

News from

THE OTTER SIDE



News to Know...

- Don't miss the **Fall Ordeal**, scheduled for the weekend of October 10 – 12th, at Boulder Creek Scout Reservation. Candidates who were unable to attend the Spring Ordeal last May still have an opportunity this year to join the Order of the Arrow. Members are always needed to serve as staff members.
- The **Universal Lodge Registration** form allows lodge members to register in advance for all lodge events. Check it out in this issue
- The **2004 National Order of the Arrow Conference** will be held July 31st – August 5th at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. This conference occurs every two years and is second only to a national jamboree in size. Over 7,000 arrowmen from around the country are expected to attend. If you are interested in joining the Ohlone Lodge contingent, please contact the lodge chief for more information!
- **Philmont Order of the Arrow Trail Crew** and **Northern Tier Canoe Base** applications are now available on the national OA website: <http://www.oa-bsa.org/>. Both programs allow arrowmen ages 16 – 21 to enjoy our national high adventure bases for two weeks. The first week is spent in service, building hiking or portage trails. The second week allows participants to enjoy the full range of activities provided by Philmont or the Northern Tier wilderness.
- Need more information about the lodge or the Order of the Arrow? Check out Ohlone lodge's website at <http://ohlone63.com>
Find the lodge calendar, committee and village information and more!



Spring Ordeal a Success!

By Andrew Coggiola

The 2003 Spring Ordeal was great! It took place at Cutter on the weekend of April 4th-6th. It is the larger of our two yearly ordeals and we accomplished much. We inducted 38 new Ordeal members and several new Brotherhood members. We again had candidates make special chokers to identify their Village and Clan. Service projects included clearing brush and preparing an area for a new handy crafts area that is to be build in the near future. Once again, the weather cooperated, making both camping and working easier. Ordeals can't happen without a lot of help and support from the Lodge members. I'd like to thank **JP Stringer** for coming all the way from Reno to take care of registration, **Steve DeVere** for helping with the ceremonies, and **Kelly Veach** for guiding the candidates through their evening ceremony. I'd also like to thank **Marti Noble** for the excellent food, and the Ohlone ceremonies team for another great performance. Thanks also go to all those people not mentioned here who made this weekend work, especially the Elangomats.

Don't Miss the Fall Ordeal

By Andrew Coggiola

The Fall Ordeal will take place on the weekend of the 10th – 12th of October at Boulder Creek. We would appreciate it if everyone who is available would come and work on staff. In addition, I would like all of the current arrowmen, especially the troop reps, to tell all of their troop members who were elected in the spring, but who did not attend that ordeal, to come to this one. If you were inducted at last year's Fall Ordeal, you may be eligible to become a Brotherhood member, so check your OA handbook for the requirements. I hope to see everyone there, so please reserve this weekend.





Chief's Corner

Matthew Rudnick

With the summer ending we are all gearing up for another year in scouting, and even though 2003 is already half way done we all know we still have a lot of work to do and even more fun to have.

The 2003-2004 scouting year offers so much more for Ohlone Lodge and Pacific Skyline Council as a whole then ever before. What do I mean you ask, well new events, new programs, and exciting opportunities await every arrowman who is willing to step up to the challenge.

ORDEALS – this is an amazing opportunity for those scouts that are already in the OA to serve your council camps and guide those other scouts who have not yet become arrowmen. Whether you are serving as an elangomat to help those candidates grow and learn, or as a member of our amazing ceremony team creating colorful stories for those arrowmen to see.

MINICLAVE – a NEW event at Camp Cutter featuring training, competitive events, shows and ceremonies. This will be a first for Ohlone to create and host an event of this type, magnitude, and of this much amount of fun. But it will only work if you want to have fun, because that's all you will be doing when you get there - have fun.

