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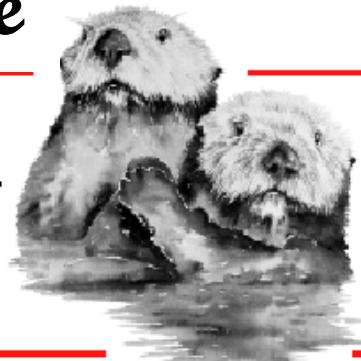
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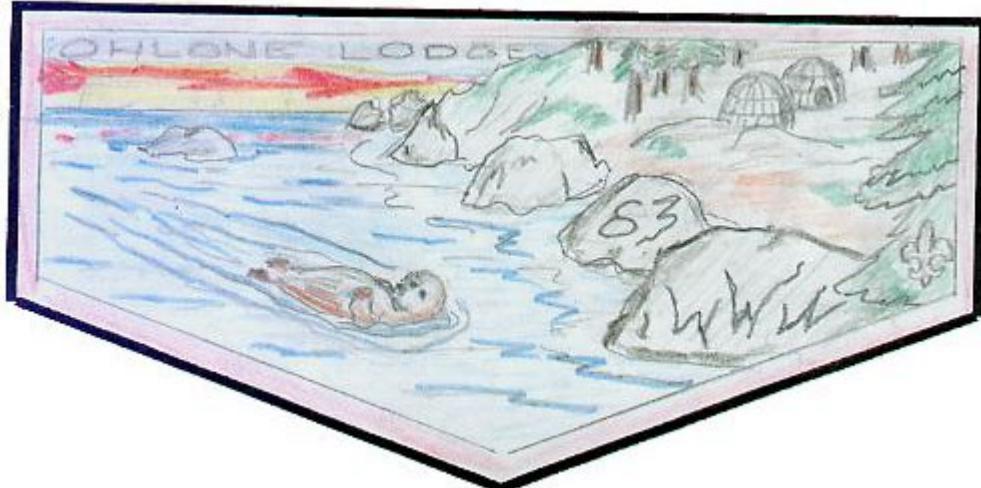
News from

THE OTTER SIDE



Ohlone's New Flap

By Matthew Rudnick



It takes a lot more than some colored pencils, an otter, and a WWW placed somewhere to design a great lodge flap. Sure there are some requirements like: lodge name, number, and a fleur-de-lis, but that's just the start. To design a good lodge flap it takes embodying what the lodge represent with images of its past, present and future. Its images need to represents the lodge at its proudest. Ohlone Lodge held a patch design contest for three months to update and give new life to our current tired flap. Ohlone lodge has had only two flap designs in

its seven years, so this was truly an exciting moment for a patch aficionado like myself.

What you see above is what was voted as the new flap at November's executive board meeting. Many flap designs were submitted: some showing the peninsula and its villages, to an ordeal, brotherhood, vigil patch set. After a long discussion the above design, drawn by J.R. Boye was selected.

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"Best Ordeal Ever"

by Andrew Coggiola

The 2002 Fall Ordeal was great! It took place at Boulder Creek on the weekend of October 11-13. Even though it is the smaller of our two annual ordeals, we accomplished a great deal. The Lodge inducted nine new Ordeal members and one new Brotherhood. For the second time, we had candidates make special chokers to identify their village and clan. Service projects included clearing brush, as well as relocating many underground pipes and electrical lines so that a new crafts pavilion can be built in the near future. Once again, the weather cooperated, making both camping and working easier.

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Chief's Corner

-Michael Maxwell-

Are YOU brotherhood? Do you know what being brotherhood is? If you answered no to either of these questions, then the lodge seriously needs YOUR help. Right now, the lodge is searching for Ordeal members who have been in the Order for at least 10 months – one of the few requirements for obtaining the Brotherhood honor. You need to write a letter to the lodge secretary and know a bit about the order like the song and oath, but that can be learned fairly quickly!

Other than brotherhood induction, the lodge is planning for the upcoming Winter Weekend in February. Alain Cousin is working hard to get a Casino Night rolling with plenty of prizes. Sports Tickets, clothes, trinkets, and other great stuff is being gathered for a great night of fake gambling, plus there will be great food and other scouting events like archery and Indian handball. Fliers will be going out soon so register now and don't wait!

