



News from

# THE OTTER SIDE

Ohlone Lodge - Pacific Skyline Council - Boy Scouts of America

## News to Know...

- If you are interested in attending the **National Order of the Arrow Conference** at the University of Indiana in Bloomington, IN, July 27 – August 1, 2002, your \$50 deposit is due to the lodge by **March 1st**. Contact Mark Matthews to save your spot!
- Haven't paid your **dues** yet? Dues are \$10 per year and provide funds for lodge operations including this newsletter. Dues can be paid at the council service center or at any lodge event.
- **Philmont Order of the Arrow Trail Crew** and **Northern Tier Canoe Base** applications are now available on the national OA website: <http://www.oa-bsa.org/>. Both programs allow arrowmen ages 16 – 21 to enjoy our national high adventure bases for two weeks. The first week is spent in service, building hiking or portage trails. The second week allows participants to enjoy the full range of activities provided by Philmont or the Northern Tier wilderness. Cost for both programs is only \$100, not including travel.
- Need more information about the lodge or the Order of the Arrow? Check out Ohlone lodge's website at <http://ohlone63.com> Find the lodge calendar, committee and village information and more!

## Did You Know...

*In 2000, Ohlone Lodge provided 2,500 hours of service to the council or 9.3 hours per member*



Matthew Rudnick – newly elected section chief.

## Lodge Provides Section Leadership

A special election was held at the last Section W3A Council of Chiefs meeting on January 20, for section chief. Current section chief **Dominic Pascucci** from Achewon Nimat lodge was elected Western Region Chief at the National Planning Meeting in Dallas, Texas, in December of last year. OA policy requires newly elected national officers to step down within thirty days of their election.

The special election for section chief resulted in our lodge chief, **Matthew Rudnick**, being elected the Section W3A chief. In addition, **Alain Cousin**, from Troop 175 in Salson village was appointed Section Secretary.

As section chief, Matt will be responsible for the planning and execution of this year's section conclave. As section secretary, Alain is responsible for recording and maintaining section information and documentation.

In addition, **Eugene DeVere**, is serving as this year's conclave Show chairman. Eugene will be responsible for the production of the Opening and Theme shows at this year's conclave.

## Say 'Yes' to Conclave

This year's Section W3A conclave will be held April 26 – 28, at Camp Royaneh in Cazadero, CA. The theme of the conclave is 'WHOA' – Work and Honor in the Order of the Arrow.

The conclave is a great opportunity to meet members of the lodge and arrowmen from other lodges in the Bay Area. Training, competition, fun activities and inspirational shows await all participants.

Uncas University will provide participants with a variety of training topics ranging from Leadership to Native American dancing and crafts. Earn your bachelors or masters degree, depending on your previous training and learn more about the OA.

Morning training will be followed by afternoon activities and competition. Join Ohlone as they defend their Indian Handball championship and work to win the coveted Conclave Award: the award presented to the best lodge at the conclave.

After dinner, participate in section officer elections, section memorabilia auction and the evening show. This year, Ohlone is in charge of shows and planning is already underway to ensure their success.

The cost of the conclave is \$35 for the weekend including four meals, a crackerbarrel and all conclave activities. You can register online at <http://www.w3a.org> or return the conclave flier. You can also take advantage of the Trading Post preorder online.

Make your plans now to attend one of the biggest OA events of the year!



## Chief's Corner

Matthew Rudnick

Brothers,

I have written many articles for the Otter Side but many were not as hard to write as this. So far this year we have received the Quality Lodge Award, completed one of two ordeals and are gearing up for an unforgettable win at conclave.

Unfortunately for me it has to come to an end as I have just become the new W3A section chief. What does that mean? First, I have to step down as your lodge chief although nothing will deny my Ohlone pride. Mike Duerson is our new lodge chief and I hope that we all unite under this new leadership. Our lodge has a great deal of potential – in many ways, we are a sleeping giant, and we have the capability to demonstrate that we can be one of the best lodges in the section...the region...or even the nation.

I hope that all of you will plan to attend the Spring Ordeal as well as the Conclave. These are the two biggest events of the year and as Allowat Sakima said, "Test the bow", - come and 'test' the lodge to see how fun the Order of the Arrow can be. This summer also has great opportunities especially, the national OA conference (NOAC) at Indian state University. With training, competition, expos, Founder's Day and Native American activities, you will be amazed and astounded. Join us at NOAC, you can still join us for the fun and the action. Your Ordeal may be complete, but the best is yet to come.

I am very grateful to all my brothers for their support as it is you who make the OA Scouting's national honor society. I look forward to seeing you at future lodge and section activities. Finally, always remember, "...those who choose you need you."

