



OA News Briefs



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Upcoming Events

Pollock Ordeal	Oct 01
Training / Fellowship Weekend	Nov 12
NOAC 2000	Summer of 2000
Bi-Clave '00	September 2000
2001 Nat'l Jamboree	Summer of 2001

2nd Annual Lodge Dinner

Our Lodge held its second annual Lodge dinner on August 28th in Sacramento. Over 75 Arrowmen were in attendance. Chef Ed Frutchey and his staff prepared a fabulous meal which included New York Steak, corn on the cob, and much more. New programs and policies that were unveiled at the National Leadership Summit were introduced. NOAC 2000 was promoted and over 15 people signed-up on-the-spot. The evening concluded with a guest speaker from Hewlett Packard. Chris Frank discussed a fascinating rocket fuel project that he was involved in with the United States Air Force. The whole Amangi Nacha Lodge would like to extend our thanks to Mr. Frank for speaking to us that evening.

Conclave Yields the 'Bald Eagle'

The 1999 Section W3B Conclave was held September 17-19 in Yosemite National Park. Our Lodge had close to 200 Arrowmen attend. At the Conclave, Arrowmen pledged over 1500 hours of service to the BSA's Service to America Campaign. But the highlight of the weekend for our Lodges was bringing home the coveted "Bald Eagle Award." Beating out four other Lodges in rigorous competition, the award keeps its home in the northstate. Start making plans to attend the 2000 Conclave, which will be a "Bi-Clave with Section W3A on the USS Hornet.

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Summit sheds light on new programs, policies

Four members of our Lodge recently attended the first ever "National Leadership Summit."

By: *Jacy Krogh
News Director*

The first ever National Leadership Summit occurred in early August in Fort Collins, Colorado, and our Lodge was represented. Lodge Chief Carl Krigbaum, Lodge Adviser Bob Nelson, Staff Adviser Eric Allred, and myself made the journey to the summit to learn about new Order of the Arrow policies and programs.

The Summit unveiled the newest OA outreach program. The Troop/Team Representative Program will be a liaison between the local chapter and his unit. In the unit, he will serve as a communication and programmatic link to Arrowmen. This position is an optional position in the unit, just like a Scribe or Historian. Be looking for more information at your district roundtables, or talk to your District Executive.

Another new program that was rolled out at the Summit was the new Lodge Leadership Development Training program. This new program is an interactive training aide which will allow our Lodge's Key Three to choose the type of leadership training that best suits the Lodge. The training is on CD-ROM and makes new syllabuses and ideas available in an easy format. This new program will be implemented at our Fellowship and Training weekend in November.

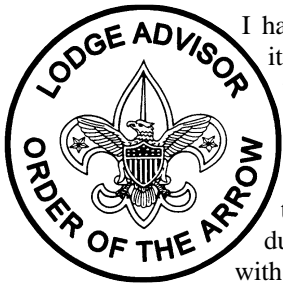
A lot of you have probably heard about the "Strategic Plan." Up until now nobody below a regional level really had a clue on what it was all about. At the Summit we learned about what it is, and how it will help our organization. The purpose of the strategic plan is to take ideas and programs that have worked in the past and make them better, implement the new vision of the OA (see page 2), and to implement our new symbol. Our strategic plan goes hand in hand with the Boy Scout Strategic Plan. It will also push for more integration between the Lodge and Council to make it one entity, and not two separate ones.

New ceremony books will appear shortly. The new books are bigger, in an 8 1/2" x 11" format, with a colorful cover. The books are updated and easier to use. The Ordeal and Brotherhood books are available now, and the Vigil book is to be released this fall.



Focus on Fuzzy

By: Bob "Fuzzy" Nelson
Lodge Adviser



I have two principal items to go over with you this month: The National Leadership Summit and the status of our dues. Let's begin with the dues.

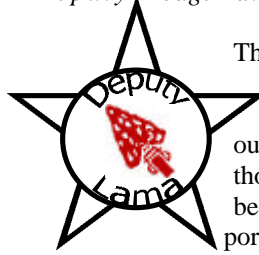
The Order of the Arrow is in the process of being designated as Scouting's Honor Scout organization. It is the one recognition in Scouting that can only be achieved through the selection of your peers. Participation in the OA can result in many rewards including extended leadership opportunities, expansion of Scouting friendships throughout the Nation, and the opportunity to participate in national events such as NOAC. It all starts here in your local district, through participation in your Chapter.

