

The Washita Warrior

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W I N T E R B A N Q U E T

Winter Banquet will be held at the Masonic Temple in Vinita at 237 N Foreman. **All Arrowmen are encouraged to attend this awesome event!!!**

The cost for the banquet will be **\$12** if pre-registered, or **\$17** if paying at the door. A registration form is included in this Warrior. Payments should be made payable to "Order of the Arrow, BSA" to the Scout Service Center **no later than December 6, 2004**. If you do not get registered on time please let us know you are coming by calling a reservation to the Scout Service Center, so that we will be able to anticipate your arrival (and have enough food!!).

We will have an awesome speaker, food, awards, and lots of fun!!! We will also be installing the new officers that have been elected at Fall Fellowship. Awards to be presented include the Founders Award, the Arrowman of the Year, and the Distinguished Service Award.

LLDC

What is it? The Lodge Leadership Development Conference is a customized training program to meet the needs of our Lodge. **When is it?** The LLDC starts

2004-05 Lodge Calendar Dates

Dec. 10-11	LLDC Vinita Masonic Temple. 8 PM Dec. 9 th - Dec. 10 th
Dec. 11	Winter Banquet Vinita Masonic Temple at 6:30-9 PM
April 22-24	SR-3A Section Conclave Camp Tom Hale
TBA	Spring Conclave, Date and location TBA.

Friday night, December 10, 2004 at 8 PM at the Vinita Masonic Temple in Vinita at 237 N. Foreman and runs through Saturday, December 10. **Who should attend? All Lodge officers, Lodge Advisors, Chapter Officers, Chapter Advisors, Committee Chairs, Committee Advisors, and Troop Representative.**

The LLDC will cost **\$10** to cover materials and food. Training is mandatory for all officers of the Lodge. Training is optional, but available for anyone wanting to be more active in the lodge activities. Folks can attend both for \$20.

Lodge Chief letter

Dear Brothers,

This past year has been another incredible year. We did well at NOAC by receiving the Spirit Award for the third consecutive time. At Fall Fellowship we

set a new record with having more than 120 people. We cleared a large amount of brush at Camp McClintock and completed a very large group of Ordeals and sealed a large number of Brotherhood memberships. As most of you have heard Camp Cherokee will not be hosting summer camp this year. I assure you that we will take this opportunity to create a new part in the History of Washita Lodge. We will welcome this opportunity to bring our lodge closer together with our members and to the council itself. Your Tribal Council members and I are hard at work planning the new, brighter future that lay ahead on trail ahead of us. I hope to see you all at Winter Banquet.

Yours in Brotherhood and Service

Chief Brett Thomas

Lodge Vice Chief letter

Brothers,

A new lodge term has begun and things are running smoothly. We are planning a Winter Banquet and we are getting the One Day of Service taken care of. I am very excited to see what will come from the rest of this year and the upcoming year. As you 2004-2005 Lodge Vice Chief I promise to do my very best in all thing concerning the lodge. I hope to see everyone at this years Winter Banquet in Vinita and I hope that you will have a fun and safe Thanksgiving!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Mason Humphries

2004-2005 Lodge Vice Chief

Lodge Corresponding Secretary letter

Greetings Brothers,

I am Brian Washam the II I am your new Lodge Corresponding Secretary. What I plan to do for my term is to get out all the Warriors for the year. In doing the Warriors I will do a good quality job and I would appreciate any help or input that you might have.

I look forward on serving you and representing you on the Tribal Council. I have been busy calling and Emailing the other Lodge Officers and Chapter Chiefs to make this Warrior.

I encourage all Lodge and Chapter Officers to go to LLDC. Right after LLDC is the Winter Banquet, which I encourage all Lodge members to attend.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Netami Lekhiket

Brian K. Washam II

Lodge Recording Secretary letter

Dear Washita Lodge 288,

I am very excited to have the opportunity but it is a challenge I look forward to.

As your new recording secretary, it is my duty to provide a member directory, store various records and forms, take minutes of council meetings and lodge assemblies, and help out in any way I can. At present I am in the process of creating the member directory while I try to get hold of whatever records need my attention. Hopefully by the winter banquet in December, I will have made some progress.

I am aware that over the years some of my duties, such as dealing with registration at

think that I should carry on the tradition of dumping onto someone else the workload I was elected to bear. I will do anything I can to turn this situation around. If to start the new year by serving you on the Tribal Council. Filling a position of leadership is never easy, anyone wants to chip in and buy me a spiffy new binder, I wouldn't say no to that either. Have a happy holiday, and expect to see the new directory before the end of the year. Yours in Brotherhood, various OA events, have fallen on my superior, Bill Hiatt, who thus far has not complained. I have to admit, it makes me uncomfortable to.

Alex McSpadden
Netami Lekhiket

Osage Hills Chapter Chief letter

Brothers,

We had a very successful fall fellowship, We have twenty-two new Ordeal Members, We cleaned up the copes course, put up a gateway to the ring, and the Ordeal Candidates and Troop 33 from Pawhuska, made a walking bridge located across the creek at the north end of the pond.

I have finally figured out how to have more attendance at the Osage Hills OA chapter meetings. The key is programming! I will now have people teach us about regalia, beadwork, and how to get involved in the dance team and ceremonies.

