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Do You Have One

Have you seen the new tenth anniversary patch? It looks just like the patch to the right. Did you know you can not buy one, there is a limited number and you can only get one by registering with the lodge. So log on to the Lodge web page at “www.gec-bsa.org/oa” and register today.

All training was provided by a youth and adult team. Thanks go to **Gilbert Canady** for his outstanding service during the event and providing a great lunch.

Lodge Dinner and Training Event a Huge Success

The Lodge held its annual Lodge Recognition Dinner and Training event on November 9th with over 100 arrowmen attended the two events. This was an excellent platform for offering training to all new lodge and chapter officers as well as an opportunity to recognize those arrowmen who have provided quality service to the lodge.

The catered dinner was the highlight of the event. Our past lodge chief, **JP Jones**, was sworn in for another term along with his Vice Chief's. **Joshua Whitcomb** was instrumental in orchestrating the dinner and its various events, which surpassed last year's event. Many awards were presented to include the Chief's Awards and Silver Feather Awards. The new flap design was unveiled at this time to include the new Chief's Award flap and the 10th Anniversary flap.

The training portion included several blocks of training designed to provide new officers with a better understanding of their roles in the lodge as well as an opportunity for continued training for those desiring additional knowledge.

The Golden Arrow award for the top chapter for 2002 was awarded to **Kowaunkamish Chapter**. The Vigil Honor and Founders Award were also presented. (Continued on page 3).

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| Apr 30 | Youth Election Deadline |
| May 2 | Lodge Executive Meeting |
| May 3 | Council of Chiefs |

Lodge Chief

Dear Brothers,

I am honored once again to be elected your Chief. We had a great year! We saw the return of the Bald Eagle trophy to its rightful owners and for the first time in many years we are a Quality Lodge. Thanks to all of you for your part in our receiving these Honors.

We also had the biggest contingent ever in Lodge history go to NOAC. A big thank you to **Brian Page** and **Kim Wilkinson** for making this an outstanding trip.

We had a great year with positive growth and had 36% of the eligible Ordeal Arrowmen obtain the Brotherhood Honor there by sealing their commitment to the order and our calling, to provide cheerful service to our Council and fellowmen.

I want to challenge myself, my Vice Chiefs, Chapter officers and all the advisors to have an even better year. We can start by encouraging arrowmen to register and to be active in their chapters. We can start building strong Brotherhood and Ordeal teams for the upcoming Ordeals. We can encourage the youth to attend the Lodge council of Chiefs and help plan a great fellowship and even better Lodge dinner than last year.

Lastly, I know that every Chapter would love to be an honor chapter and have that wonderful pizza party with Mike and I. I was disappointed there were none this year. So start planning now, let's beat the 36% Brotherhood conversion of last year, let's go for 40%. I expect every chapter to be a quality chapter this year. Let's once

again maintain our status as a quality Lodge, maintain the Bald Eagle Trophy and prove that we are one of the best Lodges in the USA

Yours in Brotherhood,

JP Jones
Lodge Chief
WWW



Vice Chief of Camping

Hello my fellow Arrowmen, My name is Stephen Whitcomb; I am your 2003 Vice Chief of Camping. First I would like to say Thanks to everyone that voted for me. Second, I would like to thank the chapters, which are helping me with the camping book you're helping to make our camping book great. Lastly I have three issues that involve camping. First; I would like to stress the importance of the OA lodge and summer camp, one of the functions of the OA is to help out the council and to help even after the ordeals are over. One way is to be on staff, and

you can make money at the same time. Scouts 14-16 years old can become Candidate's in Training. They do not get money but they do have a fun time. Those 17 and up can be full-time staff members. You do get paid and the OA lodge would be very happy for your support of the Council camps. So if you would like to get on staff, either come to the next COC or you can go to council office. Second is the availability of camperships which can help pay some of the cost for scouts to go to summer camp or to a high adventure base. Last year the campership committee had lots of money left and nobody to give it to. In

years past it has been said that you have to go to a council camp but not anymore. The money can go to any camp. So if you or someone you know needs a campership. Go to the council office and pick up a form, no boy should miss summer camp because of financial hardship. Finally, we need more arrowmen to attend the camping committee meeting at the COC. Come and help us to make our camping booth and book better. I look forward to working this coming year with the camping committee and all the lodge officers I feel this will be one of our Lodge's best years so come and be part of it at the COC. Thank you for your time, yours in brotherhood.

