



Washita Warrior

The Official Newsletter of Washita Lodge 288, Cherokee Area Council # 469
Winter Edition

December 2011

Another successful year is coming to an end in our lodge. It has been a great year.

This year our lodge has held two successful Fellowships, participated in Section Conclave and Indian Summer, and held our yearly Lodge Leadership Conference. We performed flag retirements at our One Day of Service and supported Scouting for food. We have elected new officers

and welcomed new ordeal, brotherhood, and vigil members. Now as our year winds down we prepare to celebrate at our Winter Banquet in January and begin planning for the new year.

This issue of the *Warrior* includes some final thoughts from Henry as our Lodge Advisor. Henry, you will be missed. We also want to welcome Wayde as our new Lodge Advisor. Our chief Tim chats on his ideas for the lodge. And thanks to David who provides us a second article in his series on Chapter Meetings.

And don't forget to send any articles and even pictures you would like to share in future *Warriors* to Jacob Anderson and Randy Ellis at the new email address for the *Warrior*, WashitaWarrior@yahoo.com. It's your input that makes up the *Washita Warrior*!

LODGE CALENDAR

January 7, 2010 – Winter Banquet

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

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Some thoughts from our Lodge Advisor

Dear Brothers,

As the year comes to a close, Lodge leadership is continuing to move the Lodge forward and will finalize the annual budget and Plan Book at LLD Part 2 on January 7.

Winter Banquet, which will be held following LLD Part 2, is our annual celebration to honor all the Arrowmen who have helped make the Lodge the success that it is. Please join us on January 7th at Town & Country Christian Church in Bartlesville as we recognize your fellow Arrowmen. Look for registration information for both LLD and Winter Banquet elsewhere in this edition of the Warrior and on the Lodge web site.

It has been my pleasure, honor, and privilege to serve as your Lodge Lay Advisor over the last several years. Effective with Winter Banquet, your new Lodge Lay Advisor will be Wayde Hamilton. Please join me in welcoming Wayde!

I want to thank all of you (youth and adults) who have worked so hard over the last several years to make this Lodge the success that it is. I look forward to the Lodge's continued success.

Yours in the Brotherhood
Henry Robin

Chatting with the Chief

Dear Arrowmen,

The year of 2011 is coming to a close, and we are about to usher in a new year. We look forward to seeing you in the fellowship of our lodge. I want to remind you of our upcoming events:

- LLD/Winter Banquet January 7th (Anyone can attend)
- Winter Merit Badge Festival
- Spring Fellowship
- CONCLAVE 2012
- NOAC 2012 in Michigan

This is just a portion of what we are planning for 2012. It can be a little hectic when juggling school, friends, and family. Keep in mind words during the Ordeal, "The ones who chose you need you." - Allowat We want and need your participation at events in 2012. It is our Obligation to the Order. We look forward to seeing you at the events in the New Year. We hope to continue the great tradition of Washita Lodge.

Yours in Scouting
Tim Snow

2011 – 2012 Lodge Officers

Lodge Chief	<i>Tim Snow</i>		
Lodge Vice Chief	<i>David Castoe</i>		
Treasurer	<i>Preston Boyles</i>		
Corresponding Secy	<i>Jacob Anderson</i>		
Recording Secy	<i>Michael Tillett</i>		
OH Chief	<i>Luis Balli</i>	GL Chief	<i>Michael Fuhrmeister</i>
OH Vice Chief	<i>Johnathon Wood</i>	GL Vice Chief	<i>Calvin Wynn</i>
OH Secy	<i>Corey Vaughter</i>	GL Secy	<i>Wade Potter</i>
Activities Chairman	<i>Sean Hogan</i>	Vigil Chairman	<i>Truman Reeves</i>
Ceremonies chairman	<i>Josh Meyers</i>	Unit Relations Chairman	<i>Jacob Coordsen</i>
Dance Team Chairman	TBD	Service Chairman	TBD

New Brotherhood Members from Fall 2011

Christian Dean-Fiskal	Gage Gardner	Walter Lajara-Nanson
Adam Fogle	Christopher Jones	Lathan Patterson
Dalton Fogle	Michael Justesen	Annabeth Robin

Be sure to congratulate all of our new Brotherhood members when you see them.

New Ordeal Members from Fall 2011

Parker Acree	Samuel Lee Coin Jr	Alex Heidorn	Cody Potts
Jacob Anderson	Brian Coordsen	Taylor Hill	Joey Stone
Thomas Black	Nathan Coordsen	Cory Kanke	Jordan Strong
Christopher Coin	Thomas Dykstra	Raven Pomeroy	Wesley Taylor

Be sure to welcome all of our new ordeal members when you see them.

New Vigil Members

Michael Tillett	John Tabola	Tami Lewis
David Castoe	David Cragun	Lloyd Guatney

Be sure to congratulate our new Vigil honorees.

Vigil Report

Our lodge held its Vigil Weekend on Friday November 18th. We welcomed six more lodge brothers to the Vigil Honor. Our new Vigil Honor members are Michael Tillett, David Castoe, John Tabola, David Cragun, Tami Lewis, and Lloyd Guatney. Their Vigil names can be found on the Lodge Website at <http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/oa/vigil-members.htm>.

If you see any of these brothers please take the time to congratulate them on this momentous occasion. It is an honor that should be celebrated. If you have any questions about the Vigil Honor, ask a Vigil Honor member in our lodge.



