

THE OTTER SIDE

Summer 2010

Upcoming Events

July 2010

Enjoy Summer Camping with your Units!

August 2010

14 Lodge Leadership Development
Palo Alto Scout Service Center

September 2010

9 Lodge Executive Committee 7:30pm
Foster City Scout Service Center

24-26 Section W3S Conclave
Chesebrough Scout Reservation

October 2010

8-10 Fall Ordeal
Cutter Scout Reservation

14 Lodge Executive Committee 7:30pm
Foster City Scout Service Center

15-17 Mountain Man Rendezvous
Boulder Creek Scout Reservation

Lodge Executive Committee

Want a say in our lodge's events? Come to the monthly LEC meetings at the Foster City Scout Service Center to help plan the upcoming events!

OtterSide Article Submissions

While we on the LEC can usually find some interesting articles to include in each issue, the OtterSide needs *YOUR* help! Email articles or ideas to publications@ohlone63.org and have them printed!



Lodge members and families in attendance at the Annual Lodge Banquet on June 1.

Find more awe-inspiring pictures from one of our best-attended Banquets on page 4.

Mountain Man Rendezvous

By Max Carrillo

Mountain Man Rendezvous is a fun and rewarding way to help the Lodge. This year's event will be held on October 15th-17th, at Boulder Creek Scout Reservation. We need help manning a variety of events such as Candle Making, Tomahawk Throwing, and Archery, to name just a few, so please volunteer by emailing the Lodge Secretary.

Brotherhood Ceremonies

If you completed your Ordeal in Fall 2009 or earlier, you can earn Brotherhood at the Fall Ordeal on October 8-10. Simply complete the requirements as listed to the right and send your letter (requirement #5) to the Lodge Secretary at secretary@ohlone63.org. Also, make sure to sign up for the Ordeal by mailing in a completed flier!

<http://www.ohlone63.org/calendar/ordeal/Fall2010Ordeal.pdf>



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Brotherhood Requirements:

1. Memorize the signs of Arrow membership.

Memorize the Obligation of the Order, which you received from Allowat Sakima (printed on the back of your membership card and in the handbook). Also, memorize the Order of the Arrow 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.

Maintain your registration in Scouting. During a period of at least 10 months, strive to fulfill your Obligation by continuing and expanding your service to your own troop or team.

4. Plan for service in your lodge.

Pay your dues in your Order of the Arrow lodge. Be aware that acceptance of Brotherhood membership involves a pledge of future service to the lodge. Develop a concrete idea of how you plan to fulfill this pledge.

5. Review your progress.

When you earnestly feel that you have met the four challenges above, write a letter to your lodge or chapter secretary.

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Transitioning Adviser:

By Teddy Heidmann

As many of you may know, for the past 4 years, Mr. Stan Rudnick has been our amazing Lodge Adviser. He has always been there at events with Lodge flaps ready to sell or the latest banquet "patch" hanging from his pocket. Last month, he stepped down from his position, which is now filled by Mr. Greg Miura. Thanks for a great four years, Stan, and good luck, Greg, as the newest Lodge Adviser!



Mr. Stan Rudnick



Mr. Greg Miura

Just who *is* Indy Nelson?

You may have seen him around many of our Lodge Events or seen emails from him, but just who *is* Indy Nelson? One of the few people to earn 121 merit badges in Boy Scouts, his Eagle Scout, Venturing Silver Award, the Hornaday award, and many other highly regarded medals and ranks, Indy is also the Section W3S Secretary. He attended our Spring Ordeal and judged the Broomball competitions, as well as set up our ceremonial sites alongside Ohlone members. At the Banquet in June, Indy took pictures and showed support for Ohlone by staying afterwards to cleanup and congratulate our new LEC members. If you would like to meet this amazing, all-around scout, come to Conclave and you can wish our "Honorary Ohlone Lodge Member" luck on earning the last 10 merit badges and his Sea Scout Quartermaster award!



