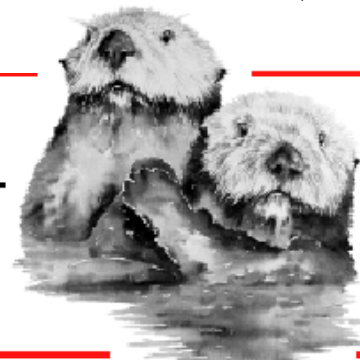


2002 National Honor Lodge

Ohlone Lodge #63

Order of the Arrow



News from

THE OTTER SIDE

Fall Ordeal – In October

by Andrew Coggiola

At the Spring Ordeal, we inducted 54 new Ordeal members and 10 new Brotherhood. With that we had great ceremonies, and I'm sure this Fall Ordeal will be just as great. This amazing opportunity to participate in cheerful service while inducting members only comes around twice a year and we all hope you will be apart of it. Whether it is to help out, to lead, or to go through your Brotherhood you are always welcome. The popular clan chokers will be back for the Fall Ordeal too. Every candidate makes a choker to which they take home with colored beads that represent which village and Ordeal Clan they belong. The Fall Ordeal will be at Boulder Creek, on October 11-13, 2002. This year's cost to you will be a low \$10 so we recommend you register early so you can help out. If you know of any candidates in your troop who did not attend the Spring Ordeal, encourage them to come to the Fall Ordeal. It's an amazing experience that we know will benefit them, and they will thank you. The Ordeal will be "bundles of fun" and I highly encourage anyone and everyone in the lodge to come to the Fall Ordeal.

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2002 – The Year of Puyson

by Andrew Coggiola

At the most recent LLDC (the annual Lodge Leadership Training), we tallied up the points for the first ever "Most Indian Village" Award. The winner, was Puyson Village. It was a close race with Salson Village right behind us. Next year, let us see the other villages become more involved in this award. I still don't think they'll win, but hey, it's the effort the counts, right? (*don't be so sure about that*) You probably didn't know about the "Most Indian Village" Award, but it has, in fact, been around for a while. This award is patterned after the "Most Indian Lodge" Award given to the best lodge in the section. Clint Takeshita came up with a set of required criteria that were used to judge each village during the last year. One of the criteria was to achieve Quality Village (similar to Quality Lodge).

This involves such things as positive membership growth and having the Village Chief attend the monthly Council of Chiefs meetings. Other requirements included things like holding monthly village meetings, having arrowmen attend those meetings and participate at both village and lodge events, providing village reports for the newsletter, and having village officers attend the LLDC. As outgoing Village Chief, I feel confident that under the leadership of our new Village Chief, Alex Miller – Puyson will be victorious again next year. Catch us if you can... If you'd like more information about the award, send your Village Chief or village representative to the next Lodge Chief's Council on September 12, 2002 7:30pm at the San Mateo Service Center.



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Chief's Corner

-Michael Maxwell-

With the coming of fall, many of the lodge's arrow men are returning to school, and Ohlone is returning to normal operations. After attending the 2002 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the executive council has many new and exciting ideas that we plan on implementing in the coming months.

First of all, we have created an informational booklet to help Scoutmasters understand the Order of the Arrow and what its function in the council is. It is called *The Scoutmaster's Guide to the Order of the Arrow*, and the lodge should begin to distribute it at the September and October round table meetings. It contains important information about elections, brotherhood conversion, and information for those who have never even heard of the Order.

Secondly, we are planning on creating a second book for Troop/Team Representatives, with the intent of creating a stronger representative program. We are always in need of Troop representatives, and many people do not realize that it can be used for rank advancement in your troop. The job is also quite easy – the only thing you must do is attend village meetings and your own troop meetings... that's it! We will be distributing the booklet to Scoutmasters and current Representatives.

Finally, the lodge is going to hold more Brotherhood conversion opportunities at more activities at more times during the year – all with the purpose of reaching our 30% goal. We need your help though! Come out to the lodge events – like the Pow-Wow, Conclave, and Ordeals. I have made it my personal goal to make the events more fun, so watch for fliers advertising casino nights, village contests, and better games at lodge activities. I personally guarantee to make the activities at lodge events more fun and enjoyable – so come out and have some fun!



From the Lodge Advisor

-Mark Matthews Sr.-

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I hope everyone had a great summer, now is the time to get back to basics and support all our units.

As I attended several seminars and lectures at NOAC to help me be a better lodge advisor I realized that many of these seminars and lectures can be applied to all our adult advisors. That's right, all the lodge adults are advisors to the youth of the lodge and to all our units. We set the example for their leadership. The adults and youth of the lodge represent not only our individual units but we are a symbol of how to act, how to respect each other, how to listen and be a friend.