In order for you to participate you must be a current dues paid member of the OA and the Boy Scouts of America. Many new members stick around long enough to get their sash and flap and then just disappear. There are probably as many reasons for this as there are members in the OA, but the most often voiced reason is that there is nothing to do. Well, we share that responsibility. As adult members it is our duty to present the best program available at the Lodge and Chapter level. As youth members, it is your opportunity to provide the leadership into your Chapter to provide a program that is attractive to yourself and your Scouting friends. If this is not happening, then we are both to blame. Let's get involved and make the needed improvements our Chapters and Lodge need to be a quality program in the Golden Empire Council.

Four of us from the Lodge were lucky enough to attend the 1999 National Leadership Summit held in Fort Collins, Colorado from July 31 to August 3. There were four main focuses presented at the Summit and you will be hearing more about these in the months to come. These points are: the new Lodge Leadership Development Program; the Unit Representative position; (See "Fuzzy" on page 3)

Deputy Lama

By: Larry "Lama" Frith
Deputy Lodge Adviser



This is the first of many articles I plan to write for our newsletter. Even though I have always been a strong supporter of Lodge and Chapter Chiefs as well as Advisers using our newsletter, I have taken a behind the scene approach and not provided articles to our editor. This has not been the best position I have discovered. In the future I plan to led more by my own example and use our least expensive and most widely seen communication we have far more effectively. We are all committed as adults and youth to seeing our youth operate the business and programs of our lodge, but we as adults are falling short of providing the support and structure these young men need and deserve. This is not because we as adults are indifferent or lack the desire and love of service to our youth, but rather an organized plan of attack to over come the obstacles that come in the way of a successful and productive program. Challenges we as a Lodge have successfully met along the way and tackled have been the operation of programs and lodge business over long distances. Conducting five ordeals a year, Providing support to thirteen chapters, Promoting the National Jamboree contingent recruitment, as well as many other challenges. These are the basis we can spring from to build, improve and design a better environment for our youth to lead with. Many ideas and concepts have been discussed within the adult and youth ranks in order to make our lodge more efficient, responsive and fun. The overwhelming conscious is a lodge structure which brings in more members to actively participate at all levels, Chapter as well as at the Lodge level, stronger leadership and adult commitment, Lodge Ceremony and Dance teams derived from inter-chapter competitions to compete at NOAC and an attitude of accountability.

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NOAC 2000

Obtained via Lodge Promotional Kit & National OA Website

Every two years, Arrowmen from across the country gather on the campus of a major university for the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). Over 6800 Arrowmen from as far away as Europe and Asia, gather for five days of training and fellowship. NOAC will probably be the most fun they will ever have in five days. With each progressing year, NOAC becomes more diversified and more fun than the previous year.

Some of the main activities at NOAC include ceremonies, training, Native American events, shows, and Founder's Day. NOAC has something for every one. It is definitely one of Scouting's most unique and entertaining training events.

NOAC 2000 is scheduled to take place from Saturday, July 29 through Thursday breakfast, August 3 on the beautiful campus of the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Approximately 6800 members are expected to attend or staff the Conference Knoxville is less than a days drive for over 1/2 of the population of the US. There are three National Parks close by including the Great Smoky Mountains, The Big South Fork and Cumberland Gap.

This will be our third conference at UT. Program will be planned under the leadership of the officers attending the national planning meeting in December of 1999. If you have any ideas or suggestions write them up and get them to your Section Chief in 1999. He'll be helping to plan the event.

Our Lodge has announced that they will be sending 20 youth to NOAC 2000. If you would like to have the time of your life then sign up now. There are only a few positions left so if you are interested contact Bob Nelson at fsfuzzy1@jps.net



New Ordeal; Vigil members in Tito

By: *Brian Wilkinson*
Chapter Chief

**First Thursday of the month at 7 PM
Davis Community Church**

The chapter supplied both an ordeal and brotherhood team for the Pahatsi ordeal. Thanks to all our ceremonial people. We also welcome eight new brotherhood members. Special thanks to Craig Tanner for serving as the ordeal adult chairman.

