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## 2006 SPRING ORDEALS

**RIGGS JOHNSTON SCOUT CAMP**  
**JUNE 2 - 4**

**CAMP MASONITE NAVARRO**  
**JUNE 16 - 18**

Orca Lodge will host two spring ordeals this year. Mow-A-Toc Chapter will hold its Ordeal on the weekend of June 2-4 at Riggs Johnston Scout Camp at Elk River. Two weeks later, June 16-18, Cabrosha Chapter will present its ordeal at Camp Masonite Navarro.

There are many service projects as well as a variety of jobs that need to be completed at both camps. Staff Adviser Gary Varano has spread the word, there will NOT be a shortage of work at either camp. Of course emphasis will be on the new Shower House that Orca lodge recieved national funding toward at Elk River. And then there is the flood damage at Navarro which will take years to fully recover from. We need everyone to pitch in and get as much as possible done...and then even more!!!



In addition to the service projects, the Lodge will also be conducting a Brotherhood Hike for those members eligible to seal their membership in the Order. Arrowmen wishing to lead a Brotherhood Hike can contact Dave



Dukeman at (707) 443-9559/496-4898 (Cell) or [adviser@orca194.org](mailto:adviser@orca194.org) for more information. In addition, the lodge is looking for Arrowmen (both youth and adult) who wish to serve as Elangomats at the ordeals. Service as an Elangomat is a great way to help out at the ordeals and meet other Scouts. Anyone who is interested (even remotely) should contact Patrick O'Neill at (707) 664-8511 or [chief@orca194.org](mailto:chief@orca194.org). He can fill you in on the details and get you signed up.

The ordeals are a great event not only to serve the lodge, but also to participate in fun and fellowship. Return the attached registration form to the Eureka Council Office no later than Saturday, May 26 (if attending Riggs Johnston) or Saturday, June 9 (if attending Masonite Navarro).

Please note: The Lodge policy, in order to prevent chaos in the kitchen states: "If you do not RSVP by the Monday before the Ordeal, then there will be a five dollar late fee added to the cost of attendance".

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

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

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Boy Scouts of America  
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Costs are as follows  
Members (food) \$15.00  
Brotherhood Candidates \$25.00  
(food and sash)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

No. Youth Members \_\_\_\_\_ No. Adult Members \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Honor: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be attending the following Ordeals:

Riggs Johnston \_\_\_\_\_ Masonite Navarro \_\_\_\_\_

I will be participating in the Brotherhood Hike \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# JOHN EFREM MATTERN

The Lodge, the Section and the scouting community in general lost one of our own last month when John Mattern tragically died in a car accident.

The first conversation that I remember having with John was his Ordeal in 2001 while I was serving as Orca Lodge Chief. John introduced himself, we began to talk about the organization and he asked what he could do to help. It was in his nature to always step forward, to be the one you could count on. It came out in our conversation that he was a published author, a competitive dancer, an accomplished guitar player, and of course was passionate about camping and the outdoors.

Several months later when the Lodge dinner was approaching, I asked John if he was interested in a Lodge position, and he decided to run for Lodge Secretary. He was elected, even though he had only been an Order of the Arrow member for a few months. Right away, he rose to the challenge in many situations and was an invaluable asset at a very important time for the Lodge.

He brought an upbeat and positive presence to any situation. He was a help countless times, especially when I moved mid-term to attend the University of Colorado. I was able to learn much from John as we worked together. An experience I'm sure many of you shared as we heard him speak or developed projects together.

He is gone now, but his knowledge and the memories are left. Please remember his teachings and his influence on all of us.