Stephen Whitcomb

Vice Chief of Inductions

Hi, my name is Joshua Orsborn, and I will be serving you this year as the 2003 Vice Chief of Inductions. This time of year I plan on becoming very busy, as you will, because it is unit election time. The Lodge goal for elections is to visit 85% of the units. I will rely on you to help me reach that goal. Remember to get your adult nomination forms mailed in to the Redding office as soon as possible.

please contact my advisor Mr. Money-maker or myself.

Joshua Orsborn

If you have question related to Inductions

2001-2002 Lodge Officers

Lodge Chief - JP Jones

VC of Programs - Joshua Whitcomb

VC of Communications - Mike Randall

VC of Camping - Stephen Whitcomb

VC of Induction - Joshua Orsborn

VC of Indian Lore - Donald McCausland

New Elangomat Award

This award is designed to encourage and reward the arrowman who fulfills the requirements for the award. The award consists of a silver mylar border flap, which can be worn in place of any standard lodge issue. The requirements are established in concert with the goals of the Lodge. The two primary goals of the Lodge are.

1. Attain at least 35% Brotherhood conversion.
2. Continue strong positive growth and member retention.

The requirements for the Elangomat Service Award are:

1. Complete the on-line or Lodge Elangomat training program prior to the ordeal in which the Elangomat is performing.
2. Satisfactorily fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the

Lodge Advisor Corner...

Brothers,

Your youth leadership has set high goals and we have a lot to accomplish this year. We will need every member help in accomplishing our goal. January through March Scouts from every unit will be given the opportunity to select members from their own unit to become members of Scouting's Honor Society "The Order of the Arrow". Let's all make an effort to bring these scouts into order. Chapters will need your help in organizing election & camp promotion teams to visit units and hold elections. Soon after the elections, these same chapters will be working with the District leadership, organizing the District Camporee, and conducting the public recognitions (Call Out) for these young men and adults. Four Lodge Ordeals will be conducted in the spring; this is one of the important services we provide to the council. This year the camps have special needs for additional Arrowmen youth and adults as well.

Our Lodge is making an effort to give grater service to Units, Districts, and the Council. Summer Camps are on the top of the list. Each summer camp will have an OA Representative that scouts can go to for help and information about the OA. Most Camps will have an Order of the Arrow day and members of the OA are encouraged to wear their OA sash.

Special programs and promotions will take place with an emphasis on the order and what it does. The campfire on the OA day will be conducted by Camp Staff who are OA members. After the public campfire when the units have left, we will conduct a Brotherhood Ceremony for Ordeal members who qualify and have past the testing. The lodge focused on this last year and became a Quality Lodge, so lets do it again.

Council Summer Camps are looking for OA members to be on their staff. Being on summer camp staff is fun and rewarding. Camps are looking for OA members to help with the merit badges such as Indian Lore, Camping and the other outdoors merit badges. If you have special interest in being the OA representative make that note on your application. In this newsletter you will find the Camp Staff Application. Please fill one out and submit it as soon as possible.

Please contact me if you need more information.

In Cheerful Service,

Mike Gaffney

Elangomat, Lead by example, ie. attend pre-ordeal and ordeal ceremonies with candidates, sleep outside, work and eat scant food with candidates. Talking, only as necessary.

3. Accomplish successful membership retention by achieving 50% Brotherhood Conversion within your clan. If the clan consists of less than 5 members than the standard will be 75% conversion. This requirement must be completed with 18 months of the clan members completing their ordeal.



