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Samoa Again the Site of Lodge Dinner Mow-A-Toc Chapter Hosts Fellowship Event

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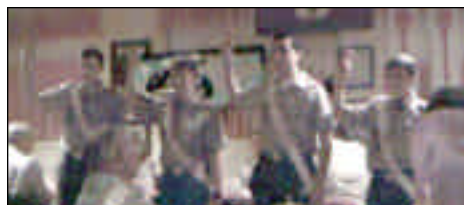
Arrowmen gathered on November 18, 2000 to attend the annual lodge dinner held at the Samoa Cookhouse, west of Eureka. Mow-A-Toc Chapter hosted the event, which drew about 80 arrowmen from around the lodge. Also in attendance was **Jacy Krogh**, recently elected W-3B Section Chief and **Emerson Chin** who lit up the place with his presence and graciously provided Chinese cookies for dessert.



Outgoing Lodge Chief **Daniel Dukeman** presented the 2000 Vigil Honor candidates, after two arrowmen circled the room and tapped the four arrowmen. Selected to receive the highest honor in the Order of the Arrow were **Robert Rivera**, **Chris Schoenthal**, **Sue Bulleri** and **Pamela Faurot**. These arrowmen were honored for their cheerful service and dedicated leadership to the Order. The Vigil Honor seeks to recognize those arrowmen, who through their own unselfish service, have significantly contributed to either the Order or to the Scouting program, beyond their immediate responsibilities and expected duties.

Also awarded at the evening were the annual *Silver Fluke* awards, which recognize those arrowmen who have made significant contributions to the lodge. This award, unique to Orca Lodge, is an arrow-shaped silver lapel pin, emblazoned with the fluke of an Orca whale. **Michael Buxton**, **Chris Faurot** and **Riggs Johnston** were the proud recipients of the award at the dinner.

A new slate of officers emerged at the evening, with **Buxton**, previous Vice Chief, assuming the top youth executive position in the lodge.



L to R M Buxton, C Faurot, M Komorowski and J Fini.

Chris Faurot was elected Vice Chief, **Michael Komorowski** Secretary, and **Joey Fini** as Treasurer. **Greg Hannan**, Lodge Advisor for the past two years, will continue to serve for this next year. Outgoing Chief **Dukeman** joked that there would be an immediate manual recount of the ballots, as well as a chad examination. The new officers were sworn in by Section Chief **Krogh** to conclude the evening. Orca Lodge looked back on a great year, from a NOAC delegation to the hosting of the Triclave, and looks forward to an equally productive year.

Elections Teams... and Much More

Troop elections are scheduled to begin shortly. It is important that teams be organized now to conduct elections at the troop level. The Spring Ordeals will be held on June 1-3 (Elk River) and on June 15-17 (Masonite Navarro). All elections should be completed by the end of May at the latest.

Election teams typically consist of an adult, accompanied by two youth. While the team's primary function is to hold an election for possible Ordeal candidates, election teams do much more. The teams are responsible for giving a general overview of the Order, as well as promoting camping, specifically Camp Masonite Navarro, and Service to America. It is also recommended that teams talk to the troop



about the new position of OA Troop Representative, and encourage the troop to appoint one, if it has not done so already. This will help increase lodge-to-troop communication. Finally, it is also encouraged that the teams try to promote Brotherhood conversion. A show of hands to find eligible members for Brotherhood in the troop, and then a quick talk to promote this honor, should help to increase the lodge Brotherhood conversion rate. There is a lot for election teams to remember, but each piece will help both the lodge and the troops form a closer relationship. Election teams should try to be as concise as possible in their explanations, and avoid taking up too much of the troop meeting.

The new election rules are in effect. A troop may elect as many eligible scouts to the Order as they deem worthy, providing that at least fifty percent of the troop is present, and the candidate receives fifty percent of the vote. Anyone interested in participating on an election team should contact their local clan or chapter officers.

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Club Noyo VII...at Elk River

That's right. Orca Lodge is heading north for the annual spring fellowship weekend. The seventh annual Club Noyo will be located at Elk River Scout Camp, outside of Eureka on the weekend of March 24-25. Due to issues with the Skunk Train, the lodge was not able to return to Camp Noyo for the fellowship weekend, but did manage to secure Elk River. This fun-filled outing is open to all lodge members who wish to attend. The weekend is meant to be a couple of days of relaxation and fun, with no work required on your part. However, for those of you who absolutely love helping out with lodge projects, accommodations can be made.



After arrival at camp on Saturday morning, the camp is open for hiking, and most anything you can think of. Those attending the weekend will also have the first look at the new regular issue lodge flap. The design was chosen at the Lodge Dinner and will be available for purchase at the weekend. A lodge meeting and possible training sessions will also be held during the course of the weekend.

