

News from

THE OTTER SIDE



Winter 2011

Upcoming Events

January 2011

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

February 2011

5 Merit Badge Midway
Ralston Middle School, Belmont

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

11 - 13 Winter Fellowship
Cutter Scout Reservation

March 2011

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

April 2011

8 - 10 Spring Ordeal weekend
Cutter Scout Reservation

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

Spring Ordeal

The Spring Ordeal is a wonderful opportunity to either earn your Brotherhood, or just help out and have fun. Volunteers are needed to make the Ordeal run smoothly, and it is a fun way to help out your Lodge. There will be great food, and you get to stay either in Harkson Lodge, or the staff cabins, as available! If you want to help out, email Alex Chee at VCI@ohlong63.org



Above: Members of Ohlone Lodge display some of the awards won at the Section Conclave.

Winter Fellowship

By John Wilken

You should come to Winter Fellowship because we will have *Super Smash Bros. Melee*. We will be holding a tournament after dinner for all new and returning Brotherhood members. If you are not already Brotherhood and it has been ten months since you got Ordeal, you can come over to Fellowship and get Brotherhood. All you need to do is memorize the obligation,
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Merit Badge Midway

By Sean Mullins

Hey, a reminder for Merit Badge Midway; if you need service hours for a rank, or just want to help out the OA, come on down to help serve lunch to all of the students taking classes. If you want to help out, email Teddy Heidmann at lodgechief@ohlone63.org

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Ohlone Captures Most Indian Lodge Award at 2010 Section W3S Conclave

By Manu Navjeevan

Conclave this year was a smashing success. Ohlone Lodge won the prestigious *Conclave Award* with first-place finishes in Indian Handball and dodgeball, and a second-place finish in Land Water Polo. Also, Nick Gumas got third place in the Novice Indian Dancing competition. We also got the *Most Valuable Lodge* award in the auction with various patch

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Lodge Holding Design Contest for NOAC 2012 Lodge Flaps

By Matthew Rudnick

Will you be at NOAC? Ohlone definitely will be attending the National Order of the Arrow Conference in 2012. With over 8000 scouts and scouters from around the country learning about the OA don't you wish someone would make something fun that everyone could give or maybe let us say "trade" to those scouts and scouters you meet? It would be a cool idea, something from Ohlone Lodge that we can

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What is Section W3S?

An Order of the Arrow section consists of lodges within a geographic area of the region.

Once every year, representatives of lodges in the section come together for a conclave to share in fellowship, skills, and training. In addition, the section creates a monitoring and mentoring relationship with its lodges, provides leadership development opportunities, fosters understanding and adherence to national OA policies and procedures, and coordinates OA administrative and program functions.

A section is lead by three elected youth officers, the section chief, section vice chief, and section secretary, who are advised by an adult section adviser and professional section staff adviser. Each year the approximately fifty elected section chiefs are invited to a national planning meeting in Dallas, TX. The section chiefs form the conference committee for a National Order of the Arrow event, such as the national Order of the

Arrow conference, which is held under the guidance of the National Order of the Arrow Committee.

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donations like the felt "coasters" from our banquet. There were also various courses like Lodge Administration, an orientation for new members, and many more. We were served four delicious meals, and were given plenty of free time to spend as we wished. We also held Section elections in which we elected a new Section Chief, Alan Camarillo, Vice-Chief, Andrew Erickson, and Secretary, Indy Nelson. Bradley Bottoms, our former Lodge Chief, has retired from his job as Section-Chief. Congratulations to Bradley on a job well done.

Below: Members of Ohlone Lodge display some of the awards won at Conclave.

There was a lot of patch trading going on and many of our members came home with new patches to show and trade with their family and friends. Also for the first time, we elected an in-camp National Chief in order to take the place of our national chief, Brad Lichota, who was unable to make the Conclave. The in-camp National Chief was required to sign all autographs, and to be in any photos that were requested of him, as well as to "faithfully serve the Section Chief." In addition, on Saturday night, there was a Brotherhood Ceremony, in which two of our members got their Brotherhood. All in all, the conclave was a great event that allowed our members to meet people from other lodges and to have a voice in the making of our new Section Leadership Council.