Lodge Dinner, from page 1

Something new was added to the dinner this year- a silent auction. The auction created a lot of feverous bidding as time ran out. Several neat items were available for auction to include a Mayi Lodge mint 1st issue neckerchief, a Canaku Lodge 511 F2, an S4 Chief's Award and many other items that were donated by fellow arrowmen. Much like our Fall Fellowship, this event was the best in memory with many members saying those who missed it really missed out on a great event.

Did you know?

- ◆ We ended the year with 847 members
- ◆ 101 Arrowmen made the commitment to Brotherhood last year
- ◆ 204 individuals went through an Ordeal in 2002.

Upcoming Ordeals-

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| Lassen | May 16-18 |
| Winton | May 30-June 1 |
| Pahatsi | June 20-22 |
| GTSR | June 27-29 |

Amangi V / Buena Vista

We need You! Please show up to our next meeting. We are trying to build our callout teams. Anyone that has re-registered is eligible. If you are interested, come to the next meeting. We are also doing troop elections, so be prepared to take part in that. Also we have changed our ordeal from the Pahatsi to GSR.

Meeting Information:

Date: Forth Tuesday

Time: 7:00 - 8:30P.M.

Place: Rocklin Community Center

Address: 5484 5th Street, Rocklin
Building closest to street.

Cha-Pa-Di / El Dorado

Meeting Information:

Date: Third Tuesday

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Pacific Bell Office
281 Industrial Drive, Placerville

Directions: Off US 50 at the Missouri Flat Rd. Exit. Go South to Industrial Drive. Were right across from Stove and Stuff.

Curahee / Trailblazer

Our chapter has been working on getting ceremonies memorized and we have had all the boys get material so that they could have their own regalia. We have been getting ready to do our inductions. We plan on doing the pre-ordeal ceremony for the Winton ordeal. .

Meeting Information:

Date: Third Thursday

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Place: LDS Church in Vacaville

Eluwak / Pony Express

We will be holding our next meeting on March 16,2003, at 7 pm at the Deseret LDS Building on Desert Ave. in Citrus Heights. We will be discussing Camporee, drawing up a budget and getting volunteers for election teams. If you need directions, call Joshua Harrison at 916-725-6555 Elections have already started, we have done one & have elected 6 youth. We look forward to thoroughly embarrassing all the other chapters with our brotherhood conversions.-Adam Love, Chapter Chief

Meeting Information:

Date: Second Thursday
except June and July

Time: 7:30 - 8:30 PM

Place: LDS Center

Directions: Fair Oaks Blvd. To
Garfield, 4252 Garfield Ave.

Irekwan / Gold Country

Meeting Information:

Date: Third Sunday

Time: 1 pm - 4:30 PM

Place: Memorial Park Scout House,
Grass Valley.

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| <h2 style="text-align: center;">Kendwit Ihum / Soaring Eagle</h2> <p>I am the chapter chief for the 2003 years. I hope to have a great year. I plan to start a chapter singing/drum team. I would hope to earn Quality Chapter. I would like a 50% increase in attendance. We meet on the second Thursday of every month, at the LDS Church on Seasons Drive, at 7 pm.</p> <p>Your Chapter Chief, Lawrence Imamura.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Meeting Information:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Date: First Thursday Time: 7:00 P.M. Place: LDS Chapel @ the corner of Seasons Drive and Laguna Park</p> |
| <h2 style="text-align: center;">Kowaunkamish / Buttes Area</h2> <p>. Well we had a very good turnout for our annual chapter dinner and everyone I talked to enjoyed it very much. At the dinner we passed out awards for the past years officers and welcomed in the new.</p> <p>Christopher Bartlett Vice Chief of Communications</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Meeting Information:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Date: Second Saturday Time: 9 - noon Place: Live Oak Scout Hall</p> |
| <h2 style="text-align: center;">Maidu / Rancho West</h2> | <p style="text-align: center;">Meeting Information:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Date: First Thursday except June and July Time: 7:00 - 8:30 P.M. Place: LDS Center Directions: Traveling North on 99 get off at East Ave. drive approx. 1.5 mile to Alamo St.</p> |
| <h2 style="text-align: center;">Miwok / Pathfinder</h2> | <p style="text-align: center;">Meeting Information:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Date: First Thursday Time: 7:00 - 8:00 P.M. Place: Stanford Settlement Address: 450 West El Camino Ave</p> |

