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Happy Holidays from the Section Chief

Brothers,

As we begin to wind down the year and look towards the holiday celebrations that await us, I wanted to take a minute to send best wishes to you and your family. The good will and holiday cheer that is so prevalent at this time of year always reminds me of the first principle in our order: Brotherhood. I hope that you will take time out of your busy schedule to spend with your friends and family in the same spirit in which our Order was founded.

Another time of year that I find myself bound in the brotherhood of our Order is the third weekend of April when I'm at Conclave. Each year, Conclave is a time for me to re-connect with old friends and make new friends as we come together in brotherhood, cheerfulness and service. I hope that you will join me at Camp Boddie this year as we make new friendships, strengthen our old ones and have a great time with one another.

Have a great holiday season.

In WWW, Nick Ochsner Chief, SR-7B



Conclave Patch Auction

Patches... Patches... Patches... Come and get 'em! Calling all patch fanatics! At the 2010 SR-7B Conclave at Camp Boddie, the annual Patch Auction will be hosted by Wahissa Lodge #118. They would like for each lodge to contribute a minimum of 5 items for the auction. Each lodge, please send a scanned image and detailed description of the patches to the contacts below by March 15, 2010. Scanned images should be submitted the Wahissa Lodge Chief <u>Bradley Taylor</u>

Make sure to bring the patches to the Friday evening Council of Chiefs meeting so that they can be entered into the patch auction to go home with its new owner. The section welcomes any Order of the Arrow or Boy Scouts of America memorabilia.

The proceeds from the patch auction with go to support the Maury Clancy Indian Campership Fund. This fund supports campers with financial constraints to be able to enjoy the lifetime experiences of Boy Scout summer camp. So go open you patch box, drawer, or bin and find some great items to enter into the 2010 SR-7B Patch Auction. We hope to see you there, and your patches too!!!

Please Mail Items To:

Old Hickory Council Wahissa Lodge #118 Attn: Keith Bobbitt 6600 Silas Creek Parkway, Winston-Salem, NC 27106

OAX Is Gearing Up!

OAX is gearing up for another great year with new exhibits being added each day. Included in this year's lineup: a Civil War canon! You will know exactly when things kick off at the OAX field because Camp Bonner will echo with the sound of cannon fire at 9:00 am. In addition, firings will be conducted every hour until exhibits are closed. Come and learn from Civil War re-enactors about how life in the American Civil war was like on both sides. Infantry soldiers will also be present to talk about period weaponry.

Be sure to check out next month's edition of the Apensuwi for more information on other exciting OAX exhibits.

Lodge Finance

Lodge Finances are one of the most important aspects of managing the lodge. What will become of a lodge that cannot keep track of their finances? With proper budgeting, your lodge can easily plan their inflows and outflows, or, in other words, the money that you take in and spend as a lodge. In doing so, your lodge will be able to increase resources to help with things like funding scholarships for arrowmen to participate in national programs and providing service back to your council and community.

The budget is a guideline for your Lodge's operation. Once your Lodge has compiled and approved the budget, the task is not complete. It is important for the budget be followed. In order to do this your lodge treasurer or financial committee should present a financial update at the end of each month.

One great point of reference for running the finances of a lodge is <u>The Lodge Financial Manual</u> This manual spells out the main points to successful manage your lodge's money: budgets, authorized approvals, inflows and outflows records, and working with your council.





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