

Wahissa Lodge No. 118

January 3rd Executive Committee Meeting

Old Hickory Council Service Center

DATE: 1/3/26

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

1. VCIA - Jackson Collins - Good evening, we had a good meeting earlier talking about what we're planning to do on Wednesday nights. Had some good ideas of what that is gonna be looking like in the future. Some big events coming up are CIS, it is a good way for people to learn to dance, sing, and anything like that. It is good to go out and watch and not too far down the road, about an hour from here. As we all know, as we heard earlier, we do not have our letter yet and we are still working on that. As of now, there will be no posts or anything like that involving IA until we do get our letter per National's rules. Hopefully we'll get that soon to get back on track, thank you.
2. VCA - Carter Hull - Hello everybody, I hope you are enjoying the winter break like I am. Me and the activities team are gearing up for Winter Fellowship and Work Days that are on the way. Today we provided a flyer about the Patch Festival at Winter Fellowship where a Trade-O-Ree and Patch Auction will take place. I sent out an email on the first to chapter leadership about January's Honor Chapter Requirements. For service projects we are planning a day to meet and talk over a plan of a Wahissa Paint Project across camp as well as a Wahissa paint crew shirt. So we are excited about that. With the lodge building we are also going to be looking into a possible renovation to be done, but more to come on that. I'm really excited for everyone to see what's to come and Happy New Years!
3. VCI - Dominic Walker - Good evening, since the last ECM i've been working to create a new ceremony for Wednesday nights, and working to make candidates feel more engaged. I want to disperse the projects purchased last year. I've worked with my chairs to create elangomat designs, videos, amd brotherhood. Thank y'all
4. VCC - Emma Blackburn - Communications are well. Witshindin is still in the works. Social media has reached a large amount of individuals. I have seen improvements in chapter communications since LOTS! Yay. Eat the pizza. It does not need to go to waste! I need to get the rest of everyone's headshots tonight, this includes adults. Happy New Year.
5. VCF - Taylor Thornton - Been working on some different ideas for different things
6. VCAD - Byron Bullins - Good evening everyone, glad to see everyone, as of now we have 187 members who have paid their dues this year. Please get your dues in. Me and my team got the pipe pass patch changes fixed since last meeting. You all did a great job on writing out what you all said and not bullet pointing for the ECM. Finally, chapter chiefs, your Conclave goal has been set and will be sent today or tomorrow.

7. Vigil Chief - Blaine Thompson - Good evening everybody. Hope everybody had a good holiday break. I'm interested to see what we are able to create for Wed. nights this summer. I will be working on vigil questionnaire over next month to get those prepared. I hope we can all encourage those eligible members to make sure they pay their dues. Thank you
8. Eke Otkia Chief - Lynn Feuerberg - Good evening, sorry I could not make it tonight. I hope everyone had a good holiday season. Eke Otkia is looking at a great year ahead of us. We have officially made a group chat and started selling our chapter patches. If you are interested in purchasing any, reach out to me or Kyle, or find us at an event. Other than that, we don't have anything new since LOTS. Thank you and I look forward to a great 2026.
9. Kola Chief - Keegan Hornaday - We had a very successful chapter executive meeting. We discussed the surge and if you haven't heard, Kola chapter is having a sleepover event at the surge trampoline park from 10:30pm Saturday 02/28 - 03/01 at 8:00. To sign up text 336-756-2484. The QR code does not work. Thank you to all who camp out and donated to the salvation army December 23
10. Sapona Chief - Grayson Bullard - Held our meeting today and also had our chapter training seminar. Also agreed on our themes for the fellowships Star Wars (Winter fellowship), America (Spring Fellowship). Forest Gump (Fall Fellowship). Lastly we held our Christmas party. Played Dirty Santa, and ate food.
11. Sheltopee Chief - Ezra Carter - Good evening y'all. Sheltopee has some upcoming events including a trampoline park sleepover partnered with Kola Chapter. We're beginning planning a chapter fellowship as well as our first chapter meeting. We have also begun planning for conclave, and will hopefully have access to the 934 bus for this event. Also shoutout to Shelton for excellent social media posts.
12. Takachsin Chief - Lyla Amos - On December 16th we had our Christmas party which was a success. Our January meeting is coming up on 1/13/26
13. Zelo Zelos Chief - Oliver Blain - Zelos has kept low attendance, consistent chapter meetings the last few months. We hope to make attendance improve by hosting a bowling night with the chapter. Zelos is still working to create a patch set.
14. Ceremonies Chair - Caleb Walker - Nothing much has happened since the last LEC meeting. I plan to start organizing practices in February. Still waiting for the new script for ceremonies and we will practice the old ceremonies until we do.
15. Drum Chair - Hudson Rogers - We have yet to practice through Christmas break, hope to have one soon with both singers and dancers, hope everyone had a great Christmas!
16. PowWows Chair - Rachel Walker - CIS is coming up in 3 weeks - Jan 23-25; I'm planning on sending out an RSVP for interested members to coordinate accommodations + transportation soon. National powwow: July 9-12. This happens only once every 3 years in Indiana + hosts national dance competitions for those under 18. More on that to come.
17. Buildings & Grounds Chair - Patterson Handy - We are working on a project for the lodge building and working on continuous repairs.
18. Cub Scouting Chair - Misha Waddel - I'm sorry I am not able to be there with you all, but I'm looking forward to working with everyone this year, I think it will be a really good year. We're going to start our Cub Scout event planning soon with our meetings. Spring into Scouting will be on April 10th-12th at Camp Raven Knob,

