfill this pledge.
- V.* Review your progress When you earnestly feel that you have met the four challenges of Brotherhood membership that you have just read, write your letter requesting acceptance for the Brotherhood Ceremony.

## Challenges of Brotherhood



### Obligation of the Order of the Arrow

I, (your name), 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 provide 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.

### Order of the Arrow Official Song

Words by E. Umer Goodman  
 Music by Alexi Lvov (1883),  
 "Russian Czarist National An-



Firm bound in bro-ther-hood, Ga-ther the  
 clan That cheer-ful serv-ice brings To fel-low man.  
 Cir-cle our council fire, Weld tightly ev-'ry link That  
 binds us in bro-ther-hood, Wi-mach-ten-dienk.

Scan the QR Code to the right to go to the Skyuka Lodge webpage to listen to the tune for the song



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### Brotherhood Advancement Checklist

Be sure to bring this book with you when you appear before the brotherhood board. Also be sure to have the appropriate person sign each space as indicated. Your unit leader should sign item #1 before you arrive at the fellowship. It is also important that you have worked on #4 and are ready to have it signed off shortly after your arrival at the fellowship.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_

YOU MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

1. Have a current Boy Scout, Venturer, or Varsity Scout registration.

UNIT LEADER: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Have paid lodge dues through the current year.

LODGE TREASURER: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Have given six (6) months ACTIVE service since completion of your Ordeal.

LODGE SECRETARY: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Possess a thorough knowledge of the customs and traditions of the ordeal. This should include memorization of the obligation and OA song (found in the National OA Handbook and in this Skyuka Lodge Plan Book).

BROTHERHOOD BOARD MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Write a letter to the lodge secretary including the following items: explain what you think the obligation means; describe how you used your understanding of the obligation in your Troop, Post, or Team and in your daily life and your understanding of the ordeal to aid in this service; describe your specific plans for giving service to the lodge and its programs.

LODGE SECRETARY: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Sign below the following statement: I have met the above requirements. I wish to rededicate my life to cheerful service to others. In seeking this end, I would like to participate in the Brotherhood ceremony. I am voluntarily seeking membership in Skyuka Lodge.

YOUR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Accepted for candidacy in the Brotherhood ceremony.

BROTHERHOOD CHAIRMAN: \_\_\_\_\_

# Elangomat Patch Checklist

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have successfully completed the requirements for the Skyuka Lodge Elangomat patch. Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Sign Name

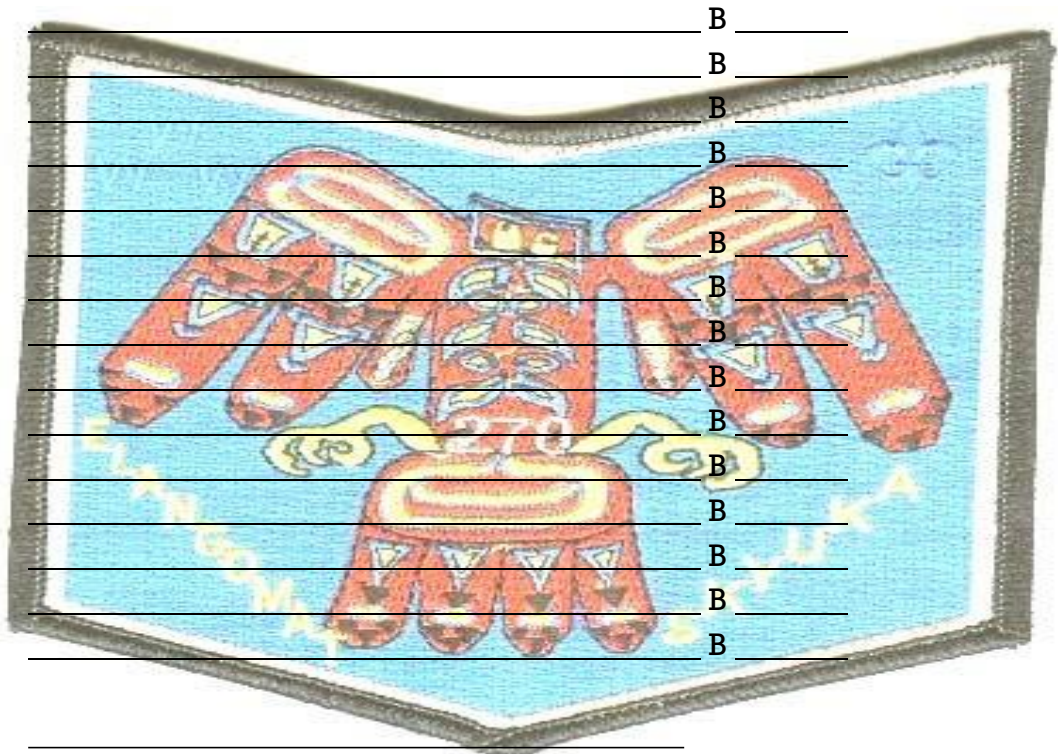
Requirements:

\_\_\_\_\_ Served as an Elangomat for an entire Ordeal.

\_\_\_\_\_ Elangomat Chairman

Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Have 75% of your Ordeal Candidates in your Clan to convert to Brotherhood (list all of your Clan below and mark who has converted).



\_\_\_\_\_ Lodge Secretary Signature

Awarded on \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form to the Lodge Treasurer or Secretary as soon as all requirements are met.

# Skyuka Lodge

## Digital Resources



**Facebook:**

Skyuka Lodge 270

Skyuka Lodge Indian Affairs

York Chapter Skyuka Lodge



**Instagram:**

@skyukalodge270



Tik Tok

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@skyukalodge270



**Website:**

[www.skyukalodge.com](http://www.skyukalodge.com)

### Other OA Links:

**Palmetto Council:**

[www.palmettocouncil.org](http://www.palmettocouncil.org)

**BSA Website:**

[www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org)

**National Order of the Arrow:**

[www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org)

**E7 Website:**

[www.section7.oa-bsa.org](http://www.section7.oa-bsa.org)

**Southern Region:**

[www.southern.oa-bsa.org](http://www.southern.oa-bsa.org)

**High Adventure:**

[www.adventure.oa-bsa.org](http://www.adventure.oa-bsa.org)



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