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A SHOWER HOUSE RISES IN ELK RIVER

In 2005, past Orca Lodge Chief Brian Enloe probably didn't know what he was getting into when he was approached by John Friedenbach, Six Rivers District Chairman to have the Lodge join with local contractors, Kiwanians, Rotarians and other Scouters to build a Shower House at Camp Riggs Johnston at Elk River. It has been long been proposed to build a shower house at Elk River. Currently there is no way for campers, or lodge members after a hard day of toil in and around Camp Riggs to clean up. Further, the shower house will contain a handicap accessible rest room, another first for Camp Riggs. But soon that dream will be a reality.



that amount. In total, \$6,300 was raised through the efforts of the lodge toward a total budget of \$43,000. To fund Orca's end of the bargain, a Lodge flap Chenille was sold and was successful in raising funds.

It is expected that the usage of Camp Riggs will increase, now that it is not so rustic and Scouts can really *Clean up* their act. Hope someone remembers the soap...



In the fall of 2005 the lodge requested a service grant from the National Office of the OA and at the December National meetings in Dallas, it was granted... one of only 10 per year nationwide. \$3,150 was awarded to the Lodge with the stipulation that the lodge must match



OFFICERS RETREAT A NEW DAY IS DAWNING

On January 19th-21st, we will be having an officers retreat at Camp Riggs Johnston at Elk River. This is a very important meeting as we will basically be planning out the key portions of the year. We will be voting on a new patch (finally); planning the lodge Fellowship; working on troop elections (which we all need to brush up on); and steering some of our goals to go along with some of the Councils goals. Please try and be there Friday night by 7:30. Plan to eat dinner before you arrive, and we will begin the meeting at 8pm. The meeting will resume Saturday morning, with some training as well.

The time we will finish on Saturday is unknown. We have

the camp till Sunday for those who wish to stay Saturday night and drive home Sunday. The Lodge is covering the cost of Camp but there will be a fee of \$10.00 for food.

This meeting is on an invitation bases only. If you are an officer, you are expected to attend as key leadership in the lodge. If you are interested in joining the leadership of the Lodge in any capacity, please contact Lodge Chief Patrick O'Neill to discuss how you wish to contribute and confirm a spot for you as a lodge leader.

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2006 ORCA LODGE ANNUAL LODGE DINNER

Hosted By: Mow-A-Toc Chapter

For those of you who missed the 2006 lodge dinner here's a look at what happened!!!!!!

Past and new lodge chief, **Patrick O'Neill** welcomed the new and old members of Orca Lodge to the 2006 Annual Lodge Dinner. After Grace was lead by past vice-chief **Clint Campbell** we all sat down to a fantastic dinner of Tri-Tip, Lasagna and Chicken with all the trimmings.

During dinner **Patrick** talked about and showed video presentations about the three High Adventure programs available to OA youth members located at *Philmont, Northern Tier, & the Florida Sea base.*

The first award to be presented was the **James E. West award**. This award consists of \$1,000 awarded to the Council endowment program in the name of the recipient. Congratulations to **Mario Delgado & John Mattern** (*John's award was accepted by his parents who journeyed to Scotia for the presentation*).

The next presentations were for the **Founders Awards**. The Founders Award is the highest award a lodge can bestow upon a member. It was awarded to **Keith Schoenthal & Bryan Enloe** in recognition of the many hours of work furthering the lodge.

Moving on in the dinner, the next people to be congratulated were the Silver Fluke awardees. The Silver Fluke is an annual Lodge presentation to those who have provided service above and beyond to their fellow brothers. Those selected for 2006 consisted of **Cody Hay, Art Zimmer, Rick Facendini, Clint Campbell, Mike Bell & Andy Richardson**.



Part of the festivities consisted of various patches donated by lodge members, being auctioned off at various times throughout the evening. Many lodge members went home with some prized new embroidered cloth... and the lodge treasury a little fatter. Perhaps the finale of the evening were the vigil tap outs. **Dale Hay, Kevin Prescott, Bryan Enloe,**

Mayfield swore in the 2006-2007 Orca Lodge Officers. As we took the Oath of Office and gathered hands to sing the song of brotherhood our lodge dinner came to an end.



Can't wait to see you all next year at the 2007-2008 Orca Lodge dinner!!!!!!

Colby Hay & John Tolbert were selected and successfully completed their Vigil Ceremony at Camp Masonite Navarro in December.

The lodge's attention next turned to the elections of the 2006-2007 lodge officers!!!!

The elections began with the lodge chief candidates which included **Patrick O'Neill**. He ran uncontested. The next office was the lodge vice-chief. The candidates were **Patrick (P.J) Daniels**. He too was elected unanimously. **Kenneth O'Neill** was selected to serve as Lodge Secretary. The last election was for lodge treasurer, which was filled by **Matt Sullivan**.

Nearing the end of our dinner **Patrick & Clint** gave awards to the 2005-2006 lodge officers.

To close the 2006 Orca Lodge dinner **Bruce**



IMPORTANT INFORMATION CEREMONY TEAMS WANT YOU



Ceremony teams are always in need of as many members 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.

