



Washita Warrior

The Official Newsletter of Washita Lodge 288, Cherokee Area Council # 469
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We are almost halfway through 2010. We had a great turnout for Spring Fellowship. We rocked with an awesome Section Conclave.

We have had time to celebrate our success. Now it is time to begin moving on to the rest of the year. We have an early Fall Fellowship.

This issue of the Warrior we would like to send out thanks to

Michael Tillett. Michael is the lodge activities chairman but he has stepped up in a big way to help us put the Warrior together. He also plans to help on future issues.

So don't forget to send any articles and even pictures you would like to share in future Warriors to Travis Millard (pawhuskahuskie23@yahoo.com) and Randy Ellis (jrellis99@yahoo.com) and Michael Tillett (ntil@aol.com). It's your thoughts and pictures that make up the Washita Warrior!

LODGE CALENDAR

August 27-29 – Fall Fellowship

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

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Report on OA Section Conclave

By Scott Robin, Host Lodge CVC Adviser

After months of preparation, Washita Lodge opened the gates at the Osage County Fairgrounds in Pawhuska for Section Conclave on April 24-26. The annual event brought in 447 Arrowmen from all over Oklahoma and Arkansas as well as guests from around the country.

As the Host Lodge, Washita Lodge was in charge of providing facilities and equipment for all of the activities during the conclave. Some of the most popular activities were: the Quest events, Conclave's sporting competitions, tons of training, a traditional American Indian Pow-Wow, ceremonies competitions, a theme show, and more.

In addition to facilitating all of these activities, the Lodge was also in charge of feeding everyone in attendance. From the first meal on Friday night, until the last on Sunday, every Arrowman in attendance absolutely loved the food. Head Cook Bruce Hendren organized the menu and numerous Lodge members helped put together an amazing display that included: hot breakfast on both mornings, a 212 foot sandwich for lunch on Saturday, steak for 500 people, 300 individually made deserts for dinner in addition to 4 famous turtle cakes, and more.

Aside from the traditional Host Lodge duties, Washita Lodge members could be found helping, or operating, many other areas of the conclave. Every training session had at least two Lodge members teaching on various topics. The entire American Indian Activities program (training, competitions, Pow-Wow) was put on by Washita Lodge members. Every ceremony competition had a Washita Lodge judge. The Chapel service was created and delivered by members of Washita Lodge.

To add some local flare, the Host Lodge decided to provide as many participants as possible the opportunity to visit the history museum in downtown Pawhuska which has an exhibit commemorating the first Boy Scout troop in the United States.

Typically, with all of the activities going on at the same time, the Section Advisers field complaints from participants at every turn. Not this year. There were no complaints about any of the program areas; there were no complaints about any of the meals. In fact, there were endless complements about how smooth everything was running and how fantastic the food was.

In addition to hosting Section Conclave, some youth Arrowmen from Washita Lodge found time to participate in some of the events and competitions. Washita Lodge brought home First Place in the Vigil ceremony competition, an evaluation of 'Honor' in the Pre-Ordeal ceremony, and a clean sweep - first, second, and third place - in the Straight Dance competition at the Pow-Wow. Also, Host Lodge CVC Ben Robin and American Indian Activities CVC Ethan Schoeppe were honored with the Section Award of Merit for their contributions to Section 8 and its lodges.

Some thoughts from our Lodge Advisor

Dear Brothers,

Thanks to all of you who attended Section Conclave. We were the host Lodge for this year's event. There were 447 Arrowmen in attendance. Thanks to those of you who attended and helped us with this event. We received many, many compliments from the attendees for great job we did hosting this event. Look for articles about Conclave in this Warrior.

Fall fellowship is almost here. Let's see if we can beat the attendance from last fall. There were 115 Arrowmen at that event – the biggest fellowship in several years. Can we continue to increase our membership at our fellowship events? Your lodge leaders are busy planning for this very important event. There will be lots of fun and great food. Would you like to be one of the Lodge or Chapter leaders? Next year's leadership will be elected at this event. Make plans now to attend. Registration information is included elsewhere in this Warrior.

