



Conclave

This April, Camp Wisdom near Dallas will host this years SR 2-3 North Conclave. The theme for this year is "Spirit of the Phoenix: The Fire Within." Make plans to attend this great event. From Native American Dance and Ceremonies, to Lodge Ball and the Great Southern Race there is something for everyone. The early bird deadline has passed but you can still register at <http://sr23n-conclave-2014.eventbrite.com/>

We encourage each chapter to participate in an event. See you there.



Happy Birthday Tejas Lodge!!

This year, the lodge is celebrating it's 80th anniversary. So the Lodge Officers have decided to mix work with play. On Camp Workday (May 3) at Camp Pirtle we will have a BBQ birthday party for the lodge Friday night. There we will also show off the 2014 80th anniversary Lodge Flap and the 2015 Lodge NOAC patch. If you would like to read a short and sweet paragraph about our Lodge's history, check it out at: <http://tejaslodge.org/about/lodge-history>

Chief's Report

By Jonathan B.

I'm Jonathan B. lodge chief of Tejas Lodge, we have several events coming up in the lodge and my lodge leadership and I are planning them. One of the biggest events is conclave (April 25-27). We as a lodge have placed a goal to have 72 people to go to conclave, we are over halfway to this goal and I need your help to promote conclave that way we can meet this goal. Our lodge is turning 80 years old this year and we are going to have big birthday party balooza. Right after this party is thumbuster weekend and its our duty in cheerful service to repay it to camp Pirtle. This will be the first weekend in May and have several projects in place that our lodge can do. The next couple of months are going to be awesome and I look forward to leading our lodge in these events.

Native American Affairs

By Matthew M.

Conclave is coming up, so there is a lot to look forward to in the Native American Affairs department. Recently, I went with a couple other lodge officers to Camp Wisdom to help plan the upcoming Conclave. I worked with the CVC of Native American Affairs on making sure that our dance and drum events, as well as Native American crafts and classes, will be successful. As Conclave draws near, I hope to coordinate with the officers on the chapter level and plan lodge wide dance and drum practices. One of my goals for the future is that every chapter has an active and growing dance team, and eventually, a drum team as well. I look forward to continuing my service to the lodge, and I hope to see you at Conclave!

Secretary's Section

Thomas G.

I would like to thank Oklee Tuklo, Tall Timbers, Cherokee Trace, and Three Rivers for turning in their Taysha articles. Remember, when you do your chapter scrapbook at the end of the year, you can put down that you did your Taysha articles and receive points towards the chapter of the year award. Let us make it a goal for the lodge to have every chapter put in an article for the Taysha. Conclave is coming up, so make sure all of your chapter members know about it and sign up. Cant wait to see you all there.

Chapter Articles

Okee Tuklo

By Peyton A.

Okee Tuklo has been busy in the past few months. On January 11, 2014, we were present at lodge leadership training. We had three lodge leaders present from our district. They were Jonathan B., the lodge chief; Chipper A., the vice chief of ceremonies; and Matthew M., the vice chief of Native American Affairs. Again in January our Section was very busy at Triad. We had three more chapter members present. Our section chief, Hunter B.; Jonathan B., the CVC of ceremonies; and Chipper A., the CVC of Native American affairs. Okee Tuklo is already starting to perform Crossovers for area packs starting in January. We are very busy having ceremony and dance practice with new and experienced members. We performed a crossover at camp Tyler merit badge workshop on Saturday, February 15th.

Tall Timbers

By Joshua A.

The Tall Timbers chapter of the Tejas Lodge has been quite busy lately with cross-over ceremonies and getting ready for unit elections. Troop 134 enjoyed a fantastic performance by our cross-over ceremony team on February 25th. We crossed over about 10 Cub Scouts into Boy Scouts. Unit Elections are coming up fast with the first one being scheduled on March 31st with Troop 140, and many more lined up behind them to elect new members to our great and honored Order. Our Pre-Ordeal team (Joshua A.-Allowat Sakima, Christian H.-Kitchkinet, Jaimen S.-Meteu, and new member Cy K. who is filling in for Joe C. as Nutiket) has been adamant in practicing each week on Thursdays at 5:30, and with the SR-23N Conclave just around the corner, they are kicking it into overdrive to compete for top ratings. Among the chapters other activities, it plans to be attend the Thumbuster, May 3rd, at our very own George W. Pirtle Scout Reservation, along with the Lodge Birthday Party being held May 2nd before the Thumbuster. All OA members in Angelina and Houston counties are invited to attend monthly chapter meetings on the second Thursday of the month at the Chambers park scout house on Pershing St. The Tall Timbers chapter has been active and is attempting to grow its number of members and contributions to the Lodge as a whole, and is making great strides. We wish the same for our brother chapters.

WWW, my brothers

Cherokee Trace

By Kyle M.

Greetings brethren of the OA... Status Report,

In the months of January, February, and March, the Cherokee trace chapter has done four Arrow of light/cross over ceremonies, one unit election, one mock election, a start stop and continue, and three OA meetings. In the four arrow of lights and crossover ceremonies we have seen over 20 boys graduate into Boy Scouts and once were asked to perform an indian snake dance. We performed our first unit election on March 4, with technical difficulties, humor, and a smile on our face. During our three OA meetings we have decided who will be doing what ceremonies and who will compete, how to make proper indian regalia, held a mock unit election to show how unit elections are done, and a start, stop, and continue on ways to help improve our meetings.

Three Rivers

By Thomas G.

Three Rivers has been quit busy with our Chapter meetings these past four months. In December, we elected our new Chapter officers. They are pumped and excited about the year ahead. In January, we welcomed some of our new brothers to our Chapter meeting. We explained what our chapter does and what we will achieve in the new year. In February, we planned for the year ahead such as doing the campfire for Fun N' Sun and helping with out with the cub scout day camp in June. In March, we are working on our dancing and story telling for the Fun N' Sun campfire on the 22nd. What we are all excited about though is Conclave in April. Almost our whole chapter is attending Conclave. We are not sure yet if we will enter our newly formed dance and ceremony teams in any competitions, but we will be participating in other events. Can't wait to see you all there,

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Advisor's Minute

By Matt Lindsey matt.lindsey@tejaslodge.org

Spring is bringing a burst of activities for Tejas Lodge. I would like to thank all the members that are working diligently on providing service in the districts by performing Crossover Ceremonies and holding fun campfires for the many packs in the East Texas Area Council. I know the chapters are also busy holding elections and Pirtle summer camp promotions for the many troops in the council. Your cheerful service is appreciated. I know many arrowmen are also looking forward to the Conclave coming in April. This is a great opportunity to meet new members across our lodge and section. If you have not already signed up, please consider doing so. It is conveniently located this year in Dallas. Our last spring event is the Lodge 80th Birthday party and Thumbuster Weekend at camp Pirtle. We have a great opportunity for fellowship and service rolled into one 24 hour period. I hope to see you at one of these events. Your lodge and chapter officers are working hard to provide great opportunities for you to be involved in scouting at a new and different level. Please take advantage of these opportunities when you can and also consider providing service when called upon.

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