Other than the Winter Weekend, the lodge is preparing to kick some *serious* butt at the W3A conclave. This year it will be at Roaring Camp near Santa Cruz off of highway 17 (right around the corner!). Ohlone will now be hosting the dance competition and we need folks to help us make it the greatest event at the Conclave! Plus, with enough arrowmen, the Conclave award can be brought back to Ohlone once and for all!

So today, instead of just putting this newsletter down, register for Winter Weekend, put down the village meeting and conclave on your calendar, and get ready for 2003 because it's going to be a blast!



From the Lodge Advisor

LodgeAdvisor@ohlone63.org

-Mark Matthews Sr.-

What a great fall we have had already, the lodge had its Ordeal in October and relocated several water mains, removed brush, installed electrical pipe all in preparation for a new pavilion that will be built in Boulder Creek. A big thank you was expressed from the camp ranger Sonny (he was also a candidate). Sonny was impressed that we got as much done as we did.

Now is the time that every one work on quality unit, this also applies to the lodge we are working on our quality lodge requirements which include a 30% brotherhood conversion. As of this writing we need 11 more conversions. Is you have been in since last fall ordeal you are eligible to move up to brotherhood. Contact the Lodge Chief or VC Inductions if your are interested.

I hope every one has a great Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Mountain Man Amazes

by Robert Larson

During the weekend of October 18-20, Puyson Village helped run the 15th annual Mountain Man Rendezvous at Boulder Creek. The event had approximately 300 scouts and scouters attend. During the morning and afternoon there were over a dozen different activities for the scouts to participate in. This event is patterned after an Order of the Arrow Conclave. The scouts could go to the events they wanted to and if they wanted to throw tomahawks all day, they could. There was archery, jerky or candle, or rope and ball making all day.

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A Quick Editor Moment-

by Matthew Rudnick

Overall this has been an amazing year for the lodge. Most Indian Lodge at Conclave, we just achieved quality lodge status for 2003, making that the second year in a row, and we implemented the Quality Village Program. Its been a successful year, so lets do what we can and continue this momentum.

Allowat Sakima Choo Choo Chooses YOU to Attend Conclave!!!

by Rob Wong

That's right Ohlone! It's time for all of the great otters to register for the Section W3A Conclave on April 25-27 2003, at Roaring Camp located in Felton near Pacific Skyline's own Boulder Creek

Reservation, which all of you are familiar with. The theme this year is "On the Track of the Arrow," and this year Ohlone will be on track to win the conclave award as long as all of YOU accept Allowat's invitation to attend Conclave!

For new Arrowmen, a conclave is a super camporee where the eight lodges in the Section gather to rumble for a weekend. For new, very important Arrowmen, you will be able to go on a train ride for fun hang out with some of the officers. Conclave is a MUST ATTEND event for everyone, but especially new Arrowmen because you get the royal treatment!

Now what other reasons do you have to go to Conclave? First, there will be many competitions such as Indian Handball, and we need to win back our Handball championship, so we need our fierce, buffed, and crazy otters to go win that. There will be other competitions such as volleyball, OA jeopardy and Indian Dance, which Ohlone is hosting and will need a good group of people to make the dance competition run smoothly.



There will be a midway full of fun stuff to check out and do, as well as other special events such as shows where we can go CRAZY!

You will be able to attend Uncas University, where it's not boring like real school, and you can earn a phat medal for completing the training program. We also have a Most Indian Lodge Award that we must defend and we also have our sights on winning the Conclave Award. Ohlone can have all of these awards in the bag with one secret weapon. That secret weapon is that WE NEED to bring everyone in Ohlone to conclave, so that when an Arrowman from another lodge looks around, he/she will be surrounded by people wearing Otter flaps.

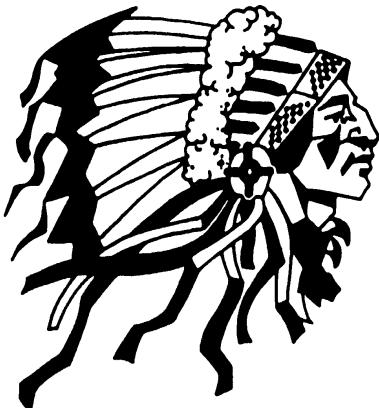
Conclave will definitely be a very memorable, fun, and exciting event and everyone should take advantage of the opportunity to go. Although we are competing with the other lodges for all of the awards, they're also nice people and it's fun to hang out with them for a weekend and the other lodges love hanging out with Ohlone, even if they're losing to us. So gear up for the always GREATEST event ever!!! And prepare yourselves to shout all weekend, "Oh-Ohlone! Oh-Ohlone!!!!!!!"