Awards won include:

- Most Indian Lodge
- Most Valuable Lodge
- Indian Handball -1st place
- Dance - 2nd place individual, 3rd place overall lodge
- Dodgeball - 1st place





Above: Teddy and Manu hanging out with the Section Officers at Conclave.

What is Section W3S?

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Ohlone Lodge is a member of Section W3S. W3S stands for “Western Region, Area 3, South”. Our member lodges are:

- Ohlone Lodge #63
(Pacific Skyline Council)
- Achewon Nimat Lodge
(San Francisco Bay Area Council)
- Esselen Lodge
(Monterey Bay Area Council)
- Miwok Lodge
(Santa Clara County Council)
- Hungteetsepoppi Lodge
(Piedmont Council)
- Kaweah Lodge
(Alameda Council)
- Tah-Heech Lodge
(Sequoia Council)
- Taloma Lodge
(Greater Yosemite Area Council)

Our current Section leadership consists of:

- Section Chief Alan Camarillo
(Esselen Lodge)
- Section Vice Chief Andrew Erickson
(Miwok Lodge)
- Section Secretary Indy Nelson
(Achewon Nimat Lodge)

Are We Quality Lodge Material?

I'm sure most of you know who Mike Rowe is and what he does

for a living now. But did you know he is an Eagle Scout and an Order of the Arrow member? If you listen to his speech at the 2010 National Scout Jamboree closing show, he spoke of his days in Scouting as a youth.

A while ago, Mike wrote a letter that is a response to a father's request to Mike to help motivate his son to become an Eagle Scout. I think the letter is relevant to us Arrowmen as well. We are constantly bombarded with activities, school, sports, band, Scouting, and need to decide what we like to do and what we enjoy doing. Are we willing to sacrifice some activities to make a difference? Are we willing to “stand out” in the Order of the Arrow?

“Kelby,

Your Dad asked me to drop you a line and say something inspirational that might persuade you to dig down deep and find the determination to make the rank of Eagle Scout. It's a reasonable request, from a father who obviously wants to see his son succeed. But here's the thing The Eagle Award is not really meant for people who need to be dragged across the finish line.

It's meant for a select few, and I have no idea if you have the guts to see it through. Statistically, I suspect you do not. Only one out of a hundred Scouts make Eagle, so if you fail, there will be lots of other people with whom you can share excuses. Quitting now might disappoint your Dad, but I doubt that he or anyone else will be overly surprised. Anytime 99 out of 100 people do the same thing, it's not exactly a shock.

I'm not trying to be cute with a bunch of reverse psychology. When I was 15, there was nothing that anyone could have said to me that would have inspired me to do something I didn't want to do, especially a stranger with a TV show.

So I'm not going to assume you're any different, or pretend that I have some influence or insight that you haven't already heard from a dozen other people who actually know and care about you. I'll just tell you straight up, that doing something extraordinary can be very lonely, and most people simply aren't cut out for it. Being an Eagle Scout requires you to be different than most everyone around you, and being different is really, really hard. That's why the award is called “an accomplishment.”

Personally, and for whatever it's worth, the best decisions I've made in my own life, are those decisions that put me on the outside of being cool. Singing in the Opera, working in home shopping, starring in the school play when the entire football team laughed at me, and especially earning my Eagle, were all choices that required sacrifice, hard work, and delayed gratification. I have no idea if you possess those qualities, or even envy them.

But I can tell you for certain, that NOT getting your Eagle, will be one of the easiest things you've ever done. Anyway, I have no idea if you would prefer an easy life of predictability and mediocrity or if [you] have the passion to follow the road less traveled. Only you get to decide that.

