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FELLOWSHIP!! at Elk River

YOU'RE INVITED!

Mow-A-Toc Chapter has scheduled a fellowship weekend for March 14, 15, and 16 at Elk River Scout Camp, and all members of Orca Lodge are encouraged to join us.



Unlike most of the time when we meet for a weekend and find ourselves cheerfully serving our brothers, our camp, or other worthy causes, this fellowship weekend is all about having fun. Plan to spend the weekend playing games, trading patches, watching movies and enjoying some great food.



Bring your video game console and your favorite games and we'll have a tournament on Saturday night.



The cost will be only \$10.00 to cover food (3 meals Saturday, breakfast Sunday, plus two cracker barrels).

If you plan to join us, you must call or e-mail by March 12 so we can bring enough food for you - you don't want to be hungry do you? To register, or if you have any questions or suggestions for other fun activities, contact Mow-A-Toc Chapter Adviser Ken Moffitt at 269-4324 or kenm@bayview.net, then meet us at



Elk River Scout Camp on March 14. The gate will be attended for your arrival from 6-8 p.m. Hope to see all of you at Elk River!

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Fall Ordeals Roundup



Left to Right, John Tolbert, Patrick O'Neill, Robert Rivera, and John Mattern.

The fall Ordeal season got off to a good start on the weekend of October 18-20 at *Camp Masonite Navarro* with 57 members in attendance. Sixteen candidates participated in a variety of projects. Three Orca members attained Brotherhood at the weekend. A second ordeal was held at *Elk River Scout Camp* two weeks later on November 1-3, with 33 members in attendance. Six new members received the Ordeal Honor during the weekend.

A good time was had by all, with no complaints voiced by anyone, except the usual grumbling of hungry candidates.

Speaking of food,

Greg Hannan

delivered his usual excellent cooking at Navarro, while Elk River enjoyed the culinary hand of Steve Fini and Ken Moffitt.

Ordeal

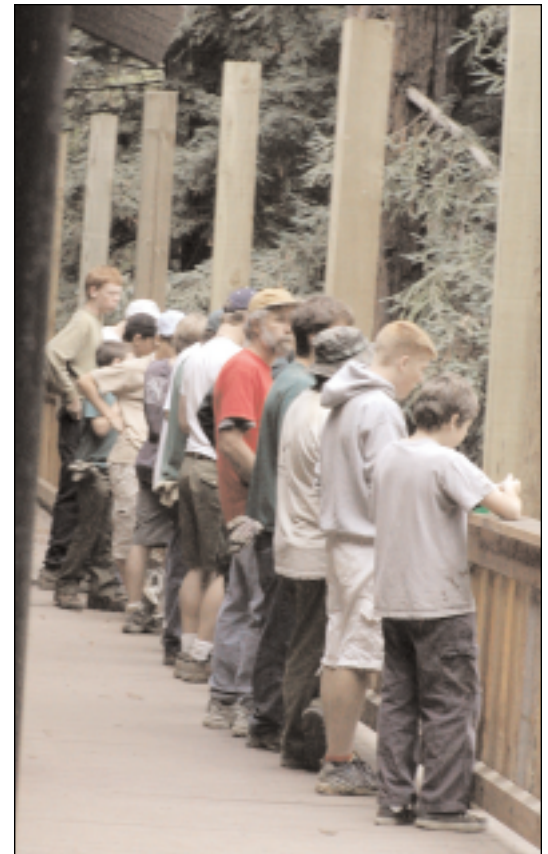
Master **Aaron**

Landwher made sure

the weekend worked

smoothly. Up at Elk River the *Ordeal Master* was shared between **Curtis Aultman** and **Scott Alto**.

As usual many projects were attacked and completed. At Navarro, trees and grass were planted, tents folded and stored and many other overdue maintenance tasks completed. Elk River was the recipient of a new porch and ramp on the back of the Dining Hall, as well as the usual maintenance required to see camp through the winter.



Candidates at Navarro lining up for the project...

