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Conclave Registration

Who is ready? Who is ready for conclave 2012? Conclave is the biggest and best event of the year and one I know you will not want to miss. Although you may consider it early, those conclave registration deadlines are fast approaching. Be on the lookout in your lodge for specific deadlines and early bird registration dates. You don't want to miss out on the fun and festivities of conclave. Contact your lodge and register today to ensure a hassle free registration and guaranteed spot at this year's conclave. Be ready and register today. See you there!



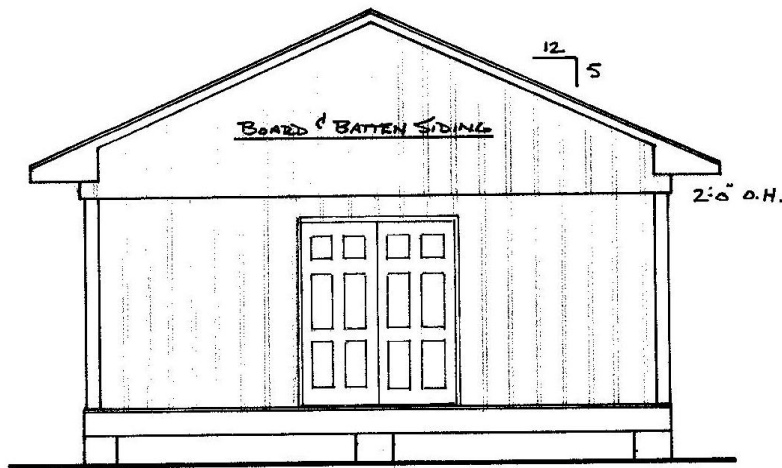
Wahissa Receives National Grant

It is a great honor for Wahissa Lodge of Old Hickory Council to be one of 15 lodges in the nation to receive a matching service grant for the year of 2012. All 15 lodges/ councils will receive a combined total of \$40,000 in service grants. Wahissa Lodge/Old Hickory Council will receive \$1,725 to assist in the construction of a training and instructional shelter to be located at Camp Raven Knob behind the Wahissa Lodge Building.

The shelter is currently underway as clearing of the site began in November. The purpose of the shelter is to provide a facility to instruct Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting skills. The shelter will be used for leadership training to assist the Council's NYLT courses and the Lodge's leadership development. The shelter also will be used for various Lodge and Chapter activities. The shelter will provide a location for merit badge instructions during the summer camp season. It is the intent of Camp Raven Knob to utilize the shelter for instruction of the Indian lore merit badge. The shelter will also provide a location for camp staff and campers to meet for training purposes. This project will have a great impact on Old Hickory Council and Camp Raven Knob's Scouting program. Each

year Camp Raven Knob will host approximately 5,000 Scouts during its summer camp program. During a single week of summer camp, there will be approximately 100 boys that will be taking the Indian lore merit badge. In previous years the merit badge has been taught under a tarp. The building of this new shelter will give a more suitable home for the Indian lore merit badge.

The naming of the training shelter will be in honor of Josh Davis. Josh was an avid scouter and student of Native American traditions and served Wahissa Lodge as its Vice Chief of Indian Affairs for several years. Josh was a Straight Dancer and a Singer who competed on the Section and the National levels. Josh also served as a section leader as well as IA chairman for several years. There was nothing else that Josh loved more than seeing, the fellow youth taking part in Indian Affairs programs on all levels. Wahissa Lodge looks forward to this opportunity and is honored to have been recognized on this level.



A Word From Nayawin Rar

Before I begin discussing topics concerning Nayawin Rar Lodge, I'd like to say, the following year unnerves me. This feeling does not arise from rumors of the end of the world, but from the knowledge that the responsibilities of the Lodge have fell upon my shoulders. Having said that, I will now discuss conclave. Brothers within Nayawin Rar have promised me that in the upcoming year they will show more spirit than would have been thought possible. There will be no need to call our name during roll call, for our presence will already be well known.