This August we celebrate our newest vigil honor member JEFF ITO. He served as our chief for the past year and was our dance team leader the year before. He is currently serving as the lodge Indian Lore Vice-Chief.

At the lodge dinner we had seven Arrowmen attend and six members signed up to attend the next NOAC in Tennessee. Any other members wishing to attend should contact Brian Wilkinson at 758-5913 as soon as possible.

At the meetings in the coming months we will be organizing our dance and ceremonial teams. Come check us out and be part of the action!

Annual dinner highlights Wintun

By: *Kurt Heuer*
Chapter Chief

**First Monday of the month at 7 PM
Anderson River Park Scout Hall**

In August we had our annual Chapter dinner. As always, it was fantastic. With Tom Wilkerson and Al Vitzhum cooking a good time was had by all.

At the dinner Bob Nelson, Jacy Krogh, and Eric Allred talked about the National Leadership Summit they recently attended. They gave us some great insight on upcoming changes.

At our next meeting we will be talking about ceremony teams and discussing the upcoming Lodge events.

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the new Quality Lodge requirements; and the new Role of the Section. The new training looks great. All of the training materials were provided on a CD-ROM for immediate implementation in our Lodges. Look for a taste of this new program at our Fellowship in November.

There is a new leadership position available in our Troops and Teams: the OA Unit Representative. This is a position which meets the Unit Leadership requirements for advancement to Star, Life, and Eagle. The position serves as a communications link between the units and the OA Lodges and/or Chapters. Training will available through the Lodge Leadership Development Program mentioned earlier.

In closing, I urge each of you to get involved in building our program. It starts with being a current member in good standing. Looking for a cheap way to the 2001 National Jamboree? Then maybe you should consider applying for a staff position with the OA. More details are coming out, but you might want to check the web!

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change is the Lodge is going to a committee structure. All members will be a member of at least one committee. A sign-up form will be available soon at council service centers and chapter meetings. Select activities and committees you have skills, interest, and the ability to follow through with. (This part is very important) Your committee choice will be the same for your chapter and lodge designation in most cases. Committees will be assigned to their respective Lodge and Chapter Vice Chiefs along with their adult Adviser. Within each committee activity Vice Chiefs and an adult is assigned for each event or project. These positions can be appointed by the Chief or Vice Chief and Adviser from the membership pool from a chapter or lodge list (Volunteers always have a better chance to get selected first) These program or event Vice Chiefs will receive valuable leadership and pull together members from a known pool of members with the interest and skills to succeed, With this structure each chapter will have the same number of Chiefs the lodge has, When the lodge meeting breaks into committee meetings, these chapter Vice Chiefs and activity Vice Chiefs along with committee members at large will attend their committee session with other chapter and lodge leaders. This will give specific direction to their needs and concerns. Opening up activity Vice Chiefs provides leadership opportunities to more boys and a sharing of projects to more members. It has been a Chief in to many cases carrying the burden by themselves. This new operation structure will be discussed out at our August lodge meeting and November Fellowship. The basic goal here for more opportunity for leadership and the sharing of skills and knowledge.

The second wind of change will be the changing of some Lodge, Council, and Chapter advisers on the adult side and the election of new Lodge and Chapter officers. Youth should realize what their strongest skills are and run for that office and not every office. It is much worse to be elected to an office and fail at that position, than have the enjoyment and respect of a job well done at a position your better suited for. Adult Advisers should change positions every two years. Train your replacement one year out. Lodge advisers change every two years, this is set by tradition and frankly common sense. It will be the goal of the lodge to seek the turnover of Chapter advisers also after two years of service in that position. There is always another challenge ahead at the Lodge level.

The third wind of change is a much stronger program in every chapter. Every Chapter is expected to have one or more ceremony teams. Dance teams will be encouraged. A yearly program designed by the youth and submitted to the Lodge council, with a Chapter organization chart by committee structure. Regular monthly meetings and adult support and encouragement.

It is only through mutual expectations and support can our lodge live up to it's full potential and provide Cheerful Service to our Troops, Council, Districts and each other. We should all share the burden, helping your brother succeed is helping yourself.

Thank you for all who serve and give of your time to others.



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