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Fire Destroys Camp Pahatsi Lodge



P. Haley July 4, 2003

Ricksecker Lodge on Lake Kilborn

Photo by Phil Haley, Tito Wa Chapter Adviser

Ricksecker Lodge at Camp Pahatsi burned down during the early morning hours of October 30th. The fire was reported at 5:25 AM by a driver on I-80, after seeing an orange glow among the trees. Fire crews responded with four fire engines and water tender. The lost structures included the lodge and nearby boathouse. All that remains

of the lodge is the foundation and two chimneys. No one was in the lodge when the fire started.

The original Ricksecker Lodge was completed in 1933 by the Tahoe Area Council. In 1987 the lodge was remodeled and enlarged. Currently some 1,500 scouts come to camp every summer.

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Jan 1, 2004	Happy New Year !
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Jan 30	Lodge Officer Retreat
Feb 21	COC at Camp Pollock

Lodge Advisers Request

The Amangi Nacha has again proven that it is the best Lodge in this Section by continuing our service to the units and the council. I would like to recommend many of our arrowmen for the Arrowmen Service award that many of you have earned. I can make recommendations for this award for a few more months. This award has been available for the last three years and this is the last year that you can apply to receive it.

If you have earned it in the past three years you can still apply for it, up to three times, by submitting the form to your chapter adviser or sending it to my attention to the address on the back of this newsletter.

All first time recipients may purchase the original award (the white ribbon with the gold compass). Arrowmen who earn the award more than once during the outlined three year period (2001-2003) may purchase the silver attachment for having completed this award a second time (2002 or 2003 only) and the bronze attachment for having completed this award a third time (2003 only). The attachment will be worn on the award's white ribbon.

Yours in Brotherhood
Mike Gaffney



Lodge Dinner and Training

The Lodge Dinner and Training this year was held on November 8th in Yuba City.

The day began with the Council of Chiefs (COC) meeting where the new lodge officers that were elected at the Fall Fellowship ran the meeting. Shortly after the conclusion of the COC the training began.

The training was held to help the new lodge and chapter officers understand their new jobs, know where resources could be found and who the other officers in the lodge and chapters were.

With the training complete, the dinner began. After JP Jones introduced the new 2004 Lodge Officers, Danny Tucker, the Lodge Staff Adviser got up and spoke. He emphasized the need for the Order's help in opening Camp Pahatsi after the lodges destruction. Camp Pahatsi would go on.

The Key Note Speaker, CAPT Don Jackson USN (Ret) talked about "The Reach of an Eagle". After which, the Chief's Awards and the new Silver Feather Awards were awarded by JP Jones to those in at-

tendance. The Golden Arrow Award was awarded to **Kowaunkamish** Chapter.

The 2003 Vigil Honor recipients were then presented with their card and certificate. Those receiving Vigil Honor in 2003 were: **Peter Aldous, Joseph Alexandrou, Jeff Barns-Allan, Tyler Bumpus, Andrew Cater, Joshua Green, Brad Hays, Lawrence Imamura, JP Jones, Michael Randall, Don Bright, Carl Braze, Dave Denton, Fred Orsborn, Royce Price and Glen Whitcomb**

The Founders Award given out as the highest award in the OA for service to a lodge was awarded to **Joshua Whitcomb** and **Bob Monemaker**. Thanks for your outstanding service to the lodge.

The last recognition of the evening was given to **JP Jones** as he was named a "James E. West Fellow" when a donation was made in his name for his outstanding service to the Lodge.



2004 Lodge Officers

Lodge Chief
Alex Zakrzewski

VC of Camping
Jeffrey Barnes-Allan

VC of Communications
Joseph Alexandrou

VC of Finance
Joshua Orsborn

VC of Indian Lore
Joshua Green

VC of Induction
Michael Randall

VC of Programs
Stephen Whitcomb

Auction Note

A silent auction was held during the Lodge Dinner and Training that generated \$216 for the 2004 NOAC. Thanks to all those who donated items or participated in the auction.

