



Washita Warrior

The Official Newsletter of Washita Lodge 288, Cherokee Area Council # 469
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As 2008 rolls to a close and 2009 charges in it is a good time to not only look back over the activities of the year but also sneak a peak at the busy activities of next year. 2008 was a year that featured two successful fellowships, a fall camporee heavily driven by our brotherhood, a successful new Vigil class, and the election of new officers. We saw Tom Perrine move on after a very successful

term as our Lodge Advisor and we welcomed Henry Robin as he took over the reigns from Tom. We also saw an especially successful day of service in the Grand Lake chapter of our lodge.

And now we look forward to 2009, with fresh activities and challenges. We still need interested brothers to fill the open lodge positions of Service Chairman and Unit Relations Chairman. Immediately on the horizon are our Lodge Leadership Development and Winter Banquet. January also finds our lodge taking on the challenge of organizing and running the annual Scouting for Food event. And down the road we look forward to our Spring Fellowship and Section Conclave. And can NOAC really be that far away?

LODGE CALENDAR

January 23-24 – Lodge Leadership Development

January 24 – Winter Banquet

January 31 – Scouting for Food

March (early) – District Callout

March 27-29 – Spring Fellowship

April 24-26 – Section Conclave

*See the Lodge Website for more information!!
<http://www.cherokeesba.org/oa/index.html>*

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Scouting for Food 2009

The 2008 Cherokee Area Council Food drive is being led by The Order of the Arrow Chapters. It will be divided by districts Grand Lake and Osage Hills District. I, Aaron Lewis am leading the Osage Hills operation. Due to the lack of a sponsor this year we are going to do it without fliers or bags. We need each unit to select an area to pick up food from, then to advertise in their selected areas with signs or some way of reminding the residents of the food pick up date. We plan to advertise the food drive on local Television, Radio, and in Newspapers. The food should be picked up by 9:00 am on Saturday January 31. Bartlesville and Dewey food will be delivered to the Arvest Mini Bank 400 S Dewey in Bartlesville before 10:00. To secure your food pick up area please send a representative to Roundtable January 15. If you are unable to attend January Roundtable to reserve your spot please email me at charlielewis@yahoo.com. If you have any questions or would like to help please contact me at charlielewis@yahoo.com.

NOAC

What is NOAC?

Every few years, Arrowmen from across the country gather on the campus of a major university for the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). The National Order of the Arrow Conference is Scouting's second largest national program event!

Why come to NOAC?

There are several reasons to come to the National Order of the Arrow Conference! NOAC is the national gathering for the Order of the Arrow. A key part of NOAC is sharing knowledge and learning new ideas. There are training classes on every aspect of the Order of the Arrow, including leadership, activities, and lodge and chapter operations. American Indian activities are another part of the traditional events that take place at NOAC, including dancing and ceremonies competitions and training. Another set of exciting events are the sports and competitions. Founders Day is a day at NOAC where the original founders of the Order of the Arrow are celebrated with displays by all the lodges of their local culture. For the entertainment lover in all of us, the shows are definitely worth going to! There are so many more activities at NOAC that you cannot possibly do them all.

The overall best reason to attend NOAC is this will probably be the most fun you have ever had in five straight days! For whatever reason you decide to attend NOAC, it is guaranteed that it will be one of the best memories you have of the Order of the Arrow!

NOAC 2009 is scheduled to take place from Saturday, August 1st through Thursday, August 6th on the campus of Indiana University in Bloomington Indiana.

Washita 288 NOAC Plans

A \$100 deposit per person will reserve your spot; this can be sent to the Council Service Center in Bartlesville. This deposit is due on February 19th. Washita Lodge has 15 guaranteed slots (no specific ratio of youth to adult), so register now! The total conference fee of \$395 is due on May 19th. Transportation will be provided by the Lodge and will include some site seeing. Plans are to offset the cost of transportation with a NOAC patch sale. For more information call the Council Service Center at 918-336-9170, or Henry Robin at 918-333-2760. More information about NOAC may be found on the National Order of the Arrow web site, www.oa-bsa.org; more information about Washita's plans will be announced at Winter Banquet.

Some thoughts from our Lodge Advisor

Dear Brothers,

As we approach the end of another year, let's pause to look back on our many accomplishments. Our membership continues to grow. Our Lodge continues to provide service to the Council at our fellowship events and the many communities where our members live during the Section One Day of Service events. At the 2008 Section Conclave, we were the Service Lodge and staffed all of the Native American Events. Furthermore, we increased our financial assistance to the Council.

At Fall Fellowship, Tom Perrine completed his term as our Lodge Advisor after three very successful years of service and I was asked to take on that role. I am honored to serve as your Lodge Advisor and look forward to working with each of you, starting at our first event together, the Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) course and Winter Banquet.

LLD is our annual training and team building event. This is a time for all Arrowmen (not just officers) to come together and learn more about the Lodge and its functions, and develop our annual strategic plan. LLD will conclude with our annual Winter Banquet. This event is a time for us to celebrate our many accomplishments from the year. Be sure to invite your entire family to join in the celebration. Registration forms are included in this Warrior.

