



News from

THE OTTER SIDE

Winter 2009

Upcoming Events

Please note that we are no longer holding Village Meetings at the District Roundtable sites, in favor of having more fun activities for the whole lodge.

January 2009

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

31 Merit Badge Midway Fundraiser
Serving lunch from 11:00am - 1:00pm
Ralston Middle School, *Belmont*

February 2009

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

20-22 Winter Fellowship
Cutter Scout Reservation

March 2009

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

28 Ordeal Candidate Orientation
and member BBQ
Drop-in between 1:00pm and 5:00pm
Palo Alto Scout Service Center
1305 Middlefield Road - *Palo Alto*

28 Brotherhood Ceremony 7:30 pm
Palo Alto Scout Service Center

April 2009

9 Lodge Executive Committee 7:30pm
Brotherhood Ceremony 9:00 pm
Foster City Scout Service Center

17-19 Spring Ordeal, Vigil Weekend,
and Brotherhood Ceremony
Cutter Scout Reservation

Conclave is now in September.



Lodge members joined Scouts from five troops, a Venture crew, and a Cub Scout pack to help restore native habitat at Laurelwood Park.

Winter Fellowship

Winter Fellowship will begin on Friday evening, February 20th and end on Sunday morning. Come have fun, eat fabulous food, and help rebuild the OA ceremonial grounds!

Fun at Spring Ordeal

Yes, you read the title right, it does say fun. You may be thinking of your past experience as a candidate in Ordeal, and how it was, well, an ordeal. But now that you are an Arrowman, come back and have fun helping lead the Ordeal. Come hang out with fellow OA members, play cards and other games 'till all hours of the night, join a ceremonies team and help pass the legend on to a new generation of candidates, and most importantly, you get to sleep indoors. Don't let this fun-filled weekend pass you up, and for just \$15, what reason do you have not to come?

OA Unit Elections

Welcome to the New Year!
Our election teams will be responsible for conducting elections in your home troop! OA unit elections begin in early January, and will continue to do so until late February.

If your troop has not scheduled an election yet, or you just want to help out, please contact the Vice Chief of Inductions (VCI@Ohlone63.org) and he will make sure your troop election is arranged in time.

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Merit Badge Midway

Come help Ohlone Lodge raise money by coming to help cook food for the attendees of the annual Council Merit Badge Midway. Even if you are taking classes, stop by and help! It's on January 31st at Ralston Middle School in Belmont.

NOAC 2009!!!!

NOAC 2009 is right around the corner. NOAC, National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held at the University of Indiana. Essentially, NOAC is a giant party, with Indian dancing and drumming, fantastic shows and classes, patch trading, and 8,000 Arrowmen from around the country!!!

NOAC will start August 1st and end on August 6th. If you are interested email the Lodge Chief immediately at lodgechief@ohlone63.org.

April is Brotherhood Month!

If your Ordeal was in Spring 2008, or earlier, it is time to earn Brotherhood and seal your membership in the Order of the Arrow. To make this easy, we have scheduled three Brotherhood Ceremonies in, or around, April. Select the date and time most convenient for you and become a full member in one of the best OA lodges in the Bay Area.

- Saturday, March 28, 7:30pm at the Palo Alto Scout Service Center
- Thursday, April 9, 9:00pm at the Foster City Scout Service Center
- Friday, April 17 - April 19 at the Spring Ordeal

The OA Handbook contains the requirements for earning Brotherhood; they are also listed on page four of this newsletter.

Please email the Lodge Chief (lodgechief@ohlone63.org) to let him know which date works best for you.

Ohlone Lodge gets 2008 Quality Lodge Award

After the completion of our November 2nd community service project in San Mateo, Ohlone Lodge then completed the final requirement and became eligible for the 2008 Quality Lodge Award. Adult Adviser Kevin Hass had suggested that our Arrowmen join other BSA units at Laurelwood Park. Eleven Arrowmen, joined about twenty others from five Troops, one Crew, and one Pack, were there to provide cheerful service benefiting the City of San Mateo Parks and Recreation Dept. and its visitors.

Over several hours, we removed non-native invasive plants (Ivy and Scotch Broom) from the creek and trailside areas. Several park visitors, both young and old, stopped by to personally thank us for our good work and also inquired about our distinctive OA "arrow" sashes that we proudly wore. Now is the time to think about our 2009 lodge service project so that many more Arrowmen will participate next time!

Colm Quinn
Adult Adviser
Elections/Brotherhood Conversions



Pictured above: John Wise, Kevin Hass, and other OA Arrowmen clearing ivy and trimming limbs of trees.

Sudoku Challenge

(Created using www.websudoku.com)

Good Luck!