We are looked up to by the tiger and cub scouts on one end and by the exploring, and venturing crews on the other end of the youth spectrum. The council also looks to the lodge and its members when they need help with training, leadership needs, representation at civic functions, we exemplify the scouting spirit and all that is attached to it.

The general public views us differently, they judge us by how we represent ourselves, we are always on display when we are in our uniforms. The impression one person gives can sometimes be used to assume that is how the whole group behaves. So we must be on our best behavior as much as possible.

As lodge members lets set the example in our scout life and in our work, school or social life. Lets be a friend when one is needed, lets be the shoulder if someone needs to cry on one, lets be the friend who will listen and not judge, lets be the person that any youth can feel safe and comfortable coming to for advise.

These are the traits that had you elected into the Order of the Arrow and we as members need to give back to our unit, community, family and friends these same value's and ideals.

That to all the adults who help make the lodge function. Those adults that give their time and energy to make sure the scout program is effective in all our scouting units. And thanks to the professional staff that work countless hours to help us bring this terrific program to the youth of our council.

-A Quick Editor Moment-

by Matthew Rudnick

Many of you arrowmen are looking for ways to help the lodge but don't know where to start. This newsletter you're reading is a great place to start. We need help writing, taking pictures, and just even proof reading for mistakes. If you are interested in the slightest to help, give me a call at (650)504-2293.

VILLAGE CORNERS

Iamsin – Sequoia District

by Ed Slintak

Welcome back to another year of school, Scouting, and opportunities to be an active Arrowman. Iamsin Village of Ohlone Lodge represents all the scouts and scouters of Sequoia District, so if you live between Menlo Park and Belmont or Redwood City and La Honda then you are part of Iamsin Village.

When you were inducted as a brother, it was in recognition of your attitude of cheerful service. Many of you have not been very active with the OA since you completed your Ordeal experience. Membership in the Order is more than a day of hard labor. As a member, if you have not been attending lodge or village functions, you are missing out on the opportunity for fellowship, brotherhood, cheerful service, and good old fun. In other words, you are missing out on the best parts of being a member of the OA.

So, how can you start reaping these benefits? Come to the Fall Ordeal on October 11 to 13 at Boulder Creek Scout Reservation. Not sure how you can get a ride there or what to do once you are there? Then come to the village meeting on the first Wednesday of every month. The village meets at the Redeemer church between Grand and Hudson just south of James Avenue in Redwood City, right in the middle of the district. The meetings are at 7:30 at the same time and place where your troop's adult leaders are going for the monthly roundtable. So stop by and get to know the other people, get involved and make that pocket flap patch more meaningful to you. So come by and learn more about the upcoming Ordeal, the Fall Fellowship, Pow-Wow, and many more opportunities. See you on Wednesday.

~Village Officers~

Chief – To Be Elected

Advisor – Mr. Ed Slintak
(650)364-1036



2002 Most Indian Village

Puyson – Stanford District

by Andrew Coggiola

Puyson Village remained very active in the last few months. Members of the village performed numerous Arrow of Light ceremonies for Cub Packs.

Puyson also helped run the very successful Stanford District Camporee in April at Boulder Creek. Arrowmen from the village ran many events, including the camp-wide competition at the end of the day, the all-important prize auction, and of course, the evening campfire program.

At the 2002 Section W3A Conclave, Puyson had the largest number of members attending of any village. I was acting Lodge Chief and I got to help put on the big evening program.

At the May meeting following the Spring Ordeal, we continued our tradition of having pizza and sodas to welcome new Ordeal members. At the June village meeting, we ran the annual BBQ for the Stanford District Roundtable. At the same meeting, we held our village elections.

The new Puyson Village Chief is Alex Miller, from Troop 33. His Vice-Chief is Brent Taylor, also from Troop 33. The new Village secretary is Curtis Robidoux from Troop 75. One of the first activities for the village this year will be deciding what regalia to buy using money we earned by selling food and crafts at the Camporee and Mountain Man Rendezvous.

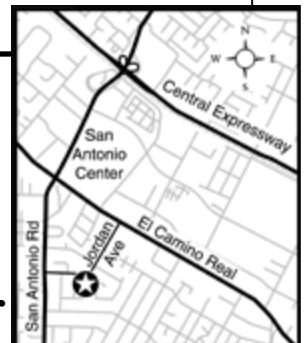
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Vice Chief – Brent Taylor

Secretary – Curtis Robidoux

Advisor – Mr. Robert Larson
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NOAC 2002

Ohlone Brings the Heat to Indiana

by Michael Maxwell

The 2002 National Order of the Arrow Conference in Bloomington, Indiana was both fun and educational for those members of Ohlone who attended. Nine Arrowmen from the lodge attended, took part in training classes, and participated in the activity throughout the 4 days of the conference.