and we will need people to help with that. It's kind of similar to Fall Adventure Weekend, where you will help out with several fun activities or games with the Cub Scouts, giving some of them their first experience with scouting. Anyone who is 13 years old and registered as a scout can volunteer. Hope to see you there!

19. Fellowships/Hospitality Chair - Maddie Hornaday - Hello everyone! I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. We are so excited to kick off the season at Winter Fellowship! We will be hosting a patch festival filled with fun, fellowship, and great activities for everyone to enjoy. We can't wait to come together, make memories and share this special time with you all. We hope to see everyone there. Thank you!
20. Service Projects Chair - Nathan Dowell - Hey everyone, I hope everyone has had a great start to the year. I hate that I could not be with you all tonight. Looking into the near future, me and others from my Work Projects team will be having a meeting in February to further discuss and iron out some of the big projects we have planned. I'm excited to see how our painting project takes shape and look forward to reporting on it further in the future.
21. Brotherhood Chair - Augustus Gibson -
22. Elangomat Chair - Charlie Davis - Working on elangomat shirts + patches, voting for shirts, working on head elangomat list.
23. Membership Chair - Ethan Thompson - Election video & slide, hopefully soon get new ordeal candidate flyers made, help organize with Wednesday night ceremonies & meeting with new members. Sorry for the bullet points
24. Cook Crew Chair - Anna Black - We had pizza at the Wed night meeting and we are looking forward to working on the menu for Winter Fellowship.
25. Trading Post Chair - Dillon Miller - Hey y'all, hope you are doing well, sorry I couldn't make it today. We successfully have inventoried the Trading Post so we know what all we have. We are working on ideas to improve and speed up your Lodge Trading Post experience. Thank you, I hope yall have a wonderful day.
26. Records/Registration Chair - Shelton Rook - Good evening, people paid their dues.
27. Conclave Delegation Chair - Malcolm Black - Presenting our patches + merch tonight, stay tuned for announcements for outfits. Please be sure to register.

IV. Unfinished Business

V. New Business

- A. Wahissa Recruiter Patch - The color of the patch would change but the concept would remain the same. The patch was passed with Key Three Discretion.
- B. Elangomat Shirt - There were three designs for the back of the shirt and two designs for the frocket of the shirt. There will be no combining of the designs. The first design for the back has a galaxy like design with a quote. The second design for the back just has 118 elangomat. The third design for the back just has a galaxy like design with no quote. The front design has a 118 Elangomat design and the other option was a galaxy type design. Option 1 for the back and design two for the front was passed with Key 3 Discretion.
- C. Conclave Memorabilia - There is one red border delegate, one black trader patch and one outhouse style early bird patch. All of which will be danglers. There will be a John Deere type design on a camo shirt. There are also 2 straw hat designs that will all be voted on. The 3 patches were passed as presented with Key 3 Discretion. The shirt design was

passed as presented with Key 3 Discretion. The straw hat was passed with Key 3 Discretion.

D. Hoodie - The back design was a spectacle of Wednesday Night ceremonies with the arch, lake, mountain, and sun in the background. It will be dumbed down when it comes down to actually printing it due to the amount of detail and color going onto the shirt. The hoodie was passed with Key 3 Discretion.