*Good Luck,
Mike”*

Fall Ordeal 2010

The Lodge would like to congratulate the following new members on the completion of their Ordeal:

C. J. Allen
Aaron Coberly
Sean Conley
Will Egleston
Creighton Felise
Harr Froerer
Miles Gong
Bryan Jeung
Robert Lee
Alex Mirov
Theresa Molnar
Alex Murray
Geoffrey Osgood
Branden Seufert
Stephen Strawbridge
Jonathan Wang
Grant Wilson

The Lodge would also like to congratulate the following members on their completion of Brotherhood:

Michael Coberly
Ricky Condon
Paul Conley
Nicholas Gumas
Roger Jue
Dolores Li
Daniel Meier
Manu Navjeevan
Peter Schoener
Stephen Seufert
Richard Shu

Brotherhood Requirements

1. Memorize the signs of Arrow membership. 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. Retain 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.
 - a. Retain your registration in your Order of the Arrow Lodge and keep your dues paid.

b. Be aware that acceptance of Brotherhood membership involves a pledge of service to the lodge.

c. 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 secretary. In this letter:

a. Explain what you think the Obligation means

b. 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 this service.

c. Describe your specific plans for giving service in the lodge program.

d. Tell what the Order of the Arrow means to you, and why you are seeking Brotherhood Membership.



Chief's Corner

My Brothers,

This year we have endeavored to bring the best camping and service opportunities possibly to you and your fellow OA members, and in my opinion, we have succeeded.

Back in September, Ohlone Lodge had the second biggest contingent at the Section W3S Conclave, consisting of 26 youth and adults all dedicated to brotherhood, cheerfulness, service, friendly competition, soaking our adult advisers with water balloons, and most importantly, patch trading. I would like to personally thank all that were able to attend for their amazing level of sportsmanship cheerfulness, and also for helping us win this year's Conclave Award! This is the first time in many years that Ohlone has won this prestigious award, and I hope to keep it in our Lodge for the next year as well.

Thank you also to my amazing Lodge Officers and Advisers, without whom our Fall Ordeal would not have taken place. We had a late start with planning and advertising for it, but in the end, it was probably the most fun and successful Ordeals I have been to since I became Chief.

Congratulations again to our new Ordeal and Brotherhood members, and may you continue to serve and be active in your unit and in the Lodge itself.

Our Lodge is in one of the best positions in the nation to succeed. We are a small, highly populated

council with a high number of troops and committed youth and adults who are willing to spend their time and money putting on amazing events such as the Ordeal or the Trade-O-Ree, but we can't do it by ourselves. We need members to show up to events and showcase the OA, letting all your scouting friends and family know who we are and what we do. So, my Brothers, wear your sash with pride and help us show off to troops and crews what an amazing organization we are!

Yours in Brotherhood,
Teddy Heidmann
Lodge Chief
Ohlone Lodge #63



Above: Teddy after playing Land Water Polo at the Section Conclave; water balloons were used in lieu of a pool.

Winter Fellowship

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song, oath, and write a letter to the Secretary about how you want to continue service in the future. If you are already Brotherhood, going to Fellowship is a great way to meet people in the lodge and consider taking on a LEC position.

Fellowship will be a two night event starting Friday, February 11th at Cutter Scout Reservation. Come up to meet your fellow brothers and help Ohlone Lodge #63 prepare for the Spring Ordeal.

It promises to be a fun event and John Wilken (our VCA) raves, "It's like a party, but service-oriented!" Fellowship is a great way to get re-involved in OA, and learn about interesting new positions, such as the Eco-Action committee which was founded during Conclave, and learn about what's new in the world of OA. Plus an added benefit, no vow of silence! If you want to attend Fellowship simply fill out and return the flyer that is enclosed with this mailing.

Trade-O-Ree

By John Wilken

Our 2010 Trade-O-Ree was the best Trade-O-Ree I have ever been to. It is also the only Trade-O-Ree that I have ever been to. I arrived around 5:00 in the afternoon to help Greg and David Miura set up tables to prepare for traders. At around 6:30, trading began.

As Chief of Security, it was my job to ensure that all trades were fair, all transactions were honest, and that everyone had a good time. I also ran the Trading Post, which sold and still currently sells OA memorabilia including discontinued patches, bumper stickers, Uncas University pins, sash protectors, and beautiful choker kits.

I met many avid patch traders, and I collected a Popeye CSP (Council Shoulder Patch), a New Orleans Saints Super Bowl CSP, and a Pittsburg CSP, embroidered with a tomato and a white rose.