Brotherhood requirements: (Continued from page 1)

In this letter:

- Explain what you think the Obligation means,
- Describe how you have been fulfilling this Obligation in your troop or team and in your daily life, and how you have used your understanding of the ordeal to aid in your service, and
- Describe your specific plans for giving future service in the lodge program

Include with this letter your advance registration application and fees for the next Brotherhood ceremony according to the instructions given by the lodge.



Spring Ordeal

by Sean Mullins

This Ordeal was a blast! The Clans this year did many great service projects for Camp Cutter like clearing dirt around the staff camp or picking up brush at the campsites and many more things. The biggest thing that the Clans did was fill in the potholes on the road. Thanks to all of those Clans that worked on it. It was very helpful.

There were new fun events this year! After lunch the clans played broomball. This game is like hockey but with brooms and little balls. It was lots of fun. Congratulations to Rabbit Clan for winning the tournament.

When the scouts were finishing up with their work a group of Ordeal members burned the reeds around the lake. After the reeds were burned away the clans made their own drum in the lodge. Then they went to the lake to begin the ceremonies. After the ceremony a big feast was held. Five members also were awarded brotherhood the same day. It was great day to become an Order of the Arrow member.



From the Lodge Advisor:

As your new Lodge Adviser, I want to first thank Stan Rudnick for doing a wonderful job guiding our Lodge these past five years. If you add up the service hours to the council by the Lodge and the leadership growth opportunities provided to our youth, his impact over these years is immeasurable. Stan will continue to stay active in the Lodge as Treasurer Adviser, and as with all the other past Lodge Advisers, I hope he will help me during my tenure in the same position.

For those of you who are not familiar with my past Scouting experience, I was inducted into the OA with Pomponio Lodge 528, one of the two lodges that merged to form Ohlone. The OA helped me grow as a Scout and a leader, and I hope that I can work with the youth leadership to provide a similar program today. What this means to you as an individual Arrowman is you need to take advantage of our annual program activities, leadership opportunities, and national OA events such as the National OA Conference in 2012.

When I was a youth, the Order of the Arrow had a group of Arrowmen that helped out at the National Jamboree. They were called the OA Service Corps and it was a prestigious group of scouts that had important duties and responsibilities at the event. As a Lodge, I believe we need to focus on our service to our troops and the council. We need the council and its members to see us as the Ohlone Lodge Service Corps, so let's do what we can to make a difference.

Finally, I would encourage you to communicate with your Lodge Executive Committee members. They are running our programs, and always take your feedback and suggestions seriously. We are working to improve our outbound communications to you, and would appreciate any thoughts you may have on how to make us a better Lodge. After the summer, our next big Lodge event is the Section W3S Conclave in September where we go head-to-head with other lodges in our area. Let's have an outstanding turnout and show them who is best!

Yours in Brotherhood

Greg Miura
Lodge Adviser



Immediate Past Lodge Chief's Corner:

As outgoing Lodge Chief, I want to thank everyone for participating in our Lodge activities this year. The Lodge Executive Committee worked hard to implement changes to our programs to make the Order of the Arrow more enjoyable, more impactful and more significant to the council, the troops and our members. I want to personally thank my LEC members: Kyle Poland, Vice Chief of Inductions, Teddy Heidmann, Secretary and Publications, and Bryan Hass, Treasurer. I'd also like to thank the LEC Advisers who put in a lot of time and effort this year: John Wise, VCI Adviser, Greg Miura, VCA Adviser, Kevin Hass, Secretary Adviser and last but not least, Stan Rudnick, Lodge Adviser. I mentioned at the Banquet that Stan is stepping down as Lodge Adviser after serving in that role for 4 years. We all appreciate his hard work and dedication.