NOAC

Ames Iowa or Bust!!!!



Kayak Training at 2002 NOAC

NOAC, where to start? There was just so much to do at the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) to tell you about, that it would be impossible to tell you all about the activities in just one article.

There were training classes in Indian Lore, leadership development, and many other subjects. At the last NOAC, some of the unusual training subjects included SCUBA diving and kayak training. If the great training was not enough, then there were the competitions in soccer, basketball, volleyball, dancing, and ceremony teams along with many others. Of course in all competitions, the Amangi Nacha Lodge was a lodge to be reckoned with.

Each day would end with a show. Some of which would be focused on recognition, others had a message to the audience, and the rest, were for your pure enjoyment. Finally, on the last day there was the Founder's Day Fair.

The fair was a day when all lodges would set up a booth and have

displays showing off their lodge.

Some lodges had giveaways such as small souvenirs, food and/or prizes. However, all the lodges gave out knowledge about their lodge and it was a great time to be had.

The NOAC Staff planned tons of activities for lodges to take part in, but Amangi Nacha wanted more. At the 2002 NOAC, we also visited the Indianapolis Speedway, Indiana State Museum, and an IMAX 3-D movie outside of the regular activities.

At the 2004 NOAC, similar additional activities are being planned. We tentatively plan on going to the Negro Hall of Fame, Ocean of Fun (a water park), and a Kansas City Royals MLB game.

I have fond memories from the 2002 NOAC that I will have for the rest of my life, and I hope to see you in the ones from the 2004 NOAC at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.

**Article by Joshua Orsborn
Maidu Chapter**

NOAC Survey

by Mike Randall, Wintun Chapter

Question: What was your favorite part of the 2002 NOAC?

I liked the fact that we had the freedom to do the activities that interested me. I liked the dance competitions and Hooters.

- Donald McCausland
Kowaunkamish Chapter

The best thing about NOAC, besides the lunch on the last day was the pizza. You had pizza almost every night. The events that they had were a blast, especially the athletic events.

- Joshua Harrison
Eluwak Chapter

NOAC to me was one experience which will undoubtedly live in my memory. Between the limo ride, lack of air conditioning and Hooters. I came to the realization that I was having the time of my life. The two events which I enjoyed the most were our awesome soccer team and the Arrowmen Band. The ability of Arrowmen to be able to combine their talents and help those around them on so short notice is astounding.

- Kurt Randall
Wintun Chapter

NOAC was fun because you have a lot of freedom to do whatever you want. My favorite event was hard to choose, since everything was so much fun. National Training however stood above the rest due to the facilities and quality instructors NOAC was able to provide.

- Joshua Whitcomb
Kendwit Ihum Chapter

I liked NOAC because it was really, really fun. The soccer games and patches were cool.

- Ben Whiteley
Kowaunkamish Chapter

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National Quality Lodge

Each year Amangi Nacha strives to qualify to become a National Quality Lodge Recipient. Becoming a Quality Lodge takes a lot of effort from a lot members in a wide range of positions including members at large, event staff, publications staff to chapter and lodge officers and advisers.

Becoming a Quality Lodge is more than just getting recognition though, by meeting the requirements, the lodge serves their members and the community. Several of the requirements of Quality Lodge focus on member retention and service to scouting and the community.

After becoming Quality Lodge

for service performed in 2002, the lodge Council of Chiefs (COC) decided to try to make it two years in a row. With very few lodges in the nation qualifying for this award, this goal would be difficult.

The COC realized that the two most difficult and time consuming requirements would be the positive growth and brotherhood conversion. With this in mind, early in 2003 the COC included these two requirements in the requirements for Honor Chapter .

As of the writing of this article, it appears that the lodge is once again a Quality lodge. Wow, two years in a row!!! Congratulations to all!!!!

Positive Growth

“Positive Growth” is easy enough to say and understand, but is not an easy thing to accomplish.