The national committee started off the event with an opening show that got all of the attendees hyped up about the days to come. The other shows of the week featured the Presentation of the National Service Awards, the winners of the dance competitions, and the meaning of the theme for the conference: "Test Yourself and So Discover." This quote that come from the Pre-ordeal ceremony tells us we do not know what we all can accomplish until we push ourselves to our limits and see the endless amount of potential we all have in ourselves as Arrowmen. Even if you did not attend NOAC challenge yourself to find what you can accomplish.

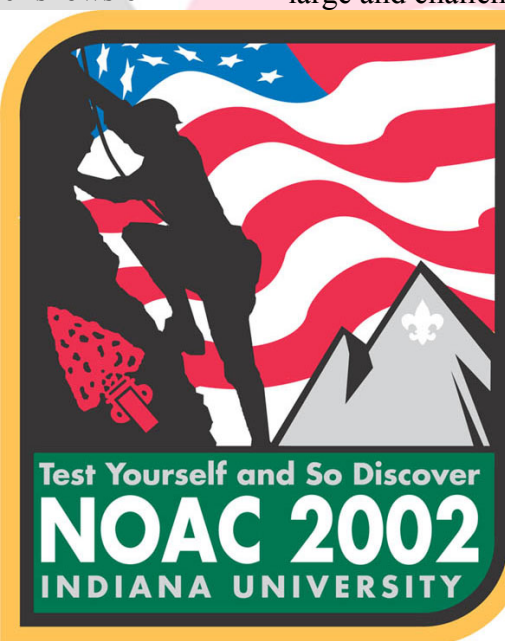
The dance show was spectacular, with colorful lighting and fantastic dancing. Many Arrowmen agreed that it was the best of the Conference, and for excellent reason.

The training cells gave our contingent members ideas about what they can do in the lodge to make it run smoother and more efficiently. Classes like Recruiting 101, how to be Chiefly, and Communications in the Lodge helped our members gain invaluable knowledge in maintaining a successful lodge.

During the week, The Outdoor Adventure Place was a hit with many of the contingent members. It boasted large and challenging climbing walls, a unique obstacle course, and much much more.

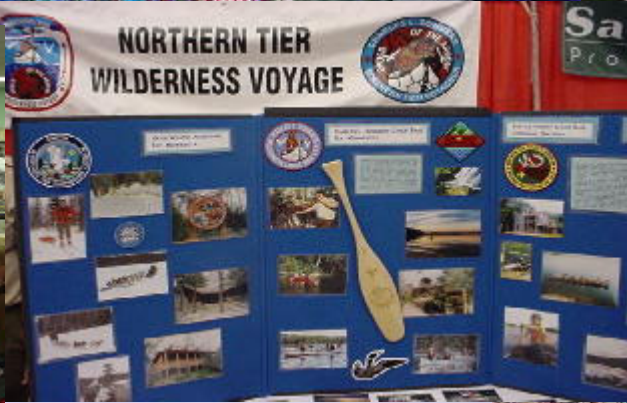
On the third day however, TOAP was overshadowed by Founder's Day: a huge mass of lodges, sections, and regions showing their pride through decorated booths. Since this Order is made up from lodges all over the country, it is only fitting that each lodge has a booth

teaching fellow Arrowmen, while at the same time handing out some awesome goodies from their part of the country. Region even handed out temporary tattoos that made it clear that "WEST IS BEST."



Test Yourself and So Discover
NOAC 2002
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Bloomington, Indiana



VILLAGE CORNERS

Salson – Peninsula District

by David You

My name is David You and I am from Troop 27. I am the new Village Advisor for Salson Village. The village meets the first Thursday of the month at 7:30pm at the San Mateo Service Center. (The same time as the District Roundtable) I am very excited about our village and think it can be the best in the lodge. My plans for the village are to have every scout make their own Indian regalia and if possible to perform the Arrow of Light Ceremony for every Cub Scout Pack in the Peninsula District. I would also like to see our village help maintain our Boy Scout Camps, help assist in Camporee and much more. I would also like our village participate in Salson only over nights. Arrowmen, step up. I need a Village Chief and Village Vice Chief. Help Salson Village become number one in the lodge! I can be contacted at (650) 592-1691 or E mail: youclan4@aol.com

Sipliskin – Discovery District

by Michael Larson

If you are an Arrowman, and you live within the Discovery District boundaries, you are a member of the Sipliskin Village chapter for OA. As your new Village Advisor, I'm looking forward to an excellent year of growth and opportunity. Village meetings take place on the first Thursday of each month at the LDS Stake Center on Sharp Park Road (the border of San Bruno and Pacifica). Meetings start at 7:30pm.