I am happy to report that this year ended strongly. We had a record number of Arrowmen help out at the Golden Gate National Cemetery Memorial Day Flag Event this year, and we had 70 Arrowmen and families attend our Annual Banquet. I feel good that I am turning over a strong and growing program to Teddy, and I urge you to continue to support him as you did me. Our next Lodge activity is the Section W3S Conclave in September. We always have a strong showing and are competitive every year. But we need you there! It's a great weekend and I strongly encourage you to attend. The location is at Camp Chesebrough in Boulder Creek and is actually closer than driving to Camp Cutter or Boulder Creek.

I have had a great year as Lodge Chief, and I feel that the Order of the Arrow program is valuable and relevant to all of us. I realize that we are all busy with school, sports, music and other activities, but try and get out and join us for fun and fellowship this year. I look forward to seeing you at our Lodge events.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Michael Miura
2009 Lodge Chief



Ohlone Lodge Banquet

By Michael Miura

If you missed this year's Annual Banquet then you missed one of the best attended Banquets in years! We had close to 70 Arrowmen and family members attend this event held at the Palo Alto Scout Center. Dinner was a barbeque meal of ribs, chicken, beans, potato salad and cake for dessert.

Thanks to Steve Lindley, who brought the W3A Pomponio "Most Indian Lodge" trophy, and Dave Miura, Stan Rudnick and Greg Miura who brought memorabilia to display. Dave Miura also brought the 2010 Jamboree flag for Pacific Skyline Council. We had a silent auction for the youth – two Pomponio Lodge flaps, one of them the National Order of the Arrow Chief pocket flap, signed by Clint Takeshita!



During the evening program, we honored our new Vigil Honor members, Bradley Bottoms and Colm Quinn. When a member becomes a Vigil Honor member, they are given an Indian name.

Bradley's Indian name is *Tgauchsín Wewingtonheet*

which means Friendly Babbler and Colm's Indian name is *Tuney Witchindin* which means Bearded Helper.

We also awarded two Founders Awards this year. Introduced at the 1981 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the Founder's Award was created to honor and recognize those Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to their lodge. The award is reserved for an Arrowmen who demonstrates to fellow

Arrowmen that he or she memorializes in his or her everyday life the spirit of achievement as described by founder E. Urner Goodman and cofounder Carroll



A. Edson. This year's recipients were Bradley Bottoms and Stan Rudnick, our Lodge Adviser.

Clint Takeshita also spoke about some new national programs and more focused support by National OA on the lodge level activities. Clint is currently a member of the Order of the Arrow National Committee. He was inducted into the OA in Pomponio Lodge in 1985. He held several section positions, and was eventually elected National Chief. That is the top youth position in the Order of the Arrow. He is a recipient of the Order of the Arrow Distinguished Service Award.

The 2009 Lodge Executive Committee was honored with certificates and gold border Lodge flaps.



This past year's Lodge Executive Committee was Michael Miura, Lodge Chief, Kyle Poland, Vice Chief of Inductions, Teddy Heidmann, Secretary, and Brian Hass, Treasurer. The Advisers were Stan Rudnick, Lodge Adviser, John Wise, VCI Adviser, Greg Miura, VCA Adviser, and Kevin

Hass, Secretary Adviser. The new 2010 Lodge Executive Committee was sworn in: Teddy Heidmann, Lodge Chief, John Wilken, Vice Chief of Administration, Alex Chee, Vice Chief of Inductions, Manu Navjeevan, Secretary and Kevin Bai, Treasurer.



The Lodge also wanted to show our appreciation to Stan for his work these past 4 years, and presented a plaque commemorating his time leading the lodge. Stan is stepping down this year as Lodge Adviser.

Meet the **NEW!** LEC!!!

Teddy Heidmann

Lodge Chief

School: Mountain View High School Class of 2013

Hobbies: reading, volunteer projects, archery, golf, rock climbing, Frisbee

What he plans to do as Lodge Chief: I plan to run as many successful elections as possible, bringing our membership totals back up and helping us earn Quality Lodge for 2011. I also plan to get as many people as possible to the Section W3S Conclave this fall to win dodgeball and Indian Handball for the 5th year in a year, and try to win the Most Indian Lodge award presented to the best overall Lodge in the Section.



