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## Upcoming Events

### 2018 Lodge Leadership Development

The 2018 Tejas Lodge Officers will be hosting the Lodge Leadership Development and Chapter Officers Training on January 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at G.W. Pirtle Scout Reservation. All lodge members are invited to attend this fun weekend of training and learning. In addition to sessions on chapter administration and elections, additional sessions will be presented on communication, running fun and fresh chapter meetings, using the OA troop representative and the extended elangomat program. This is a great opportunity for members new and old to get involved. The registration form is available at: <https://tejaslodge.org/resources/2018-llld-training/>

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### 2018 Lodge Dues

Your 2018 Tejas Lodge Dues can now be paid at the discounted rate of \$15.00. Members who completed the Ordeal in 2017 have prepaid dues for 2018. Arrowmen who completed the Ordeal in 2016 or before will need to be current to participate in lodge activities in 2018. The regular rate of \$25.00 will be effective after March 1, 2018. The dues form can be found at: <https://tejaslodge.org/2018-tejas-lodge-dues-form/>

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## Award Recipients

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### 2017 Vigil Award Recipients

The 2017 Vigil class for Tejas Lodge is Jeff Berquist, Nolan B., Joshua D., Barbara Krizan, James M., Barbara Krizan, Chris Norwood, and Hunter S. These members completed their Vigil at G.W. Pirtle Scout Reservation on December 2, 2017. Jeff Berquist received the vigil name, Ahknnitunaye Asuu which means “Bearded one who sings”. Nolan B. will be known in the vigil honor as the “chief who plays games” or Sakima Wlinhake”. Kanshawen Wisawsu is the vigil name presented to Joshua D and it means “Ambitious Blonde One”. Barbara Krizan will hence forth be known as Chipetun Nitatun or the “Courageous Skillful One”. “Memory Master” or Meshatam Temiket was the name presented to James M. Scott Norwood’s will complete his vigil in January. The final member of the Vigil class of 2017 is Hunter S., our “Unselfish Hard Working Friend” or Nepe Welalukeokan Winkalit. Congratulations to these lodge members on receiving this honor.

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### 2017 Chapter of the Year

Congratulations to the members of the Wo-Ha-Li Chapter led by Chief James M. who earned the 2017 Tejas Lodge Chapter of the Year recognition. The runner up chapter was the Five Rivers Chapter.

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### Banquet Awards

The 2017 Lodge banquet was hosted by the Wo-Ha-Li Chapter on November

11<sup>th</sup> at Pollard United Methodist Church in Tyler, Texas. Members had the opportunity to meet and hear a keynote address from a former Tejas Lodge Chief, Matt Hill. Mr. Hill is currently the Deputy Scout Executive at the Heart of America Council in Kansas City, Missouri. Wo-Ha-Li chapter advisor Terry Westmoreland was recognized with the James E. West Fellowship Award by the members of Tejas Lodge. The 2017 Lodge and Chapter officers were recognized for their service. The new 2018 lodge officers were inducted by Associate Section Advisor Bob Berry. Congratulations to the 2018 lodge officers: Chief Lake B., Vice Chief of Administration James M., Vice Chief of Service Nolan B., Vice Chief of Ceremonies Zachary B., Vice Chief of Native American Affairs Randon B., and Secretary Ben K. The 2017 Founder's Award was presented to Levi M. and Kevin B. The evening concluded with the 2017 Vigil Call Out. The 2017 Vigil class is Jeff Berquist, Nolan B., Joshua D., Barbara Krizan, James M., Barbara Krizan, Chris Norwood, and Hunter S.

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## Lodge and Chapter Reports

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### Chapter Chief

It has been an honor serving as your Lodge Chief these past two years. There is so many people I would like to thank for these incredible two terms. My lodge officers were true servant leaders and I could always rely on them whenever I needed them. The previous two lodge chiefs, Jonathan B. and Kevin B., always helped me out when I needed it. The associate lodge advisers were always so helpful not only to their lodge officers but to me as well. I would also especially like to thank Matt Lindsey for his 4 years of service to our lodge as lodge adviser. He will be moving on after the April Conclave as section adviser. Mike Brannon will be stepping up lodge adviser, a position I know he will excel at. His son, Lake Brannon will be taking over as lodge chief. Needless to say I am leaving the lodge in more than capable hands. I would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a wonderful new year!

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### VC of Admin

### Wo-Ha-Li

During the past couple of months Wo-Ha-li has had a cross over for pack 333. We also had the lodge

## VC of Ceremonies

banquet for at our chapter location and we have a Christmas party coming up.

## VC of Service

## Golden Eagle

## VC of Native American Affairs

## Tonkawa

## Five Rivers



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## Advisor's Minute

Another year is drawing to a close. The lodge has submitted its recharter application and has earned the Bronze level in the Journey to Excellence for lodges. Tejas Lodge has contributed \$3000 to the East Texas Area Council Friends of Scouting Campaign, \$3500 for benches at Pirtle and \$1000 to the council endowment. 71% of council units had elections and 77% of elected candidates completed the ordeal. Over 2000 hours of service was recorded by the chapters and lodge by our 356 members. I would also like to congratulate the members of the Wo-ha-li chapter for earning the chapter of the year.

Don't forget to register TODAY for the 2018 Conclave. Your section officers

and conclave vice chiefs are putting together a great event for you. You will also have a rare opportunity to meet and hear from our National Scout Executive Mike Surbaugh. I hope to see you at Camp Sid Richardson on April 20th

It has been a great experience getting to work with our outstanding youth leadership over the past four years. I have had the tremendous honor to work with 3 great chiefs and a slew of fine lodge and chapter officers and advisors. I would like to congratulate Mike Brannon who has been appointed the next Tejas Lodge Advisor. I know he will enjoy working with each of you as much as I have. I hope you give him the same encouragement and support that you gave me.

I will look forward to seeing great things from Lake B. and his team in 2018.

Matt Lindsey  
Tejas Lodge Advisor



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