In Scouting

Matthew Rudnick

## Spring Ordeal Just Around the Corner

The Spring Ordeal will be held the weekend of April 12 – 14, at Cutter Scout Reservation. One of the most important events of the year, the Spring Ordeal is the larger of the two ordeals hosted by the lodge each year.

Ordeal weekends are the lifeblood of the lodge. New members are inducted and valuable service is provided to the camp hosting the event. As one can imagine, Ordeals don't happen by themselves and a great deal of planning is already in progress to ensure the success of the event.

Staff members are needed to perform a variety of tasks. Arrowmen are needed to serve as Elangomats, ceremony team members, and to participate in service projects. Elangomats (translated means "friend") guide candidates through the ordeal experience and serve as mentors to new members.

The ceremony team is always looking for individuals for both speaking and non-speaking roles. Participating in the ceremony team is a great way to learn more about our native American tradition.

Service projects are critical to the maintenance of our council camps. The work done at the Ordeal helps maintain and improve our camps so that other Scouts can enjoy the facilities and opportunities are camps have to offer.

Sign up now for this year's Spring Ordeal. You won't want to miss it!

## Lodge Calendar Changes at Lodge Leadership Development Seminar

Significant changes to the lodge calendar were made at the Lodge Leadership Development Seminar held last December at the San Mateo Service Center. The largest change involves moving lodge leadership training and the lodge banquet to the same day in June. This will provide leadership training to newly elected

officers just weeks after their election and will help to ensure greater attendance at the banquet. In addition, holding the banquet in June is better suited to our program calendar (which runs from June to June each year).

Thanks go out to **Michael Duerson** for coordinating this year's lodge leadership development conference.



## First Annual Mini-Clave – A Success

Ohlone held the first-ever Mini-Clave or winter fellowship at Cutter Scout Reservation on the weekend of February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Good fellowship, food and lots of fun was had by all.

Participants enjoyed a number of programs and activities ranging from Indian Handball to crafts and demonstrations. The purpose of the weekend was to provide an opportunity to for fellowship while preparing for the Conclave in April.



## Get your Brotherhood!

Each year, the lodge officers work hard to earn the Quality Lodge Recognition. One of the requirements to earn this distinction is the Brotherhood Conversion requirement. To earn quality lodge, the lodge must convert 30% of eligible Ordeal members to Brotherhood each year.

Becoming a Brotherhood member is easy. Ordeal members who have been in the OA for at least ten months are eligible. The Brotherhood honor also requires arrowmen to gain a thorough understanding of the Order of the Arrow. You can receive your Brotherhood at the Winter Fellowship or at the Spring or Fall Ordeal. Just Do It!

## National Order of the Arrow Conference Highlights Year

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is the largest Order of the Arrow event and second only to a National Jamboree in size. It is held once every two years at a major college campus.

Over 7,000 arrowmen from around the country are expected to attend this year's conference to be held at the University of Indiana, in Bloomington, Indiana, on July 27<sup>th</sup> – August 1<sup>st</sup>.

The University previously hosted the first NOAC in 1948, the 50th Anniversary Conference in 1965, the 54th Anniversary Conference in 1969, the 75th Anniversary Conference in 1990, and most recently in 1996. Founded in 1820, the Bloomington campus is the largest of Indiana's eight campuses. Bloomington, with a population of 53,000, is located 50 miles south of Indianapolis, the capital of Indiana.

The 1,855 acre campus lies in the scenic, heavily wooded, rolling terrain of southwest Indiana and enrollment at the campus exceeds 32,000 students.

Participants at NOAC will experience spectacular shows including the Opening and Closing Shows, Theme Show, and Native America Pow Wow. Various training opportunities exist including sessions on leadership, OA ceremonies, native American heritage, lodge administration and OA program.

You'll live in college dormitory rooms and eat in university dining facilities. Enjoy food and demonstrations from around the country at the Founder's Day Festival and participate in ceremony, dance, and/or athletic competitions. Of course you'll meet arrowmen from all over our section, region, and nation.

The conference fee is \$305 which includes room and board, as well as conference materials. Transportation costs will be approximately \$400. The lodge plans to sponsor fund-raisers to help defray many of the expenses. A \$50 deposit is due by February 25th to confirm your spot as only a limited number of lodge members can attend.

Ask anyone who's attended a NOAC before and they'll tell you it's an event not to be missed!



## From the Lodge Adviser

Mark Matthews Sr.

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I hope that the New Year finds all of you in good spirits and health. The New Year is bringing many changes to Ohlone Lodge. The most notable is our lodge chief. In January, Matt Rudnick was elected W3A section chief. Congratulations Matt! Due to Matt's election, Michael Duerson has now assumed the role of lodge chief. I know Mike is up for the challenge and I wish him luck. There are some upcoming events that the lodge is gearing up for: the lodge winter fellowship, the spring ordeal, section conclave, grave decoration at GGNC, the Business Meeting and NOAC in July. Look for dates in this newsletter and in upcoming flyers. Circle the last weekend of April on your calendar for the section conclave at

Camp Royaneh. Ohlone is responsible for Indian Handball and the shows. The lodge chief and I would like to encourage all arrowmen to attend to help us win the Conclave and Most Indian Lodge award. Only your participation can help us win. Since Royaneh is a distance away we should consider carpools to get us to camp. If you can help or need a lift, please contact a chapter or lodge officer.