John, we will miss you buddy.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Michael Buxton  
Orca Lodge Chief 2001-2002



John Thomas Efrem Mattern like many scouts began in Cub Scouting and, like most, worked his way through the ranks and inevitably earned the Arrow of Light Award. John then entered into the great adventure of Boy Scouts. He was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in June of 2001 at Elk River Scout Camp. Being an experienced debater and with the will to get involved to make the Order of the Arrow greater, John ran at the lodge dinner in 2001 for the position of Lodge Secretary and won. His opponent was himself. In that first year John attended the OA Trail Crew at Philmont Scout Ranch, which he would tell all was his greatest scouting experience. A few weeks later he traveled with the Lodge to



the 2002 National Order of the Arrow Conference in Bloomington Indiana. There



the contingent members made lasting bonds of friendship that to this day remain unbroken.

John attended the National Leadership Seminar (NLS) that year where he wore his Burger King Crown and announced to every one that he was in fact the *Burger King*. We all laughed and admired his cunning wit. In November of 2002 John was again elected to serve as the Orca Lodge secretary, and once again he ran unopposed. That summer he again sought the need to camp and attended the OA Voyage at Northern Tier which to this day he remains the only member of Orca Lodge to have attended two OA High Adventure Programs. Right after returning from Northern Tier John headed for Camp Masonite Navarro to be the Trek Leader for the camps High Adventure Trek.

At the 2003 Conclave at Frog Town John wanted to test his political agenda and ran for the position of Section *Chef*, or Chief as most of us call it, which earned him the name *John the Chef* in the Section. He unfortunately was not elected nor was he able to be elected as Section Vice-Chief that year, but the experience gave him insight on what he would have to do for the future. At the 2003 Lodge Dinner John ran and was elected to the position of Lodge Vice-Chief.



In 2004, John was selected to serve as the Section W3B Conference Vice-Chief (CVC) of Training, which put him in charge of pulling together all of the Training courses at the 2004 Conclave and finding teachers to teach in each course. 2004 brought another National Order of the Arrow Conference, this time in Ames, Iowa. John attended the National Conference as a Staff Member on the Inductions and Ceremonies Events Committee (ICE), where he brought to his fellow Arrowmen, a class on the importance of inducting new members and

having a great ceremonies team. Though he was on Staff, much of his time was spent with members of the Lodge Contingent, which some felt had an empty spot without him. Conclave 2004 at Camp Chawanakee marked great success for John. The Training Classes went off a bit bumpy, but he was able to pull it together and make it turn out great. With this in mind, when it came time to elect the new Section Officers, John ran for Section Vice-Chief against another strong candidate. When it was all said and done, John walked away victorious.

In November at the Lodge Dinner John was selected to receive the Vigil Honor, which he would obtain in December of that year. John's Vigil name is *Lehkiket Gentgeen* translated as *Writer who Dances*. John's term as Section Vice-Chief was short lived. In January of 2005 after hearing the great news about Ross Armstrong becoming the Western Region Chief, John was unanimously elected as the new Section Chief for 2005. John led the Section to yet another great conclave. In 2005 John was also fortunate to serve on the Order of the Arrow Service Corps at the National Scout Jamboree. At the Jamboree, John was elected to be one of the Chapter Chiefs of the Service Corps. The Service Corps at Jamboree shined more than any other group there, and proved its usefulness even more at this Jamboree than at any other. John was one of the leaders that helped make this statement true.



The 2005 Conclave at the Sonoma Country Day School would be John's last conclave. The conclave was a hit and turned into one great weekend of fellowship. When it came time to elect the section officers for the next year, John put in all his might to be re-elected as the Section Chief. Unfortunately was defeated, but relinquished his position in high spirits and was looking forward to being the Past Section Chief, which of course meant more time with his girlfriend Sherri. John went to the Section Retreat and was given the responsibility to head up the revision of the Sections Conclave award, The Bald Eagle. This retreat would be the last time many in scouting would hear his laughter, arguments and see his "screech

like” frizzy hair.

