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## Upcoming Events

### August 2014

16 Lodge Leadership Development & Movie Night  
Palo Alto Scout Service Center

### September 2014

11 Lodge Meeting 7:30pm  
Foster City Scout Service Center

### October 2014

4 Fall "Downhill" Fellowship & Movie Night  
Palo Alto Scout Service Center

9 Lodge Meeting 7:30pm  
Foster City Scout Service Center

24-26 Fall Ordeal  
Cutter Scout Reservation

### November 2014

7-8 Movie Night & Nor Cal Trade-O-Ree  
Palo Alto Scout Service Center

13 Lodge Meeting 7:30pm  
Foster City Scout Service Center



## Your 2014-2015 Lodge Officers

By: Clayton Hagy



Clayton Hagy

Michael Wu

Ryan Tagawa

Seth Howe

As Vice Chief of Inductions I helped bring in new members to our lodge. I was fortunate enough to meet new scouts and see them join the Order of The Arrow, as I had done not too long ago. The OA has given me a chance to grow not only as a scout, but as a person. It has opened doors for me that I could not have even imagined before I joined. As Lodge Chief, I would like to continue to bring the awesome opportunities and experiences that I had to the next generation of scouts and help our lodge to grow as it has been doing over the past year. With the help of an excellent Lodge Executive Committee, our Vice Chief of Administration Michael Wu, the Vice Chief of Inductions Ryan Tagawa, and Secretary Seth Howe I know we can continue to build the network that will sustain Ohlone for years to come.

## For Food, for Fun, for Fellowship

By: Michael Wu

Our annual lodge banquet took place on Thursday, June 5th. It was a time for the lodge to get together, discuss the past year, and look towards the New Year. It's also the time to induct the new lodge officers, and awards are presented to outstanding lodge members.

Firstly, the banquet provides us a chance to reflect on the past year. We can look back on successful trips and events, and talk about what made them successful. It's important to recognize what we are doing well, and strive to continue the success we've had in the past. As a lodge, we can also look back on past trips and find ways to improve the trip for the next year. This

way, our lodge events and campouts improve each year they take place. Every event is a learning opportunity, and it's important that we do all we can to make sure all our events are successful.

The banquet also provides an opportunity to recognize the past officers for all the

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## Lodge Chief's Corner

By: Clayton Hagy

As Ohlone begins its final year of preparations for NOAC 2015, I see great things for our lodge's future. We have a very strong LEC this year and we will accomplish a lot.

Our plan this year is to create long-term organic growth by increasing the number of active scouts in the lodge and training successive generations of arrowmen to run the lodge effectively after we have moved on. In order to become a stronger lodge, we must have more youth involvement so the running of the lodge doesn't fall on the shoulders of only a few scouts.

That's why this year I challenge every arrowman who reads this to attend at least TWO lodge events this year. If you complete my challenge, you will receive a high five so awesome that it will be felt throughout the space-time continuum. In addition to giving out righteous high fives, I would also like to set some goals for us as a lodge.

Our first goal is increasing the number of scouts who attain their Brotherhood Honor. Brotherhood solidifies your ties in Ohlone Lodge and the OA, and allows you to experience a different side of what the Lodge has to offer.

Secondly, I would like every troop in the council to have an OA election. A huge part of the lodge program is the overseeing of elections to determine which scouts from each troop deserve to be recognized by being inducted into Scouting's National Honor Society. When troops do not hold a yearly election the scouts miss the opportunity to participate in this wonderful part of Scouting.

Finally, I want as many Lodge members as possible to attend NOAC 2015! This is the 100-year anniversary of the Order of the Arrow and it is a once in a lifetime chance to experience a NOAC like never before. We will be encouraging attendance at NOAC all year, but the sooner you get a deposit in, the better.

Arrowmen, I want YOU to join in all the fun Ohlone Lodge is going to have this year!



## Centuries of Service

By: Manu Navjeevan

"Oh no, I didn't make National Jamboree," complained the uninformed Order of the Arrow member. "Don't worry, you can still make NOAC: A better conference," replied the sagely Vigil Member.

Brothers in the Order of the Arrow, the National Order of the Arrow Conference is coming up August 3-8, 2015 at Michigan State University. Not only is this NOAC going to be the largest ever, but it will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow! All participants will even get a special red sash! The 2015 NOAC will consist of 4 nights of shows as well as the opportunity to meet and become friends with the over 9,000 other OA members that will be there. Much like the National Jamboree, NOAC will have a ton of activities for you to do once there, ranging from rock climbing to scavenger hunts. Participants will be staying in dorms and will be able to take classes in all sorts of subject areas. From personal experience, I can assure you that NOAC is a ton of fun and an unforgettable experience.

