

Section W3B Conclave 2002 is Here!

By John Mattern

Our section officers have worked hard for the past year to bring us the greatest conclave our section has seen. Preperations are complete, and the location is ready. All that's needed now are the participants! The Conclave will be hosted by Tannu Lodge at Diamond Peak Ski Resort, near beautiful Lake Tahoe. The dates are set on September 13-15th.

Registration is due by August 31st. The fee is \$30. You can register online at <u>http://www.sectionw3b.org</u>, or through the mail (A form went out with *The Shaft*, our section newsletter). On site registration is available, though there is an additional charge of \$10. Directions are available at the section website.

The Netami Wulet University will be making a return this year after a successful trial run at the last Conclave. Those wishing to continue their degrees will be able to, up to a Master's Degree. The same classes will be offered, and there are more planned. In addition, all your favorite Conclave activities will be back, from Dance and Ceremony competitions to Patch Trading and Regalia construction.

This conclave, we welcome a new lodge to our section. Yowlumne Lodge (#303) has been added to Section W3B during this past year. The Lodge, which recently celebrated its 55th anniversary, has a long and rich history. For further information, check their website at http://www.southernsierrabsa.org/oa.html.

Last year, Orca Lodge took home the Bald Eagle trophy from the Conclave. The Bald Eagle is an award given to the lodge most active at the conclave. Scoring is based on the percentage of the lodge present, participation in events, and other factors. This conclave looks to be good, and we're hoping to see many of you there. With your help, we can bring home the Bald Eagle a second time, and make this conclave Orca's best yet.

Spring Ordeals a *ROUSING* Success

By John Mattern

Orca Lodge held it's two Spring Ordeals on the weekends of June 7-9 and 14-16.

Mow-A-Toc Chapter held their Ordeal at Elk River Scout Camp. 11 new members were inducted into the Lodge, and several more sealed their bonds of Brotherhood. A variety of Service Projects were undertaken to improve and maintain the camp.

The Cabrosha Chapter Ordeal was held at Camp Masonite Navarro. Under the direction of Ordealmaster Jeff Harmon, the work groups succeeded in many projects around the camp, including relocating the Scoutcraft area, building a new fence at the Rifle Range, and preparing the camp for summer. The ceremony teams did an excellent job, as well. The Ordeal team consisted of Jeff Harmon, Robert Rivera, Patrick O'Neill and Aaron Landwehr. The Brotherhood team members were: Robert Rivera, Aaron Landwehr, Patrick O'Neill and Joey Fini.

New Ordeal Members:

Carla Bisagno Stephen Brown Justin Colwell Justin Cook Matt Coxon Tom Chiappari Cathlen Daggett Beau Dawson Dylen Diehl Charlie Dischler Michael Ensrud Adam Gouriey Peter Grigsby **Tyler Grissom Brian Haworth** Steve Jones Wyatt Ledbetter Maverick Lewis Joshua Lovelace Michael Maloney

Rob Markey Philip Myers Geoff Nixon Brian Oliver Tyler Olsen Ionathan Price Michael Ramirez **Bonnie Ramos** Esteban Rodriguez Austin Seely Philip Speers Sean Sullivan John Tolbert Brian Underwood James Van Buskirk Steve Von der Porten Sally Walburn Paul Webb Daniel White Ryan Zimmer

New

Brotherhood Members:

Tristan Benson Jonathan Biggs Jason Brewer Clint Campbell Matthew Cox David Ensrud Jeff Harmon Scott Jones John Mattern David Negley Les Negley Kevin Reedy Sterling Walburn David Weaver

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FROM THE ADVISER:



My fellow Arrowmen, by the time you read this we will have returned from the NOAC Conference at Bloomington, Indiana. I believe I can safely say we all had a good time.

The training sessions were informative and the evening shows were great.

We of Orca Lodge took awards in both web site and the newsletter competitions.

Some of us will have been to Reno and back, in order to complete the final plans for the W3B Conclave that will be held on September 13-15. Lets have a big turnout and bring home the Bald Eagle Award once again.

If you are a Vigil member you should have received an order form for our Lodge's first Vigil chenille. The proceeds will be used to fund the Lodge's 2002 James E. West Award. The deadline for Vigil member's orders to be received is September 30, 2002.

On another topic, if you are an Ordeal Honor member who has been in the O/A at least one year, be sure that you plan on attending one of the two Fall Ordeals so that you can convert your membership to Brotherhood.