New Flap – Continued from pg. 1

This patch represents our lodge well. A proud otter floating down the peninsula's crystal blue water, the green pine trees on the shore, and just a remarkably beautiful design. What could represent Ohlone better than a gorgeous design of the shores of the peninsula?

J.R. Boye does not only get the honor of saying he designed Ohlone's latest flap, another prize for having his submission picked is an Executive Board edition of the flap he created. Yes, you heard me right, the same flap that lodge chiefs, secretaries, and advisors get only after a year of their service on the executive board. In addition they only get one per life, J.R. Boye will be awarded with the first executive board flap from this issue.

This flap will not just be a tool for patch traders. It shows Ohlone lodge taking another step toward becoming, one of the greatest lodges in the nation.



VILLAGE CORNERS

Iamsin – Sequoia District

by Ed Slintak

Coming soon, it will be time for the election of new candidates into the Order. In your troop and other troops around the village, Scouts will be asked to select those from among them who embody the spirit of the Order of the Arrow. Helping others to understand the purposes and importance of Cheerfulness and Service as it relates to the members of the OA and how to recognize these traits in your fellow Scouts is an important endeavor.

We are looking for Arrowmen who are able to assist in forming election teams for the upcoming traditional election season. What is needed are teams of two or three who are willing to visit troops and help to oversee the election of the next group of candidates.

Election team members are invited by the troop to visit, they help administer the election, ensure that the rules are followed, record the election results, and turn in the results to the lodge. During their visit, the election team members may give information about the OA and help in a callout ceremony if the Scoutmaster so desires.

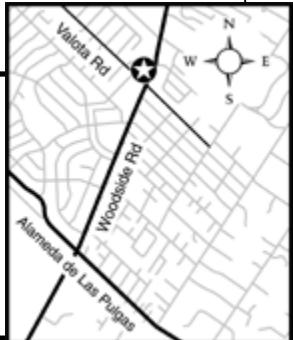
To participate as an election team member you only need a willingness to help. The Village Advisor will host a quick briefing to let you know everything you need to know about elections. You may even be able to talk him into buying pizza?

There are not that many troops in the Village and with two or more teams, each team will only have to visit a few troops. If you have your own transportation that would be convenient, otherwise transportation will be arranged. To find out more, please call the Village Advisor or email me at ETSLINTAK@AOL.COM.

~Village Officers~

Chief – To Be Elected

Advisor – Mr. Ed Slintak



2001 Most Indian Village

Puyson – Stanford District

by Alex Miller

Regalia workshops, a High Adventure presentation about Northern Tier, and grass dancing were shown to a number of arrowmen attending Puyson village's Big Event on November 7th. Pizza and drinks were provided and paid for by the village's fundraiser at Mountain Man Rendezvous in October; the campfire at Mountain Man was hosted by Puyson village. The village also ran the campfire at a Cub Parent Weekend in September, appearing in regalia and shooting flaming arrows.

Our village is hopeful of achieving Quality Village and has already experienced a growth in membership from our Fall Ordeal last month and in our monthly meetings. We have encouraged each of our arrowmen to earn the Arrowman Service Award. Some have already participated in lodge functions such as the November Pow Wow and Fall Ordeal. In addition, one of the optional requirements for Quality Village was checked off when I attended the November 15-17 National Leadership Seminar. Quality Village is a smaller goal compared to the pinnacle of our village's goal, which is to win the Village of the Year award as we did last year with Andrew Coggiola as our Village Chief.

Our December 5th meeting will promote earning advancement in Scouting by teaching a merit badge. We also plan to play hockey and continue to work on breastplates, chokers, and a roach.