E. Keychain - The keychain is the same one that was seen in the past. Taylor wanted to get more because they sold out so quickly in the past. The keychain was approved with Key 3 Discretion.

VI. Staff Advisor's Minute - (Hunter Day) - Good evening everybody, I would say that it's been a long day, I've been here since 7:30, I'm ready to go home. First off, I appreciate everybody that participated in staff interviews today. We're gearing up for a great summer, and I'm looking forward to what the lodge has to contribute and the changes that we have. You know, I understand that change is scary and can get us frustrated, especially when you're talking about long established traditions. Trust me, I understand. I remember my first Wednesday night at Raven Knob with my dad. I haven't left from that one night, okay? So it's important to everybody here for its own reason and everybody can remember that. It's going to be okay because in 50 years, I hope that this group is making the decisions that will make that profound impact on a kid this summer that will be standing here in 50 years when we're having to change it again, you know? So, I'm excited, I'm nervous, all right? I think it's a good thing that we're able to talk in a format like this. I think we should all give Trae a huge round of applause for his leadership of what happened this evening and this meeting. Yeah, I don't think that doing this was easy and I don't think that making some of the next decisions will be easy as well. I do believe that the decisions and how it's going about is the best way it can be at this point in time. I will mention that, and don't shoot the messenger here, but January 1st has come and gone, and we do not have a letter when it comes to Indian Affairs activities, okay? So I'm not telling you that you can't go to somebody's house and do whatever, but don't put me in an awkward position when it comes to doing things at Raven Knob, when it comes to this office or whatever it may be, okay? Don't put me in a position where I have to say, "Hey, we shouldn't be doing this." Where I'm getting, you know, hit on one side and then have to react on the other. All right? I hope that everything will come to fruition over the next couple of weeks. We'll get our letter and we can move on like normal. Let's, as we plan for Winter Fellowship and things like that, let's make sure that we're doing things with that in mind to ensure that we're not putting anybody in an awkward situation. Yourself, myself, Scout Executive Homer, whoever it may be. Everybody good with that? All right, well, I'm looking forward to it. It's been a great first of the year. It's been wide open. So I'm looking forward to what we have going on at Winter Fellowship. Hopefully, we'll have our decisions made. I'm looking forward to all the activities at Spring Fellowship and kind of doing a little reunion with that time capsule opening. So, I think we're just in a great spot at this point in time. There was a lot of change, but there's a lot to talk about. So let's keep it up. Thanks, guys.

VII. Lodge Advisor's Minute - (Homer Dearmin) - Thanks Trae for a great meeting this evening, everyone, thank you for organizing and leading that. I think we had some productive discussions and looking forward to seeing what comes out of that just like Hunter said. I want to remind everybody we're 68 days away from Winter Fellowship, and that may seem like a long time away, that's just over two months. If you back up a couple of weeks from that, when you want to send a reminder out to everybody two weeks away from Winter Fellowship, that's just 54 days away. So chapters, officers be thinking about the things that need to be happening right now to make Winter Fellowship a successful event, because it's going to be on us very quickly. Malcolm mentioned

Conclave registration. We're at about 20, a little over 20 right now, registered for Conclave from Wahissa Lodge. It would be great if we rolled into Winter Fellowship and we were at our goal or very close. So I encourage everybody to try to get registered. The registration link is right here. It's been sent out on a few things already, so please encourage your chapter members and fellow arrowmen to go ahead and get signed up and registered for Conclave as soon as possible. Lodge Officer's jackets should be here any day now. They were sent to the embroiderer way back before Christmas, and I anticipate having those here at the office, probably within the next week or two. As soon as those are here, we'll let you know, and you can make arrangements to pick those up. Chapter chief and chapter advisor jackets, I have two orders from Takachsin, two from Sapona, and one from Kola. So, if you would like to get that in, I need to get that order in. I'd like to get that order placed by Tuesday. If you'd like to get that chapter jacket ordered, please let me know tonight or early next week. Elections and inductions, those are the next important things that are gonna be happening over the next several months as we start to reach out to our units. We need to make sure that we're making a strong impression about Wahissa and about the Order of the Arrow with the units we visit. Chapter chiefs and induction folks, let's make sure those visits are polished and looking good, and that we are putting our best foot forward representing Wahissa. Last thing I'll mention is I want to thank our administration team and Trae for getting ahead of these due mailouts. Those have been coming in fairly steadily. We've still got a long way to go. Let's make sure that people pay their dues and get those in and also make sure that you get email addresses, physical addresses, and any information that needs to be updated, let's make sure we're getting that to Byron and to Link so that we can get that updated in Lodgemaster. Got a stack of about 20 envelopes that came back from dues mailings that were undeliverable as an address. So, let's try to make sure we're keeping that information current so that we're not spending money unnecessarily sending mailings out to people that aren't going to get them. Let's get ahead of things, guys. We're just a few weeks ahead from Winter Fellowship, a couple of months ahead of Conclave and it's going to move very fast. So let's have this wintertime, this downtime, if you will, to plan, to get things done, and make sure that we have a successful spring and successful summer. Thanks.