The trading continued late into the night, and was wrapped up with Round Table Pizza and soda. The next day, after a quick
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breakfast, we opened our silent auction. Up for bid were vintage neckerchiefs and uniforms, patches and books. Any remaining items were sold through a live auction.

Our 2010 Trade-O-Ree was an entertaining and relaxing experience that I enjoyed fully. It was a success, and I encourage anyone interested in patch trading to come to our 2011 Trade-O-Ree.



Lodge Adviser's Corner

Are We Leaders?

"We are continually faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as insoluble problems." - John W. Gardner

We face challenges every day of our lives. How we deal with them shows what we've learned along the way. I agree with John Gardner we need to look at what we do, and in keeping the relevancy of this discussion to Scouting, we need to constantly look at our Lodge program and events to make sure we are keeping to our annual goals and are aligned with the Mission and Purpose statements of the Order of the Arrow.

Whether you take on a Lodge leadership position or take on a leadership role at one of our events, I am confident that you will learn how to properly deal with challenges down the road at school, in your troop, with your personal life.

You can be a Lodge Leader

now by getting the word out to your Scouting friends and your troop about Lodge activities. Don't just tell them about an activity, invite them to come.

It's a subtle but important difference. If you see someone wearing a lodge flap that you don't recognize, go up and talk to them. Invite them to the next Lodge activity.

Maybe it's time for you to try something new in Scouting. Have you thought about being a part of the Lodge Ceremony team? How about the Dance team? Want to get involved in the running of an Ordeal? It is a lot of fun, and the Lodge members that participate enjoy the work, and more important, the brotherhood and friendship of the Lodge. Think about it do something out of your comfort zone.

Remember that being a leader means you are a good Scout, a good Arrowman. Base your life on the Scout Oath and Law, and the Obligation. Lead by example, and no matter what anyone says or thinks, do the right thing.

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

- Maya Angelou

Yours in Brotherhood,
Greg Miura
Lodge Adviser

Below: Recycling. The lodge has begun to pay attention to our environmental impact.



Mark Matthews Sr. Retires From Section

At the Section W3S Conclave at Camp Chesebrough in September, Mark Matthews Sr. ended his two-year term as W3S Section Adviser. He has now turned over the adult leadership of the Section to Scott Holm from Tah-Heech Lodge.

During his tenure, the Section reorganized in 2008, losing Talako Lodge (Marin Council) and Ut-In-Selica Lodge (Mt. Diablo Silverado Council) to Section W3N and incorporating two new lodges from Section W3N, Taloma Lodge (Greater Yosemite Area Council) and Tah-Heech Lodge (Sequoia Council).

Mark served as Ohlone Lodge Adviser from 2001 through 2005. He received the Vigil Honor from Pomponio Lodge in 1994, and was a recipient of the Founders Award while a member of Ohlone Lodge in 1998.

We congratulate Mark on a successful term as W3S Section Adviser, and for doing an outstanding job representing Ohlone Lodge at the Section, Region and National level.



Above: Former Lodge Chief Ian Davis testing a member on the Brotherhood requirements.

Lodge Holding Design Contest for NOAC 2012 Lodge Flaps

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give to our new found brothers in exchange for something from them... Wait never mind we have something (drumroll) PATCHES!

I have been to two National Scout Jamborees and just walking down the road at Fort A.P. Hill and seeing miles of scouts and scouters alike laying out blankets covered in patches; trading, talking, and just having fun is an inspiring sight.

But what does this have to do with NOAC you ask. At NOAC, lodges from around the nation create special patches to commemorate the event, special things going on in their area (like winning a World Series), or just making the best looking and most tradable patch there can be. Ohlone Lodge is never to be left out of the fun so we too create special flaps just for NOAC.



Since Ohlone's first NOAC in 1996 a beautiful patch showing off the beloved Otto was created. Every member who went to NOAC got a special black border while a turquoise border flap was made as a fundraiser and for the traders to have fun with. Ohlone continued with that design for

many years just changing boarder colors for each NOAC Ohlone attended.