Congratulations to all **Ordeal Honor** members:

- Charles Alarie
- Mark Alarie
- Brad Campbell
- Robert Daine
- Paul Dawe
- Ryan Hagstrom
- Cody Hay
- Scott Jensen
- Stuart Markham
- James McLaughlin
- Andrew Meeson
- Kevin Owen
- Nicholas Perry
- Brendan Phipps
- Derek Raymond
- Tommy Sawyer
- Jim Shiperley
- Tony Smaldino
- Matthew Spencer
- Ben Stone
- Chris Teschan
- Matt Tibbits

...and new **Brotherhood Honor** members:

- Larry Braughton
- Matt Machi
- Chris McCormick



What Now????

So, you've just gone through this AWESOME ordeal. You're now a member of the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society. What Now?

First off, if you're just finishing up your ordeal, go home and take a shower. Then, sit down and check your OA handbook. Their response is: "Continue in Service to your unit". Whatever THAT means. This is intended as a rough guide on how to get active in the OA. Here are some easy-to-follow steps:

1. *Start attending Clan/Chapter meetings.* This is a good way to meet your fellow arrowmen. Also, you will meet Clan or Chapter officers at these events.

2. *Introduce yourself.* Put your name out there. Let others know what you are capable of doing. If you're a good writer, speak up! If photography is your talent, we can use you as well. Underwater Basket Weaving... maybe not.

3. *Run for office.* Sure, it sounds crazy, but it's the most fun you'll have all year. As an officer, you get to meet a variety of arrowmen, attend Lodge Executive Board Meetings, and lead meetings of your home Clan/Chapter.

4. *Keep going to your troop meetings.* Try to make Cheerful Service a reality in your home unit. Remember, OA is in ADDITION TO, not INSTEAD OF a regular troop.

5. *Get your Brotherhood.* This means showing up to another Ordeal, except this time, you get to eat. The Brotherhood Honor seals your membership with the Order of the Arrow. Also, you get the nifty sash. How can anyone say no! If you are online, try: <http://www.jumpstart.ora-bsa.org/>. It makes earning brotherhood a *snap!*

6. *Remember, you are only as active as you want to be.* If you have no desire to participate in the OA, that's your choice. If you want limited involvement, that's fine too. The final choice is up to you.



A reminder to all arrowmen in Orca Lodge who will be attending Lodge events this spring... All of the trading post supplies will be available for you to purchase. For you collectors, there will be a **NEW** lodge flap available. So remember some extra money if you wish to buy some more OA items for you collection!

Notes From the Chief:

My Fellow Arrowmen,

A new year has come, bringing many changes; both to the world around us, and to our lodge.

Over the course of the year, it is my goal to guide the lodge through these changes; and, as a ship weathers a storm, so too shall we pass through these turmoils.

Fast approaching is the 10th anniversary of Orca Lodge. Our lodge has endured much to reach this point, but we will continue to do so. We are the product of a merger between the two greatest lodges in the nation; I know it is within each and every one of you to make our lodge the greatest that has ever been.

Many new programs are being started, such as Scoutreach and the Jumpstart program. These are new and unique ways of reaching out in cheerful service to others. For, truly, why else are we here but to serve ourselves, and our brothers, in cheerful labor.

WWW,

Aaron Landwehr



Space Still Available at Masonite Navarro?

This year Camp Masonite Navarro needs your help. Redwood Empire Council is only operating one week of Scout Camp this summer. At press time there are several confirmed troops signed up to attend. They represent about half the capacity of a typical week. As members of the Order of the Arrow, Scoutings Honor Camping Society, our first charge is to Promote Camping. Whereas historically the OA grew out of Summer Camps, it would seem *only right*, that we take it on our shoulders to find those units that have not already committed to a long term summer camp and point the way to Camp Masonite Navarro. Let's all make the extra effort to fill the only week at **OUR** Scout Camp, Masonite Navarro.

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The *Orca Spouts* welcomes (okay, pleads for) submissions, both articles as well as photographs. Sending Articles and Digital Photos via e-mail is highly encouraged. All Photos welcomed (arn't you getting tired of ours)? The deadline for submissions to the next edition is Sunday, April 6. Send articles and photos to:

John Mattern, 707-538-0968, secretary@orca194.org

You MIGHT be an Overactive Arrowman...

