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Advisor's Corner

Having served as a Scoutmaster and Chapter Advisor, I've watched this Lodge grow over the last few years. I'm excited to see the increased levels of interest and participation by our Arrowmen, especially the members of Kittan Chapter.

I'm honored to be selected as Lodge Advisor and I hope that together we can continue to build on our past achievements.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Tom McKeel
Wahinkto Lodge Advisor



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H.E. Butt Foundation Fellowship

Peter Perez, Lodge Secretary

On January 26, over 40 Arrowmen showed up for one of the most amazing events our lodge has to offer. Wondering what it is... the Annual HEB Winter Fellowship! At this event, as everyone already knows, we elect and train our new officers, train all attendees on Unit Elections, and most important of all to have fun.

This year we had a total of 23 participants go through the Lodge Leadership Development course. This year the course focused on Member Retention, Using Resources, Successful Leadership, and How to Run a

Meeting. All of our current officers attended this training. Thanks to all our trainers especially Stephen Alexander, Lodge Chief of Nakona Lodge, and Brian Smith, Lodge Chief of Karankawa Lodge for taking the time to come down. Also thanks to Humberto Torres, and Beto Torres for their advanced preparation.

Even though we were not able to get the usual inflatable's for this weekend, Arrowmen found other fun games such as basketball, dodgeball, and some even practiced their ceremony lines in preparation for the Conclave competition in the

Summer.

If you're sad that you missed this extraordinary event, you can always plan to attend the next one.



New Officers and Advisors

Andy Jechow, VC Communications

During the HEB Winter Fellowship the lodge elected new officers and found great adults for the empty advisor positions. The new officers and

Lodge Chief	Bryan Sablan
Secretary	Peter Perez
Treasurer	Adam Buck

Vice Chief of Communications	Andy Jechow
Vice Chief of Membership and Training	Matt Smart
Vice Chief of Indian Affairs	Lawson Kemp
Vice Chief of Programs	Jonathan Oefelien

Lodge Advisor	Tom McKeel
Staff Advisor	Brad McCormick
Associate Lodge Advisor	Jerry White
Secretary/Treasurer Advisor	Lisa Mahler



"You were selected as pacesetters in CHEERFUL service."

*~ E. Urner
Goodman ~*



Thanks Jerry!!

Even though Jerry isn't going anywhere, he is stepping down from his position as Lodge Advisor and has volunteered to take up the Associate Lodge Advisor's place.

This lodge owes many thanks to Jerry. Back in 2002 when the lodge was headed for sure disaster. The entire LEC had resigned, except for the Lodge Chief who retired 4 months before the end of his term, leaving Jerry and the current staff advisor Matt Vercher to take over. They did their best to step up to the

plate and saved the lodge from shutting down. After that year a "shinning light" came into view... Adrian Garcia stepped up to the plate of Lodge Chief. With things looking up, Jerry was able to focus more on the advisors duties such as managing the money, talking to the Scout Executive and Council Board, as well as becoming one of the leading adults within the lodge and the council. Of course, the greatest impact he's made on Scouting is the gentleman like image he has taught to all the youth.

Without Jerry the lodge wouldn't be here, without Jerry the council youth wouldn't have such a superb role model, and without Jerry the lodge would not be able to survive this changing of times, thoughts, and leaders.

So from all of us, thank you Jerry for all that you have done.

Winter Leadership Encampment

Matt Smart, VC Membership and Training

February 2, our lodge had a unique opportunity to attend the best leadership training that our section has to offer. The Winter Leadership Encampment is a weekend event that focuses on self problem solving, team work development, and using outside resources.

This year it was hosted by Netopolis-Sipo-Schipinachk at Worth Ranch in Palo Pinto, TX. The encampment chairman was none other than our own Peter

Perez. Bryan Sablan, the 2007 Chief, was in attendance to give an over view of his goals for the lodge this year. Just to give ya'll a little insight, it's going to be a great year.