This is YOUR Lodge. We need your help to be successful. Please plan to attend as many of our events as possible. Get involved. If you are a youth, contact the Lodge Chief or any of the other officers of the Lodge. If you are an adult, contact me or any of the other Advisers.

I look forward to seeing you at our many Lodge and Chapter events. 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

Dance Team Out Performs All Other Teams at Conclave

Our Lodge had a fantastic performance at the Conclave Dance Competition. We had three dancers in the competition, all performing in the straight dance event. And they ruled their category. Aaron Lewis took first place in straight dance, Ethan Schoeppe followed in second, and David Castoe finished third in his very first competition. Our team was the only team that took first, second, and third in any dance category. For Aaron and Ethan this was nothing new. They both danced in competition at NOAC where they advanced through three rounds to make the semi-final round.

Washita Lodge has a proud history with the Dance Team. After a long period of successful performance the dance team became dormant for a number of years. But 10 years ago it was reborn. The beat of the drum was again heard by the dancers. A new group of brothers found the spirit that had long ago driven the team. They took again those first steps with courage and pride. Now the last 10 years of hard work have come together to develop world class dance regalia and an exceptionally competitive team.

The Spirit of the Dance Lives On . . . Come join us

If you are interested in Dance Team please contact Aaron Lewis, Dance Team Chairman.



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

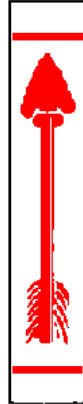
Tribal Council is a meeting which occurs at least four times a year outside of major events. A Tribal Council is also usually held at every major event each year: Fall Fellowship and Spring Fellowship, and Winter Banquet. Every lodge member may attend Tribal Council.

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!!!**

Eligible for Brotherhood in 2010

Abrams, Dalton	Garrett, Preston	Libby, Adam	Sooter, Elijah
Andrasko, Nate	Gonzalez, Blake	Libby, Luke	Spunaugle, Tyler
Baird, Billy	Gonzalez, Tony	Maxey, Garret	Stecklein, Steven
Beaver, Chad	Greenwood, Gil	Meador, David	Sterk, Alex
Black, Kevin	Hamilton, Dustin	Meador, Drew	Stout, Oliver
Bone, Trent	Hargon, Curtis	Myers, Josh	Swartz, Michael
Briggs, Jacob	Hayes, Brett	Parkison, Blake	Taylor, Kyle W
Bronson, Kenny	Hayes, Trevor	Patterson, Douglass	Tobola, Philip
Brunson, Kyle	Heath, Christopher	Peters, Austin	Trudeau, Joseph
Buhlinger, Luke	Heyer, Casey	Pogue, David	Trudeau, Robert
Carter, Logan	Hogan, Daniel P	Pogue, Spencer	Vaughter, Corey
Coin, Sam	Holcomb, Christian	Potter, Wade	Villines, Cameron
Courtney, Richard	Holland, Gene	Ratliff, Blaze	Ward, Ethan
Courtney, Spence	Hughes, Rogers	Riley, Nathan	Warren, Austin
Davis, Rocky	Hutchinson, Scott	Robison, Trace	Watkins, Jeffery
Denyer, Sam	Jester, Dakota	Ropp, Kyle A	Westphal, Alexander
Eighmy, Mark	Jester, Troy	Schouweiler, Charles	Wiens, Arlen
Farnsworth, Christian	Jordan, Bruce	Seale, Joseph	Witte, Tim
Ford, Derek	Krishnan, Sreeram	Siegers, Joseph	Wood, Johnathan
Fuhrmeister, Michael	Lathrop, Mitchell	Snow, Ronald	Wynn, Calvin

Be sure to encourage these fellow Arrowmen to convert to Brotherhood next year!

