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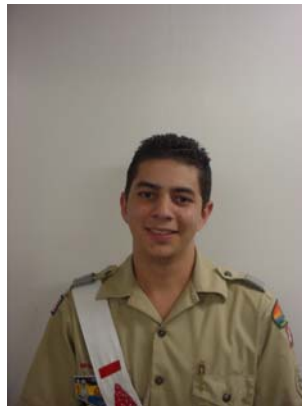
- The **Lodge Banquet** will be held on Saturday, June 1, in conjunction with the **Lodge Leadership Development Conference**. See the related article on page three.
- It's not too early to start thinking about the **Fall Ordeal**. If you know Scouts and Scouters who were unable to attend the Ordeal last April, they are eligible to participate in the Ordeal to be held September 27 – 29, at Boulder Creek Scout Reservation.
- **Philmont Order of the Arrow Trail Crew** and **Northern Tier Canoe Base** applications are still 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.
- There are still a limited number of slots available to attend the **2002 National Order of the Arrow Conference** at Indiana University, in Bloomington, July 27 – August 1st. Contact Mark Matthews if you are interested!

Did You Know...

The Order of the Arrow will celebrate its 87th Anniversary this year as well as its 54th Anniversary as Scouting's official national honor society



Mike Maxwell



Alain Cousin



Andrew Coggiola

2002 – 2003 Lodge Leaders Elected

Congratulations to next year's lodge officers who were recently elected at the May lodge executive committee meeting.

Lodge chief **Mike Maxwell** is a former lodge chief and vigil honor member from Stanford district. Mike is currently a student at Santa Clara University.

Lodge vice chief of administration **Alain Cousin** is from Foster City in Salson Village. He is a brotherhood member and currently attends the College of San Mateo.

Andrew Coggiola will be serving his second term as lodge vice chief of inductions. Andrew will be responsible for all committees involved in the induction process and is directly responsible for lodge Ordeals. Andrew is from Puyson village and attends Bellemine high school.

Former lodge chief, **Matthew Rudnick**, will serve as the lodge secretary and Publications chairman. Matt is also a former Section W3A chief and hails from Salson village. He is currently a student at the College of San Mateo.

Jack Welsh will serve another year as a lodge officer. The former lodge secretary will serve as next year's lodge treasurer. Jack is a student at St. Francis high school and is from Puyson village.

Lodge adviser **Mark Matthews** will continue to provide adult leadership along with lodge staff adviser **Skip Nall**.

These individuals will provide the leadership for lodge program next year. They are responsible for all aspects of the Order of the Arrow in the Pacific Skyline Council.

Within the next several weeks, each village will elect leadership at the village meetings. The village chief, vice chief, and secretary will be responsible for coordinating OA Troop Representatives in their respective districts, unit elections, and camping promotion visitations.

If you are interested in serving as a village officer, please make sure to attend your next village meeting!



Chief's Corner

-Mike Duerson-

Well, it has been a long road that I have followed. When I was elected to the OA nearly seven years ago, I never dreamed of being chief. In fact, I figured that I would go to the ordeals and help, as an Elangomat, but that would be the extent of my involvement. I was busy in becoming one of the leaders of my troop, and did not really see much future in the OA. However, I found myself becoming a Village Chief, and then moving into the position of Lodge Secretary, Ceremonies Chair, V.C. of Administration, and then to Lodge Chief. It has been a long and fun ride, but it had come to an end.

As I sat down to write this, I began to think back over the past. I found it hard to believe that I have spent the last third of my life with the OA. I have experienced so many opportunities to grow personally, and share with all of you what I have learned. We have had our share of experiences together, some good, and some bad. However, think that we have all learned what a wonderful institution cheerful service in the OA is.

So here I am again, ready to say goodbye. It has been a fun ride (mostly uphill), but I have not taken it alone. I have found inspiration in so many of you. Your dedication to a selfless cause is unbelievable, and I will miss it. I would like to thank a few people in particular that have helped along the way. Kelly, Mark, Marti, Steve, Mike Maxwell, Eugene, Matt, Peter, Clint, Andrew, J.P., and Dan; it has been a pleasure to work with each of you, and I will continue to be inspired by each of you. Thank you all for being a fellow Arrowman, coworker, inspiration, and above all, a friend.

