

Wahissa Lodge No. 118

LOTS Executive Committee Meeting

Raven Knob Scout Reservation, Training Center

DATE: 12/14/25

- I. Obligation
- II. Reading of Past Minutes
- III. Reports

1. VCIA - Jackson Collins - Had a great weekend with everyone. Me and my chairmen had a great breakout yesterday and have some big plans for the upcoming year. I look forward to working with all of you this year.
2. VCA - Carter Hull - Good morning everybody, I hope you had a fun weekend just as much as I did with the Christmas theme. This weekend we had,
 - Friday Icebreakers and Movie
 - Fun activity games on Saturday
 - An Activities training
 - Fun pajama christmas party with a movie and special surprise from Santa and the Grinch

Thank you Patterson for keeping us warm this weekend, Chris for the movies, and Malcom and others for helping with cracker barrel.

Like last year I plan to try and announce what will be at the next event,

So at Winter fellowship me and my team plan to work towards,

- Fun activities Friday night as well as chapter fellowship time
- Patch Festival and Auction like last year, so bring your patches
- Cool line of service projects on the way with a possible service project campaign and shirt.

Upcoming service project meeting

I'm looking forward to this upcoming year with great activities, projects, and working with my chairs Maddie, Misha, Nathan, and Patterson. Thank You!

3. VCI - Dominic Walker - Good morning everyone. I hope yall had a great weekend. I'm looking forward to a great year. This weekend I met my team and were hoping to rearrange a few aspects of the ordeals to make the process as smooth as possible. Wanting to make Wednesday nights candidate meetings more productive and add more lodge engagement to help create a solid brotherhood location for ceremonies and hoping to create a higher conversion rate. I want inductions to be just as much about keeping members here as it is bringing them in.
4. VCC - Emma Blackburn - So far communications are going well. We have started a Wahissa TikTok account which is reaching lots of people who may not have Instagram. Instagram and Facebook publications are going well too. I am currently working on updating the website and Witshindin and hope to have everything done by January - especially the Witshindin.
5. VCF - Taylor Thornton - I had a great weekend learning to grow with you guys. While we were here Scott and Chris "Patches" made over 300 at the trade-o-ree. Thank you to everyone here.

6. VCAD - Byron Bullins - Hello everyone, we had a great weekend learning about leadership and our expectations of the year. We had around 61 people show up throughout the entirety of the weekend. If you haven't yet scanned the qr code, please do so. So far it looks like a majority of everyone enjoyed the layout. Me and my committee have a lot of cool things to come throughout the year like a patch and a pin. Thank you for this great weekend.
7. Vigil Chief - Blaine Thompson - Good morning everyone, as I begin my new term as Vigil Chief, I want to say I am excited for this year. This seminar has given us a strong foundation to move forward. I'm confident in our new officers, chairmen, and advisors to succeed in your roles. I'm ready to support this team however I can. Thank you all - let's make this a strong and productive year.
8. Eke Otkia Chief - Lynn Feuerberg - Good Morning! This weekend we had ½ chapter officers present. We had a very successful time and were able to get started on our planning for a service/fellowship weekend, our Fall Fellowship, theme, and our goals for the year. We were also able to finalize times for monthly chapter meetings. We look forward to success this year! Thank You :)
9. Kola Chief - Keegan Hornaday - Kola Chapter has planned many fellowships. One of our biggest is Surge Sleepover. We have a chapter meeting this Tuesday with a Round Table at Calvary Baptist Church at 7pm. All of our chapter leadership was here.
10. Sapona Chief - Grayson Bullard - We're having our chapter seminar on Jan 10th, we will go over chapter positions, how to do them & giving log in information. Similar to LOTS. We will also be having our Christmas Party the same day, we'll be playing Dirty Santa and eating food. Had fun at LOTS, very informational & will be using it to my advantage in the future. Goals are to keep a high attendance & to grow our chapter while not regressing in numbers. Me, Mason, and Jaxon were here.
11. Sheltopee Chief - Ezra Carter - We had a fantastic weekend! All of our chapter leadership learned a lot, and as a chapter we managed to plan for the future. Throughout LOTS I could see growth happening right in front of me, and there's not a single member of our chapter leadership who wants to go above and beyond. We were set up well for the year, and all excited to make sheltopee the best it can be.
12. Takachsin Chief - Lyla Amos -
 - Bo's Bowling trip: 23 members
 - Annual banquet: 22 members
 - Cookie store has opened and is running smoothly
 - Christmas party scheduled for last tuesday postponed till this tuesday 12/16
 - ½ Takachsin vice chiefs were present this weekend.
13. Zelo Zelos Chief - Oliver Blaine - Hello everyone, Zelos chapter has been working on a patch set design and we are hoping to complete it in a few months. Although our monthly meeting attendance is low, we are working hard to make decisions and plan events. Thanks to the chapter leadership team and I hope LOTS went great. Sorry I could not make it this year.
14. Ceremonies Chair - Caleb Walker - The Ceremonies team will begin having practices in March. We are awaiting new changes in Ceremonies but until that