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| <h2 style="text-align: center;">Patwin / Rio Del Oro</h2> <p>This month we had our meeting 1-19-03, We did our round tables flag ceremony. We had 2 kids show up and one adult. We also announced our new chapter chief.</p> | <p>Meeting Information:</p> <p>Date: Second Thursday Time: 7:00 - 8:30P.M. Place: LDS Center Directions: Fair Oaks Blvd. To Garfield, 4552 Garfield Ave</p> |
| <h2 style="text-align: center;">Peen Sew / River City</h2> <p>This month Peen Sew has just been rebuilding the chapter size. With the people that we have been planning, our camporee and thinking of was to incorporate members from local troops in our district. We are also busily working on coordinating the Winton Ordeal. Chief Joseph Alexandrou.</p> | <p>Meeting Information:</p> <p>Date: Third Thursday Time: 7:30 P.M. Place: LDS Church @ 11th Ave & Franklin Blvd.</p> |
| <h2 style="text-align: center;">Ta Tanka Ska / Amador</h2> | <p>Meeting Information:</p> <p>Date: Fourth Monday Time: 6:30 - 8:00P.M. Place: Jackson Scout Hut located in the front of the library off Hyw. 49</p> |
| <h2 style="text-align: center;">Tito-Wa / Yolo</h2> <p>Tito Wa met on the 9th of this month and played OA Bingo after the business. We will meeting February and go bowling. Our election teams are organizing and will visit each troop in the upcoming months. The dance and ceremony teams are also preparing for upcoming events such as Camporee!</p> | <p>Meeting Information:</p> <p>Date: First Thursday Time: 7:00 - 8:00PM Place: Davis Community Church Address: 214 C Street</p> |
| <h2 style="text-align: center;">Wintun / Shasta-Trinity</h2> <p>Last meeting the Wintun chapter we discussed the ordeal, elangomats, set an officers meeting to plan this years meetings. Had elections training, and created another ceremony team. To date, this year we have held two successful elections, and conducted a Key 3 meeting. .</p> | <p>Meeting Information:</p> <p>Date: Third Monday Time: 7:00 P.M. Place: Anderson Scout Hall @ Ander- son River Park Address: Dead end of Rupert Rd.</p> |

Ordeal to Brotherhood

Have you become a Brotherhood Member yet?

Look below to see what you need to do to seal your membership
in the Order of the Arrow.

After at least 10 months of active service to your unit as an Ordeal member in the Order of the Arrow, you will be eligible to seal your membership through the Brotherhood Ceremony. The Ordeal has introduced you to the Order. Now through your service as an Ordeal member, you have many opportunities to increase your knowledge of the Arrow and to make it work for you. The Order of the Arrow Handbook provides all of the information you will need to understand the Order of the Arrow and the challenges of Brotherhood membership. Your Elangomat, Chapter chief and fellow brothers are also willing to help you with the following requirements.

Brotherhood Requirements

- 1) Memorize the signs of Ordeal Membership. (Memorize the obligation of the Order, the official Song, the admonition, the sign of Ordeal membership, and the Arrow handclasp.)
- 2) Advance in your understanding of the Ordeal. (Gain a thorough understanding of the ordeal through which you have passed.)
- 3) Serve your unit. (Retain your registration in scouting. During the 10 months since your Ordeal, strive to fulfill your obligation by continuing and expanding your service to your troop or team.)
- 4) Plan for service in the Lodge. (Retain your registration in the Lodge and keep your dues paid. Be aware that acceptance of Brotherhood membership involves a pledge of service to the Lodge. Develop a concrete idea of how you plan to fulfill the pledge.)
- 5) Review your progress. (When you feel that you have met the four challenges listed from above, write a letter to your Lodge Vice Chief of Communications. In this letter explain what you think the obligation means. Describe how you have been fulfilling this obligation in your unit and in your daily life, and how you have used your understanding of the Order to aid in this service. Describe your specific plans for giving service in the Lodge program.)