I look forward to seeing you at this very important event. Together I know we can do great things for the Lodge, the Council, and the Order of the Arrow!

Yours in the Brotherhood,

Henry Robin



Tribal Council! TC! That Thing Where Important People Meet!

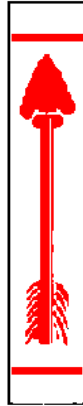
Tribal Council is a meeting which occurs at least four times a year outside of major events. A Tribal Council is also usually held at every major event each year: Fall Fellowship and Spring Fellowship, and Winter Banquet. Every lodge member may attend Tribal Council.

ALL LODGE OFFICERS, CHAIRMEN, AND ADVISORS HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO ATTEND ALL TRIBAL COUNCILS.

If anyone has any questions, the number for the Scout Office is (918) 336-9170 or Toll Free 888-269-1328

CONVERT! CONVERT! CONVERT!

The cost of Brotherhood Conversion is free! Zip-Zilch-Nada! Each Arrowman can progress in the OA journey without consideration of extra cost at the event. We hope every eligible Arrowman will take this important step at Spring Fellowship. The requirement that must be completed prior to attending is 10 calendar months of service through your troop as an Ordeal member of the OA. There will be a session at the Spring Fellowship for you to complete the rest of the requirements. You will also learn at this time why you are able to turn the points of your lodge lanyard Eagle claws outward. Don't miss this opportunity. Check out pages 50-51 of your OA Handbook.



The "Cliff Notes" Version of Brotherhood Conversion:

- Help us achieve Honor Lodge by completing the Brotherhood Honor.
- There is NO CHARGE to seal your membership in The Order by achieving the Brotherhood Honor (other than a standard meal charge).
- Eligibility for the Brotherhood honor includes 10 months active participation in the OA, paid up OA dues, registered in scouting, and memorization of the obligation and song.

Attention All Arrowmen!! If you or someone you know has yet to complete their Brotherhood, **ATTEND FELLOWSHIP!!!**



ONE DAY OF SERVICE *Grand Lakes District*

Brothers from the Grand Lakes chapter of our lodge performed a very successful Day of Service in October. Special community service projects were performed in the communities of Miami, Vinita, and Grove.

In Grove, members of Troop 78 gathered at Honey Creek State Park. There they went to work performing shoreline and campsite cleanup. All of the fire rings were also cleaned out. Six members of the troop turned out for this busy day.

In Miami, two troops, Troop 50 and Troop 55 came together on this day of service. At Riverview Park the brothers applied a fresh coat of paint to the goals at the 18 hole Frisbee Golf Course. Then they went on to pick up a significant amount of trash along "P" street NE and 22nd street. Ten scouts and adults from these two troops participated in the service in Miami.

In Vinita members of Troop 66 participated in the day of service. Their activities were centered in North Park as they worked to help the local senior citizens. Exercise stations were built and painted for the Senior Citizen walk. Ten members of Troop 66 were on hand for these activities.

These brothers and others made this years One Day of Service very successful. They truly demonstrated that we are a Brotherhood of cheerful service.

An update from our Vigil Chief...

Brothers,

Our lodge's Vigil Weekend was November 21st and 22nd. This event is held every year but is only attended by a select few – the members in the Vigil Honor. Our solemn and significant weekend went incredibly well. We had a large turn out of members, great food, and fantastic fellowship. Doctor Bill Hiatt was our cook for the weekend and did an excellent job. The weekend included riveting discussion and many great ideas were discussed. On a more important topic, the six candidates that were selected for the Vigil Honor all successfully earned and achieved the Honor. The Vigil Class of 2008 is Ethan Schoeppey, Damian Nightengale, Jonathan Harrison, Brad Schoeppey, Dewey Payne, and Frank Reeves. Please congratulate these brothers when you see them, this is a great Honor.

Your Vigil Chief,

Ben Robin

2008 – 2009 Lodge Officers

Lodge Chief	<i>Cleveland, Brandon</i>
Lodge Vice	<i>Schoeppey, Ethan</i>
Treasurer	<i>Asbery, Theron R</i>
Corres Secy	<i>Snow, Tim</i>
Record Secy	<i>Payne, Travis</i>
OH Chief	<i>Lewis, Aaron</i>
OH Vice	<i>Schroeder, Kevin</i>
OH Secy	<i>Tobola, John</i>

Osage Hills Chapter Report

Since the fall fellowship the Osage hills chapter of our lodge has been given 3 major jobs. The biggest by far is the annual scouting for food. This year we have been asked to manage and coordinate this event. This is a major activity and will require lots of help (see the full information and our needs in the scouting for food article in this warrior). Our second job is to revise the O.A. email list for our chapter. This is also a major undertaking. We will be relying heavily on each unit's O.A. representative to help us compile this list. Our third major job is to increase the attendance to our meetings. We hope to have a guest speaker for each of our chapter meetings. Good attendance in our meetings will not only help us be successful with our planned activities it will also help us become a stronger chapter and Lodge. I thank you all for your support and I hope to see you at our next chapter meeting on January 15 at the First Presbyterian Church.