When Ohlone ran out of color ideas a patch design contest for the 2009 NOAC was held for the new NOAC flap design. The winning design had a Day & Night concept. The sky on both flaps was solid white but when held under sunlight the white threads would change colors to a gorgeous Day or Night scene.

Now Ohlone needs your help. A new design one that is special for the 2012 NOAC needs to be created and it needs to be created by YOU! Make the patch unique, beautiful, and a personal request, make it tradable.

So pull out the flier with the design instructions and template and get to creating. Do not worry if you are not a natural artist and you need to use a quarter to draw circles like me. The winning drawing will be cleaned up. We just want to see the great ideas you have for Ohlone's next NOAC flap.

Indian Ceremonies Team

By Teddy Heidmann

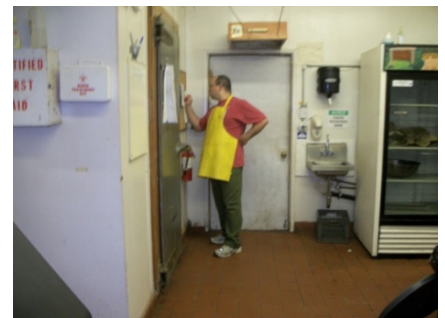
So what exactly does a ceremonies team do? For the past year, I have had the privilege of working with various members of the Lodge's ceremonies team, and at the

same time, been having the best time of my OA career.

While some of our time is spent goofing off, blasting music, or playing *Super Smash Bros.* on a GameCube brought up specifically for this purpose, the majority of our time is spent rehearsing lines, running through ceremonies, and helping each other out with the regalia. In fact, we have so much fun doing ceremonies and inducting new members into our Lodge that we got together and decided to make a second set of regalia, which currently is in the process of being made.

If you love acting, being dramatic, and hanging out with friends while serving the Lodge, then the ceremonies team is the team for you. For more information, email Alex Chee at VCI@ohlone63.org

We also have a dance team, known as The White Otters, that often performs at various scouting functions. Their email address is danceteam@ohlone63.org



Above: Checking the menu at Ordeal.
Below: Making salad.



NOAC 2012!!!

NOAC – The National Order of the Arrow Conference will be a weeklong event with 8,000 Order of the Arrow members gathering at Michigan State on the first week of August 2012.

There will be a vast array of courses in things such as silversmithing, patch trading, knife sharpening, and OA history, as well as high-adventure activities such as SCUBA, kayaking, and canoeing.

Other competitions include Native American dancing and drumming, pinewood derby, a lodge mascot competition, golf, dodgeball, and much, much more.

Participants stay in college dorms with friends, and can order pizza or other deliveries if they are willing to pay. The shows are a lot of fun and exciting.

For more information just search Youtube.com for “NOAC” or email David Bradley at NOAC@ohlone63.org



Above: Ohlone rockin' at Indian Handball.
Below: Charge!!! Slam that dodgeball!



For New Members

By: *Manu Navjeevan*

Congratulations for completing your Ordeal and joining the OA. Here at Ohlone 63, we understand that you must have a lot of questions.

In order to get involved with leadership opportunities within the Lodge, you should come to an LEC (Lodge Executive Committee) meeting. (See the calendar on the front page for time and location.)

Also, if you want to hold a position in the Lodge, come to our Annual Business Meeting in May, where we select our new officers. Positions include:

Lodge Chief: Responsible for all lodge events and activities

VCA (Vice-Chief of Administration): Responsible for the Lodge Banquet and Fellowship; also acts for the Lodge Chief in his absence.

Vice Chief of Inductions (VCI): Responsible for unit elections, the Ordeals, as well as Brotherhood and Vigil Ceremonies.

Secretary: Responsible for minutes of the LEC and Annual Business Meeting, as well as updating the website.

Publications Chair: Responsible for the fantastic paper you are reading now, fliers, and keeping the Lodge informed of events. He is also the head of Publications Committee.

Eco-Action Chair: Responsible for helping the lodge minimize our environmental impact.

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www.western.aa-bsa.org

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Find the lodge calendar, committee information, and more.

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