~Village Officers~

Chief – Alex Miller

Vice Chief – Brent Taylor

Secretary – Curtis Robidoux

Advisor – Mr. Robert Larson



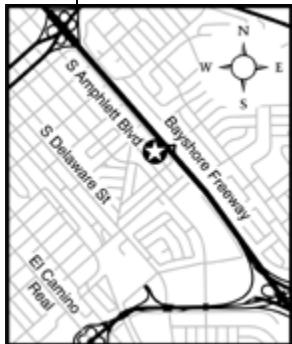
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Salson – Peninsula District

by David You

Calling all Salson Village Arrowmen. We are looking for lost Arrowmen that have gone astray. Are you an Ordeal member and would like to get Brotherhood (must be a member for at least 10 months)? Haven't paid your dues and would like to know where to pay it? Scared to show up for that first meeting? We were all in your shoes at one time. Then, come to our next meeting on January 2nd, 7:30pm, at the San Mateo Scout Center. Find out what exciting activities the village and Lodge are planning.

The Village's goal is to start a Drum Ceremony Team, doing trainings and a lot of fun stuff like broomball. But we cannot do that without your help. So please come for some food(sometimes) fun and fellowship.



~Village Officers~

Chief – Lance Bailey

VC of Administration – Andrew Hutchinson

VC of Communications – Erik Frydenlund

Advisor – Mr. David You

Sipliskin – Discovery District

by Michael Larson

Well, we are off to a good start for this year. We've had two village Meetings so far, and the net result is that we have a number of adults who have made a commitment to make the lodge a stronger part of their scouting endeavors. This is excellent news, and we have already identified two adults and one youth who are ready and excited about sealing their membership in the Order by becoming Brotherhood members in the spring, and we're hoping there are many more who wish to make the same step. To those who haven't had a chance to come out, we meet at the LDS Church on Sharp Park Road in Pacifica, 7:30pm, the first Thursday of each month. Adult leaders, this is easy to remember, because it's the night of the various roundtables.

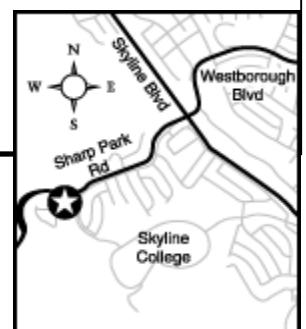
We're getting closer to elections for ordeal, and a crack team of solid Arrowmen will be needed to help travel to other troops, get younger scouts excited about OA, and run the elections. In addition, instead of calling out to other villages to perform the bridging ceremonies and the Arrow of Light ceremonies for Cub Scouts, how cool would it be top be part of the team with the skill and knowledge to do those within our own village? This is a goal I believe we can accomplish if we set our minds to it.

Youth Arrowmen, we want to make your experience in the Order a memorable one, and there is strength in numbers, so we'd love to see you at our next meeting (Thursday, Jan 2nd, 2003).

~Village Officers~

Chief – To Be Elected

Advisor – Mr. Michael Larson



Pow Wow

by Kelly Veach

Just Simply N.L.S

by Michael Maxwell

As the closing banquet came to an end and the participants of this year's National Leadership Seminar left the Crowne Plaza in Pleasanton, I couldn't help but realize how much I had learned. All of Saturday was devoted to cramming information into our heads and getting us to participate in conversations about leadership. By Saturday night, I was ready to crash in my bed from exhaustion.

Then Sunday rolled around, I crawled out of bed, and attended one of the final sessions. No new information, no new leadership techniques, just questions and review. This may seem like a waste of time – but it did something that no other leadership seminar or camp has done for me in the past: It connected everything together. Seamlessly.

All of the dots were now connected. The picture had been colored *inside* the lines, and I was ready to head back home – not with information – but with a technique to lead. The NLS was an awesome experience that every youth in a leadership position should attend. But what is the NLS?



Every two years our area holds a National Leadership Seminar that is attended by invited arrowmen from each lodge in the area. The weekend is spent learning about leadership styles, attitudes towards people, and how to effectively run a lodge or section. It has been hailed as one of the best leadership training programs in the Boy Scouts, and from my experience it does not disappoint.

The only thing I can say is that if you want a chance to go – get involved. Be a chairperson, or a village officer, or a lodge officer. The lodge picks who they want to go and if you

are in any sort of leadership position, most likely you will be invited. One thing I regret in my scouting career was the fact that I was invited twice to go to this event, and both times I sat around and stayed home.

I guess this third time was the charm. But most people don't get more than one chance – I was extremely lucky.

On an absolutely beautiful weekend in the Santa Cruz Mountains, amongst the towering redwood trees and dusty trails of Cutter Scout Reservation; OHLONE LODGE co-hosted its annual Native American / Order of the Arrow POW WOW.