(The answer key is on the back page.)

In this issue, you can find articles on the Trade-O-Ree, info on special flaps, national trips, Ordeal, and more! Just keep on reading!

Chief's Corner

Brothers,

So far this has been an incredibly successful year. This year we have received the Quality Lodge Award, completed the Fall Ordeal and are gearing up for an unforgettable win at conclave.

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 Indiana 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."

Yours In Scouting,

Bradley Bottoms

Fall Ordeal

The Fall Ordeal was held at Cutter Scout Reservation during the weekend of October 24-26. Candidates for the Kaweah Lodge in Alameda Council joined us.

30 candidates for Ohlone Lodge in four clans became Arrowmen after they completed the tasks asked of them. Five Ordeal Honor Arrowmen received their Brotherhood Honor.

The weather was perfect for the outdoor service projects. The sun was shining while the latrine roofs in Camp Horn were replaced, the propane tanks were protected with steel poles and Cutter Scout Reservation received a good cleaning. In fact it was so nice on Friday night that most people slept outside!

The new **Ordeal Honor Arrowmen** are:

Coyote Clan (Elangomat, Brian Hass) William Abrams, Samuel Brigham, Jason Chen, Paul Fallon, Joe Farnel, Kirk Hansson, and Logan Miller.

Fossil Clan (Elangomats, Colm Quinn, John and Leslie Wise) Jay Abrams, James Healy, Dolores Li, Deborah Quinn, Zaldy Saputra, and Grace Tang

Fox Clan (Elangomat, Nick Larsen) Alex Dunn, Tom Eschabach, Steven Fairfax, Kevin Hu, Matthew Luedtke, Thomas Meredith, Shane Saputra, Richard Shu, and Joe Wang.

Rabbit Clan (Elangomat, Joseph Naras) Gabriel De Los Reyes, Matthew Del Selva, John Dellinges, Sam Hession, Thomas Liggett, Kyle Montgomery, Monty Newman, and Jeffrey Pea.

Brotherhood Honor: Kevin Aflatooni, Ronald Chang, Nicholas Duehring, Nicholas Larsen, and Alex Reid.

Thanks to everyone who made this weekend a successful event. Once again David Bradley and his kitchen helpers prepared a delicious feast for all the famished participants. We feasted on a banquet of turkey and all the fixin's.

Dan Quinn,
Vice Chief of Inductions (VCI)

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Mixed Reviews on Northern California Trade-O-Ree

By David Miura

Intrepid patch collectors braved the wet weather to travel to Palo Alto for the Northern California Trade-O-Ree held on November 7-8. Ohlone Lodge hosted this year's event which was first held in Santa Cruz in 1970.

The downturn in the economy was reflected in both attendance and purchasing which was dismal and far below expectations. On the other hand, from a collector's perspective, everything was a bargain and priced to move.

The silent and live auctions featured over 400 lots and brought in a little under \$2000 which was shared between the lodge and the two councils, Pacific Skyline and Sequoia, which consigned items. The highest bid was \$75 for a set of Pacific Napster patches for the 2001 National Jamboree.

Everybody came out ahead and both council Scout Executives were pleased with the results. "Every little bit counts at this time of year," said Kent Downing, Pacific Skyline Council Scout Executive.

Lodge members who came and helped earned a special Trade-O-Ree



lodge flap. These are still available for anybody wishing to make a donation of patches or other scouting memorabilia for the Trade-O-Ree next year.

Plans are already underway for making next year's Trade-O-Ree more successful. For starters, we'll move into the larger ballroom across the courtyard at the Stern Community Center and pre-sell the trader/vendor tables. Promotional flyers will be prepared for mass distribution at the NOAC this summer so people can make plans months in advance. If you would like to help, contact the Vice Chief of Administration, Kyle Poland, at vca@ohlone63.org.

Lodge Lore

By David Miura

"Hamilton's Half Century"

One of the more unusual flaps to come out of the Stanford-Oljato Lodge 207 is the one celebrating "Hamilton's Half Century." As mentioned in my last column, Stanford-Oljato Lodge 207 (Stanford Area Council) was a predecessor of our lodge that merged in 1995 with Pomponio Lodge 528 (San Mateo County Council) to form the current Ohlone Lodge.

Stanford-Oljato Lodge covered the area that is now the Stanford District. Since the geographical area was relatively small, the old Stanford Area Council was organized into "divisions" instead of the usual districts. The three divisions were Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Exploring, and each division had a division executive instead of a district executive. The Division Executive for the Boy Scouts was a man named Don Hamilton, and he served as the professional adviser to the OA.