time we are practicing the old scripts and talking about ideas for the future. We hope to make this a great Ceremonies year.

15. **Drum Chair - Hudson Rogers - Successful beginning to the new leadership term. Have some fairly new arrowman. Who have maintained IA interest working with Jackson and my fellow IA chairmen to plan some more informing and larger practices.**
16. **PowWows Chair - Rachel Walker - We had over 30 members in attendance at the Good Medicine PowWow in November. Jackson and I have started planning for the upcoming PowWows at a lodge hosted PowWow in October. Mark your calendars for CIS Jan 23 - 25 for a great weekend of training, competition, dancing, and singing. Looking forward to a great year.**
17. **Buildings & Grounds Chair - Patterson Handy - Learned a lot this weekend and I'm looking forward to working with the lodge leadership.**
18. **Cub Scouting Chair - Misha Waddell -**
 - Had a good weekend
 - Looking forward to working with Carter again this year.
 - We had several people come out and work the Cub Weekends so thank you all for coming and helping out.
19. **Fellowships/Hospitality Chair - Maddie Hornaday - Had a good time this weekend and excited for this year and to work with Carter on a lot of fun things this year.**
20. **Service Projects Chair - Nathan Dowell - Good morning everyone, we had a very successful weekend and I look forward to the year to come. We plan to have a meeting with everyone involved with work projects in the next few weeks in order to get the ball rolling before the January ECM.**
21. **Brotherhood Chair - Augustus Gibson - Good morning everyone, seeing as my term has just begun I have nothing to report so instead I will share a few of my goals. During this lodge year I plan on refurbishing the old brotherhood ring behind Buffalo Bill A and making a trail from the climbing tower down to the ring to allow for a better walk and prevent candidates from walking through campsites. I also intend to really push for higher conversion this year. I will be sending emails to all eligible ordeal members, 2 weeks prior to every event with a brotherhood ceremony. I'm hoping for a good turnout this year, and I would like to wish everyone luck for the 2026 year.**
22. **Elangomat Chair - Charlie Davis - Had a good weekend. I have rough drafts for the patches and shirts that will be presented at the January ECM.**
23. **Membership Chair - Ethan Thompson**
 - Excited for new opportunity
 - Plan to start working with VCI on visualizing elections
 - Start working on rough drafts of the Candidate Guide for Wednesday nights.
 - Plan to start working with VCA to help plan exciting things for our members to be encouraged to come to events.
 - Work with VCC to advertise these exciting events.
 - Continue to help chapters keep their members active and reactive older memories.
24. **Cook Crew Chair - Anna Black - We served 2 crackers barrels, 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 supper, and we served 240 meals.**

25. Trading Post Chair - Dillon Miller - We had a successful time at trade-o-ree this weekend and are planning to do inventory later today. And are ready to make future sales.
26. Records/Registration Chair - Shelton Rook - I look forward to recording and registering people. I also look forward to working with Byron and seeing what we can accomplish this coming year.
27. Conclave Delegation Chair - Malcolm Black - Thank you all for a great weekend. I loved getting to watch Trae & his team perform this weekend. I hope that all of you brought something away from this weekend & are more excited for the opportunity in front of you. We decided on "Hillbilly" or "Redneck" for our conclave theme. Looking forward to working with you all.

