



Washita Warrior

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We are already two months through 2010. Can you believe it? The Section Conclave in Pawhuska is less than two months away! Wow, there is a lot to do!

Spring Fellowship is coming up in March. We really need a great turnout for this Fellowship. We will have many work projects to prepare for the Conclave. What a great opportunity to show that we are truly a Brotherhood of Cheerful

Service! Conclave will let us showcase what a great lodge we have! Look for the registration form for Spring Fellowship in this edition of the Warrior. You can also find information about the new online registration system for Section Conclave. It is up and running so register soon.

This issue of the Warrior also debuts a new feature for us. "15 Questions" should be a lot of fun and help us get to know some of our members a little better. So check it out!

And 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). It's your thoughts and pictures that make up the Washita Warrior!

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 cherokeesbsa.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,

Spring 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. Plan to attend to help prepare for Section Conclave. 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

Letter from the Chief

Dear Brothers,

Whether we're ready or not, we have big things coming. The Lodge has Winter Merit Badge Festival, Spring Fellowship, and Section Conclave approaching on our calendar.

During this year's Winter Merit Badge Festival, we, the lodge leadership, are asking all Arrowmen to wear their sashes to promote the lodge. There are some troops in our council that are not active in the lodge. By wearing our sashes, we may be able to make other scouts curious about what the lodge. If someone comes up to you and asks questions about your sash, please answer there questions. We want as many people interested as we can about what we do. During lunch at the festival, the lodge will be having a Tribal Council in one of the classrooms. While we have our meeting, we will be serving our own lunch. If you have ever been interested in the inner workings of the lodge, feel free to come to the meeting and eat lunch. There will be representatives of the lodge manning a table in the lobby during the event.

I know you are all probably feeling sick from everyone mentioning Section Conclave, but it is a huge event. The lodge needs the help from every Arrowman to prepare for it. We will be having our Spring Fellowship in Pawhuska at the Osage County Fairgrounds to get ready for Section. It is crucial that everyone tries to make it to Spring Fellowship. We are the Host Lodge for Section. Let's not let down our Brothers.

Yours in fellowship,

Truman Reeves

Lodge Chief

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

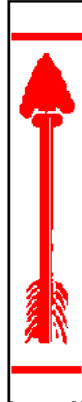
Tribal Council is a meeting which occurs at least four times a year outside of major events. A Tribal Council is also usually held at every major event each year: Fall Fellowship and Spring Fellowship, and Winter Banquet. Every lodge member may attend Tribal Council.

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
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	Meador, Steven	Stechmann, Jenni
Geibel, Betsy	Millard, Travis	Strimple, Josh
Hendren II, Kevin	Renfrow, Christopher	Sullivan, Glen
Hendren, Kevin	Satterfield, Andrew	Sullivan, Scott
Lowe, Trent	Solomon, Margina	Wright, Derek
McFarland, Michael	Stechmann, Eric	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	Vaughter, 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>	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 Tillet</i>	Vigil	<i>Ben Robin</i>
Ceremonies	<i>Tim Snow</i>	Unit Relations	<i>Drew Meador</i>
Dance Team	<i>open</i>	Service	<i>Preston Boyles</i>
Scout Reach	<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. 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.

Conclave Registration online

Registration for Conclave is now online. **Do this where you have access to a printer!** Go to <https://sr8.oaevent.com/> to register. You will first need to create a login account if you don't already have one. After you create your account you can login and select "Register for an event" from the options. You can even pre-order T-shirts and patch sets for the event. After you have made your selections you print off your forms and take them and your payment to the Scout Office to complete your registration. Its just that easy! So get online and register soon!

Section Conclave is April 23 – 25. Register soon during the early registration and receive the discount.

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. We kick it off in this Warrior with our two Chapter Chiefs, David from Osage Hills and Nate from Grand Lake.

Question:	David Castoe	Nate Andrasko
1. What is your favorite color?	Silver	Red
2. What is your favorite drink?	Pineapple pop	Water
3. What is your favorite sport?	Basketball	Baseball
4. Who is your favorite athlete?	Rob Dyrdek	Nate Andrasko
5. What is your favorite sandwich?	Bologna	Peanut butter & Honey
6. What is your favorite class?	Science	Band
7. What is one of your favorite movies?	Step Brothers	Die Hard
8. What is your favorite TV Show?	House of Paynes	The Simpsons
9. What's your favorite song/singer/band?	Owl City	
10. What is your favorite ice cream?	Chocolate	Vanilla
11. What is your dream car?	Skyline	Black Lamborghini
12. How old are you?	15	12
13. What are your hobbies?	Boy Scouts, OA, Swimming, Coloring	Watching TV
14. Do you have any special talents?	Playing Drums, Leadership Funniness, Good Ceremonialist	
15. What would you do for a Klondike Bar?	Roll down a hill naked	Eat a light bulb

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...)