1. If you have an entire room in your house devoted to your patch collection...
2. If you prefer to be called by your Vigil Indian name rather than your real one...
3. If you have ever performed more than three different ceremonies in one weekend...
4. If you have ever taken the Ordeal again, "just for fun..."
5. If you have ever hosted a Lodge event at your house...
6. If you named your first son Uncas...
7. If you have ever said, "Been there, done that, got the patch..."
8. If you can say the Obligation in Pig Latin.
9. If you can name all the National Officers since 1985...
10. If you learned Lenni Lenape just for the heck of it...
11. If you are wearing (by right) a Lenni Lenape Interpreter Strip on your Scout uniform...
12. If you know what the following acronyms mean: LEC, LLDC, SOTC, COC, NOAC, NLS, EEP, ASK, TOAP, PTC.
13. ...and you use them in everyday conversation...
14. ...and you don't realize that you are doing it...
15. If you know what key the OA song is written in...
16. If you know all the parts to all four ceremonies by heart...
17. If you wear a breechcloth instead of jockey shorts everyday...
18. If you wear your sash in the shower...
19. If you think the first dance at your wedding reception should involve "fluffies..."
20. If you're on ARROW-L...
21. When you have children, and name them all either E. Urner or Carroll A...
22. You volunteer to be an Elangomat...
23. If you've been Kichkinet so long you start to slip and close the ceremony by saying "As God of this Lodge..."
24. If your Scout shirt is faded from the sun except for the narrow strip from the right shoulder to the left hip...
25. If you've learned how to sing the OA song on key and to the right tune...
26. If your son's middle name is the same as your Lodge name...
27. If you take the sting out of having to be on a diet by referring to the experience as "scant food..."
28. If when Kichkinet says to the candidates, "Come, let us go find the arrow," you don't find yourself, like everyone else in the preordeal circle, looking at the last place you heard it crash when he shot the arrow a few minutes earlier...
29. If you can listen to the reports of all of the standing committees and understand exactly what they're talking about...
30. If your driver's license has a gold mylar border...
31. If at the end of your fourth Ordeal ceremony for the evening you could swear you heard Allowat say "We Might Pretend to Think, Him Go Out Sick, Put that Thing Away"...
32. If your car is worth less than your patch collection...
33. If you tell your girlfriend you can't go to the senior prom because you have a lodge service weekend to attend...
34. If your parents have to park the car on the street because your garage has the Lodge Historian display stored in it...
35. If you can say the Obligation backwards...
36. If you spent your last \$10 on a patch and you don't have gas money to get home...
37. If directions to your house include, "Then you see the teepee in the front lawn..."
38. If you've attended more Section Conclaves than family reunions...

Notes From the Lodge Adviser...



It has been a great first year as your Adviser, and I am very much looking forward to 2003.

In March we gave our first *James E. West Award* to **Kitty Harriman**, the first woman in the *Order of the Arrow*, and the first woman to obtain the *Vigil Honor*.

Last year in July a Lodge contingent of nine, plus and additional five that served on staff went to NOAC at the University of Indiana.

September saw our own **Chris Schoenthal** elected *W3B Section Chief*.

In November, at our annual dinner, **Riggs Johnston** a sixty-year veteran of Scouting and *Vigil* member since 1964 was also presented the *James E. West Award*. The money for these awards \$1,000.00 each was raised through the sale of our first *Vigil* Chenile. All *James E. West* money is placed in the Redwood Empire Councils Endowment Fund. The principle cannot be touched, but the interest generated by that money could be spent for the benefit of Scouting in our Council.

Orca also presented at its November annual dinner two *Founders Awards* to **Jason Yarnall** and **Daniel Dukeman**.

In the middle of November Orca sent eight youth and three adults for NLS training to Pleasanton, CA.

December the Lodge inducted three members, **Aaron Landwehr**, **Curtis Aultman** and **Daniel Washburn** into the *Vigil Honor*.