SCOUTREACH – an amazing opportunity for all scouts to participate which solidifies the core values of the Order of the Arrow, "service to others". The Scoutreach Mentorship Award, can be earned by participating in the council's Scoutreach program, helping scouts throughout the council that usually would not have the opportunity to be a scout.

The only way you will be allowed to gain the full advantage of learning, excitement, and having fun is if you participate. If you don't know how then visit a village meeting, contact your Troop's OA representative, or call me (yes call me anytime, I'd love to hear from you) this year will an exciting year believe me so stop reading this boring letter and read the rest of the newsletter and you can find out how to have the excitement many arrowmen have everyday.

Village Assistance Program – Goal Setting

Setting goals is the key to your success as a village leader, for these goals will be the foundation upon which you will be able to measure whether you have accomplished what you have set your mind to doing. Together with the rest of your village's leadership and/or membership, brainstorm some ideas of what you would like to accomplish. These ideas can consist of anything. Here are some example topics to get you started: Ceremonies participation, unit election training, service to the district, innovative and fun activities, service opportunities, and scoutmaster appreciation.

Once you have a good list of brainstormed topics, begin to formulate those ideas into Specific Measurable Attainable Realistic Tangible Goals, or S.M.A.R.T. Goals (see <http://www.topachievement.com/smart.html> for more information on S.M.A.R.T. Goals). Create three short-term goals with a target completion date of three months from now. Create three mid-term goals with a target completion date of six months from now. Finally, create three long-term goals and set a target completion date for each of them. The long-term goals should ultimately take a year or longer to accomplish.

Make your goals well known. Share them with your village at all meetings and activities and do a status check to evaluate the progress being made toward the goals. Find ways to involve everyone in your village to help achieve the goals so that everyone will feel some sense of satisfaction when the goal has been completed. As you approach the target dates for each of the goals, do a formal evaluation to find out if you have stayed on track or to find out what needs to be done to get back on track.

A Quick Editor Moment

by Scott Hansford

Hi every body I just wanted to say Hi I am the new Lodge Secretary and I am going to need anything you might have submitted to me ASAP. And something new I have decided to do as an extra - all Villages please create a comic if possible and give it to your chief to give to me at the next C.O.C. or e-mail me. Thank You

Village Information

Sipliskin – *Serving the Discovery District*
Village Meetings: First Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at the LDS Chapel, Sharp Park Road in Pacifica

Chief:
John Ballas

Advisers:
Bob Alberts

Dave Rosenkrantz



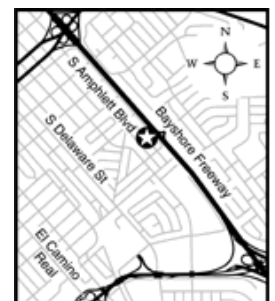
We have started our service by hosting the Discovery District barbeque. This was a most successful event. We fed about 40 scouts steak, beans, salad, pie, and soda. When we were finished cleaning up, we had our village meeting. We are a village of new members so we are continuing our policy of rotating village chiefs. Outgoing chief Joshua Alberts turned over his office to John Ballas. Discussions then followed on regalia, village tee shirts, service to scouting (particularly cub scouting).

The village has formed election teams to start visiting troops. We hope with an increase in active membership that we can start a ceremonies team. The village membership looks forward to our involvement with the ordeal at Boulder Creek. Then later at the Pow Wow we hope to learn new skills and form new friendships with fellow Arrowmen. Sipliskin village is happy to invite its missing members to the next village meeting. We are a village rebuilding with youth leadership, service and fun. The adult roundtable occurs at the same time as our meeting. Sipliskin village is for service and Fun. Join us in the fun and get something done!

Salson – *Serving the Peninsula District*
Village Meetings: First Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm at the San Mateo Service Center, 1300 South Amphlett Blvd. San Mateo

Chief:
Lance Bailey

Adviser:
David You



Village Reports (cont)

lamsin* – *Serving the Sequoia District*

* Due to the recent merger of the Peninsula and Sequoia Districts, lamsin will have joint meetings with Salson until the villages merge.