Lodge members from Miwok, Esselen, Kaweah, Ohlone, and some out of area arrowmen gathered in and around Harkson Lodge to drum, and sing and dance in traditional POW WOW fashion. New members of our lodge showed up and learned how to do the basic dance steps. They also had the opportunity to make a drumstick, learn basic beading techniques for regalia, and learned about the different types of dance outfits and dance steps.

In true POW WOW tradition, fellowship was the cornerstone of the weekend. It was a great opportunity to meet scouts from other lodges, swap patches, compare notes and get re-acquainted with old friends. The food was great and everyone took part in the Saturday evening dance circle.

There was one thing missing...YOU!

I was disappointed with just how few Ohlone members showed up. The Order of the Arrow has a lot to offer all of its youth members, but you guys have got to make the effort.

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I'd like to thank JP Stringer for coming all the way from Reno to take care of registration, Steve DeVere for helping with the ceremonies, and Mike Duerson for guiding the candidates through their evening ceremony. I'd also like to thank Marti Noble and Mike Stafford for the excellent food, and the Ohlone ceremonies team for another great performance. Thanks also go to all those people not mentioned here who made this weekend work, especially the Elangomats.

The newest members of Ohlone Lodge 63 are:

**Matthew Beattie (T-321),
James Chrisoperson (T-57),
Justin Endo (T-321),
George Fonti (T-149)
Mike Fonti (T-149)
David Hanson (T-42),
Kavon Hooshiar (T-321),
Allen Rettberg (T-321),
Chris Southard (T-321),
Robert Zimmerman (T-321),
Sunny Payne (Council)**

And Ohlone Lodge's Newest Brotherhood Member

Bill Beattie (T-321)

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In the afternoon any scout that attended the rifle safety seminar could shoot a 50 caliber black powder rifle. The evening campfire was run by Puyson village chief Alex Miller and Geoff Wildanger. I want to thank all the arrowmen and women who helped pull this event off. We are already planning for the 2003 rendezvous, so if any arrowmen in the lodge wants to help out, just get in touch with Alex Miller, Puyson Village Chief or Bob Larson, Puyson Village Advisor.



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Those who did, came home with a better feeling about one of the facets of the organization. For those of you who missed this opportunity, we have a solution. Come to the next lodge event. GET INVOLVED.

Check out the lodge's calendar of events and make the commitment to come to the remainder of its activities. If you can't make all of them, for sure make the CONCLAVE in April.

POW WOW was great. Don't miss out on the fun. I hope to see you all in the near future.

Lodge Universal Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Troop #: _____

Village/District: _____

E-mail: _____ Youth _____ Adult _____

Dates: Ordeal: _____ Brotherhood: _____ Vigil: _____

Mark item(s) you are registering for:

- Lodge Registration - \$10 Event Code 002
- Winter Weekend - \$15 (**Feb 21-23**) Event Code 403
- Spring Ordeal - \$10; + \$10 w/ Brotherhood (**Apr 4-6**) Event Code 103
- Lodge Banquet - \$TBD (**June 14**) Event Code 803

Please Mail form and Check to:
Ohlone Lodge #63
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San Mateo, CA 94402-0005

Attention Arrowmen: Above is the NEW Lodge Universal Registration form. Cut it out, fill out the appropriate information, and send it in with your money to Pre-Register for any lodge event. Always try to Pre-Register for lodge events, so that the lodge can have accurate attendance count for food and supplies!



Lodge Calendar 2002 - 2003

Jan	9	Lodge Executive Committee – San Mateo Service Center 7:30pm
Feb	13 21-23	Lodge Executive Committee – San Mateo Service Center 7:30pm Winter Weekend Fellowship – Cutter Scout Reservation
Mar	13	Lodge Executive Committee – San Mateo Service Center 7:30pm
Apr	4-6 10 25-27	Spring Ordeal – Cutter Scout Reservation Lodge Executive Committee – San Mateo Service Center 7:30pm Section W3A Conclave – Roaring Camp
May	8 10 24	Lodge Executive Committee – San Mateo Service Center 7:30pm Scout-O-Rama Grave Decorations – Golden Gate National Cemetery
June	12 14	Lodge Elections – San Mateo Service Center 7:30pm Banquet + Lodge Officer Training

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