On the down side we did *not* make National Quality Lodge this year due to a lack of growth in our membership. However, with a little effort we can correct this and make it happen in this year.

On the more positive note, I would like to congratulate and thank all of our newly elected officers, *James E. West*, *Founders Award*, *Silver Fluke* and *Vigil recipients*, and those who attended NOAC and the NLS for their devotion and self sacrifice for the greater good of the *Order of the Arrow*

Yours in Brotherhood

Dave Dukeman



Meet the Man!

This is a new column in Orca Spouts. Our goal is to have an exclusive interview with a National Officer or National Committee Member in each issue, as a way of getting to know the Arrowmen who are leading us. This issue's interview is with:



**2003
NATIONAL
CHIEF**

**NICK
DIGIROLAMO**

Nick, age 19, is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of the OA. He was formally the Section Chief of S-4S and is a member of Seminole Lodge of the Gulf Ridge Council. An

Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 46, he attends school in Orlando, FL.

Nick has participated in OA Wilderness Voyage and served on Inductions and Ceremonial Events staff at NOAC 2002. He has served on NLS staff, and also staffed the National Junior Leader Instructor Camp.

Nick currently attends the University of Central Florida, where he is a business major. He enjoys playing recreational basketball. Nick's favorite hobbies include backpacking, canoeing, and watersports. When our editor caught up with Nick he posed the following questions:

Q: Describe yourself in 5 words or Less

A: Biggest Bucs fan ever

Q: Why are we here?

A: We all have different purposes.

Q: What's your favorite OA experience?

A: OA Wilderness Voyage at Northern Tier

Q: Do you have a Girlfriend?

A: Nope

Q: What's your Favorite Movie?

A: Billy Madison

Q: Jimi Hendrix: God of the Guitar or Senseless noisemaker?

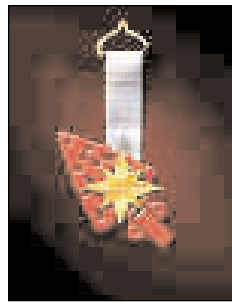
A: GOD OF THE GUITAR

Q: 1 thing you could change about the world in general?

A: I would like to see the presence of more unselfish service in our country.

And in closing, asked for his thoughts on being elected National Chief, Nick replied, "I look forward to leading the Order of the Arrow through its many promising opportunities this upcoming year!"

Arrowman Service Award



The Arrowman Service Award (ASA) was started in 2001 as a means of recognizing service to the lodge on a national level. The award is only available for three years, and is now entering the final year of the original plan. It will be available until December 31st, 2003. The

Order of the Arrow's vision for the future emphasizes a strategy of increased service to the Boy Scouts of America by Arrowmen. To reward those Arrowmen who go beyond their immediate responsibilities to help and guide others to new heights, the Order of the Arrow created the *Arrowman Service Award*. The award will focus on three areas of service: personal, chapter/lodge activities, and general service to the community.

Contrary to popular belief, if you missed the first award session, you can still earn the first award. Three different awards are available. The first award is a red arrow with a gold compass emblazoned on it, suspended from a white ribbon. It is worn in place of the Universal Ribbon. The award can be earned up to 3 times in a three-year period. Each time it is awarded, a different color compass is placed on the arrowhead.

The timeline of the award will begin on January 1, 2001, and will end on December 31, 2003. The award may be earned in the year 2001, 2002, and 2003. All first time recipients may purchase the original award (the white ribbon with the gold compass). Arrowmen who earn the award more than once during the outlined three year period (2001-2003) may purchase the silver attachment for having completed this award a second time (2002 or 2003 only) and the bronze attachment for having completed this award a third time (2003 only). The attachment will be worn on the award's white ribbon. Signatures of approval will be required for each requirement.

If you think you have qualified for the Arrowmens Service Award this last year, or would like to qualify next year, it is not to late, or early to get yours. Talk to your lodge officer(s) or adviser(s) today!



Lodge Dinner 2002 Held in Samoa

Mow-A-Toc Chapter Hosts



The Lodge's coveted *Silver Fluke* Awards were bestowed upon **Joey Fini, Steve Fini, Bill Eckert** and **Neil Iverson**, for service to the Lodge above and beyond the call of duty.