Join your Brothers, become a Brotherhood Member today!

Ordeal to Brotherhood

Obligation

I do hereby promise, on my honor as a Scout, that I will always and faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of Arrow, Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui.

I will always regard the ties of brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow as lasting, and will seek to preserve a cheerful spirit, even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities, and will endeavor, so far as in my power lies, to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.

Song

Firm bound in brotherhood, gather the clan that cheerful service brings to fellow man. Circle our council fire, weld tightly every link that binds us in brotherhood, Wimachtendienk.



OA Troop Representative Job Description:

An Order of the Arrow Troop Representative is a youth liaison serving between the local OA lodge or chapter and his troop. In his troop, he serves as a communication and programmatic link to the Arrowmen and adult leaders and Scouts who are not presently members of the Order. He does this in a fashion that strengthens the mission of the lodge and purpose of the Order. By setting a good example, he enhances the image of the Order as a service arm to his troop.

OA Team Representative Job Description:

An Order of the Arrow Team Representative is a youth liaison serving between the local OA lodge or chapter and his Varsity Team. In his team, he serves as a communication and programmatic link to the Arrowmen and adult leaders and Varsity Scouts who are not presently members of the Order. He does this in a fashion that strengthens the mission of the lodge and purpose of the Order. By setting a good example, he enhances the image of the Order as a service arm to his team.

This article was taken off of the national website <http://www.oa-bsa.org/programs/ttr/ttrintro.htm>

Definitions of Lodge Events

Ordeals

The Lodge holds five ordeals a year. The first is in May at Camp Lassen. The next three ordeals are held in June/July at Camp Winton, Camp Pahatsi, and Glacial Trails Scout Camp. These events help prepare these camps to open on time for the council's summer events. The fifth ordeal is held in the fall at Camp Pollock in Sacramento. All OA members are strongly encouraged to attend.

Lodge Annual Dinner

Each year the Lodge holds its annual Dinner. It is a time to review the past year, promote the upcoming events. It is a time to renew old friendships. All Arrowmen and their family and friends are welcome to attend.

Lodge Fall Fellowship

Each year the Lodge holds a Fellowship. This is a time where we can all get together and enjoy the fellowship of our brothers. The fellowship is usually held each October. At this event, we elect our Lodge officers for the next year. The activities usually include training, Chapter competitions in dancing, ceremonies, and sports. All Arrowmen are strongly encouraged to attend. This is a fun filled weekend.

Takachsin

Each year the Lodge holds a training weekend that is modeled after the National Leadership Seminar outline. This event trains the new Lodge and Chapter officers and advisors. All Lodge and Chapters officers are expected to attend.

Lodge Council of Chiefs

The Council of Chiefs is made up of all Lodge officers and Chapter Chiefs with their advisers. At these meetings the youth members create lodge policy, plan lodge events, and control financing. All Arrowmen are welcome at the Council of Chiefs meeting. The Lodge Chief is responsible for this meeting.

Chapter Meeting/Events

Each Chapter has meetings and other events through out the year. These events include crafts, Indian activities, preparation for upcoming lodge events, also preparation for District events (i.e. Elections, Call-out, and Ceremonies). Contact your Chapter Chief or advisor for more information.



Legend of the Lenni Lanape

Long years ago, in the dim ages of the past, the Lenni Lenape Tribe of the Delaware Indians inhabited the Delaware River Valley. Here they pursued the deer, the bear, the wildcat, and the panther. They hunted and fished. Their villages were numerous and powerful; their hunting parties strong. They tilled the fields as well as followed the chase. They were a peaceful people, never warring with other tribes unless first attacked. The smoke arose from their wigwams as they returned from the hunt, and the council fires blazed brightly, as around them they smoked their pipe of peace.