2009 – 2010 Lodge Officers

Lodge Chief	<i>Truman Reeves</i>
Lodge Vice	<i>Aaron Lewis</i>
Treasurer	<i>Travis Payne</i>
Corresponding Secy	<i>Travis Millard</i>
Recording Secy	<i>Kevin Schroeder</i>

OH Chief	<i>David Castoe</i>	GL Chief	<i>Nate Andrasko</i>
OH Vice	<i>Shiva Vasudaven</i>	GL Vice	<i>Calvin Wynn</i>
OH Secy	<i>Kevin Hendren II</i>	GL Secy	<i>Elijah Sooter</i>

Activities	<i>Michael Tillett</i>	Vigil	<i>Ben Robin</i>
Ceremonies	<i>Tim Snow</i>	Unit Relations	<i>Drew Meador</i>
Dance Team	<i>Aaron Lewis</i>	Service	<i>Preston Boyles</i>
Scout Reach	<i>open</i>		

2010 – 2011 Lodge Officers will be elected at Fall fellowship. This is your chance to become one of the leaders of your Lodge. Which of these positions do you want to fill? If you are interested in running for an office, please contact Lodge Chief Truman Reeves or Lodge Adviser Henry Robin.

Osage Hills Chapter on FACEBOOK

Osage Hills Chapter of the Washita Lodge is now on Facebook! Check it out. This will be a great new way to share information! You will see Chapter posts talking about coming events, special dates and activities, and much more. We also want to hear from YOU!!! You can post to the page as well. Tell us how you felt about fellowships and other activities. Let us know what is on your mind about the Chapter and Lodge. So go check out the new Facebook for Osage Hills Chapter Washita Lodge!

15 QUESTIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE LODGE

We are trying a new feature to help get to know our Lodge brothers. It's called 15 questions. We have 15 off the wall questions that will hopefully shed a little insight into some of our brothers. More importantly, we hope it will be fun. This month we have 15 questions with District Executive Wes Hurd.

Name: Wes Hurd

1. What is your Favorite Color? Orange-Go Pokes!
2. What is your Favorite Drink? Diet cherry pepsi
3. What is your Favorite Sport? Football and Bowling
4. Who is your Favorite Athlete? Kevin Durant
5. What is your Favorite Sandwich? Subway Cold Cut Combo hold the tomato
6. What is / was your Favorite Class? Corporate Strategy
7. What is one of your Favorite Movies? Rain Man
8. What is your Favorite TV Show? Mythbusters, Whale Wars, and Dirty Jobs
9. What is your Favorite Song or Singer / Band? AC/DC aka the gods of rock
10. What is your Favorite Ice Cream? Braum's Peppermint
11. What is your Dream Car? Cherry red Ferrari
12. How old are you? 189 in dog years or 27 in human years
13. What are your hobbies? Bowling, Fishing, and yard work
14. Do you have any special talents? good bowler, can turn my hand inside out, and can drive a stick shift lol
15. How many licks does it take to get to the center of a tootsie pop? According to the University of Purdue it takes 364 licks, according to the University of Michigan it takes 411 licks (yes these are real studies), according to the University of Wes it takes 20 before he gets bored and bites it.

There it is! As you can see, it's all in fun! So when you are asked to fill out "15 Questions" help out and give us some good answers! (And don't expect all the questions to always be the same...)

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Washita Lodge 2010 Fall Fellowship

Camp McCintock – August 27-29, 2010

FIRST NAME _____ LAST NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ GENDER: Male Female

EMAIL _____

AGE: Youth / Adult (21+)

HONOR: Ordeal Brotherhood Vigil

ELEVATION: Drummer Firebuilder Runner Keeper Medicine Man

Annual Dues \$10 _____	Pay 2010 and up to 3 years in Advance Check Your Label for Dues Expiration Date
Ordeal Fee \$60 _____	(Includes Fellowship Fee & 1 st Year dues)
Early Bird Fee \$15 _____	at Scout Office by AUGUST 19th
Fellowship Fee \$20 _____	After AUGUST 19th
Total Paid \$ _____	

**If you don't register for the Fellowship, you will not be allowed to attend! Everyone on the property must pay the Fellowship Fee!
Scout Office phone (918) 336-9170**

I have read and completed the personal health and medical history and I have read and understand the Code of Conduct (over).
Signature of Participant / Staff / Guest _____

Washita Lodge 288 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 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 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 are 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.***