When Don was celebrating his 50th birthday in 1987, the lodge officers decided it was the perfect opportunity to issue a flap in his honor. Stanford-Oljato Lodge Flaps through the years had been issued with anywhere from one to four canoes on the shores of Huntington Lake where Camp Oljato is located. The design of that era depicted three canoes representing the three districts. For the solemn occasion of the lodge's professional adviser reaching the half century mark, it was obvious that the design should feature a sinking canoe. If you look closely, you can see it sticking up out of the lake on the left side of the patch.

The lodge adviser at the time was a rather strict person, so the youth were afraid they'd get in trouble if the flap made any reference to Stanford-Oljato Lodge 207. Hence, there is nothing to indicate the lodge name, number, or anything pertaining to the Boy Scouts or the Order of the Arrow. Nevertheless, the flap was a big hit with the lodge members at the time and is considered a part of any Stanford-Oljato Lodge Collection.

Pictured to the right: "Hamilton's Half Century" flap, Stanford-Oljato Lodge 207, 1987

Get Your Brotherhood and Free Sash!

If you had your Ordeal in April 2008 or earlier, then you are now eligible to attain your Brotherhood Honor. Don't let this opportunity to seal your membership in the Order pass you by. Plus, you get a cool new sash that is free from Ohlone Lodge! Come to the Spring Ordeal, April 17-19, and attend the Brotherhood ceremony. Requirements in your handbook. This could help us earn Quality Lodge this year. Contact our Vice-Chief of Inductions, Dan, at VCI@ohlone63.org for details.

When Does Ordeal Start and End?

Many people ask when Ordeals start and end. The official start time of an Ordeal is 8:00, although it is recommended that you are there by 6:00. Really, the earlier you can get there the better. Who doesn't want to hang out with their favorite chief for a few extra hours? The official end time is Sunday at 11:00, so that way we can squeeze in a few fun activities in the morning. If you need to leave on Saturday night due to religious issues or other commitments, the best time to do so is right after dinner.

Lodge Leadership Opportunities

The Lodge has several excellent leadership opportunities available. Positions include ceremonies, Native American dancing, drumming, and elangomats. No experience is required and training will be provided. A good way to get work experience. If you are interested email the Chief, Bradley Bottoms, at lodgechief@ohlone63.org for more info.



High Adventure!

Philmont, Northern Tier, Florida Sea Base! What do these places have in common with each other besides adrenaline?

Price! Although adventures in these world class Scouting locales are usually in the Jamboree price range you can go there for free, that's right free!

Due to special prices available to OA members and scholarship opportunities with our OA section and lodge you can go there for free. See www.western.ohlone63.org/program/opportunities/ for program details and email the Chief, Bradley Bottoms at lodgechief@ohlone63.com for information about the scholarships. The key to getting them is early planning.



Pictured above: Sailing at Florida Sea Base.

We need your input!

We are always looking for material to publish in The OtterSide. Articles, information about OA opportunities, humor, trivia, etc. We also welcome small ads for local businesses selling OA related stuff (i.e. regalia, furs, hides, beads, and hatchets). Promote your event, favorite campsite, or Eagle Project with a well placed article. The Otter Side is published quarterly. Submissions should be emailed to publications@ohlone63.org.

Below is the solution to the Sodoko on page 2.

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Inverted Lodge Flap

The last batch of lodge flaps we ordered had some of the flaps with the sky colors inverted. Very collectible. Get them while you can. Buy four regular flaps and get the one special flap as a package for \$20. Contact the treasurer, Brian Cooper, at the next Lodge event to purchase one.



Brotherhood Requirements

1. Memorize the signs of Arrow membership: the Obligation, the Handclasp, the sign of the Ordeal, the Admonition, and the Song.
2. Advance in your understanding of the Ordeal.
3. Serve your unit. Maintain your registration in Scouting for at least 10 months after becoming an Ordeal member. During this time, strive to fulfill your Obligation by continuing and expanding your service to your own troop or team.
4. Plan for service in the Lodge. Develop a concrete plan for how you expect to serve the lodge now and in the future.
5. Review your progress by writing a letter to the lodge Brotherhood chairman that:
 1. Explains what you think the Obligation means;
 2. Describes 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
 3. Describes your specific plans for giving future service in the lodge program.

When you feel that you have completed all of these requirements to your satisfaction, you will need to register for, and attend, one of the Brotherhood opportunities listed on the front page, or in the Lodge Calendar.

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www.ohlone63.org
Western Region Order of the Arrow
www.oawest.org

Need more information about the lodge or the Order of the Arrow? Check out Ohlone Lodge's website at www.ohlone63.org Find the lodge calendar, committee and village information and more!

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