IV. Unfinished Business - No unfinished business

V. New Business

- A. 2026 Calendar Adjustments - Caught two dates that need to be changed moving Winter Fellowship from March 6-8, 2026 to March 13-15, 2026. The other was moving Spring into Scouting from April 3-5 to April 10-12. The reason to change Winter Fellowship was because of Beaver Day. The reason to change Spring into Scouting was Easter Weekend. - It passed.
 - B. 2027 Calendar - Wahissa 2027 Calendar was passed with one change which was for Winter Fellowship and moving it to March 12-14, 2027. We passed the calendar.
 - C. 2026 Budget - The Wahissa Lodge budget was passed.
 - D. Vigil Committee Autonomy - This is to keep the Vigil Committee autonomous and not forced to present Vigil to the ECM. - Passed
 - E. 2026 Event Patches - All of the event patches will be dangles and the Winter Fellowship, Spring Fellowship, Ordeals, Fall Fellowship, and Annual Banquet. The font size of the patches is moved to change and become slightly bigger. There was discussion over if the patches will be allowed or not. The patches were passed with Key 3 Discretion.
 - F. Chapter Chief Jackets - The jackets will be cobalt grey with black embroidery and the same patch as the Lodge Officer jackets. The chapter advisor or chapter chief will be an option to put on their jackets. The chapter chief jackets were passed.
 - G. Neckerchief - The neckerchief is red with an embroidered design on it. There is potential to have different colors in the future. - The neckerchief was passed.
 - H. Pipe Pass Patch - Change flappiness of flag, look into making it rectangle if cutout does not work, only for pipe pass buyers that buy it prior to the Saturday at lunch of Winter Fellowship. - The pipe pass patch was passed with these changes.
 - I. Honor Chapter - The year was updated to 2026 and requirement VCI-9 updated to include members of at least one year. - Passed
 - J. Connected Chapter Award - No changes to the award. It was passed.
 - K. Attendance Award - No changes to the award. It passed.
 - L. Indian Affairs Award - The Indian Affairs Award requirements were passed.
 - M. Chapter MVA - The Chapter MVA Award requirements were passed.
 - N. Chapter Rookie - The Chapter Rookie Award requirements were passed.
- VI. Staff Advisor's Minute - (Hunter Day) - Hello, anyways, great weekend overall, a lot of planning that goes into this and a lot of execution that goes into this once you get here, so, it's been pretty neat to see this new group of lodge officers, under Trae's leadership, make this thing happen and really put a lot of details together. So, congratulations on that. I kinda mentioned this last year at**

the same ECM, there is a lot of planning that goes into this and there is a lot of follow through that is required to see these plans out. Make sure you stay focused on what those things are and make sure that you are achieving those goals that you want to, to make it not only successful for yourself, but successful in planning for everybody. We inducted a lot of new members this fall, so, making sure these plans are executed to get them that great experience is crucial to their success and who will be sitting here next year. I'm excited about what the year has to bring, there is a lot of new challenges, is what I would call it, new opportunities that we will face in the next couple of months as we lead into summer camp and everything like that. I'll tell you that myself and my team from the camp staff side of things are very excited to work with you all in making sure that we have Wednesday night changes and making sure that's the best for everybody. Not only what we want and what our traditions will be but our participants coming to camp as well giving them a memorable experience. Sat down last night, talked with Jackson and Trae about what some of those opportunities could be and I promise you that the mindset is where it needs to be and heading into the direction it needs to. I'm very excited for that opportunity. Lastly, as we mentioned last night, continue to think about the Marshall family, as we move into the next couple of days and the challenges that they have, again, Kim Marshall and Carl have been very dedicated members to this lodge throughout their entire lives and Carl has had some of the toughest challenges anybody could face. Continue to think about them over the next couple of days, Carl did have a good day yesterday, was able to go outside for a couple of minutes, here and there. Continue to think about them over the next few days as life gets a little more difficult. Thank you, looking forward to this 2026 year. Thank you, Trae.

- VII. Lodge Advisor's Minute - (Homer Dearmin) - I got just a few things to share, some advice and some reminders, hope you'll take these and start thinking about some of these things. As Hunter said, it has been a great weekend. Really appreciate all the effort and planning that your Lodge Chief and others have put into making this happen. A lot of work and a lot of good discussion have taken place, so I'll commend you guys on that, I would encourage you to continue to do the work behind the scenes that need to happen to make this year successful for Wahissa Lodge, continue the momentum that you started with this weekend and before this weekend, going into the rest of the year. Do the things now that can be done, you know what weekends these events are going to happen, you know you'll need a menu, you know you'll need activities and a schedule, you can start doing those things, right now. We are 20 days away from our next Executive Committee Meeting, we are 88 days away from Winter Fellowship, we are 123 days away from Conclave, and 165 days from Spring Fellowship. So, those things are gonna be happening in short order and very quickly. Start doing those things now, that we can do, so you don't get jammed up the weekend before an event or two weeks before an event. Start thinking about the things that can be done now and get those things done and get them off your plate. I would also encourage you to look around and realize that there are a whole lot of other youth in our lodge that are not a part of this leadership, so find ways to involve them, don't become a committee of one, or a chair of one, or an officer of one, involve some other youth in your efforts, pull them into the planning and execution of these events, and you're going to build stronger leadership for the future as well. Conclave, as I mentioned, is coming up in about 123 days. That's four months away. It's gonna be very quick. Let's not get into a situation where we're in late March or early April, we're trying to meet that registration goal. We've got 153 people to try to find and register for Conclave. In this room is about a third of that number. So we need to try to get registered in the next couple of weeks, encourage your chapter members, encourage other youth in your units, or other youth in your districts, and adults as well to go ahead and register and sign up. Let's stay well ahead of that Conclave goal. Let's not make it an emergency, and let's try to make sure that we exceed that

