

For over a half century after founding the Order of the Arrow, E. Urner Goodman continued to be a towering figure in American scouting, attaining a doctorate in education and becoming National Program Director of the BSA for many years, all the while steadfastly devoted to the OA. He enjoyed meeting Arrowmen at his Order of the Arrow "lodge" home in Vermont and continued to attend events held by Unami Lodge #1 in Philadelphia for the rest of his life.

Dr. Goodman's keynote speeches were a traditional and inspiring highlight of OA National Conferences, until his final appearance in 1979 at Colorado State University, just six months before his death at 89. He was hailed by the 4000 Arrowmen present with a thunderous standing ovation. He spoke movingly of his creation of the OA as a "Thing of the Spirit" in that place ... so distant in time... on the misty shores of the Delaware River. He bade us farewell, there in the shadows of the snow-capped Rockies, with a memorable peroration to keep the OA's flame of fellowship glowing brightly in our hearts. Though a frail, elderly man stood before us, stooped with age, yet the spirit borne within would truly live on in our hearts, firm bound eternally in youthful brotherhood, wherever men strive to love and serve one another.

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Timeline History of Tsali Lodge

1938...

- Arrowmen of Bobwhite Lodge 87 in Augusta, GA help charter Tsali Lodge 134 of Daniel Boone Council in Asheville, NC. The Lodge was named after the Cherokee Chief Tsali who sacrificed his own life so those of his people could remain in the Appalachian Mountains. Web Stacey, the Lodge's first chief takes office.

1940...

- It is said that arrowmen from Tsali help found Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge 185 of Blue Ridge Mountain Council in Greenville, SC.

1949...

- William Roth becomes the first Arrowman of Tsali Lodge to receive the Vigil Honor and is given the Vigil name of "The Great Warrior".



1954...

- August 27: William Roth becomes the first arrowman of Tsali Lodge to receive the Distinguished Service Award (DSA) at the 1954 National Order of The Arrow Conference at The University of Wyoming.



1964...

- April 24-26: Tsali Lodge hosts the 1964 Dixie Fellowship "Catch the Higher Vision" at Camp Daniel Boone. The 1964 Dixie Fellowship would be the first conclave that the Lodge hosted.
- Richard Hurley becomes the first arrowman of Tsali Lodge to hold the office of Section Chief of Area 3B. (Called Area Chief during this time)

1981...

- April 24-26: Tsali hosts the 1981 Dixie Fellowship "Scouting, A Thing of The Spirit" at Camp Daniel Boone.
- Lodge member Walter Dean becomes the Section's Vice Chief of Administration while Jack Cole Becomes the Section Dixie Chief.

1982...

- Tsali Lodge Member, Walter Dean is re-elected Section Vice-Chief of Administration and Mark O'Shields becomes the Section Secretary.

1983...

- Jeffrey Grey and Carmer Bean become the first youth and adult arrowmen of the Lodge to be presented with the Founder's Award at the Lodge Winter Banquet.

1984...

- To promote service, the lodge issues a special silver bordered lodge flap to those who completed 100 hours of service.

1985...

- Lodge arrowman, David Kafitz is elected Section Secretary.

1988...

- April 22-24: Tsali hosts the 1988 Dixie Fellowship "Weld Tightly Every Link" at Camp Daniel Boone.
- Tsali celebrates its 50th Anniversary. A commemorative patch is issued for the occasion.
- To become historically correct, the "Smoke and Teepees" from the current lodge flap are omitted. (Cherokee Indians did not live in teepees)

1989...

- David Kafitz is elected Section Chief and presides over the 1989 Dixie Fellowship "Aim High, Serve Y'all" at Camp Ho Non Wah in Charleston, SC.

1992...

- Tsali Lodge hosts the Section Indian Seminar at Camp Daniel Boone.
- Tsali provides guides to help with Kituwah, a large Native American Expo held at the Asheville Civic Center.

1993...

- Tsali helps with Kituwah for a second year in a row.

1994...

- Bernie Grauer is elected Section Secretary.
- John Young is presented with the Distinguished Service Award at the 1994 NOAC, held at Purdue Univ.
- Tsali provides assistant guides for the Kituwah for a third year in a row.

1995...

- The warehouses which the Native American Expo Kituwah stored its supplies is destroyed by fire...the event is cancelled until 1998.
- Tsali Lodge helps Daniel Boone Council with the selling of Christmas Trees for a fundraiser.

1997...

- Tsali Lodge hosts the annual Section Retreat "Rekindling Old Flames" at Camp Hope.
- Gavin Douglas is elected Section Vice-Chief of Program.