Puyson – *Serving the Stanford District*

Village Meetings: First Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm at the LDS Chapel, Jordan Avenue, Mountain View

Chief:
Geoff Wildunger

Adviser:
Robert Larson



From the Lodge Adviser

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Mark Matthews Sr.

As the lodge adviser I couldn't do my job without the help of many adults to be associate advisers for the youth members, there are many associate advisers positions that still need to be filled. Most of the jobs open are for one-time events. So if you would be willing to help please let me know. With the merger of the two districts we will be merging the villages. The lodge will be dealing with this in the next several months. While know that most of the youth and adults have busy schedules I do ask that you try to attend some of our lodge functions. While most of you thing that Ordeal is all the lodge does that is simply not the truth, we have several fun events during the year such as Miniclave, Pow Wow, Conclave just to name a few. So as your units build their calendars try to include some of the OA events into you calendars, for a full list see our website. I would also like to thank Mark Matthews Jr. for setting up and maintaining our website, if there is a youth who is seriously interested in becoming the youth webmaster contact me or Mark Jr (webmaster) through the website.

Thought of the day – Try to be a HUMBLE person – a HUMBLE person is a person who through his / her actions chooses to be helpful without being asked, offering friendship when needed, living life as you would like to be treated, all without expecting any return gesture or accolades. A HUMBLE person is a cherished find.

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:

- Annual Lodge Dues - \$10
 Fall Ordeal - \$10; + \$10 w/ Brotherhood **(Oct 11 - 12)** <BCSR>
 Section W3A Pow Wow – \$20 **(Nov 14 – Nov 16)** <CSR>
 Vigil Weekend - \$10 (Dec 5 – 6) *Vigil Members Only* <BCSR>
 Winter Fellowship Weekend - \$TBD **(Feb 20 - 22)** <CSR>
 Spring Ordeal - \$10; + \$10 w/ Brotherhood **(Apr 2 - 4)** <CSR>

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!



District Mergers

With the merger of the Peninsula and Sequoia districts, the lodge will soon take steps to merge the two villages that served these districts. Salson served the Peninsula district and Iamsin served the Sequoia district.

The leadership of both villages and the lodge will be working to determine the best method for merging. Stay tuned for more information about this process.

Mark Your Calendars for Conclave 2004!

The 2004 Section W3A Conclave will be held the weekend of April 23 – 25th at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds near Watsonville, CA. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Order of the Arrow and meet arrowmen from around the Bay Area and beyond.

Lodge Vice Chief of Administration **Mike Maxwell** has been asked to serve as the conclave vice chief in charge of the conclave shows. In addition, the lodge needs a great turnout to compete effectively against the other lodges in the section, so please plan to attend.

Lodge Calendar 2003 - 2004

Oct	11 10 – 12	Lodge Executive Committee – San Mateo Service Center 7:30pm Fall Ordeal – Boulder Creek Scout Reservation
Nov	13 14 - 16	Lodge Executive Committee – San Mateo Service Center 7:30pm Section W3A Pow Wow – Cutter Scout Reservation
Dec	5 - 6 11	Vigil Weekend – Boulder Creek Scout Reservation Lodge Executive Committee – San Mateo Service Center 7:30pm
Jan	15	Lodge Executive Committee – San Mateo Service Center 7:30pm
Feb	12 20 - 22	Lodge Executive Committee – San Mateo Service Center 7:30pm Winter Weekend Fellowship – Cutter Scout Reservation
Mar	11 26 – 28	Lodge Executive Committee – San Mateo Service Center 7:30pm District Camporees – Call Out Ceremonies
Apr	2-4 23 – 25	Spring Ordeal – Cutter Scout Reservation Section W3A Conclave – Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds

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For more OA news, check out the following websites:

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Western Region Order of the Arrow
<http://www.oawest.org/>

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