Currently, we have a need for a Village Chief, as well as a number of other youth leader positions (and if you are an adult Arrowman, I would be grateful if you'd consider becoming an Associate Advisor). Our first meeting for the year will take place Thursday, Oct. 3rd, 2002, and to welcome everyone and so we can get to know each other better, I'm bringing pizza (please RSVP and tell me if you'll be coming, so I can make sure to have enough food for everyone. I can be reached at sipliskinadv@ohlone63.org).

~Village Officers~

Chief – To Be Elected

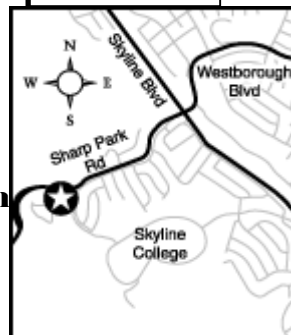
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Chief – To Be Elected

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New Lodge Website – Ohlone63.ORG

by Webmaster Otto the Otter

Want to have the most up to date information about the lodge? Come to the new lodge website Ohlone63.org. On there you will find all the events for the coming year, registration forms, maps to the council camps, village information, and links to contact the officers of the lodge. Look on the website for the current Most Indian Village standings, and links

to the national OA website. The look has changed, the information is more up-to-date, and I hope you like it. P.S.: while you are there, sign up for the OtterSide Express Mailing list. This is an email list that you can join to receive messages from the lodge on a more regular basis than this newsletter.

Pow Wow 2002

by Jay "Kelly" Veach

Fall Ordeal - Continued from pg. 1

Elangomats and torchbearers are always needed, as well people to set up the ceremony sites. There are also great opportunities to help with the Lodge ceremonies teams. As a member of the ceremonies team, you will get to wear Native American regalia and help induct new Arrowmen the way you were inducted at your Ordeal. This is a great way to get more involved in OA and also a great opportunity to obtain your Brotherhood if you have been an Ordeal member for at least 10 months. If you aren't sure what's required for Brotherhood, check you OA Handbook. If you are interested in helping at the Fall Ordeal, or if you want to become brotherhood, please look for the flyer or use the new universal registration form. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at vcinduct@ohlone63.org

Next to the Section Conclave, the annual Section W3A POW WOW is the most important social event of the year. As part of our yearly quest for the "Most Indian Lodge Award", Ohlone co-hosts a true Native American style POW WOW. This event is promoted to all of our section's membership and to others who wish to learn and share in the traditions of our Native people.

This November 1st - 3rd, Cutter Scout Reservation will once again be the site of the 2002 POW WOW and your council of chiefs is urging you to mark your calendar and make plans to be there to enjoy a weekend of camaraderie, interesting seminars with hands on skills courses, drums, songs and of course, the traditional POW WOW dancing.

For anyone interested in learning how to dance and who wishes to become active in our dance team, this is the place to

start. Those who just want to come to observe without feeling like they have to dance or learn the drum songs, that is cool too.

This weekend is for patch trading, camping out, good food, great guys & ladies who are here to teach and to be taught, for learning how to do beadwork, feather work, drum courses, throwing tomahawks, making arrow heads, shooting sports, types of dance steps and dance outfits, making feather bustles or headdresses, playing cards, staying up late around a campfire, having fun and being part of an ever growing annual event.

Save this weekend, Nov 1st to the 3rd, and make it up to Cutter. It is YOUR LODGE...YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE...YOU CAN MAKE IT GREAT...

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
- Fall Ordeal - \$10; + \$10 w/ Brotherhood (Oct 11 - 13) Event Code 202
- Pow Wow - \$20 (Nov 1 - 3) Event Code 302
- Winter Weekend - \$15 (Feb 21-23) Event Code 403

Please Mail form and Check to:
Ohlone Lodge #63
Pacific Skyline Council, BSA
PO. Box 5005.
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

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Sept	12 22	Lodge Executive Committee – San Mateo Service Center 7:30pm W3A Section Meeting – Camp Herms
Oct	10 11-13 18-20	Lodge Executive Committee – San Mateo Service Center 7:30pm Fall Ordeal – Boulder Creek Scout Reservation Mountain Man Rendezvous – Boulder Creek Scout Reservation
Nov	1-3 14 15-17	Section W3A Pow Wow – Cutter Scout Reservation Lodge Executive Committee – San Mateo Service Center 7:30pm National Leadership Seminar – Dublin, Ca
Dec	12 13-14	Lodge Executive Committee – San Mateo Service Center 7:30pm Vigil Weekend - Boulder Creek Scout Reservation
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

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