The lodge has a constant turnover of its membership. Youth members go off to college and are no longer in the area. Adult members who no longer have children in the lodge may devote their time elsewhere. Then there is Ordeal Candidate that became a member and has not been seen since.

This last group are the members that need our help. Members who do not know anything about chapter

activities, Fall Fellowships, Lodge Dinners, Section Conclaves or NOACs and other events. All they remember is their ORDEAL.

The OA may not be for everyone, but one way to reach the goal of positive growth is to make sure every new member knows what the lodge has to offer before they decide not to participate.

Congratulations to the chapters shown on the right that have achieved “Positive Growth” this year and hope the list is even longer by the end of the year.

Conversion to Brotherhood Update

One of the requirements for Quality Lodge is for at least 30 % of the eligible ordeal members to become brotherhood. In early in 2003, with this requirement in mind, the Council of Chiefs (COC) set the requirement for chapters to have a brotherhood conversion rate of 35 % in order to be eligible for Honor Chapter.

With all the 2003 Ordeals and the Fall Fellowship behind us, we are close to the finish line with very

little time left in the year. A few chapters have already met this requirement with a month still to.

Congratulations to the chapters shown on the side that, as of October 23, have achieved 35 % brotherhood conversion. For the rest of the chapters that have not yet reached their goal, there is still time. As of the writing of this article, the lodge, has a 37% conversion rate and has completed this requirement for Quality Lodge.

Honor Chapter Update



Shown below is the current status of several of the specific requirements for Honor Chapter. Only those chapters that currently meet the specific requirement are listed. If a chapter is not listed for a particular requirement, then that chapter has not reached their goal.

Positive Growth

Each chapter must have positive growth. In other words, a chapter must at a minimum have one more member at the end of this year than they had at the end of last year. The following chapters have positive growth (The percentage given is based on last years membership)

Wintun	102 %
Ta Tanka Ska	107 %
Maidu	115 %
Irekwan	141 %
Miwok	164 %



Brotherhood Conversion

Each chapter must have a minimum Brotherhood conversion rate of 35 %. The following chapters currently meet this goal, however these percentages can go up or down. If the number of eligible Brotherhood Candidates increase, then these percentages will decrease.

Kowaunkamish	44 %
Peen Sew	50 %
Patwin	50 %
Wintun	53 %
Tito Wa	67 %
Kendwit Ihum	67 %
Maidu	73 %



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Dear Arrowman,

Registration Dues for the year 2004 are due and payable as of January 1st 2004. Please submit the following form (s) along with your payment of **\$10.00** as instructed below. You are reminded that current registration in the Boy Scouts of America is a prerequisite to active membership in the Order of the Arrow. Current registration is required to attend any OA function and to buy OA trading post items.

All Arrowmen under the age of 18 must complete the Lodge Medical Release Form on the reverse side of this form and submit it along with the latest copy of your current Class 2 or 3 BSA Medical Form with your dues renewal. This release will be valid for all OA events throughout the year. You will not be required to submit additional permission or medical forms in 2004 for Lodge events.

Please mail forms and payment to **Amangi Nacha Lodge #47, Boy Scouts of America, 3302 Bechelli Lane, Redding, CA 96002**. Please make checks payable to **Amangi Nacha Lodge**. In order to help the Lodge maintain accurate records for all our membership, you're asked to complete all items on the registration form. It is very important for you to print legibly. Be sure to include your Area Code since the Lodge has at least four Area Codes in our service area.

Questions regarding membership may be directed to the Lodge Financial Adviser, Bob Nelson, at (530) 222-0891. Your 2004 OA membership card will be given to your chapter adviser to get you. If you received forms and an invoice in the mail for your dues you are asked to use those for your submittal as they are preprinted with your personal data included in the Lodge Records.

DO NOT DETACH! MEDICAL RELEASE ON OTHER SIDE!!