As always, Ohlone Lodge will be sending a contingent to NOAC 2015. Unlike in past years, there is no cap on adult or youth members so any interested Ohlone Lodge member is free to come. In order to reserve your spot, you can email [noac@ohlone63.org](mailto:noac@ohlone63.org) and mail in a \$100 deposit to the Foster City Scout Center (1150 Chess Dr., Foster City).

NOAC promises to be great and we hope to see you all there.





## Welcome Our New Brothers

*By: Clayton Hagy*

On a sunny April weekend, Camp Cutter was once again alive with Order of the Arrow spirit as Ohlone commenced its Spring Ordeal! Ordeal is where Scouts come to prove themselves worthy of the honor and prestige the Order of the Arrow has embodied for almost 100 years. Also it's where current members get to welcome their new brothers into the lodge. This year, I'm pleased to report that we had over 80 people in attendance including members and candidates, resulting in 63 newly inducted members, 11 new Brotherhood members and one new Vigil Honor member.

Candidates spent the weekend improving the camp's fire safety by building slash piles, cutting wood, planting trees and building fire hose boxes. To conclude Saturday, the LEC held a Lodge meeting to show our new Brothers how we run a typical Lodge meeting and to help them get the ropes. I would like to thank everyone who helped make this Ordeal a success: the elangomats, our ceremonies team, the members that worked as staff, all the adults that made sure we didn't kill ourselves, and especially the LEC, Manu, Michael, and Seth, and our advisers Greg Miura, Matt Rudnick, and Stephen Wu. I look forward to working with everyone next year.

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effort and time they put into the lodge to make it a success. The outgoing lodge chief gives a short speech, then we swear in the new officers. The lodge members can meet all their leaders for the upcoming year.

Lastly, we present awards to some outstanding arrowmen. Manu Navjeevan was presented the Vigil Honor, and Manu and Clint Takeshita were presented the Founder's Award.

The annual lodge banquet was a great time to catch up with lodge members and meet arrowmen from other lodges. I look forward to seeing everyone at our next banquet on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Palo Alto Scout Service Center.

## Band of Brothers

*By: Clayton Hagy*

Scenic Livingston was the backdrop for annual W3S Conclave (a celebration of Brotherhood through inter-lodge activities) at Camp Warren McConnell. Ohlone Lodge's contingent arrived Friday ready for a weekend filled with: Indian Handball, patch trading, awesome shows, new friends and much more!

For those who have not been, Conclave is a great time to bond with fellow Lodge members and meet new brothers from other lodges. This year was especially important for brotherhood because we are coming up on NOAC 2015 and OA's 100th anniversary. By sharing this weekend, the ten scouts that made up our contingent this year are now bonded with ties that only a Conclave can bestow.

In addition to lodge bonding, Ohlone had fun by attending informative classes, playing cards, and supporting the local burger joint. We even helped with the shows!

I would like to thank the drivers of our carpool, Greg Miura and Matt Rudnick.

Besides being all about fun, Conclave is also where we elected Section Officers for the next year. Our outgoing Section Officers Dylan Law who was Section Chief, Tyler Lyman who was Vice Chief, and Kyle Jue who was Secretary, did a great job and put on a truly awesome Conclave.

Our incoming Section Officers: Tyler Lyman as Section Chief, Brian Escarcega as Vice Chief, and myself as Secretary, have some big shoes to fill, but we are ready to deliver another spectacular Conclave.

Ohlone had a great time at the 2014 Conclave and we look forward to you joining us for Conclave 2015 at Coast Guard Island in Alameda on April 24<sup>th</sup> – 26, 2015!!!





*Congresswoman Jackie Speier along with (from left to right)  
Andrew Marcopulos, Clayton Hagy, Ryan Biesty, Michael Wu, Connor Grayson*

## Honoring Those Who Served

*By: Michael Wu*

For some families living in the Bay Area, the Memorial Day weekend means a barbeque and no school on Monday. However, other families spent Memorial Day honoring those who have died in the protection of our country. As a lodge, we paid our respects to those who have served by helping out at the Memorial Day flag decoration.

One our main jobs as volunteers is to direct traffic. We make sure cars know where to go, and park in the right areas. As hundreds of people come to participate, it's important that parking is organized and orderly so that people are able to park quickly. Our help also reduces confusion, which greatly speeds up the process. People know where to go, and they can get there quickly.

Another important task is to hand out pokers. The volunteers use the pokers to help place flags next to the graves. As a lodge, we help to untangle and distribute the pokers to all the volunteers that come to help.

Lastly, we participate as a lodge to pay our respects to those who have served. It is important to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. We should all place ourselves in a reverent mindset to honor those who have served.

As a service organization, it's important to help out where we can, and the Memorial Flag Decoration is both a meaningful and useful service project for the lodge to partake in.

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