Riggs Johnston and his wife Betty at the Lodge Dinner

Riggs Johnston was this year's recipient of the James E. West award. In a highly emotional ceremony, several members of his old troop came forward to speak of his kindness and faith in Scouting.

Matt Dukeman gave a speech about Trail Crew at Philmont, and also threw in a sales pitch for the Philbreak program starting this year.



By **John Mattern**

Last year's Lodge Dinner took place at the Samoa Cookhouse, near Eureka, California. The turnout was smaller than in years past, though a considerable number of Arrowmen came. The food was excellent, and served "family style", or one big dish for the whole table. The Samoa Cookhouse was originally a diner and boardinghouse for loggers in the area, but has since turned into a restaurant and local landmark.

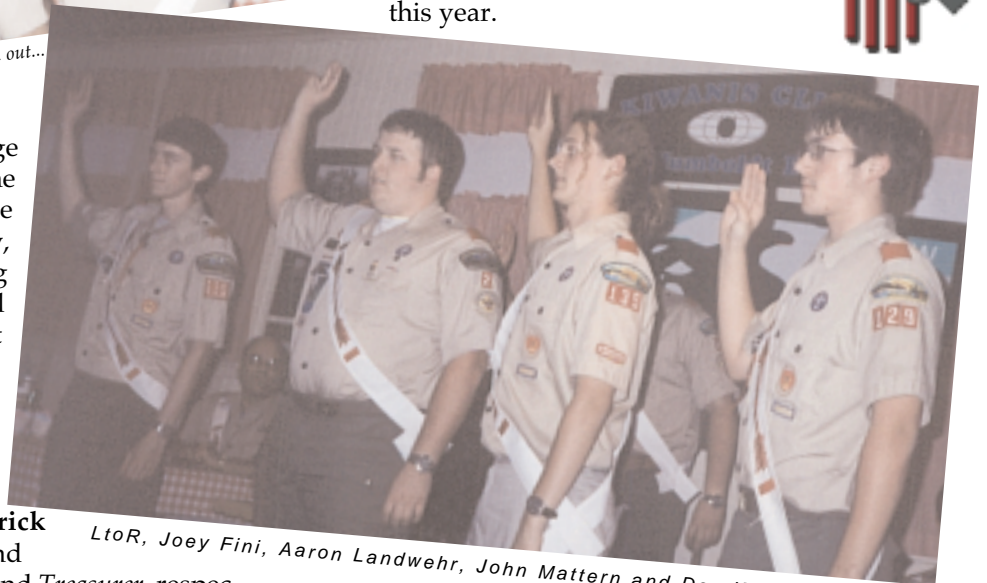


Lodge members show another way Scouting "rounds" you out...

The dinner was preceded by a Lodge Executive Board Meeting, held at the Eureka Scout Office. Executive Meetings are held four times annually, and are open to all arrowmen wishing to attend. The next meeting is on April 5th, at 1:00, at the Santa Rosa Scout Office.

Lodge elections took place during the dinner. **Aaron Landwehr** ran a successful campaign against **Joey Fini** for the post of *Lodge Chief*, and **Dax Kirkpatrick** edged out **Patrick O'Neill** as *Vice-Chief*. **John Mattern** and **Joey Fini** ran unopposed for *Secretary* and *Treasurer*, respectively.

This year, Three arrowmen were awarded the *Vigil Honor* by the lodge: **Aaron Landwehr, Curtis Aultman, and Daniel Washburn**. All attended the Vigil Weekend on December 21-22.



LtOR, Joey Fini, Aaron Landwehr, John Mattern and Dax Kirkpatrick.

Scott Oldenberg, Council Executive gave a brief speech on duty to Scouting and the Redwood Empire Council.

Next year's Lodge Dinner will be hosted by Cabrosha Chapter. It will be on November 15, at an undecided location.