conclave goal. It's going to be a great time at Camp Durant, coming up in April. How many of you guys have been to an Order of the Arrow High Adventure opportunity, either at Philmont, Northern Tier, or Sea Base? I would encourage you guys to look into those. They're on the Order of the Arrow's National website. Remember that we have scholarship opportunities for you to attend those, as well as other leadership opportunities like the NLS or other national events. So please keep those in mind. We don't do a great job of getting those out in front of everybody, but please research those and encourage others to take a look at those and take advantage of the scholarships that we offer. NOAC 2027, it's hard to think about the fact that it is coming up. It's still a little over a few years away, but they're actually under two years away. By the end of this year around Fall Fellowship and towards banquet, we will start announcing details for that trip. So start to think about that. If you start saving now, it's not as daunting. There are scholarship opportunities available for that. Those dates are for July 26 through 31st, 2027, and that would be at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. The cost for the 2024 NOAC was around \$1,800 with the scholarship for youth that reduced it to about \$1,300. It's a little closer in 2027, so it's probably going to be a little less expensive, but we can still imagine it's going to be somewhere in that \$1200 to \$1500 range. If that's going to be something that you're interested in attending, now's the time to start thinking about it and saving toward the end of this year, we'll have more details and actually start the serious planning for that trip. We'll remind everybody that Carolina's Indian Seminar is coming up January 23rd through 25th at Mitchell Community College in Statesville. That is another lodge's event. We are still working on getting a letter for our lodge and that kind of thing, but that should not impact your participation and travel to that event. So if you're interested in that, please let your Chief know. There's a dance competition for youth at 2:30 on Saturday afternoon, the 24th, and a craft competition at 8 AM that morning for anyone 25 and under. If you're interested in participating in that event, that's going to be coming up in just a short month or so. I know I'm getting long and I've gone longer than a minute, but I've got a list. Please make sure that we leave camp in better shape than we found it this weekend. Make sure we clean this building up well, make sure we pick up trash around where we're staying, cleaning up our quarters and making sure that we're doing a good job policing where we're staying, and where we're using the camp space, making Jeff's job a little easier if not having to come in and clean up after us. Banquet was excellent, y'all. I thought we had an excellent banquet, thanks to Malcolm and his officers, and Trae and his officers, who helped to make that successful event, had a lot of meaningful recognitions. I think the Holloways especially appreciated the recognition that they were given. I was just informed this morning that Gina Holloway will be having surgery. It will be December 22nd. So, please keep the Holloways in your thoughts and prayers. Certainly reach out to them with a text or call or a card, if you're able to. I know that they would very much appreciate that. I know that's a long list, but again, thank you guys for all of the hard work that you're doing. Let's keep the momentum going. Communicate, involve others, involve your advisors, and let's have a great year. Thank you, Chief.

- VIII. Lodge Chief's Minute - (Trae Radford) - As Homer said, you know you got a lot of good opportunities coming up. Hopefully, we can communicate those as respectively when we get going throughout the year. So kind of talking about this weekend, you know, we've pretty much started planning this weekend back in early October. So definitely, you know I can breathe a sigh of relief that this weekend has come to a close here. Hope everybody had a good time. I know we went over some good stuff and some fun stuff and then we went over some boring stuff. I'm sure everybody got bored at least at one point during the weekend. I hope you all at least got something out of it. I hope, you know, we can continue to learn and grow and make this event better through the years as we go. So again, thank you everyone for that. Kind of going back to last weekend, so