The cost for this fun-filled, action-packed, activity-stuffed weekend is only \$10.00 per person (that's half the cost of Noyo—what a deal!). This includes dinner and cracker barrel on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Please be sure to bring your own lunch for Saturday afternoon.

If you are interested in attending, please fill out the enclosed registration form and send it to the Santa Rosa council office no later than **Friday, March 16**. Any questions can be directed to **Greg Hannan**, 433-4632 or GHannan@dhs.ca.gov.



Hope to see all of you at Elk River!

----- Club Noyo VII at Elk River Registration Form -- Cut and Mail Today -----

Mail this form with your check payable to Orca Lodge #194/BSA, and marked marked "Elk River".

Orca Lodge #194/Elk River
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2240 Professional Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Costs are as follows:
Youth Arrowmen: \$10.00
Adult Arrowmen: \$10.00

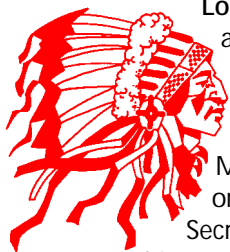
Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code _____

Number of Youth Members _____ Number of Adult Members _____

Chapter: _____ Honor: _____ Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

About Your Officers...



Lodge Chief-Michael Buxton is a junior at Montgomery High School in Santa Rosa. He is an Eagle Scout and a Brotherhood member of the lodge. He has previously served as Ordeal Master at several Cabrosha Chapter ordeals, and most recently, as Lodge Secretary (1999-2000). He lists his hobbies as computers, golf and badminton.

Lodge Vice Chief-Chris Faurot attends Geyserville High School and is a junior. He is a Life Scout currently working to complete his Eagle Project, and is also a Vigil Honor member. He has served as Lodge Secretary (1997-1998). Chris has worked on staff at the waterfront at Camp Masonite Navarro during the summer.

Lodge Secretary-Michael Komorowski is a junior at Healdsburg High School. He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member. He has edited this newsletter for the past two years and also enjoys assisting in the kitchen at lodge functions. His hobbies include genealogical research, camping and backpacking.

Lodge Treasurer-Joey Fini was inducted into the lodge at the Mow-A-Toc Chapter's Spring Ordeal in June 2000. He is a Star Scout in Arcata and is in eighth grade. He lists his hobbies as Scouting and computers.

The Lodge Chief Speaks

To my fellow arrowmen:

We have a new year upon us with new lodge officers, and lots of fellowship and service opportunities. I would like to see all of you at some of the activities we have planned this year including, *Club Noyo*, the *Conclave* and the fall and spring ordeals. For our ordeal program it would be great to get some more Elangomat volunteers to help new members of the order stay involved in the lodge.

For all of the patch collectors there is a new Orca lodge flap that will be available at *Club Noyo* so keep that in mind.

There are also a couple of new awards available this year. One of them is the *Arrowman Service Award*, which involves involvement with your unit and also in the lodge such as serving as an *Elangomat* at an *Ordeal*.

It is already February and summer is right around the corner. If you don't have any plans then here are a couple of opportunities for you. *Camp Navarro* is looking for their 2001 camp staff and applications are now available at either scout office. There also are high adventure camps such as *Philmont* and *Northern Tier* trail crews. They only cost \$100 plus travel to and from the camp for a two week trek. This is a great experience in the outdoors.

So keep these options open when planning for this summer.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Michael Buxton



Elangomats Sought For Spring Ordeals

Service Can Count toward Arrowman Service Award

Want to find a way to serve the Order without committing yourself to an ongoing, time-consuming program? The Elangomat System is perfect for those arrowmen who wish to attend ordeals, but don't have the time to commit to a project for a lengthy period of time. Orca Lodge is currently seeking members who wish to serve as Elangomats at an ordeal. In the language of the Lenni-Lenape, 'elangomat' simply means 'friend.' During an ordeal, the Elangomat, who has also taken the vows of the candidate, works with a small group of candidates, completing jobs. By instructing through example, rather than through words, the Elangomat accomplishes his mission.

This program was begun by a lodge in Florida about 20 years ago, and with such success, that it was implemented on a national scale a few years ago. Elangomats strive to teach brotherhood, cheerfulness and service through their own unselfish example, and work to ensure that each candidate understands the meanings of the ordeal and is warmly accepted into the lodge.

Typically, the Elangomat will remain in contact with those candidates he worked with at the ordeal, encouraging them to attend clan meetings and to become active in the Order. For the arrowman who simply wishes to lend a hand at an ordeal and serve as an Elangomat, without a longer-term commitment, this continued contact is not mandatory, although it has been shown to be an effective way to retain members.

Serving as an Elangomat not only assists the lodge, but it can also count toward the new Arrowman Service Award, which OA members can earn during the years 2001-2003. Anyone who would like further information on the Elangomat program or is interested in serving as an Elangomat is encouraged to contact **Jason Yarnall** at (707) 268-8558 or JLY194@cs.com. He has served as an Elangomat and can lend his wisdom and insights from his powerful experience of service.

