



Washita Warrior

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2009 is nearing its end and we will be wrapping up a busy year. But as we enter the last month of the year we still have much to plan for. And as we look at what is ahead of us, time suddenly seems very short.

2009 saw many accomplishments including three fellowships, a great NOAC trip, Scouting for Food coordination, and a large number of successful brotherhood conversions. As we move into 2010 we still have a number of activities to complete. We have a new slate of Lodge Officers who have barely gotten their feet wet. And there are still lodge positions that wait for willing brothers to fill. LLD and Winter Banquet are upon us. All of this before we began to face the exciting challenges of Fellowship and hosting Conclave next year!

LODGE CALENDAR

January 8-9 – Lodge Leadership Development
January 9 – Winter Banquet
March 26-28 – Spring Fellowship
April 23-25 – Section Conclave in Pawhuska

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

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Section Conclave 2010

Brothers,

This year, our lodge has the great privilege of hosting our section's gathering – Section Conclave 2010. It will be held at the Osage County Fairgrounds in Pawhuska. This is significant because Pawhuska was also home to the first Boy Scout Troop in America. As our lodge gears up for this event we may require extra help in multiple areas. Come out and support your brothers to help us make this Conclave a great one!

As a result of us hosting Section Conclave this year, our Spring Fellowship will be at the Fairgrounds so that we may organize the area. Work projects and other activities will be shaped around preparing for this grand event. Any ideas, questions, or concerns can be directed to the Section's and our Lodge's Host CVC Ben Robin.

Get excited for a GREAT Washita Lodge hosted Section Conclave!

Vigil Update

Our lodge held its Vigil Weekend on Friday November 20th where the existing Vigil Honor members increased their numbers by six more brothers. Our new Vigil Honor members are Truman Reeves, Aaron Lewis, Travis Payne, Randy Ellis, Randy Wilkins, and Linda Cole. Their Vigil names can be found on the Lodge Website at <http://cherokeesba.org/oa/index.html>. 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.

Some thoughts from our Lodge Advisor

Dear Brothers,

The new school year has begun. Fall fellowship has come and gone and with it new leaders have been elected for the Lodge and Chapters. Your new leaders have begun planning for the coming year. Our first event of 2010, LLD will begin on Friday night, January 8. This event is open to all Arrowmen. Come learn about the operations of your Lodge. There will be lots of fun and great food. At the conclusion of LLD, we will have our annual Winter Banquet where we recognize all the hard work accomplished throughout the past year. Plan to attend to help celebrate our success. Look for registration information elsewhere in this Warrior.

Did you know our Lodge is part of the newly formed Section 8? Start making plans now – Washita Lodge will be hosting the Section 8 Conclave in Pawhuska on April 23-25, 2010. What an opportunity for our Lodge. Plans are already underway. What will you do to help make this event a success? Be prepared when our Lodge's Host CVC or his adviser contacts you seeking your help.

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



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

Letter from the Chief

Fellow Arrowmen,

My name is Truman Reeves. I'm a Life scout from Troop 33 in Pawhuska. Recently I was elected by you my peers to be the Lodge Chief of Washita Lodge 288.

I would like to start by congratulating our newest Arrowmen for making it through their Ordeal. You are now a part of an elite group of scouts. To our newest Brothers, I'm proud of you for finishing your Brotherhood class. And for the newest Vigil members, I hope that we can help to further advance the lodge in order to help those around us.

We have a lot on our plates. Section Conclave is quickly advancing. Our lodge will be the one in charge of preparing the grounds for this event. Next year, Section Conclave will be held in Pawhuska at the Osage County Fairgrounds. This will be the first time a Conclave will be held outside of a scout camp. This is not a bad thing, but we need the help of every Arrowman to get the grounds ready for such an event. Our next fellowship will be held in Pawhuska so that we can do work necessary to prepare for Section. I hope everyone will be able to make it.

I am here to serve you, Arrowmen. If you see a problem that needs a solution, fell free to contact me. Together we will work to find an answer. This year, my goal is to help make the lodge progress with the help of my elected leaders and you, the ones we serve.

