



The Washita Warrior

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Letter from the Chief

Dear Brothers,

As the signs of fall appear before us and winters chill follows it; we end another year in our lodge. I would like to thank all of the faithful Arrowmen who attended Fall Fellowship. Many meaningful service projects were completed and great amounts of food, fun and fellowship were seen as well. On Sunday, we held our annual business meeting and elected our 2003 officers. I know that the tribal council and I are looking forward to an exciting year filled with many new and interesting activities.

Next on the horizon for our lodge is our Lodge Leadership Development Course. This conference, held the weekend of Winter Banquet, Dec 6-7, is where the lodge leadership spends time learning about our lodge and each other. It is our primary means of training our lodge leaders. This does NOT mean that it is strictly for lodge officers only. I would encourage ANYONE interested in the ways our lodge is run to attend this conference.

That very same weekend is our Winter Banquet where our lodge comes together as a whole to recognize new members, ceremonially install our officers, hear a great speaker, and most importantly, eat a great meal!!! This year the Winter Banquet will be held at the Pilgrim Presbyterian Church in beautiful Vinita, OK. This is sure to be a great event to attend.

Brothers, we have a challenge laid down before us. Improve upon the program we put forth last year and make this one that much more special for the Arrowman who is deeply involved, and for that brand new ordeal member who is just learning the obligation.

Cheerfully,
Chesimus Achtschinkhalan
"Younger Brother Who Persuades"

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Lodge Leadership Development Conference

When: December 6 at 8 PM through the 7th

Where: Pilgrim Presbyterian Church, Vinita Ok.

Who: All Arrowmen

Cost: \$10

Reservation: Call Jim Lewis, by December the 5th at 706-4933 or e-mail him at sanqueng2@aol.com

Why: To gain new leadership skills to help move our Lodge forward.

2002-2003 Lodge Officers

Chief: Bob Sullivan

Chief of Vice: Scott Anthony Robin

Treasurer: C.J. Black

Recording Secretary: Mark Thomas

Corresponding Secretary: Sam DeFrees

Osage Hills Chapter Chief: Mason Humphries

Grand Lake Chapter Chief: Alton Thompson

Please pay your dues! Annual dues are \$7 and can be paid at the Scout Office or at any Lodge event! Your Warrior mailing label will show the year through which your dues are current.

Winter Banquet 2002 is quickly approaching and it will be yet another time this year for all Arrowmen and their families to get together and have a great meal. This year's banquet will be held at Pilgrim Presbyterian Church in Vinita, Ok. The cost is \$10 if you register with the Scout Office (918-336-9170) by Dec. 4th, the cost then rises to \$15 and registration will be available at the door. The banquet will begin at 7:00pm on December the 7th.

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