In February the news of John’s death shook the Lodge, Council and Section that John so graciously served. Many of those who went to John’s Service were in Scouting Uniform, showing to those who didn’t know that Scouting and the Order of the Arrow were greatly apart of him. John Mattern is one who truly found that serving others brought great joy in life. John was and still is a great roll model to be remembered. Among many things, John was an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member, a recipient of the Founders Award at the 2005 Orca Lodge Dinner, a Lodge officer for 3 years, a Section Chief and an inspiration to all around him. John will be greatly missed, but we will carry

on and continue to Cheerfully Serve in Brotherhood just like John and will always remember that his spirit is forever with us.



John was my inspiration to become a Section Officer and I was honored to be his Vice Chief during his term as Section Chief. I attended both NOACs with John, the NLS in 2002, where I will always remember our 11:00pm contingent decision to go see Harry Potter. I will remember all the times at Ordeals we had and serving together on our Chapter Ceremonies Team. I will remember the great times we had at Jamboree and all

the traveling we did around the Section. The one memory that will last forever in me is the memory of John serving as my Vigil Chief when I went through my Vigil in December of 2005. John was my mentor in the Order of the Arrow and I will miss him greatly. The OA and Scouting in general will never feel the same again without him around. May we never forget what he did to make the Order and Scouting even greater.

Yours in Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service

Patrick O’Neill  
Orca Lodge Chief  
Section W3B Vice Chief

## 2005 LODGE DINNER

The 2005 Lodge Dinner was a success. It was held at St. John’s Hall in Healdsburg. With great food compliments to Greg Hannan, and memorable program there was not much more you could ask for. After some brief introductions it was on to the Lodge Officers’ candidacy speeches. **Patrick O’Neill** took the place of **Bryan Enloe** as our new Lodge Chief. **Clint Campbell** ran a successful campaign against **Bryan Enloe**, and **Cody Hay** for the Vice Chief position.

**David Clark** edged out **Miguel Conboy** as our new Secretary. Last but not least **Brian Prescott** slides in as our new Treasurer. Congratulations to our new Lodge Officers!

The High Adventure camps were promoted by short videos with commentary from **Patrick O’Neill**. This year the lodge bestowed the *Silver Fluke Award* upon **Dale Hay**, **Colby Hay**, **Gavin Gee**, **Bryan Enloe**, and **Kevin Prescott**. Thank you for all of their service. The *Founders Award* was given to **John Mattern**, and to shocked **Mike O’Neill**. The last Award to be given out was the *James E. West Fellowship Award*, **Greg Hannan**, and **Neil Iverson** were awarded this honor. The *Redwood Empire Council Scout Executive* **Ralph Voelker** gave an amusing, and meaningful speech about being true to scouting. **Bruce Mayfield** spoke about the year of 2005 with a slide show. Overall it was a great Lodge dinner. Hope to see you next year.



## 2006 LODGE FELLOWSHIP

This year’s Lodge fellowship was held at the peaceful *Riggs Johnsons Scout Camp* in Eureka, CA.

Upon arrival there were already four televisions set up with at least two consoles for each one. Hanging out, playing video games, and watching movies into the wee hours of the morning was the high point of Friday night.

On Saturday, after a great meal of Tri-Tip and Baked Beans, nothing could compare with a milk drinking contest (out of a baby bottle), won by Daniel Washburn who sucked the contest dry literally. Saturday also had an awesome archery contest. Televisions going constantly with laughs and sighs of lost matches. The LEC also met over this weekend working through the final touches to patches, and NOAC contingent information. The fellowship was great fun and hopefully next time you can join us.



## THE CIRCLE WIDENS, THE 2006 W-3B CONCLAVE

The 2006 Conclave will be held at the Dixon May Fairgrounds in Dixon, California September 15-17, 2006. Online registration is up and running! And W-3B is keeping the lid on conclave costs! Our conclave fees are the same again this year! All new Ordeal Arrowmen can attend for \$25 dollars and everyone else is \$30. It is \$45 to register on site. New for the online registration system is the ability to register today and “pay at the door!”. [www.sectionw3b.org](http://www.sectionw3b.org). The Section W3B Conclave is the biggest and best Scouting event of the entire year, and it’s something that you don’t want to miss! It’s a gathering of OA members from the six lodges in Section W3B and our brothers from Lodges all over the west.. Arrowmen from all over California and Nevada will convene next September 15, 2006 for a weekend of fun and everything OA.