VIII. Lodge Chief's Minute - (Trae Radford) - Appreciate all of you that stayed and were there for the Wednesday night meeting. I know, you know, as we've discussed, got a lot of change coming, but I think that change can bring a lot of positives to us, okay? So I would encourage you all to keep your head high as we go throughout making that decision and looking forward to what comes out of that. I mean, that meeting went a whole heck of a lot better than what I was anticipating for. So I'm definitely glad of that. You know, we got a lot of downtime from now until Winter Fellowship, we've got CIS coming up. I know a couple of chapters got some events lined up and everything, so I would encourage you all to attend those and to my chapter chiefs and everyone, it's a good time to kind of sit down and plan something and get something going with your chapter. We got a lot of dead space between now and Winter Fellowship, so, I would encourage all of us to make the most of that time. Again, Carolina's Indian Seminar, is January 23rd to the 25th. I would encourage all of you to attend that, as many of us have said this evening. It's a great way to get more experience, gain more knowledge on the Indian Affairs side of things. Conclave, it's right up here around the corner. We don't have a lot registered for that, so, go register. I had the opportunity to go to the Council of Chiefs back in October, and I can say without uncertainty that Nick Withrow, the Section Chief, and his team have got a lot of good stuff in store for this Conclave. You definitely are not wanting to miss out on that. Winter Fellowship, if you got a dues notice in the mail, you probably got a calendar with it, or I hope you should have got a calendar with that. The date for Winter Fellowship on that, I believe is probably wrong, but the date for Winter Fellowship, just so we're on the same page, is March 13th to the 15th. So we just want to make sure we're clarifying

on that. Me and some of the Lodge Vice Chiefs kind of dipped into that and looking forward to planning that and good things to come from it. Then Spring Fellowship, I know that's quite a bit of ways away, but that's quite a bit of ways away, but that is May 29th through the 31st and as it has been discussed this evening, but just to make sure, clarify. At Spring Fellowship, May 30th, we will have the opportunity to open a time capsule in the chimney of the Lodge Building. I've contacted Chip Aldridge, the Lodge Chief from that year, and he's got in touch with some other folks that were on the youth leadership side of things in 1976. Definitely looking forward to getting with him and his team and kind of reminiscing and having a good time there. So mark your calendars for that, that'll be a good time there. Just a couple more things. Pipe Pass, you know, Pipe Pass, we've been communicating that quite a bit. Pipe Pass again is \$150. That'll get you in all six events, that covers your registration fee, your meals, your patch and everything. Great deal, great bang for your buck and it's a great time saver. You know, you roll up to registration on Friday night. You just go up to the box and pick out your folder and you get together. There's no waiting in line. So I would recommend you to do it. I'm sure we got a link on the lodge website, scroll down on the homepage, and it'll be there somewhere. And then dues, on those dues notice, again, dues are \$20 and again, they just pay for your registration for that roster year. So to be considered a member of Wahissa Lodge in the 2026 year, you have to pay your dues. Hopefully, we'll all do that. You can pay them to the Old Hickory Council or you can find a link on the lodge website. Again, that covers your membership and then that also covers your Vigil eligibility. So, if you have been a brotherhood member by May 29th for at least two years and you are eligible to get on the lists. So make sure to do that as well. Then lastly, you know, it's been a lot of good work from everybody, you know, any time that I've asked somebody to go to do something, it's been no hesitation, they just get up and done it. So I really appreciate all of you, both youth and adults. So I really appreciate all your efforts and everything there, and hopefully we can continue to do that throughout the year, and looking forward to what the rest of the year has to bring. So with that, we're moving to the reading and approval of minutes.

- IX. Reading and Approval of Minutes - Approved
- X. Song of our Order

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

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| Trading Post Chair | Dillon Miller | no | Alex Gentry | yes |
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