1998...

- Due to extensive flash flood damage to Camp Daniel Boone, Tsali is forced to give up the hosting of the 1998 Dixie Fellowship.
- Tsali celebrates its 60th anniversary. A limited issue patch is issued for the anniversary.
- Tee Pruitt is elected Section Chief and presides over the 1999 Dixie Fellowship "Cheerfully Serving Into The 21st Century" at Camp Old Indian in Greenville, SC.
- Gavin Douglas is re-elected Section Vice-Chief of Program.
- Tsali sends its first official contingent to the annual Carolinas Indian Seminar in Statesville, NC.

1999...

- Jason Laney is Elected Section Secretary.
- Todd Knaperek is appointed Section Indian Affairs Coordinator for the 2000 Dixie Fellowship.

2000...

- April 14-16, Tsali hosts the 2000 Dixie Fellowship "Your Journey Is Just Beginning" at Camp Daniel Boone.
- Jason Laney is elected Section Chief and presides over the 2001 Dixie Fellowship "Remember the Past, Serve the Future" at Camp John Barnhardt in Albemarle, NC.
- Tee Pruitt is presented with the Distinguished Service Award at the 2000 NOAC at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
- Lodge Member Tee Pruitt helps create the Arrowmen of Service Award.

2001...

- January 16-Lodge officially launches www.tsalilodge.org as the Lodge's official website.
- William Barry is appointed Administrative Events Coordinator for the 2002 Dixie Fellowship in Charleston, SC

2002...

- The lodge begins to build a new ecology lodge at Camp Daniel Boone.
- Jason Laney is awarded the DSA at the 2002 National Order of the Arrow Conference.

2003...

- Tsali is chosen to be the official service lodge of the OA Indian Summer to be held at Ridgecrest Conference Center in Black Mountain, NC.



2004...

- Tsali lodge helps rebuild Camp Daniel Boone after massive flooding in the fall of 2004, the result of two back-to-back hurricanes.

2005...

- Tsali lodge develops a Cherokee style dance team and competes at Dixie Fellowship, placing third.
- Tsali lodge conducts a southern drum seminar, taught by Bo Limbaugh. A Tsali Lodge drum team is then formed.

2006...

- The Tsali lodge Cherokee Dance team places first at Dixie Fellowship and goes on to become National Champions at the National Order of the Arrow Conference held at Michigan State University.
- The Tsali Lodge Southern Drum team, "Twisted Rawhide" places second at Dixie Fellowship and then third at NOAC only 6 months after being formed.

2007...

- Adam Kuykendall is elected section vice-chief.
- "Twisted Rawhide" sing team places First at Dixie Fellowship
- The Tsali lodge Cherokee Dance team places first at Dixie Fellowship
- Tsali Lodge dance team is invited to perform traditional Cherokee dances at the "Fading Voices" gathering of the Snowbird Cherokee

2008...

- "Twisted Rawhide" sing team places First at Dixie Fellowship
- The Tsali lodge Cherokee Dance team places first at Dixie Fellowship for the third year in a row
- The dance team performs at the Cherokee "Fading Voices" gathering for the second year in a row

2009...

- "Twisted Rawhide" sing team places First at Dixie Fellowship for the third year in a row and then became National Champions at the National Order of the Arrow Conference.
- The Tsali lodge Cherokee Dance team places first at Dixie Fellowship for the fourth year in a row and goes on to repeat as National Champions at the National Order of the Arrow Conference held at Bloomington, Indiana.



2010...

- The Tsali lodge Cherokee Dance team wins at Dixie Fellowship for the fifth year in a row
- The Tsali Lodge Southern Drum team, "Twisted Rawhide" wins at Dixie Fellowship for the fourth year in a row
- The Tsali lodge Brotherhood Ceremonies Team wins first place at Dixie Fellowship
- Tsali Lodge is named "Lodge of the Year" at Dixie Fellowship

2011...

- The Tsali lodge Cherokee Dance team wins at Dixie Fellowship for the sixth year in a row
- The Tsali Lodge Southern Drum team, "Twisted Rawhide" wins at Dixie Fellowship for the fifth year in a row
- Tsali Lodge is named "Lodge of the Year" at Dixie Fellowship
- Tsali is official service lodge of the OA "Indian Summer" held at Ridgecrest Conference Center

2012...

- James Hylemon is elected Section Chief and will preside over the 2012 Dixie Fellowship "Gathering as one"

2013...

- Tsali Lodge is named "Lodge of the Year" at Dixie Fellowship

2014...

- Travis Broadhurst is elected Section Chief