For December only, we are going to have the meeting at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 3700 SE Woodland Road (Hwy. 75 and Woodland Road) in Bartlesville. This will be on Thursday, December 9th at 7:00PM. This is because of conflict with District Banquet. Washita Lodge Ceremonies Chairman, Sam DeFrees, will be talking about Ceremonies and how to

get a part. Troop Representatives and Chapter Officers are expected to attend. All Arrowman are encouraged to attend. All are welcome. PLEASE COME!!!

I look forward to working with all of you. This can be a great year for our chapter and lodge.

Osage Hills Chapter Chief,

Brian Payne

Grand Lake Chapter Chief letter

Hello this is Ryan Dixon Grand Lake Chapter Chief. Well here on our side we had a pretty good turn out for One Day with seven people that showed up and helped us clean up. We have been getting the Troop Representative program up and running. I will be doing personal troop visits here in the near future to get that program up and running. If you need any information call me at 256-5926 or email me at blaze74301@aol.com. I hope to see you all at winter banquet.

Lodge Advisor letter

Dear Brothers,

As this year draws to a close, we can look back and see that the Lodge has again made great strides. We have accomplished great things this year, on the Lodge, The Section, and the National level. Washita Lodge has a lot to be proud of.

With the upcoming year, however, it is evident that we will have to work harder than ever to be a success. With the changes in Summer Camp, we will have to alter our strategy, modify our traditions, and put forth increased efforts to ensure that we fulfill our

duties. This will not be easy, but we have always been able to step up to the task. We will need the contribution of every arrowman in the Lodge to ensure that we can stay strong, continue to grow, and remain a force for service within our Council.

Even now, plans are being developed on how to handle the new year. At LLDC, we will define many of our strategies...for presentation to the Council. No one knows for sure what the future holds, but we have a strong foundation to build upon. Based on this foundation, we will develop our program for the upcoming year, and work around the changes that have occurred, to ensure the success of the Lodge in service to Cherokee Area Council.

I look forward to seeing all the officers at LLDC.

**Yours in the Brotherhoo"Big Jim" Lewis
Sanquen Gischihan**

This year at Fall Fellowship, we elected our new officers for 2004. These officers will be representing you for the following year:

Chief..... Brett Thomas
Vice Chief.....Mason Humphries
Treasurer.....Andrew Allbritton
Corresponding Sec..... Brian Washam II
Recording Sec.....Alex McSpadden
OH Chapter Chief Brian Payne
GL Chapter Chief Ryan Dixon

Washita Lodge 2004 Winter Banquet

Vinita Masonic Temple • Dec. 11, 2004

COST is \$12.00 or \$20 for Banquet and LLDC

FIRST NAME _____ LAST NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ GENDER: Male Female

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

AGE: Youth Adult (21+) **Membership Level:** Ordeal Brotherhood Vigil

CURRENT ELEVATION: Drummer Firebuilder Runner Keeper Medicine Man

Brother/Vigil Members: Are you eligible for elevation? Yes No Don't Know

Are you attending the LLDC course Dec. 10-11 Yes _____ No _____

Class 1 PERSONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL HISTORY

To be filled out by parent, guardian, or adult participant. Please print legibly in ink or type.

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Name of parent or guardian _____ Telephone _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business _____ Address _____ State _____ Zip _____

If person name above is not available in the event of an emergency, notify

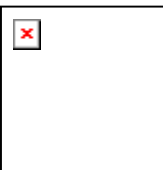
Name _____ Relationship _____ Telephone _____

Name _____ Relationship _____ Telephone _____

Name of personal physician _____ Telephone _____

Personal health/accident insurance carrier _____ Policy No. _____

Washita Lodge 288 LLDC and Winter Banquet Code of Conduct *(Officially adopted by the Tribal Council)*

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1. Observe the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, the Explorer Code and the Obligation of the Order of the Arrow.
 2. Wear the officially designated Boy Scout uniform as required during the fall fellowship.
 3. Attend planned and general training sessions.
 4. Confine the trading and swapping of Scout related items only to free periods and in designated areas only.
 5. Be personally responsible for breakage, damage or loss of property.
 6. Observe quiet hours and times for lights out.
 7. Keep my quarters clean and dispose of trash in the proper places.
 8. Do not sleep in any of the buildings at camp.

9. Allow no unregistered person to occupy my quarters.
10. Wear suitable covering in the quarters and to and from latrines.
11. Observe all BSA policies about the purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illicit drugs.
12. Respect the rules prohibiting the use of fireworks or firearms.
13. Respect the rules prohibiting gambling.
14. Do not buy or sell items at the event. The only official sources for the purchase of items is Bundles or the special items offered for sale.
15. Do not leave camp without the express permission of the headquarters.
16. Remember that at all times you are a guest of the lodge and the Boy Scouts of America. Please observe rules of common courtesy.
17. Park only in designated areas.
18. Abide by the liquid fuel policy as stated in the BSA camping guidelines.
19. Report any injuries to the health lodge.
20. Have a great time!

***Failure to abide by these rules & regulations will force your removal
from the event.***

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