Annual Membership Elections

Matt Smart, VC Membership and Training

It's that time again. We currently have three election teams for our lodge, one in San Angelo, one in Uvalde, and one in Ft. Stockton. If you would like to join a team contact Matt at wahinkto199@yahoo.com. Also all adults and Troop Representatives, please let your Scoutmaster know that he needs to contact Matt and schedule a time and day

for the team to come out and do an election and camp promotion. You can make the visit for any-time starting in March lasting to May 18. Although you must make the appointment by at least 3 weeks in advance in order to give us enough notice. Troops are only allowed one election per year, and no elections will be allowed at summer camp. For a visitation form go to www.wahinkto.org.



New Officers and Advisor Continued

Advisor to Vice Chief of Communications	Adrian Garcia
Advisor to Vice Chief of Membership and Training	Andrew Garcia
Advisor to Vice Chief of Programs	VACANT
If you would like to fill a vacancy please contact Mr. McKeel at wahinkto199@yahoo.com .	

Chapter officers are as follows:

Eluwak Chapter	
Chapter Chief	Connor McKeel
Chapter Advisor	David Buck
Kwuda Chapter	
Chapter Chief	Jeremy Graue
Chapter Advisor	David Kemp

Kittan Chapter	
Chapter Chief	Humberto Torres Jr.
Chapter Advisor	Humberto Torres Sr.
Please congratulate all of the officers, and give them as much support as possible throughout the year. Their success will depend on you.	

Inter-Lodge Pentevent

On April 13-15 the lodge has been invited to participate in one of the first inter-lodge fellowships in our section. The Pentevent, because of the five lodges, will be at McGimsey Park in San Antonio. The cost is only \$25 a person, which includes a patch, food, and admission to the Pow-wow.

“This is going to be one of the best events of the year, and I encourage all Arrowmen to attend in order to strengthen our ties with our neighboring brothers,” commented Lodge Chief Bryan Sablan. Bryan has been on the planning committee for this event since October of 2006, so he has the best advice as to how much fun this will be. The lodge

Jonathan Ofelein, VC Programs

was asked to have a craft booth, and the LEC choose to buy some choker supplies which the lodge will teach to the scouts and sell kits in our trading post.

NLS & NLATS

Bryan Sablan, Lodge Chief

The National Leadership Seminar is a weekend conference focusing primarily on the skills and attributes of leadership. It is intended primarily to enhance the leadership skills of the Order of the Arrow’s key youth and adult members as they seek to improve their service to the Boy Scouts of America and the greater community

the Lodge Leadership Development Program is desirable.

The National Lodge Advisor Training Seminar is a weekend conference focusing on the skills and attributes of effective lodge advisors. It is intended primarily to enhance an advisor’s knowledge of and connectivity with the OA’s strategic plan, program and resources, while emphasizing personal skills that are essential to the development of effective youth leadership and ultimately the OA’s service to the council.

The LEC decided to sponsor 4 Arrowman to attend the NLS&NLATS on March 16-18 in Pottsboro, TX. Those arrowmen attending are Humberto Torres Sr, Humberto Torres Jr, Pat Ramos, and Steven Silva.



*April
13-15 Pentevent
27-29 Ordeal @
Sol Mayer*





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Concho Valley Summer Camp



To scouts summer camp is like Christmas. It comes once a year and we just can't wait for it to come again. The best camps I've been to have a variety of programs to fit all aged scouts.

Luckily we have one of these great scout camps here in our Council, Camp Sol Mayer. Not only does it have one of the finest Trailblazer programs in Texas, but it also has the West Texas Ranch Adventure Program. This program allows for scouts 14 or older to experience the true ranching experience.

So if your troop is still looking for a great place to camp this summer, then look no further than our Council office. Or if you'd like to be on staff just go to www.cvcbsa.org for an application.

Chiefly Thoughts

Fellow Arrowmen,

Thank you for electing me as your 2007 Lodge Chief. For all of you who attended HEB, thank you for coming out and making the weekend a great success. I hope that you all had a wonderful experience. On that note, Wahinkto Lodge made quality lodge this year, showing that hard work and dedication does pay off. I look forward to seeing all of you at our Spring Ordeal which will be held at Camp Sol Mayer. Also some of the other events that are coming up soon are the Lodge Pentevent in April and Section Conclave in July. I would like to see all of you at these two upcoming events, and if you have any questions about these events or just in general don't hesitate to e-mail me at wahinkto199@yahoo.com.

Your fellow Brother in service,
Bryan Sablan
Wahinkto Lodge Chief 2007