Where does it go from here? The lodge is in the very capable hands of Mike Maxwell with the advice of Mark and staff. I am sure that they will all do a wonderful job. As for me, I will retire the gold border for a little while in order to finish school and keep the mileage down on the truck. I will see you at the ordeals, banquets, and other events, and I will be here for advice if any of you need it. In the mean time, please continue in the traditions of the order: Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, Service.

In Brotherhood,
Mike Duerson



Ohlone Captures 'Most Indian Lodge' award at 2002 Section W3A Conclave

Over three hundred Arrowmen attended the 2002 Section W3A Conclave held at Camp Royaneh the weekend of April 26 – 28th. Participants enjoyed training, fellowship, and great shows!

Ohlone lodge was awarded the 'Most Indian Lodge' award. This award is presented to the best lodge during the past year based on attendance and participation as section activities. This is the second time Ohlone lodge has won this award since the council's merger in the early nineties.

After a morning of instructional training, Ohlone participated in several activities and competitions. The lodge placed in a number of inter-lodge competitions:

- **Indian Handball** - 3rd place
- **Sand Painting** - 3rd place
- **Dance** - 2nd place individual, 3rd place overall lodge
- **5k run** - 3rd place

Ohlone lodge was also responsible for this year's conclave shows. The shows this year were extremely successful and several people worked hard to make it happen. Thanks to **Eugene Devere**, shows chairman and **Clint Takeshita**, shows adviser. In addition, **Bob Marozine** provided the vast majority of technical equipment, including a fantastic sound system and music selection as well as many props. **Mike Maxwell** provided video production and editing.

Special thanks also goes to **Mike Keller** who helped all day during set up, **Andrew Coggiola**, the Show's excellent narrator and **Mark Matthews** who set up the nearby tipi. **Jon Danielson**, **Peter Giovonotto** and **Davis Chang** were outstanding as Native American characters, and thanks to **Steve and Helen Wong** for their support during clean up activities. Last, but not least, a special thanks to **Kelly Veach** and the Tin Can Five for their performance on Friday evening!

Mark your calendars now for the 2003 Section W3A conclave, April 25 – 27th hosted by Miwok Lodge!

Fifty-Five New Members Inducted at Spring Ordeal

The weekend of April 12 – 14th at Cutter Scout Reservation was a busy one. Fifty-five Scouts and Scouters participated in the annual Spring Ordeal. Several service projects were completed and all those in attendance had a great time. Congratulations to our newest members:

Will Amalu
David Baer
David Bernstein
Tim Biché

Bobby Boessenecker
Phil Cory
Mark S Craig
Devon Curry-Leech

Jonathan Danielson
Ed DiVita
Robert Doyle
Eric Elms
Jordan Epstein
Derek Fehrer
Mark Ferraresi
Jim Forster
Andrew Galen
Joseph Guenzer
Todd Hazen
Colin Holbrook
Robin Holbrook
Justin M Hotter
Brent Hughes
Chris Jacobi
Daniel Klear
John Kloepfer
Michael S Larsen
Steven G Ledoux
Adam Lee
Seth Mallory
Seth Marra
Andrew K Matthews

Marc Mendonca
Jon Meyer-Shen
Gregory Miller
Andrew Moll
Sam Morgan
Gareth Pack
Tim Palladino
David Quinn
Stephen E Richert
Curtis Robidoux
David Saunders
Austin Schuh
Jeffrey Silverman
Thomas Selvy
Martin Smith
Quentin Smith
David W Taylor
Eric VanOppen
Matt Welch
Geoff Wildanger
Michael R Wise
Christopher Wong
Helen Wong
David You



Super Saturday: Lodge Leadership Development and the Lodge Banquet

On Saturday, June 1st, newly elected lodge and village officers will gather at Crestmoor School in San Bruno for the annual Lodge Leadership Development conference. This conference is an annual event to provide training to lodge and chapter officers, committee chairmen, and advisers. The conference focuses on sessions that help to explain roles and responsibilities, establish lodge goals, lodge calendar and is the first opportunity for the lodge chief to begin to build his team.

Later that afternoon, the lodge will hold its annual banquet to recognize outgoing officers and newly elected officers who will have just completed a day of intense training.

Make plans now to attend! Don't miss this year's Lodge banquet!



From the Lodge Adviser

-Mark Matthews Sr.-

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As the school year winds to an end is time to start thinking about summer. I hope that all of you are going to go to summer camp. It is that time that you as arrow men should be at the fore front leading the younger scouts in their summer camp experience. While packing for camp be sure to pack your sash and wear it on the camps OA event. If the camp does not have an OA event see if you can help put one on while at camp. As camping is one of the elements that are required for you to have been elected, we need to support camp no matter which camp we go to.