Before my discussion travels too deeply into the realm of conclave, I'd like to discuss the two precursor events that Nayawin Rar goes through before arriving at the steps of conclave. This month, we gather together at our Winter Fun Fellowship. We are attempting to start a new tradition within our Lodge of an annual corn hole tournament. Even if the trend does not catch on, we promise to bring an excellent time this year. Corn holes popularity gathers enthusiasts by itself, so any advertisement needed on the part of our Winter Fellowship is bolstered. That, of course, is not the only event that will attract our members to our fellowship. We will also be making Indian regalia and playing a few other games. Another important event occurring is the final decision on our theme for conclave, which we promise will be awesome.



There's not much to say as of yet in regards to our Lodge's Spring Fellowship, as it has not been fully planned. I can say, however, that it is one of our top priorities to uphold the high percentage of brotherhood conversion that

we experienced in the past year. Though converting Ordeal members is great, we also look forward to bringing in many new members as they complete their ordeal.

That brings me to the subject of conclave 2012. As I've previously stated, Nayawin Rar is sure to be full of spirit when this event arrives, especially since we are ecstatic about our A-list item this year. This year, Nayawin Rar is in charge of the service project. We'll be sure to make this year's project a great one. I'd like to wish the all the Lodges' officers a good year, and I'll see you at conclave.

Ricky Tharrington
Nayawin Rar Lodge Chief

Message From the Section Promotions Team

Well I guess this is not totally correct but it is still pretty close, there are actually a couple of "main events" this year and they are NOAC and the 2012 cardinal conclave! The section promotions team is working very hard to help promote these events through social media and other methods. Social media allows the promotions team to reach a large number of people quickly and efficiently. Our team is using Twitter and Facebook to keep Arrow-men, like you, up-to-date on things happening among the lodges in our section, at the section level and things happening nationally. Social media also helps the Promotions Team get feedback on what people are doing and how they feel about things that are going on.

Social media will also be used to conduct polls and have contests throughout the whole section. One plan that the promotions team has upcoming is a contest. The prize could potentially help a lodge with their promoting abilities. This contest will be coming up soon so keep your eyes peeled!!

With all this talk about social media you are probably wondering how it could help your lodge and even your chapter. Social media is a powerful tool that can be used in many ways. Like stated before, social media could be used to poll and group of people, it can help people stay in touch with the messaging and chat feature and it can also act as a reminder for those of us who are a bit forgetful sometimes. An example of how social media could be used as a polling service; if your lodge has a spirit stick at events and you want to discuss and decide on a theme for your chapter. As chapter chief this is your responsibility and you have just realized that you forgot to mention this year's theme idea(s) to your chapter at the last meeting. You can go on Facebook and message all of those in your chapter and get their opinion on the themes and you can have them decide what the theme should be. The discussion can continue into what everyone should wear etc. This is one of the many ways that social media can be used to help promote events at the Lodge level.

Make sure to follow us on [Twitter @SR7BConclave](#) and [like us on Facebook](#)! And, if you are not signed-up to go to this year's cardinal conclave then do it now!!! Contact your lodge chief, chapter chief or someone who has been to conclave before for more information. Trust me, it is an experience that you won't forget or want to miss.



A Word from the Section Secretary

I hope you all had a terrific holiday season. I sure know I did. Now the break is over and it's time to get back to work. I have been busy this year serving in two positions within our section. As section secretary I have been busy collecting articles and putting together the monthly section Apensuwi. The Apensuwi is an important communication item for our section, and one of the few ways the section and other lodges share information with

the entire section membership. I hope each of you enjoys receiving and reading about what is happening in our section and member lodges. The Apensuwi keeps you informed on conclave preparation as well as high adventure events and important deadlines. That being said, the Apensuwi is a publication that belongs to all of us. If there is anything you know about that you would like to see featured or if you have general article ideas please let me know. We are always looking to improve.

In addition to section secretary I am also serving as this year's conclave chairman. Conclave is a lot of work but is always worth everything you put into it. This conclave will feature all of the aspects we know and love with a few twist here and there. I'm looking forward to the large cracker barrel we have planned for Friday night that will allow fun and fellowship between all of our lodges. Shows are another aspect we have been working heavily on for this conclave. Our performers will start practicing in just a couple of weeks. Having looked over the scripts and plans I know this year's shows won't disappoint. I don't want to spoil any surprises so you will have to see them for yourself. The rest of the section and I will continue to keep you posted.

See you at conclave!

Anderson Burgess
Section Secretary



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