Yours in service,

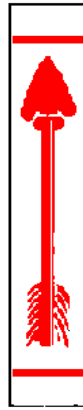
Truman Reeves

Lodge Chief

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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
Allen, Charlie
Allen, Sam
Baird, Billy
Beaver, Chad
Black, Kevin
Bone, Trent
Boyles, Bryan
Boyles, Preston
Briggs, Jacob
Bronson, Kenny
Brunson, Kyle
Buhlinger, Luke
Carter, Logan
Courtney, Richard
Courtney, Spence
Davis, Rocky
Denyer, Sam
Ford, Derek
Garrett, Preston
Gonzalez, Blake A
Gonzalez, Tony

Greenwood, Gil
Hamilton, Dustin L
Harris, Kevin
Heath, Christopher
Heyer, Casey
Hogan, Daniel P
Hogan, Sean
Holcomb, Christian
Hughes, Rogers
Hutchinson, Scott
Iron, Garrett
Iron, Jeremy
Jester, Dakota
Jester, Troy
Jordan, Bruce
Krishnan, Sreeram
Lathrop, Mitchell
Lay, Hunter
Maxey, Garret
Neri, Dominick
Peters, Austin
Pogue, David

Pogue, Spencer
Ratliff, Blaze
Reichert, Betty M
Riley, Nathan
Robison, Trace
Ropp, Kyle A
Sanders, Jerry
Seale, Joseph
Snow, Ronald Evan
Spunaugle, Tyler
Sterk, Alex
Stout, Oliver
Swartz, Michael
Taylor, Kyle W
Tobola, Philip
Trudeau, Robert
Vaughter, Corey
Villines, Cameron
Ward, Ethan
Watkins, Jeffery
Wiens, Arlen

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

New Brotherhood Members for 2009

Castoe, David	Satterfield, Andrew
Geibel, Betsy	Solomon, Margina
Hendren II, Kevin	Stechmann, Eric
Hendren, Kevin	Stechmann, Jenni
Lowe, Trent	Strimple, Josh
McFarland, Michael	Sullivan, Glen
Meador, Steven	Sullivan, Scott
Millard, Travis	Wright, Derek
Renfrow, Christopher	Wright, Steve

Be sure to congratulate these new brotherhood members when you see them!

New Ordeal Members for 2009

Andrasko, Nate	Meador, Drew
Boyles, Bryan	Myers, Josh
Boyles, Preston	Neri, Dominick
Briggs, Jacob	Parkison, Blake
Coin, Sam	Patterson, Douglass
Davis, Rocky	Potter, Wade
Farnsworth, Christian	Ratliff, Blaze
Fuhrmeister, Michael	Sanders, Jerry
Garrett, Preston	Siegers, Joseph
Hargon, Curtis	Snow, Ronald Evan
Harris, Kevin	Sooter, Elijah
Hayes, Brett	Stecklein, Steven
Hayes, Trevor	Trudeau, Joseph
Heyer, Casey	Vaughtner, Corey
Hogan, Sean	Ward, Ethan
Holcomb, Christian	Warren, Austin
Jester, Dakota	Westphal, Alexander
Libby, Adam	Witte, Tim
Libby, Luke	Wood, Johnathan
Meador, David	Wynn, Calvin

Be sure to welcome these new Arrowmen to the Order of the Arrow!

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>	Activities	Michael Tillett
OH Vice	<i>Shiva Vasudaven</i>	Ceremonies	<i>open</i>
OH Secy	<i>Kevin Hendren II</i>	Dance Team	<i>open</i>
		Scout Reach	<i>open</i>
GL Chief	<i>Nate Andrasko</i>	Vigil	Ben Robin
GL Vice	<i>Calvin Wynn</i>	Unit Relations	<i>open</i>
GL Secy	<i>Elijah Sooter</i>	Service	<i>open</i>

Open Lodge Positions!!!

We need your help! We need willing volunteers who want to help our Lodge be successful. Right now we have lodge positions that have not been filled. The officer positions for Unit Relations, Service, Scout Reach, Dance Team, and Ceremonies 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 Truman Reeves or Lodge Advisor Henry Robin