If you have been an ordeal member since last summer camp and the camp offers a brotherhood ceremony and you wish to seal your membership in the Order of the Arrow, by all means attend this event. If you do become an brotherhood convertee make sure your and your scoutmaster inform the lodge so that our records can show your commitment to the lodge.

Be sure to mark the dates of the upcoming event on your calendar.

Have a great and safe summer.

Council Activities Provide Opportunities for Lodge Service

Service is an important aspect of the Order of the Arrow. In the past several weeks, the Order has provided manpower and resources to previous council activities.

-Scout-O-Rama-

Scout-O-Rama is the largest council activity of the year, showcasing Scouting to the public. Units from Cub Scouting, Boy Scouts, and Venturing set up displays, exhibits, and activities for participants to enjoy.

This year, the Order of the Arrow staved the concession booth and demonstrated and recognized our Native-American heritage and to give a better understanding of Native American's Traditions. This year Ohlone Lodge we the proud recipient of the Council's award that exemplifies spirit at the scout-o-rama. We greatly appreciate this great honor. We also gave a Pancake breakfast to those who work for staff and sold foods as a fundraiser for Ohlone Lodge's Dance Team. Over 650 Hamburgers and 300 pancakes were served... To more than one person I hope. Thanks go out to all members of the lodge who participated in Scout-O-Rama this year!

-Memorial Day-

This last Saturday that was part of Memorial Day weekend, the council demonstrated its commitment and appreciation to those who have served our nation in the armed forces by decorating the graves at the Golden Gate National Cemetery. Units from the entire council will gather early in the morning on Saturday, May 25th, to participate in this good turn activity.

Ohlone lodge plays a critical role in helping to coordinate and organize this activity. We not only help organize this amazing event but the lodge ran the sign in booth and gave assignments, passed out the tools needed for the decorations. We also set up and manned the refreshment booth, which consisted of bagels, juice, cookies, coffee, so every scout can get a good breakfast before going out to serve. The opening show equipment was provided by the OA and we helped anywhere we were.

At the end of that day with the help of all the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and all, we all help to place 140,000 flags in under two hours. That's simple amazing.

We thank all those arrowmen who served on that amazing day to thank all those who served



Congratulations to our new Brotherhood Honor Members

The Brotherhood honor represents the 'sealing of membership' in the Order of the Arrow. Those Arrowmen who have been members of the Order for ten months or more and have demonstrated an understanding of the Order of the Arrow in addition to committing service to the lodge obtain this honor. Congratulations to the following Arrowmen who recently received the Brotherhood honor at the Spring Ordeal:

Bryant J Bode
Elliot Gluck
Michael Innes
Michael Keller Jr
Donald J Lee
Barry F Lockwood

Alex Morgan
Brent Taylor
Shaun Thivierge
Robert Webster
Ivan You

Ohlone Continues to Provide Section Leadership

Congratulations to **Alain Cousin** who was recently elected section secretary at the 2002 Section W3A Conclave. Alain is a Brotherhood member from Troop 47 in Foster City. Alain will be busy this year as He was also recently elected lodge vice chief of administration.



In addition, **Clint Takeshita** was appointed associate section adviser. In this capacity, Clint will work with the section adviser and elected youth officers as they plan next year's section conclave.



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For more OA news, check out the following websites:

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<http://www.oa-bsa.org/>
Western Region Order of the Arrow
<http://www.oawest.org/>
Section W3A Order of the Arrow
<http://www.w3a.org/>

Lodge Calendar - 2002

June	1	Lodge Leadership Development Conference/Banquet – San Bruno
July	27 - 1	National Order of the Arrow Conference – Indiana University
Sept	12	Lodge Executive Committee – San Mateo Service Center 7:30pm
Oct	10	Lodge Executive Committee – San Mateo Service Center 7:30pm
	11-13	Fall Ordeal – Boulder Creek Scout Reservation
	18 - 20	Mountain Man Rendezvous – Boulder Creek Scout Reservation
Nov	1 – 3	Section W3A Pow Wow – Cutter Scout Reservation
	14	Lodge Executive Committee – San Mateo Service Center 7:30pm
	15-17	National Leadership Seminar – Stockton, Ca

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