John Wilken

Vice Chief of Administration

School: Mountain View High School Class of 2013

Hobbies: playing Super Smash Bros. Brawl, ice hockey, reading, backpacking

What he plans to do as VCA: I plan to get the Most Indian Lodge award at Conclave, have better attendance at all Lodge activities, win both Indian Handball and dodgeball at Conclave, and run the Lodge effectively.



Alex Chee

Vice Chief of Inductions

School: Half Moon Bay High School Class of 2015

Hobbies: Playing basketball, watching television, hang out with friends

What he plans to do as VCI: I plan to manage the elections and the ordeals this year. At the ordeals I want the scouts and adults to have a meaningful experience, but I don't want it to be too hard or too easy.



Manu Navjeevan

Secretary

School: Mountain View High School, Class of 2013

Hobbies: reading, playing video games, hanging out with friends, creating computer programs, playing soccer

What he plans to do as Secretary: I plan to keep accurate notes of our monthly LEC meetings, send out timely emails advertising for Lodge events, and keep an updated and accurate website (www.ohlone63.org).



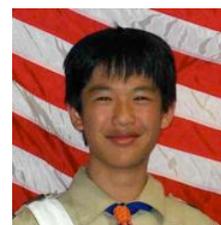
Kevin Bai

Treasurer

School: Aragon High School, Class of 2014

Hobbies: sleeping, playing video games, and playing soccer with friends

What he plans to do as Treasurer: I plan to keep an updated and accurate Lodge inventory of all our regalia and supplies, as well as an up-to-date record of our Lodge finances.



Venturing, BSA

By Sam McCollum

When I was asked to write an article on the BSA Venturing program I was very happy to share my experiences in this program. The Venturing program was started in 1997 as a wilderness alternative to the Explorer career program and to encourage scouts to stay involved in scouting through the teens and young adult years. The Venturing program provides youth ages 14-20 the opportunity to learn more advanced outdoor skills. It is a co-ed program and is open to non-scouts interested in adventure.

While it is a program designed to teach outdoor skills, each crew tends to develop its own focus such as camping, backpacking, climbing, scuba, etc. A typical Venture crew is 15 or less youth with two or more adult Crew Advisers to help them to stay on task and plan activities that are within the guide to safe scouting. Unlike school, the Venturing program encourages youth to set their own goals and create their own environment, allowing it to be as difficult or as easy as is needed. While Venturing isn't a new concept, it has provided many youth with new opportunities that they would not have otherwise had.

My crew, Crew 27, has a camp out or event every month. During the summer we go on a 7-10 day "super trip". We have gone on super trips to Iceland, Hawaii, Oregon and Nevada. We also are an integral part of our troop and support our troop's activities. Our troop and crew advisers work together making both sides of the Boy Scout program stronger: the youth stay in scouting, learn new skills and the troop has older youth to draw from to help with training and be role models. Just this last Memorial Day, our Venture crew attended the scout troop's Family Camp outing and helped train the new boys in basic canoe skills.

While the Venturing program is often seen in an outdoor interpretation, it is also used in many other ways. There are sailing teams that are organized as venture crews, as well as crews that are organized for the purpose of automobile restoration or pioneer skills. In Pacific Skyline Council, there are several highly specialized venture crews that do scuba diving, and old-timey pioneer skills. Sea Scouts are also another Venturing opportunity. All this flexibility and variety helps Venturing lend new credibility to the phrase "Scouting is for everyone."

Find us on Facebook!

For all you tech-savvy OA members out there, Ohlone Lodge has a Facebook page. Simply search for "Ohlone Lodge 63" and then request to join. One of our admins will then check to be sure you're a member and add you to the group, putting you on the mailing list for even more amazing lodge opportunities and pictures from all our events.



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