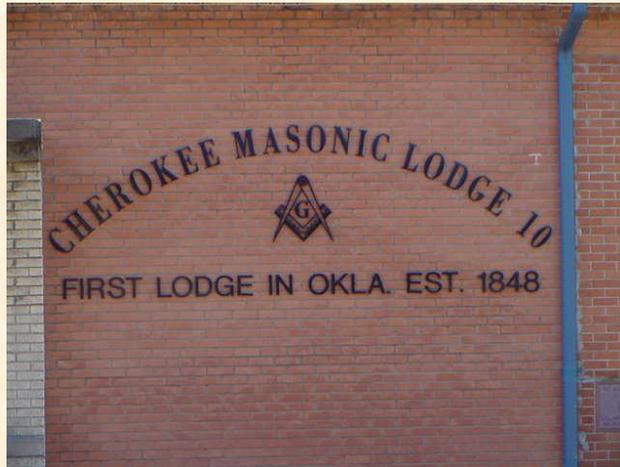


## Cherokee Lodge # 10 Focuses on Charity



Cherokee Masonic Lodge #10, the oldest masonic lodge in the state of Oklahoma was established in 1848 in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. In 1955, the current building used by the Masonic Lodge was dedicated and put into use for the lodge itself and for the community. For decades, the masonic lodge has hosted benefit breakfasts and dinners for many charitable organizations in the community including: Help-In-Crisis; CASA; Special Olympics; Save-A-Senior; Boy Scouts of America; Relay for Life; Salvation Army Home Energy Aid and Tahlequah Men's Shelter.

The Masonic organization is the oldest known fraternity in existence, dating back several hundred years. Many famous and influential men who were members of Masonry have played a pivotal role in the foundation of our country, major events and World Wars throughout our history. Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Teddy Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, Winston Churchill, Davy Crockett, Sam Houston, Douglas MacArthur, Omar Bradley, Irving Berlin, Gene Autry, Cecil B. deMille, Burls Ives, Red Skelton, Mark Twain, John Wayne, Henry Ford, Charles Lindberg, J. C. Penny, Chief John Ross and Will Rogers to name a few of the many.

This Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, the Lodge is hosting an "All You Can Eat," benefit breakfast for the lodge itself. The proceeds will be utilized to aid in the operation and cost of repairs and maintenance of the Cherokee Masonic Lodge, #10 building. The lodge building is in need of numerous repairs and updates in order to continue providing a quality environment to host benefits and charitable events for the many charitable organizations that the Masonic Lodge supports.

In addition to the monthly benefit breakfast, Cherokee # 10 sponsors numerous benefit dinners and other fund raising events to support individuals as well as organizations. The Lodge also recognizes children and educators through their program known as, "Student of Today, and Teacher of Today." Lodge members provide eye screenings for children at the schools around the county. Masonic organizations across the state of Oklahoma raised in excess of \$9 million for charitable functions and individuals statewide.

Each year, Cherokee Masonic Lodge #10 also provides a free Thanksgiving dinner to the community on the third Saturday of November. There is no cost for this event, however donations are always appreciated.

Your support of all of the charities in our communities is vital to the success and continuation of their mission. Thousands of individuals are impacted annually by the generous acts of the Masonic Lodge and all of the other charitable organizations in our communities. Please support all charities so that they can positively impact individuals who are less fortunate or might be enduring a crisis.

**Please come out and support the lodge by joining us for a hot breakfast on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast includes Bacon, Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage, Hash-browns, Biscuits, Gravy, Orange Juice and Coffee.**

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