YIS Aaron Lewis Osage Hills Chapter Chief

GL Chief	<i>Carpenter, Travis</i>
GL Vice	<i>Ware III, Kenny</i>
GL Secy	<i>Hollabaugh, Bailey</i>
Activities	<i>Wood, Michael</i>
Ceremonies	<i>Harrison, Jonathan</i>
Dance Team	<i>Asbery, Theron R</i>
Scout Reach	<i>Reeves, Truman</i>
Vigil	<i>Robin, Ben</i>

Grand Lakes Chapter Report

My name is Travis Carpenter, I am the new Chapter Chief for the Grand Lake District. Kenny Ware III is the Chapter Vice Chief; Bailey Hollabaugh is the Chapter Secretary of the Grand Lake District. All are from Troop 66 in Vinita. We held our One Day Service on October 18, 2008 in Vinita. The O.A. Members attending were Kenny Ware III, Travis Carpenter, Michael Morris, Charles Neer, Brian Washam Jr, Kyle and Kelyn Andrasko. Also attending were Kenny Ware I, Scout Master, Wayne Carpenter, Assistant Scout Master, Kenny Ware II, Assistant Scout Master and Dan O Childers, Assistant Cub Master. We also had other scouts and parents assist with the project. We built and painted exercise stations at the Sr. Citizens' Walk at North Park in Vinita.

Miami held their One Day Service in Miami on October 18, 2008. Attending

were Greg Fuhrmeister, Jimmy Wilkins, Aaron Mullins, Steven Meador and Derek Wright. Also attending was Wayne Meeks Scout Master, Rex Mullins, Assistant Scout Master, Steve Wright, Randy Wilkins and Paul Fuhrmeister. Also attending were other scouts and parents. They painted 18 holes on the Frisbee golf course and picked up trash on "P" St. and 22nd street in Miami.

Grove had to postpone their One Day Service to a later date due to having too many of their members unavailable.

We would like to welcome the new Ordeal Members from Troop 55 in Miami and any other new members that we may have.

We are in the process of planning our Scouting For Food event to be held tentatively in January, 2009.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Travis Carpenter

Open Lodge Positions!!!

We need your help! We need willing volunteers who want to help our Lodge be successful. Right now we have two lodge positions that have not been filled. The positions of "Service Chairman" and "Unit Relations Chairman" are vacant. We really need some motivated scouts to step up and fill these openings and help us as we strive to be a quality lodge. If you are interested in helping your lodge or have questions about these positions, please contact Lodge Chief Brandon Cleveland or Lodge Advisor Henry Robin.

Washita Lodge 2008 Winter Banquet & LLD

Vinita (Masonic Lodge) • (Fri-Sat) Jan 23-24, 2009
7:00PM LLD (Fri).....6:30 PM Banquet (Sat)

FIRST NAME _____ LAST NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE _____ Email _____

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

Are you attending the LLD course Jan 23-24 Yes _____ No _____

2008 dues (\$10).....
2009 dues (\$10).....
Each addtl. year up to 3 total@ \$10 each.....
Banquet only @ \$12...X _____
Banquet + LLD @ 20
Total

If you have financial difficulties please contact your Scoutmaster, Adult OA Advisor, or Lodge OA Advisor for help in attending LLD and winter banquet.

LLD Participants

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 _____

Parent or guardian _____ Telephone _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____

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

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

Name of personal physician _____ Phone _____

Personal health/accident insurance carrier _____

Policy No. _____ Phone _____

Any medical needs or allergies, or conditions _____

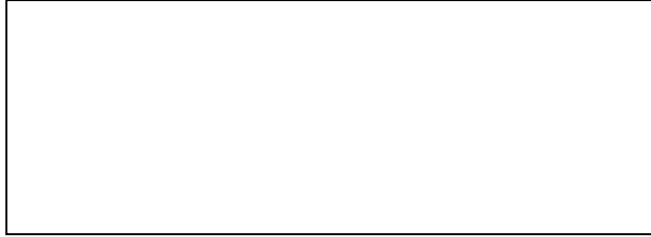
Washita Lodge 288 LLDC and Winter Banquet Code of Conduct
(Officially adopted by the Tribal Council)

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.
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. Wear suitable covering in the quarters and to and from latrines.
9. Observe all BSA policies about the purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illicit drugs.
10. Respect the rules prohibiting the use of fireworks or firearms.
11. Respect the rules prohibiting gambling.
12. 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.
13. Do not leave LLD without the express permission of the advisor.
14. Remember that at all times you are a guest of the lodge and the Boy Scouts of America. Please observe rules of common courtesy.
15. Report any injuries to the adult advisor.
16. Have a great time!

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

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