Yours in Brotherhood

Dave

Dave Dukeman

NEW Vigil Fundraiser

On July 13, the Lodge Executive board approved the issue of our Lodge's first Vigil Chenille patch. This patch is being

offered on a pre-order only basis to all Vigil Honor member of Orca Lodge. The price for this patch is \$50.00, and the net proceeds will be used to fund the Lodge's 2002 James E. West Award donation to Redwood Empire Council. If you wish to see the full color version of this patch check the lodge web site (http://home.att.net/~orca194). Rembember the patch is available by pre-order only, and your order and payment must be received by Steptember 30, 2002.

Send Payment and order to Lodge Adviser, Dave Dukeman, 2237 Harris Street, Eureka, CA 95503. Make checks payable to *Orca Lodge, Redwood Empire Council*. Send check for \$50 and your name and address, along with \$3 handling fee if you will not be picking your patch up at the Vigil Weekend in December (don't forget an additional \$10 if you are not yet paid your 2002 dues).

NLS is coming Are YOU Ready??

The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is a weekend training program focusing on leadership development. Run by the Region Chief and his Advisers, it provides an in-depth look at leadership skills

and techniques. An NLS discusses how these skills can be applied in your role in the OA and in other aspects of your life.

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The NLS program is offered several times a year at various locations in each region. Our section, W3B, will be hosting an NLS with Section W3A in Dublin, California on November 15-17. Our lodge will have 5-8 slots available, and will be looking to take 2 youth for every adult. If you have any interest and want to know more contact Dave Dukeman (707 443 9559); Chris Schoenthal (707 795 3099); or Bruce Mayfield (415 479 4003) for more detailed information. This is really one of the best programs scouting has to offer on any level, and the lessons learned will stick with you the rest of your scouting and personal life. Remember, if you miss this one, the next local NLS will be not be until 2004.

As one Arrowman described his NLS experience:

"I just returned from one of the greatest leadership courses around. The NLS course is a winner...

"I didn't even get out of the room after the second or third session before I was putting the new knowledge to use. The use of movie clips to drive home points of leadership works well...

"The Staff for the training was excellent. We were privileged to have our National Vice-Chief, the Region Chief, and several Section Chiefs and various members of the National OA Committee. A Great staff.

"Well, I have now been given more useful tools to use to help the Arrowmen in my Council improve themselves and the Lodge. I feel a little less nervous about my own position....

"If and when you get the chance to attend a NLS, GO!"

Arrowman Service Award



The Arrowman Service Award was introduced by the National Committee in 2000 to emphasize the ideal of service, not only to the lodge, but also to the community. The award is available from January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2003.

The award is a red arrow with a gold compass emblazoned on it, suspended from a white ribbon. It is worn like the Universal Ribbon. The award can be earned up to three times in this timespan. Each time it is earned, a different color compass is placed on it. The second time is a Bronze compass; the third time is a silver one.

Thus far, ten arrowmen from Orca Lodge have received this award. If you think you have qualified for the Arrowman Service Award, or would like to qualify, contact a lodge officer or advisor today!

Fall Ordeals Great Opportunities to Show Service

Camp Masonite Navarro October 18 - 20

The lodge's two Fall Ordeals, will be held on the weekends N of October 18-20 at Camp Masonite Navarro and November 1-3 at Elk River Scout Camp. There are a variety ' of projects at both camps that need to be kas they the winterizing completed undergo process. The lodge looks forward to a healthy attendance at both ordeals, not only to complete the various jobs, but more Elangomats lead by example and help to welcome new arrowmen into the lodge by sharing the ordeal experience with them. What better

way to d e m o n strate service to the lodge (one of the requirements for the Arrowmen Service Award) and to show support for new members? Anyone

Elk River Scout Camp November 1 - 3

ing phase and are looking for arrowmen who wish to participate in the ceremonies to help create that unforgettable mystique of a ceremony truly car-





to help implement and develop programs new to the lodge. Firstly, the Elangomat program is in serious need of motivated arrowmen to help boost it.

lavarro at Camp Masonite Navarro and can lend his valuable expertise.

Secondly, both the Brotherhood and Ordeal ceremony teams are in need of members. At thispoint the teams are in a rebuild

who

wants

more informa-

tion can contact

Iason Yarnall at

792-1129 or by e-

mail at JLY194@

sbcglobal.net.

He has served

as an Elangomat

ried out well. ^{Elk River Shower House} Contact the Ceremony Team Advisor, **Jason Kracht** at 665-9705 or by e-mail at jlkract@pon.net.

Also at the ordeals will be the new lodge flap, available for purchase for \$5. Be sure to return the enclosed registration form to the Eureka Council Office no later than Friday, October 11 (if attending Navarro) or Friday, October 25 (if attending Elk River). Hope to see all of you there.