Many moons they lived in this blissful state of happy contentment. Springtime blossomed into summer, matured into autumn, and faded away into winter, in what seemed a never-ending succession of season. But a cloud arose on this peaceful scene. Neighboring tribes and distant enemies began to raid their hunting grounds. Then Chingachgook, the chief of the Lenni Lenape Tribe, made inquire, "Who will go and warn the villages of the Delaware's of the danger which threatens?" But none wished to go. One said, "Let them look to themselves—we are happy here." Another said, "Why should we be concerned as long as we are safe?" But Uncas, his son, said, "My father, here am I; send me. All these villages are of our blood—the Lenni Lenape. What is danger to one is the affair of all. The need is urgent. They are six to our one, and if we are to survive as a nation, we must all stand by each other. Meanwhile let us both urge upon our kindred the necessity of unselfish devotion to each other and the cause in which we are enlisted, and as they get this higher vision, send them forth on their errand of cheerful service."

Then Chingachgook, the chief, and his son, Uncas, set to work. In every village were found some who were willing to give themselves cheerfully in the service of others. Their enemies were compelled to retire to their own borders and, when peace was declared between them, they who first went out cheerfully to serve their kindred were raised to places of high eminence in the tribe by the chief. For, he said, "The servant of all is the greatest of all." And these men became so convinced of the truth of this saying that they besought the chief to perpetuate it in some manner.

So Chingachgook bound them together in a Brotherhood into which only they can be admitted who can forget their own interests and advancement while looking out for those of their brothers. And there must be so considered and recommended for membership by their associates.

So greatly did this Order aid and strengthen the Lenni Lenape that other tribes seeing this besought their help in forming similar lodges in their own tribes. So in the same spirit of service such lodges were formed, which were bound together into a great Brotherhood.

And so we, the followers of the early Indian on this soil, perpetuate to the present day the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service, which being translated into the language of the Delaware Indians, becomes Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui.

The Eluwak Challenge

What is the Eluwak challenge? The Eluwak Chapter Chief Adam Love, has challenged all the other chapters to beat them in converting more eligible Ordeal Arrowmen to Brotherhood. Let us show Eluwak that we are worthy of their challenge, and have every chapter convert more members to Brotherhood than our fine brothers in Eluwak.

New Vigil Named, Founders Honored.

The 2002 Vigil Honor recipients were presented to the lodge at the annual Lodge Dinner in November.

Those receiving the honor were: **Chris Bailey, Jerry Ito, Stephen Whitcomb, Richard Fuller, Christopher Bartlett, Donald McCausland, T. J. Radikin, M. McCarthy and Michele Page.** Our congratulations to them all.

Two members of our Lodge were also awarded the Founder's Award which is bestowed by National. The recipients for 2002 were **JP Jones** and **Gilbert Canady.** Both have provided outstanding and memorable service to the Order.

Lodge Has New Standard Issue Flap

Amangi Nacha Lodge has a new standard issue patch. You've seen the Tenth Anniversary patch, You've seen the Elangomat Award and now you can the standard issue below. If you keep your eyes open you can even find a Chief's award in the new style. You can work hard this summer and be the first in your chapter to have a complete set. Only 25 Elangomat patches were ordered. Lets see them all earned by next years Ordeals.



A Word From The Finance Team

We are now in the process of collecting the 2003 dues from our members. As a bonus this year the Lodge is providing each Arrowman who pays their 2003 dues a free 10th Anniversary flap. There will be only one issued per member making this a true treasure. You will be receiving your flap in the mail as soon as the Council has the funding to make the mailing. You can also pick it up a Lodge meetings and events. If you don't want to wait contact your Chapter Adviser who may pick it up for you.

Also, we made a mailing in January of the billing for dues along with your 2003 OA Membership Card. For some reason many of these mailing did not make it out to the members. Since the Lodge has no way of knowing who did and didn't receive their cards, we have set up the following procedure for those missing their cards. Contact Alex Zakrzewski, the Youth Financial Representative, either by phone or e-mail and he will see to it that new cards are issued. His phone number is (916) 482-9804 and his e-mail address is alex-zak@attbi.com. It is preferred that you use e-mail to contact Alex.

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Lodge Financial Adviser



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United We Stand



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