



THE GORGET

OF THE AKELA WAHINAPAY LODGE 232, ORDER OF THE ARROW

SUMMER POW WOW EDITION

JULY 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

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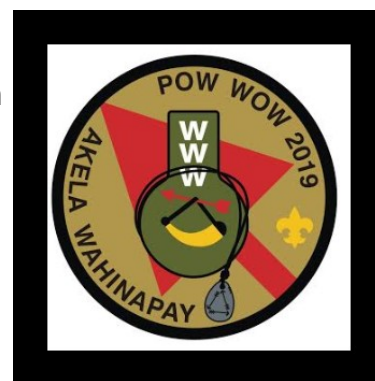
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2019 LODGE OFFICERS

Chief Chris Sparks
First Vice Chief Conner Woodle
2nd Vice Chief Tyler Standridge
Secretary Seth Sexton
Treasurer Blake Maynard
Quartermaster Andrew Powell
Vigil Chief Jeffery Hanson
Dance Team Chairman Joshua Asher
Chapter Chief Hunter Cigainero
Lodge Adviser John "Jackie" Quinn

Summer Pow Wow

The 2019 Summer Pow Wow will be held on August 2-4 at Camp Pioneer in Hatfield, Arkansas. We will be conducting both Ordeal and Brotherhood Inductions. If you have been an Ordeal member for 6 or more months, you are eligible to seal your membership by becoming a Brotherhood member. We will also be conducting lodge officer elections for 2020. Any dues-paid member of our lodge is welcome to come out and join the fun! Sign up at the Caddo Area Council Scout Office, at the event, or at: <https://caddo.ihubapp.org/events/22303>



Ordeal - \$65 Brotherhood - \$45 Member - \$25

Centennial Camporee

Caddo Area Council celebrated 100 Years of Scouting Adventure with a Centennial Camporee on May 18 -19 at Camp Pioneer in Hatfield, Arkansas. In addition to many fun activities such as Dodge Ball, Gaga Ball, and many others., troops competed to identify the Troop of the Year! Troop 8 was the ultimate winner. OA staff helped run the events and judge the winners. Our lodge conducted a call out ceremony for 32 Scouts to become new Ordeal candidates.

CHIEFLY SPEAKING



“O’ God, help me to win, but in thy wisdom if thou wilt not let me win, then O’ God, make me a good loser”

“There is no teaching to compare with example.”

Baden Powell

Brothers,

I want to use this opportunity to thank everyone who have made my journey great over the last eight years. Your constant support has driven me to do the best job that I can for the lodge.

This will be my last entry as Lodge Chief. Though my journey is coming to an end, yours has only begun. Never forget who you are and what you are capable of. I challenge all of you to find something about the OA and lodge that makes you proud, and encourages all of your buddies to start coming to events, join a committee, learn a ceremony part - the possibilities are endless!

Don’t forget about NOAC 2020. Believe me, this is an experience that you will not want to miss. Never forget that it is up to you to decide how you want your path to be forged. I want each and everyone of you to get the experience that I got - the experience you deserve. I will always be here to help and support you. I could not be more confident in the hands I’m leaving the lodge. Akela Wahinapay will flourish under your watch. So with that, I bid all of you the best of luck in your future endeavors. If any of you ever need anything, I will make myself available for you. Always remember, the Lodge Chief does not make the Braves, the Braves make the Chief.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Christopher Sparks

Where Are They Today?

Installment #1

by

Tom Reddin



Do you know what happened to some of the outstanding leaders from our lodge's rich history?

William Newell Harkness, Jr. served as our 1st Lodge Chief (1943-1944). Bill was born between New Boston and Hooks, Texas on May 5, 1927. His father was a farmer at the time but later was an attorney in Texarkana. Bill earned Eagle Scout on 8/16/1943 in Troop 18 in Texarkana, Texas. He graduated from Texas High School in 1944. After spending a year at Texarkana Junior College, he was appointed to the US Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, the summer of 1945. Bill graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree on June 3, 1949 and was commissioned an Ensign. He served until June 20, 1954, leaving the Navy as a Lieutenant. He then went back to school and graduated in about 1957 as a physician. Bill worked in the Dallas area as a doctor until his death on June 1, 1992 in Garland, Texas, at age 65. He is buried in Read Hill Cemetery, New Boston, Texas, next to his parents.

2019 Spring Arrowee

The Spring Arrowee was a work weekend to get things in order at Camp Pioneer for the Centennial Camporee. No Ordeal or Brotherhood Ceremonies were held. We had a special appearance from SR-2 Section Chief Brody Humphries. We might not have had the best weather or the highest attendance, but we got the job done and had fun while doing it!



The Camp Pioneer Gorget

Our Lodge Newsletter, *The Gorget*, is named for a gorget that was found at Camp Pioneer during 1949 Summer Camp. Gorgets, which are not very numerous, are stones (may be of any type of mineral, but usually of river stone, deer stone, or slate stone.) and usually have notches in them.

The purpose of the notches on the gorgets is not known for certain, but it is believed by authorities to be a system or record keeping of battles, days, years, victories, feasts, honors, or similar events. On most gorgets a hole may be found in the upper half for the purpose of lacing the stone on a necklace.

James O. McKinney – a 1949 junior staff member, found the Camp Pioneer Gorget while on one of the many arrowhead hikes made to the north of Camp. The Camp Pioneer Gorget is about 1.25 inches in diameter. On each side are three notches – six in all counting both sides. A hole is in the center for lacing the stone as the central article on a necklace. The Camp Pioneer Gorget, which is medium gray in color, is made of river stone.

LEC Meetings

If you are a new member of our lodge or an old member trying to get more involved, there are multiple ways to do just that. One way is by attending our monthly lodge executive committee meetings. These meetings occur on the third Sunday of each month at Hardy Memorial United Methodist Church. During our monthly meeting, we plan events as well as review our past events. If you attend, you can also stay in



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