------Cut and Mail Today------Fall Ordeal Registration Form--Cut and Mail Today------Fall Ordeal Registration

Mail this form with your check payable to Orca Lodge #194/BSA, and marked "Fall Ordeal"

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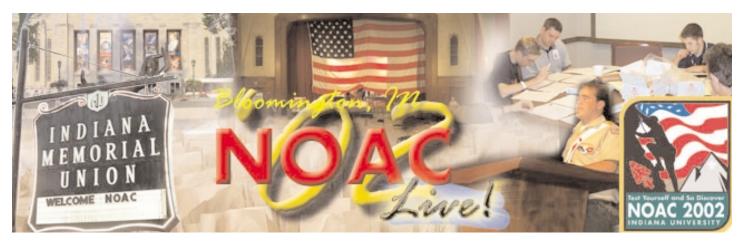
*** THIS IS IMPORTANT--PLEASE READ ***

A rrowmen, dues for the 2002 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 2002). Arrowmen who have not paid their dues by March 1, 2002 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 "2002 Dues" to:

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

Thanks!!



<u>NOAC 2002:</u> <u>The Experience of a Lifetime</u>

On July 27, more than 7000 Arrowmen converged in Bloomington, Indiana, for one purpose: NOAC 2002. The day began with registration and arrival. Everybody

was housed in dorms, most of which lacked Air Conditioning. In a twist of irony, a lodge from Northern Florida was staying in the dorm with AC, while the lodges from Alaska were left to deal with the heat and humidity. Fate (and NOAC), it seems, have a cruel sense of humor.

The schedule left plenty of time for leisure. Breakfast started at 7:00. The classes from 8- 11:30, and covered variety of topics. а Everything from regalia to High Adventure to The Care and Feeding of Candidates was covered. After lunch, a plethora of activities were available, including: OA Battlestars (Think Hollywood Squares... OA style!), a High Adventure course, ceremony evalua-



L-R: Scott Alto, Aaron Landwehr, Mike O'Neill, John Mattern, Curtis Aultman Jason Yarnall, Patrick O'Neill, Joey Fini, and Dave Dukeman.

tions, and dance competitions. Also open was the OA Museum, which contained patches and sashes dating back to the founding of the OA.

Every night, the staff put on either a show or an activity. Shows dominated 4 of the 5 nights, and each show had a different subject. The conference kicked off with the opening show: a series of speeches by members of the National Committee. The next night was the presentation of Awards, including the Red Arrow, Distinguished Service Award, and E. Urner Goodman camping award. The following show was Indian Dancing, and featured a dance-off of the ten best dancers in each of the categories (Grass, Fancy, Traditional, Old, and Straight). The fourth night featured "The Grand Hodag," a huge party featuring live music, root beer floats, and a puzzle requiring people to . swap cubes with people from different areas. The closing show was a short play, called *Passages*. It was a coming-ofage story for four teenage boys, as well as a tale of redemption.

The last full day was Founder's Day, a carnival of sorts. It took place on a large field. Lodges set up booths and passed out free flyers and small gifts. It was here that the results of the Newsletter and Website competitions were announced. Orca received a National Merit on their newsletter; and a National Honor for their website, one of less than 20 lodges nationwide to do so.

> Orca Lodge sent 15 of its members to NOAC. The contingent leader was Dave Dukeman, supported by Mike O'Neill and Jason Yarnall. The youth were: Lodge Chief pro-tem Scott Alto, Curtis Aultman, Joey Fini, Aaron Landwehr, John Mattern, and Patrick O'Neill. Members of our lodge on NOAC Staff included Chief Section Chris Schoenthal, Section Advisor Bruce Mayfield, and Matt Dukeman, OA Trail Crew

Coordinator at Philmont. Our staff contingent was rounded out by **Jason Kracht**, **Ray Leonard**, and **Gary Varano**. All things considered, NOAC was an experience not to be missed. I hope to see many of you at NOAC '04, at Iowa State University.

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September 13-15 Section W-3B Conclave at Lake Tahoe	
Sept 17 Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office	7:30
Oct 1 Wonkatonk Clan Meeting/Santa Rosa Scout Office	6:30
Oct 10 Allohak Clan Meeting/Presbyterian Church, Ukiah	7:30
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Nov 5 Wonkatonk Clan Meeting/Santa Rosa Scout Office	6:30
Nov 9 Annl Lodge Dinner & Exec Brd Meeting/Mow-A-Toc	5:00
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