Order of the Arrow
ORCA LODGE #194
2003 Annual Registration Form

Date _____

Chapter _____

Unit No. _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Phone _____ BusPhone _____

Fax _____ E-Mail _____

Honor & Dates:

Ordeal _____ Brotherhood _____ Vigil _____

Vigil Name _____ English Translation _____

Offices, Awards and Notes _____

Dues Collected By: _____ *At:* _____

Please make check or money order out to Orca Lodge / B S A

Please, do not send cash!!

Due-ty Calls...

***** THIS IS IMPORTANT--PLEASE READ *****

Arrowmen, dues for the 2003 year are being collected. Dues for this year are only \$10.00 (you do not have to pay back dues if you haven't paid in several years). This fee includes several issues of Orca Spouts throughout the year, as well as a shiny, new membership card. It also entitles you to participate in lodge activities this year. If you have not paid your dues, fill out the attached form, with your check, and mail it to the Eureka council office (if you attended the lodge dinner, you have already paid dues for 2003). Arrowmen who have not paid their dues by March 1, 2003 will be dropped from the list of active members. Because of the costs involved with creating, printing and mailing the newsletter, coupled with the costs that the lodge pays to recharter inactive members, Orca Lodge can no longer afford to keep inactive members on the mailing list. If you wish to continue receiving the newsletter, and retain your membership, it is imperative that the attached form be completed and sent to the council office with a check.

Mail the dues form and check payable to Orca Lodge #194/BSA, marked "2003 Dues" to:

**Joey Fini, Orca Lodge Treasurer
 c/o Redwood Empire Council, Inc.
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 1007 Wood Street
 Eureka, CA 95501**

Thanks!!

Dates to Remember...

Feb 4	Miwok Clan Meeting/Cotati Scout Hut	7:30
Feb 11	Wonk-A-Toc Clan Meeting/Santa Rosa Scout Office	7:00
Feb 13	Allohak Clan Meeting/Presbyterian Church, Ukiah	7:30
Feb 13	Yuki Clan Meeting	7:00
Feb 18	Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office	7:30
Mar 1 Section W-3B Meeting 11:00		
Mar 4	Miwok Clan Meeting/Cotati Scout Hut	7:30
Mar11	Wonk-A-Toc Clan Meeting/Santa Rosa Scout Office	7:00
Mar13	Allohak Clan Meeting/Presbyterian Church, Ukiah	7:30
Mar14-16 Mow-A-Toc Fellowship / Elk River Scout Camp		
Mar13	Yuki Clan Meeting	7:00
Mar18	Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office	7:30
Apr 1	Miwok Clan Meeting/Cotati Scout Hut	7:30
Apr 5 Lodge Executive Board Meeting/Santa Rosa Scout Office 1:00		
Apr 8	Wonk-A-Toc Clan Meeting/Santa Rosa Scout Office	7:00
Apr10	Allohak Clan Meeting/Presbyterian Church, Ukiah	7:30
Apr10	Yuki Clan Meeting	7:00
Apr15	Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office	7:30
Apr24-26 W-3A Concalve/Roaring Camp - Felton, CA		
May 6	Miwok Clan Meeting/Cotati Scout Hut	7:30
May 8	Allohak Clan Meeting/Presbyterian Church, Ukiah	7:30
May 8	Yuki Clan Meeting	7:00
May 10 Section W-3B Meeting 11:00		
May 13	Wonk-A-Toc Clan Meeting/Santa Rosa Scout Office	7:00
May 17 High Adventure Raft Trip/American River		
May 20	Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office	7:30
June 3	Miwok Clan Meeting/Cotati Scout Hut	7:30
June 6-8 Mow-A-Toc Chapter Spring Ordeal/Elk River Scout Camp		
June 10	Wonk-A-Toc Clan Meeting/Santa Rosa Scout Office	7:00
June 12	Allohak Clan Meeting/Presbyterian Church, Ukiah	7:30
June 12	Yuki Clan Meeting	7:00
June 17	Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office	7:30
June 20-22 Cabrosha Chapter Spring Ordeal/Camp Masonite Navarro		
July 12 Executive Board Meeting/Camp Masonite Navarro (concurrent with the Council Board of Directors meeting)		

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