Amangi Nacha Lodge #47 Golden Empire Council – Boy Scouts of America 2004 Dues Registration Form

Please print legibly:

Name: _____ District/Chapter: _____ Troop/Unit: _____

Street Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____ OA Honor: _____ Date Received: _____

E-mail Address: _____ @ _____ Date of Birth: _____

Please indicate Lodge Newsletter delivery preference: E-mail Notification and Download _____; Bulk Rate US Mail _____

For payments made by credit card (Visa or Master Card only please), provide the following:

Name on card: _____ Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____



**Amangi Nacha Lodge #47
Golden Empire Council
2004 Medical Release/Parent Consent Form**

For youth under age 18:

I/We, _____, do hereby give consent for _____ to
(Parent(s)/Guardian Name) (Scout's Name)
participate in all OA activities for the calendar year 2004, effective _____(date).

I/We, the undersigned, parent or guardian of said minor, do hereby authorize the Adult Leader(s) in charge as agent(s) for the undersigned to consent to any x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis of treatment and hospital care which deem advisable by, and is to be rendered by or under the general or specific supervision of any physician and/or surgeon licensed under the Medical Practices Act. It is understood that this authorization is given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment, or hospital are required, but is given to provide authority on the part of aforesaid agent for treatment deemed advisable. Adult leader(s) will make every effort to contact the Parent(s) or Guardians as soon as possible. I also give my permission for the adult leader to treat minor injuries or illnesses while at the event.

In case of an accident or illness and medical attention is required for my/our adolescent/ward, it should be obtained and I/we accept full responsibility for all expenses occurred. I/we waive all claims against the leaders and officers of this activity, agents, and representatives of the Boy Scouts of America.

Name(s): _____
Printed parent or guardian Printed parent or guardian

Signed: _____

Date: _____ Telephone: _(_____)_____

Family Doctor: _____ Telephone: _(_____)_____

A day of toil and tribulation proved good for Camp Pollock!

To my surprise on Friday night there were more than enough Elan-gomats to help with the clans which added a lot of help for the weekend.

When the time came around for the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony, half of the team had not shown up, but luckily two members of the brother-hood team were there and volunteered to fill in.

Saturday began with several work projects that included sorting cinder blocks for a wall that we would be started later in the day, the arduous task of clearing debris under and around the lodge, digging a drainage ditch around the lodge and attending the burn pile that was alive and well all day.

The drainage ditch turned into a toil in itself, when a tree stump was in its path. After a couple hours of chopping and digging, and with a pickup tugging, the stump was not moving. After speaking with the ranger we decided that it was not worth the effort and that he would get it removed later.

There were several old cabinets that needed to be drug out from under the lodge. The two clans that helped were "rewarded" latter by being able to destroy the cabinets (at the ranger's request) with sledge hammers and axes.

After Lunch, several clans began to rake leaves, clean the bath-rooms, sweep the porch and walk way, etc, while another began to sweep and mop the lodge. The clan that was attending the fire was switched out and began digging a drainage ditch from the ditch that was dug previously toward the river, where a pipe would later be placed. This pipe and ditch would allow for drainage to a more convenient place.

One of the clans began to clean shrubbery along the river side, cutting with the assistance of a chain-saw, they cleaned a large pad of area for a campsite that the ranger had plans to build later.

After the work projects were completed the candidates had about an hour to get cleaned up before the

evening activities. The day concluded with all the candidates completing the Ordeal and Eating Good.

I would like to thank the lodge for their support, because without their help this weekend would not have gone as good as it did.

**Article by Brad Hays
Pollock Ordeal Master
Maidu Chapter**



Camp Pahatsi Lodge Continued

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With about 14,000 sq. feet of floor space, the lodge housed the camp's office, indoor dining area, kitchen, and staff quarters. Scouts and staff will miss the lodge.

During the winter months, the lodge was used by Royal Gorge Nordic Ski Resort. Royal Gorge used the lodge as an attractive cross-country ski destination for its customers. Preparing for the 2004 winter season, Royal Gorge had just moved their equipment and furniture into the lodge the day before the fire started.