As the lodge advisor, my job is to recruit advisors who can help the youth attain their potential by supporting the boys. I am looking for several advisors both at the executive and chapter levels. If you are interested or know of someone who can help please let me know.



## OA Scholarships Available for European Camp Staff Program

The Order of the Arrow is offering a limited number of scholarships to qualified participants for the European Camp Staff Program. As a participant in this program the camp in which you are working provides your room and board. You must participate in the program a minimum of four weeks to qualify for OA scholarship benefits. These benefits include \$100 for every week of your actual voluntary employment as well as up to 50% of your airline fare to and from the selected country.

If you are between 18 and 20 years of age and would be interested in this program you may obtain a booklet and application from the International Division. The application deadline for 2002 is March 15. Please contact Ester Scoggins of the International Division for more information at 972-580-2403.

## The Leadership Corner

### Retaining Older Scouts in Your Unit

Young men are busier today than ever before because of a number of activities that compete with Scouting for their time. This number only increases as a Scout grows older. Many units find themselves lacking the older Scouts that are desired to maintain a healthy size troop and program.

What are some steps that can be taken to help retain older Scouts in your unit?

- **Commit your unit to youth leadership.** Work to make sure your PLC is doing the planning. Do your older scouts feel responsibility and take ownership of troop program?
- **Go camping once a month.** Scouting is outing and challenging outdoor activities is one way that Scouting can differentiate itself from other activities that you are competing with.
- **Encourage participation in other Scouting activities.** Summer camp staff, Junior Leadership Training, Order of the Arrow, and Venturing all provide Scouts new experiences and alternatives while keeping them active in the program and most likely active in your unit.



## New Vigil Honor Members Selected

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to lodge, council, and Scouting. It dates from the year 1915, when founder E. Urner Goodman became the first Vigil Honor member.

On January 5, three members of Ohlone lodge were recognized with the Vigil Honor. Congratulations to **Mike Maxwell**, a former Ohlone Lodge chief and member of Puyson village, **Peter Stafford** from Sipliskin village and **Susan Winslow** from Puyson. Thank you for your service to the lodge.

## Special Thanks...

The lodge would like to extend special thanks to two individuals who have provided unselfish service to the lodge since the founding of Ohlone nearly seven years ago.

**Jay "Kelly" Veach** served as our first lodge adviser. In this capacity, Kelly oversaw the merger of two lodges and worked to establish the traditions that Ohlone enjoys today. His dedication and countless hours of service are greatly appreciated. Luckily, Kelly will continue to be an active member of the lodge and we can count on him to be at future activities.

**J.P. Stringer** continues to serve as the publications guru of the lodge. However, he is taking a well-deserved break from newsletter responsibilities. J.P. will continue to support the lodge as membership adviser.

Thanks to both of you for all that you have done for the lodge.



*Publications Chairman*  
Andrew Hutchison

*Publications Adviser*  
Clint Takeshita

### Lodge Executive Committee

*Lodge Chief*  
Michael Duerson

*Vice Chief of Administration*  
Peter Stafford

*Vice Chief of Inductions*  
Andrew Coggiola

*Lodge Secretary*  
Jack Welsh

*Lodge Treasurer*  
Karl Haselbach

*Lodge Adviser*  
Mark Matthews Sr.

*Lodge Staff Adviser*  
Skip Nall

## Lodge Calendar - 2002

<b>March</b>	14	Lodge Executive Committee – San Mateo Service Center 7:00pm
	16	Section W3A Council of Chiefs – San Jose, CA 11:00am
<b>April</b>	11	Lodge Executive Committee – San Mateo Service Center 7:00pm
	12 – 14	Spring Ordeal – Cutter Scout Reservation
	26 – 28	Section W3A Conclave – Camp Royaneh, Cazadero, CA
<b>May</b>	9	Lodge Business Meeting/Elections – San Mateo Service Center 7:00pm
	11	Scout-O-Rama
	25	Grave Decoration – Golden Gate National Cemetery
<b>June</b>	1	Lodge Leadership Development Conference/Banquet – San Bruno
	13	Lodge Executive Committee – San Mateo Service Center 7:00pm

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### For more OA news, check out the following websites:

National Order of the Arrow  
<http://www.oa-bsa.org/>  
Western Region Order of the Arrow  
<http://www.oawest.org/>  
Section W3A Order of the Arrow  
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