OA Troop Representative

Become your Troop's representative from OA. Be that primary communications link between the lodge and your troop. Help your unit's voice to be heard in chapter meetings and in the planning of activities for our lodge.

Do you know what the round tan bead represents?
Serving as a Troop Representative!



Osage Hills Chapter Report

This space is reserved for chapter reports from the Osage Hills chapter. Please encourage your chapter officers to share information.

Grand Lake Chapter Report

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Wilderness and Remote First Aid Training Opportunity

Wilderness First Aid is again coming to The Washington County Red Cross and is being taught by Venture Crew 911. Wilderness First Aid is a 16-hour training course, which is now required by BSA for Philmont and other backwoods activities. It also offers enhanced content to meet OSHA's Best Practices for Workplace First Aid Training Programs. Wilderness and Remote First Aid training is also strongly suggested anytime a group is more than 20 minutes from Professional Medical help.

This course includes instruction, participant interaction, and many scenarios. Participants should be at least 14 years old; knowledge of First Aid and Current CPR is a prerequisite for this class.

Cost for this Course is \$65. A 25-question test requiring an 80% or better and satisfactory completion of all skills are required for completion.

The dates for the course are: February 4 and February 5 you must attend both classes in order to complete the course. Class will start at 8:30 a.m. and be completed before 6:30 p.m. each day. The class will be limited to the first 24 participants, for further information and to sign up email Charles Lewis at charlielewis@yahoo.com. Registration will end on January 30.

Red Cross First Aid / CPR Certification

Venture Crew 911 Leaders are offering Scouters a CPR/ First Aid Certification Class, January 19, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.. Cost is \$35.00 for a 2 year certification. Class is limited to the first 12 participants. For more information or to register for the class please email: charlielewis@yahoo.com.

This is a special Discount class not offered to the general public at this price.



Remember to send your articles for our year end issue of the Warrior to WashitaWarrior@yahoo.com. We need your input for our wrap-up of 2011!

OA Chapter Meetings

Chapter Meeting Agendas

At LLD on September 10, 2011 we also discussed that in order to have a FUN, PRODUCTIVE Chapter Meeting the Chapter Secretary, with the help of the Chapter Chief/Vice Chief, need to develop an agenda for the meeting. The agenda fulfills the reason to have a meeting and not meeting, just to have a meeting. It provides the purpose of the meeting and how it is to be accomplished.

The actual business part of the meeting should be as short as necessary to conduct the business of the chapter. Fun and fellowship should take up the rest of the time. If everyone enjoys the time spent they will come back. If they come back, you have gotten them involved and by all means, give them something to do. The agenda helps to keep the meeting running on time and accomplish the goals of the meeting. The agenda doesn't have to be elaborate, it needs to be KIS MIF (Keep It Simple - Make It Fun).

The following is a guideline in helping you make your agenda. Some items are essential, some are on an "as needed" basis.

1. You must know what you want to cover before creating your agenda.
 - a. Opening/Welcome
 - b. Check to make sure that those in attendance are current members
 - c. Meeting policies (like no muddy shoes on the white carpet)
 - d. Introductions
 - e. Review last meetings minutes, taken by the Chapter Secretary and vote on their approval
 - f. Collection of committee articles for a chapter newsletter
 - g. Committee reports
 - h. Old Business
 - i. New Business
 - j. Activity, which can be a game, practicing dance, ceremonies, Indian culture or learning to make Indian costumes, braiding and beadwork.
Anything around OA is fair game.
 - k. Date, time, location of next meeting and calendar of coming events.
 - l. Closing.

Attach a time allotment to each of your agenda items, that way everyone knows how long they can take, or how long it will take, to accomplish that agenda item and stay in the allotted slot of time.

With this general agenda outline, a chapter leader can develop a plan to accomplish the business of the Chapter, be PRODUCTIVE, have FUN, and do it all in the time allotted for the meeting. With this tool in your wampum belt, go forward now and conduct any meeting successfully.

Serving Cheerfully, your fellow Arrowman and Vigil Brother,

M. David Cragun

Washita Lodge 2012 Winter Banquet & LLD

Town and Country Christian Church, Bartlesville • (Sat) Jan 7, 2011
LLD 1:00 PM (Saturday).....6:30 PM Banquet (Saturday Evening)

FIRST NAME _____ LAST NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE ____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ Email _____

UNIT NUMBER _____ AGE: please circle Youth Adult (21+)

HONOR: please circle Ordeal Brotherhood Vigil

Are you attending LLD? Yes _____ No _____

2012 dues (\$10)..... _____
Each addtl. year up to 3 total@ \$10 each.... _____
Banquet only @ \$12...X _____
Total _____

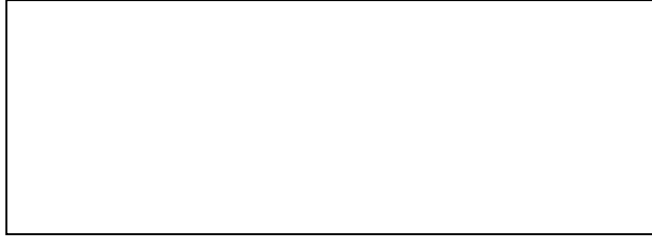
If you have financial difficulties please contact your Scoutmaster, Adult OA Advisor, or Lodge OA Advisor for help in attending LLD and winter banquet.

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.

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Open Immediately!!
LLD / Winter Banquet Registration Enclosed!!