NLS, the National Leadership Seminar. I know we had quite a few folks, some of them in this room that went to that. Hope you had a great time at that. I know when I went, it was a good time. I learned a lot of stuff and still implement some of those techniques and stuff that they taught us, really in daily life, even now. So again, I hope y'all had a good time there. Then Conclave 2026. So, Malcolm, you know, talked to a whole bunch about this yesterday. Looking forward to the hillbillies and everything that we can get done there. But again, that is April 17th through the 19th, 2026 at Camp Durant. So I'm looking forward to that. Registration is open right now. You can find that online and hopefully we can meet that goal and even exceed that goal. We'll be sharing with all you Chapter Chiefs, your conclave goal as we round off to the incoming year. Next up, is looking at our next ECM. So, that'll be January 3rd and I've discussed this with Homer and Hunter, and what we're planning on doing is we will have that in person at the Old Hickory Council Service Center. Everybody should know now the changes with the national AIA policy, you know, we're going to have to change something on these Wednesday nights. So, you know, the dancing and the singing part, we've got to do something with that. We got to shuffle that around. You know, I really want to kind of hear everybody's ideas and get everybody's feedback and just kind of have an open discussion on what we can do there. So, what we're going to do, again, January 3rd, we will start at 6 o'clock at the Old Hickory Council Service Center in Winston Salem, and we will have about an hour, hour and a half, however long discussion on what we can do on Wednesday nights, and then we will follow that with our ECM. So, looking forward to that and hope you all can make that, we'll be in touch and communicating on that as we get closer to that as well. Then, just hope everybody has a merry Christmas, and happy holidays, and a happy New Year. I know we're right around the corner from that. Again, I know you might have been crunching on some time, as you know, as we kind of get closer to Christmas right here, but again, I appreciate you taking this time out of your holiday season to learn a little bit more about leadership. So other than that, I'm looking forward to a great year ahead and I believe that's all I got.

IX. Reading and Approval of Minutes - The Minutes were approved.

X. Song of our Order

Position	LEC Member	Attendance(Y/N)	LEC Advisor	Attendance(Y/N)
Lodge Chief	Trae Radford	Yes	Homer Dearmin	Yes
			Hunter Day	Yes
Vice Chief of Indian Affairs	Jackson Collins	Yes	Matt White	No
Vice Chief of Activities	Carter Hull	Yes	Jaron Sears	No
Vice Chief of Inductions	Dominic Walker	Yes	Carleigh Scott	No
Vice Chief of Communications	Emma Blackburn	Yes	Travis Gentry	No
Vice Chief of Finance	Taylor Thornton	Yes	Tim Walker	No
Vice Chief of Administration	Byron Bullins	Yes	Link King	No
Vigil Chief	Blaine Thompson	Yes	Weston Mosely	No
Eke Otkia Chief	Lynn Feuerberg	Yes	Kyle Bolejack	Yes
Kola Chief	Keegan Hornaday	Yes	Ted Radford	Yes
Sapona Chief	Grayson Bullard	Yes	Tyler Reinhardt	No
Sheltowee Chief	Ezra Carter	Yes	Curt Batten	Yes
Takachsin Chief	Lyla Amos	Yes	Timothy Shoemaker	Yes
Zelo Zelos Chief	Oliver Blaine	No	Will Indicott	Yes
Ceremonies Chair	Caleb Walker	No	Mary Walker	No
			Scott Anderson	No
Drum Chair	Hudson Rogers	Yes	Ben Dauphinais	Yes
PowWows Chair	Rachel Walker	Yes	Denise Holt	No
Buildings & Grounds Chair	Patterson Handy	Yes	Frankie Holloway	No
Cub Scouting Chair	Misha Waddell	Yes	Chastity Hornaday	Yes
Fellowships/Hospitality Chair	Maddie Hornaday	Yes	Jeff Mills	No
Service Projects Chair	Nathan Dowell	Yes	Chris Rhodes	Yes
Brotherhood Chair	Augustus Gibson	Yes	Dan Anthony	Yes
Elangomat Chair	Charlie Davis	Yes	Derek Koon	No
Membership Chair	Ethan Thompson	Yes	Sarah Indicott	No

Cook Crew Chair	Anna Black	Yes	Keith Bolejack	Yes
Trading Post Chair	Dillon Miller	Yes	Alex Gentry	Yes
Records/Registration Chair	Shelton Rook	Yes	David Gordon	No
Conclave Delegation Chair	Malcolm Black	Yes	Steve Kieth	No