Although the lodge and boat-house are lost, Camp Pahatsi is still scheduled to open next summer. How the camp will be operated depends on the condition of the camp's

infrastructure like electricity and water. The shower building, trading post, and water tank building were not harmed. And all scout memorabilia and equipment, normally in the lodge during the summer, was safely stored in cargo containers away from the fire. But, the rowboats, kayaks, paddles, and PFDs stored in the boathouse were a total loss and must be replaced.

After the snow melts rebuilding will begin. No doubt OA will be there helping to open the camp. As stated by Darrell Winn, Camp Director, "Needless to say, the OA will play a big part in all this and we can never thank them enough."

**Article by Chris Haley
Tito-Wa Chapter**

Ordeal Weekends

The lodge ended the 2003 Ordeal Season with the conclusion of the Pollock Ordeal. The season started with the Lassen Ordeal but when it came to the Winton, Pahatsi and GTSR Ordeals, the Lodge was unsure if the camps would be accessible with all the snow.

The snow melted just in time for the Winton and Pahatsi Ordeals, but GTSR had to be relocated to Pahatsi. From all Ordeals we thank the 252 new members for their service and welcome them to the Order.

<u>Camps</u>	<u>New Members</u>
Lassen	39
Winton	63
Pahatsi I	76
Pahatsi II (GTSR)	46
Pollock	28

The Chapter Corner

See what your chapter and neighboring chapters have been up to and how you can get involved.



Amangi V / Buena Vista

At the last meeting 8 youth and 5 adults were present as the members discussed NOAC, Ordeal, upcoming elections, Lodge Dinner and camporee.
<Chapter Report from Oct. COC>

Meeting Information

Date: Fourth Tuesday
Time: 7:00 - 8:30 P.M.
Place: Rocklin Community Center
5484 5th Street, Rocklin
(Building closest to street)

Cha-Pa-Di / El Dorado

No Current Information

Meeting Information

Date: Second Thursday
Time: 7:30 P.M.
Place: Pacific Bell Office
281 Industrial Dr., Placerville
(Missouri Flat Rd. Exit off US 50. Go
South to Industrial Dr.. Across from
"Stove and Stuff")

Curahee / Trailblazer

No Current Information

Meeting Information

Date: Third Thursday
Time: 7:00 - 8:30 P.M.
Place: LDS Church
311 Alamo Dr., Vacaville

Eluwak / Pony Express

At the last meeting 12 youth and 3 adults were present as the members discussed ice cream party, annual planning, camporee and installed the new Chapter Officers.
<Chapter Report from Oct. COC>

Meeting Information

Date: First Thursday
(Except June and July)
Time: 7:00 - 8:30 P.M.
Place: LDS Center
Garfield and Locust

Irekwan / Gold Country

At the last meeting 9 youth and 3 adults were present as the members discussed chapter elections, Lodge Dinner, Fall Camporee and ceremony, dance, drum and inductions teams.

<Chapter Report from Oct. COC>

Meeting Information

Date: First Thursday

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Place: LDS Center
1255 Bell Road, Auburn

Kendwit Ihum / Soaring Eagle

At the last meeting 12 youth and 6 adults were present as the members discussed chapter elections, Ordeal and dance and singing teams for the next year.

<Chapter Report from Oct. COC>

Meeting Information

Date: Second Thursday

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Place: LDS Chapel
Corner of Seasons Drive and Laguna
Park Drive

Kowaunkamish / Buttes Area

At the last meeting 7 youth and 7 adults were present as the members discussed elections, NOAC and a chapter outing.

<Chapter Report from Oct. COC>

Meeting Information

Date: Second Saturday

Time: 9:00 A.M. to Noon

Place: Live Oak Scout Hall

Maidu / Rancho West

At the last meeting 5 youth and 2 adults were present as the members discussed Lodge Dinner, crossovers with cub scouts and possibility of changing the meeting date to the second Wednesday.

<Chapter Report from Oct. COC>

Meeting Information

Date: Second Wednesday

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Place: Scout Office
561 East Linda, Chico

Miwok / Pioneer-Prospector

At the last meeting 15 youth and 11 adults were present as the members discussed elections, Ordeal, camporee and Lodge Dinner.