Regalia Potlatches to be Held by Miwok Clan

Dateline: Cotati Miwok Clan advisors put on the first of three seminars planned to help arrowmen who have not yet created their own regalia to do so. The first, held Saturday, December 2, 2000, and given by Steve Marshall, Pamela Faurot, and Bob and Donna Lake, was attended by two sewing machines, a beading loom, a drum, a lot of materials and two young men.

These events are not limited to creation of regalia. Arrowmen who want to become involved with the Ceremonies or Dance Teams or learn to drum are urged to attend also. According to Steve Marshall, these events include "anything to do with the Order of the Arrow."

The next Potlatch will be at the Cotati Scout Hut on March 31, 2001, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and lasting as long as needed. You are cordially invited to attend, and you don't need to be from Miwok Clan to be welcome: this is for all of Orca Lodge. Another Potlatch will again be held in Cotati on June 2 (tentatively) for arrowmen who cannot attend the March 31 session. For additional information or for directions to the event, contact **Bob and Donna Lake** at 762-6758, **Sue Bulleri** at 795-2868, **Pamela Faurot** at 431-0249 or **Jason Kracht** at 665-9705. Hope to see as many arrowmen as possible attend.

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The Orca Spouts is an approximately quarterly publication, and welcomes submissions, both articles and photographs. The deadline for submissions to the next edition of Orca Spouts is Sunday, March 25, 2001; If sending photographs, please include the names of people in the photograph (from left to right) and the activity that they are involved in. Send articles and photos to:

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Dates to Remember...

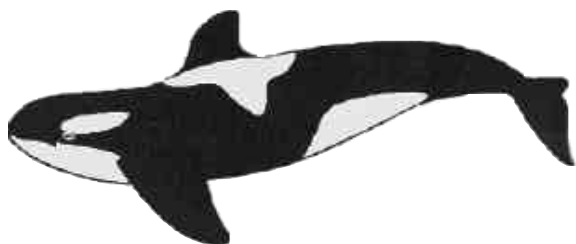
Feb 6	Wonkatonk Clan Mtg/SR Scout Office	7:00
Feb 8	Allohak Clan Mtg/Presb Church-Ukiah	7:30
Feb 8	Miwok Clan Meeting	7:30
Feb 8	Yuki Clan Meeting	7:00
Feb 20	Mow-A-Toc Chpt Mtg/Eureka Scout Office	7:30
Feb 24	OA/High Adventure Seminar - Healdsburg Scout Hut	
Mar 6	Wonkatonk Clan Mtg/SR Scout Office	7:00
Mar 8	Allohak Clan Mtg/Presb Church-Ukiah	7:30
Mar 8	Miwok Clan Meeting	7:30
Mar 8	Yuki Clan Meeting	7:00
Mar 10	W3-B Section Meeting, COC, Camp Pollack, Scrmto 11:00	
Mar 20	Mow-A-Toc Chpt Mtg/Eureka Scout Office	7:30
Mar 24 - 25	Club Noyo VII/Lodge Fellowship-Executive Board Meeting; Camp Noyo	
Apr 3	Wonkatonk Clan Mtg/SR Scout Office	7:00
Apr 12	Allohak Clan Mtg/Presb Church-Ukiah	7:30
Apr 12	Miwok Clan Meeting	7:30
Apr 12	Yuki Clan Meeting	7:00
Apr 17	Mow-A-Toc Chpt Mtg/Eureka Scout Office	7:30
May 1	Wonkatonk Clan Mtg/SR Scout Office	7:00
May 12	W3B Section Meeting, COC/Camp Pollock, Scrmto 11:00	
May 10	Allohak Clan Mtg/Presb Church-Ukiah	7:30
May 10	Miwok Clan Meeting	7:30
May 10	Yuki Clan Meeting	7:00
May 15	Mow-A-Toc Chpt Mtg/Eureka Scout Office	7:30
May 19	High Adventure Raft Trip/American River	
Jun 1 - 3	Mow-A-Toc Chptr Spring Ordeal/Elk River Scout Camp	
Jun 5	Mow-A-Toc Chpt Mtg/Eureka Scout Office	7:30
Jun 14	Allohak Clan Mtg/Presb Church-Ukiah	7:30
Jun 14	Miwok Clan Meeting	7:30
Jun 14	Yuki Clan Meeting	7:00
Jun 19	Mow-A-Toc Chpt Mtg/Eureka Scout Office	7:30
Jun 15 - 17	Cabrosha Chapter Spring Ordeal/Masonite Navarro	
Jly 14	Lodge Executive Board Meeting/Camp Masonite Navarro	

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