## NEW LODGE PATCH CONTEST.

Attention artists. The lodge needs a new design for a lodge flap. If you have an idea or hopefully a picture drawn out, please submit them today. Please mail ( or Email) the entries to Dave Dukeman or Patrick O'Neill by the cut off date - July 1st. The best design will be turned in to the next lodge patch. If chosen there will be a sufficient prize.



### STAFF APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR 2006 CAMP MASONITE NAVARRO

Camp Masonite Navarro is looking for Arrowmen who want to strengthen the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service and join the camp staff for 2006. Positions range from Business Managers, Area Directors, Program staff to Counselors-in-Training (CIT) positions. Interviews for Camp Staff will be held at the Eureka Scout Office and the Santa Rosa Scout Office as necessary. Interested Scouts and Scouters (yes even commissioners are needed) can receive applications by going to the council website, [www.redwoodbsa.org](http://www.redwoodbsa.org), or by calling Gary Varano, Camp Director, at 707-546-8137.



### ORCA LODGE NOAC CHENILLE

Orca Lodge will be producing a special edition NOAC Chenille Lodge Flap. This patch is being offered by pre-order for only \$35.00. The net proceeds will be used to help fund the Lodge's portion of the \$3,150 match grant received from National OA for the Elk River Shower House. Here is the best thing...you can order as many as you want! The design for this patch is shown here. Your preorder must be received by June 20th, 2006, or in person at any Lodge event before that time. Any preorders received after this date will not be processed, so don't wait until the last minute...order now! If you miss your chance to preorder you MAY still have a chance to obtain a chenille for \$50.00 from the lodge trading post, but they will be limited and will be sold on a first come, first serve basis!

-----Orca Lodge Chenille Order Form--Cut and Mail Today-----

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

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 1007 Wood Street  
 Eureka, CA 95501

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Honor \_\_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Chenilles desired \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## CABROSHA CHAPTER

Hello fellow Arrowmen,

My name is **Ryan Zimmer**. I am from Troop 68 in Cotati, and actively serving as a Brotherhood member. Just around the corner is our spring Ordeal on June 16th-18th. Hope to see you there. Especially ordeal members who are eligible for Brotherhood membership. This conversion helps the lodge grow. On top of that our camp needs help before the summer season begins.

We would like to see you at our chapter meetings. The next meeting will be on May 23rd. These are youth run meetings, so we can take care of business and then have fun. If you have any ideas for the meetings please contact me or my adviser **Mike Bell**. I need all you all to help me make this year great.

*Ryan Zimmer*

Cabrosha Chapter Chief



## LODGE CHIEFS CORNER

Brothers of Orca Lodge,

Wow it is already spring time and you would not even know it by looking out your window. Our Lodge Fellowship has passed and with great success. I would like to personally thank Mow-A-Toc Chapter Chief **Cody Hay** and Mow-A-Toc Chapter Advisor, **Kevin Prescott** for the time they put into planning this event. With out their planning this event would not have been the success it was. For those who do not know, in February our own **John Mattern** and his girlfriend Sheri French, were lost in a fatal car accident. I attended the Memorial Service for John and was amazed to see how many were there representing the Boy Scouts and the Order of the Arrow for him. My personal thanks go to those who were able to attend and support the Mattern Family in their time of need.

With April here, Clans and Chapters are gearing up for Camp-O-Rees. All of our Council's Camp-O-Rees are staffed by Arrowmen. Brothers, I challenge you to take part in your districts Camp-O-Ree. Become a staff member and a roll model to younger scouts. With the end of the Camp-O-Rees comes the approaching Chapter Ordeals in June. With Navarro still in a mess from the winter storms, the Ordeal for Cabrosha will be a major work weekend and we will need many Arrowmen there to help get our own camp ready to open for the summer.