<Chapter Report from Oct. COC>

Meeting Information

Date: First Thursday

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

Place: Camp Pollock
467 Del Paso Blvd.,
Sacramento
(Intersection of Del Paso Blvd. and
Northgate Blvd.)

Patwin / Rio Del Oro

At the last meeting 7 youth and 3 adults were present as the members discussed Webelos Wood Campfire Program and elected Robert Koeller as the new Chapter Chief.

<Chapter Report from Oct. COC>

Meeting Information

Date: Second Thursday

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

Place: LDS Center
2400 Cordova Lane

Peen Sew / River City

Our Chapter is slowly growing. We had Officer elections on 10/21. Some of the items we discussed were NOAC, camporee, Lodge Dinner, and getting new members.

- Joseph Alexandrou

Meeting Information

Date: Third Thursday

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

Place: LDS Church
11th Ave & Franklin Blvd.

Ta Tanka Ska / Amador

At the last meeting 6 youth and 2 adults were present as the members discussed Chapter Elections.

<Chapter Report from Oct. COC>

Meeting Information

Date: First Monday

Time: 6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

Place: Jackson Scout Hut
Located in the front of the library off
Hwy. 49

Tito Wa / Yolo

Our meeting theme this month was "Indian Pow Wow." Kim Wilkinson conducted the singing and drumming activity introducing our new members to the dance and drum team. At the same time our members also sampled traditional "Fry Bread" prepared by Michele Page. Throughout October, as we organize for the coming year, our dance and ceremony teams are actively recruiting new members. Later this month our efforts to promote camping will focus on the Yolo District Weboree as we introduce Boy Scouts to the council summer camps. And in November, our ceremonial team will provide the monthly meeting activity.

- Chris Haley, Chapter Chief

Meeting Information

Date: First Thursday

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

Place: Davis Community Church
412 C Street, Davis

Wintun / Northern Rivers

This month we elected new officers and introduced our new members to the chapter. After the business portion of the meeting we launched water balloons.

- Kurt Randall, Chapter Chief

Meeting Information

Date: Third Monday
(Except July and December)

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Place: Anderson Scout Hall at
Anderson River Park
Dead end of Rupert Rd.

Chapter Challenge



Find your chapter and the other chapters that make up the best lodge in the country. If you don't know all the chapters or their spelling do not fear, a list of all the chapters making up the Amangi Nacha Lodge is provided below.



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|--------------|--------------|
| AMANGI V | MAIDU |
| CHA PA DI | PATWIN |
| CURAHEE | PEEN SEW |
| ELUWAK | TA TANKA SKA |
| IREKWAN | TITO WA |
| KENDWIT IHUM | WINTUN |
| KOWAUNKAMISH | |

NOAC Survey Continued

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One of my favorite memories was the soccer competition. On the day it rained, we Poured an Igloo of water on Kim Wilkinson, our coach.

- Josh Orsborn
Maidu Chapter

My favorite part of NOAC is being a part of the Brotherhood Chorus. Singing in that group put me into the shows and I feel a part of the Conference.

I also enjoyed coaching the lodge's soccer team. We had fun, and I got to know about 10 lodge members who I have contact with at lodge functions.

- Kim Wilkinson
Tito Wa Chapter

Help!!!!

The newsletter staff needs your help. We need members to give us feedback on what they would like in their newsletter. Also, we are in need of members to write articles to keep the rest of the lodge informed on what is going on and what is coming up in the near future.

If you think you are not qualified to write for the newsletter, then you are mistaken. No experience is needed, just a desire to share your thoughts and experiences.

Just think, the next time you read the Squawks Newsletter, your name and chapter might have a by-line.

For more information on how to contribute to the newsletter, see the back page under the "United We Stand" ribbon.

For all of the members that did submit articles, the newsletter staff gives great thanks. Without your help this newsletter would be just blank paper.



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