With that my Brothers I wish you all the best in your summer plans and I hope to see all of you at an Ordeal in June and don't forget to register for the Section Conclave in September.

WWW,

*Patrick O'Neill*

Patrick O'Neill  
Orca Lodge Chief



## MOW-A-TOC CHAPTER

Brothers of Orca Lodge,

I am **Cody Hay** the Mow-a-Toc Chapter Chief. I have served as Mow-a-toc Chapter Vice Chief and Lodge Treasurer. I am a Vigil Honor member. The Mow-a-toc Chapter Meetings are the third Tuesday of every month at the Eureka Scout Office at 7:30. We have started elections and have gotten some candidates already. I look forward to the rest of the year and having fun serving the Lodge.

Yours in Cheerful Service,

*Cody Hay*

Mow-A-Toc Chapter Chief



## BROTHERHOOD CONVERSION

Attention all Ordeal members. If you are eligible for Brotherhood here is your chance. The spring Ordeals are only two months away. Start studying the principles of the Order of the Arrow in the handbook or online at [www.jumpstart.oa-bsa.org/](http://www.jumpstart.oa-bsa.org/). When you receive your Brotherhood you not only prove yourself in cheerful service, but you help our lodge in our Brotherhood attainment. The Brotherhood honor is a part of the Quality Lodge Award requirements. Hope to see you at the next ordeal.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION CEREMONY TEAMS WANT YOU



Ceremony teams are now forming and need as many people as possible.

The ordeal ceremony is the first introduction to the Order of the Arrow.

If it is done right, our members will grow in numbers. It's all up to us. If you're interested in ceremonies please contact either Jason Kracht or Daniel Washburn.

## ORCA SPOUTS

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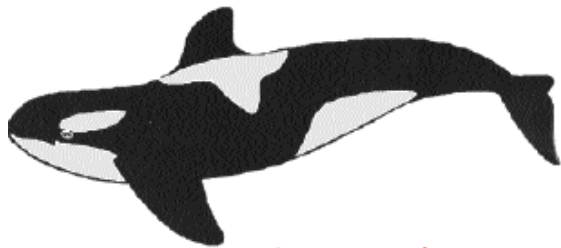
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### Dates to Remember...

- May 13 Section W3B COC Meeting, Camp Pollack, Sacramento**
- May 16 Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office 7:30
- May 23 Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Cotati- Cotati Police Dept. 7:00
- June 2-4 Mow-A-Toc Chapter Spring Ordeal/Elk River Scout Camp**
- June 16-18 Cabrosha Chapter Spring Ordeal/Camp Masonite Navarro**
- Jun 20 Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office 7:30
- Jun 27 Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/TBD 7:30
- July 8 Lodge Executive Board Meeting/Camp Masonite Navarro**  
(concurrent with the Council Board of Directors meeting)
- July 29 - August 3, NOAC 2006, Michigan State University**
- Aug 12 Section W-3B COC Meeting, on site, Dixon, CA**
- Aug 15 Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office 7:30
- Aug 22 Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Cotati Scout Hut 7:30
- Aug 26-27 High Adventure Raft Trip/American River**
- Sep 15-17 Section W-3B Conclave / Dixon, CA**
- Sep 19 Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office 7:30
- Sep 26 Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Santa Rosa Scout Office 7:30
- Oct 20-22 Cabrosha Chapter Fall Ordeal/Camp Masonite Navarro**
- Oct 17 Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office 7:30
- Oct 20-21 Spook-A-Ree/Camp Riggs**
- Oct 24 Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/TBD 7:30
- Nov 3-5 Mow-A-Toc Chapter Fall Ordeal/Elk River Scout Camp**
- Nov 11 Annual Lodge Dinner & Exec Board Meeting/Mow-A-Toc 5:00**
- Nov 17-19 NLS Area 3 – Camp Bothin, Fairfax, Ca**
- Nov 21 Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/ Eureka Scout Office
- Nov 28 Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Santa Rosa Scout Office 7:30

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