LODGE VICE CHIEF SHOUT-OUT

Thank you for electing me your new Vice-Chief. It will be a pleasure to serve you all. What I would like to accomplish this year, would be to increase the numbers of Arrowmen that show up to the monthly Chapter and Clan Meetings. I would like to make the dance, drum and ceremonies team all one entity, and to get it back to the former glory it once used to be. Also, as Vice-Chief, I have and will come up with more ideas on how to make the Order of the Arrow more enjoyable to scouts; after all, we do have to live up to our "West Is Best" slogan.

How am I going to accomplish all of this? Simple. By talking with you, the Arrowmen, to see what needs to change, what needs to be added, what needs to be modified. The many ideas I hear, and the many I come up with, along with my drive and determination, will help to make the west be truly felt by all the other regions. Once again, thank you for allowing me to serve you.

Yours In Brotherhood, *Patrick Daniels, 2007 Orca Lodge Vice-Chief*

NEW MEMBERS REVIEW THE CIRCLE WIDENS

New Ordeal Members – June 2006

Zack Ambrose-Giffin

Jon Arent-Draper

Luke Baier

Paul Baier

Andy Brindenbaugh

Martin Campbell

Joshua Curtis

Austin Davis

Tyler Durbin

John Fernleaf

Tyler Goldsam

Cory Griffin

Andrew Hoesly

Kristian Josang

Stefon Leroy

Gabriel McHugh

Lucas Martin

Thomas Martin

Austin Munsch

Shelby Munsch

Jasper O'Leary

Kenneth O'Neill

Daniel Pezzoli

Max Scheder-Bieschin

Tony Shannon

Tenzing Sherpa

Matthew Small

Wyatt Sutter

Luke Wells

Phillip Williams

Connor Wilson

Forrest Winston-Doble

Cory Woffinden

New Ordeal Members Fall 2006

Derek Strickland

Bryce Strickland

Michael Mitchell

Paul Nuss

Todd Nuss

Jeffrey Forrest

Rylan Gervase



New Brotherhood Members

Sean Brown

Edward Chavez

P. J. Daniels

Woodley Frampton

Thomas Frampton

David Hulbert

Ben Leroy

Stefon Leroy

Marjean O'Neill

Joseph Rhodes Sr.

Joseph Rhodes Jr.

Josh Schollard

Joe Zeni



MEET THE NEW LODGE SECRETARY

Hello

Dear brothers my name is Kenneth O'Neill. And I am the new 2006-2007 lodge secretary. In the next year I hope to be able to inform you about every little new or old detail that is happening in Orca this year. If you have any information that you would like to talk to me about putting in the newsletter I would be more than happy to hear it. So once again thank you my brothers for electing me as your 2006-2007 Orca Lodge secretary.

LODGE CHIEFS CORNER

My Fellow Brothers,

I'm back again to serve another term as the Lodge Chief of Orca Lodge and I am looking forward to it.

Last year was a very interesting year. First our lodge was honored to receive the National Service grant. This grant is going toward the building of the shower house at Riggs Johnston Scout Camp at Elk River, which is nearing completion. Then we had a tragedy that none of us could believe happened, with the lose of John Mattern. Over the course of the year we honored our lost brother's memory several times. The National Order of the Arrow Conference was held in East Lansing Michigan and our lodge sent 21 members to it, our biggest contingent to date and we're looking to make the 2009 conference even better.

This year will be the beginning of many new programs for Orca Lodge. I and the other lodge officers are already gearing up for our first meeting where we will set the course of the lodge for the coming year. We are starting lodge committees to head up areas of the lodge that are in need of guidance, and getting our troop elections underway. The council will be holding a National Youth Leadership Training seminar this year and the Scoutmaster of the staff is looking to the lodge for support. The Lodge fellowship will be even better than last year, we are already starting to plan for this year.

I put forth a challenge to you in my first column last year which was to get involved. The lodge is here for you, but only if you around to help make it a lodge. Again I am looking forward to this year as your Chief.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Patrick O'Neill

2007 Orca Lodge Chief



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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 (aren't you getting tired of ours)? The deadline for submissions to the next edition is Sunday, January 28. Send articles and photos to:

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Dates to Remember...

Jan. 5-6 Section W-3B Retreat/USS Hornet, Alameda, CA
 Jan. 19-21 Lodge Exec. Brd, Retreat/Camp Riggs Johnston / Elk River
 Jan. 16 Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office 7:30
 Jan. 23 Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Cotati Police Station 7:00
 Feb. 13 Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office 7:30
 Feb. 27 Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Cotati Police Station 7:00
Feb. 23-25 Section W-3C Conclave/Camp Maluhia, Maui
Mar. 10 Section W-3B Meeting
 Mar. 20 Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office 7:30
 Mar. 27 Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Cotati Police Station 7:00
 Apr. 17 Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office 7:30
 Apr. 24 Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Cotati Police Station 7:00
April 27-29 W-3A Conclave College of Marin-IVC, Novato, CA
May 12 Section W-3B Meeting
 May 15 Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office 7:30
 May 22 Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Cotati Police Station 7:00
Jun. 1-3 Mow-A-Toc Chapter Spring Ordeal/Camp Riggs
Jun. 15-17 Cabrosha Chpt Spring Ordeal/Camp Masonite Navarro
 Jun. 19 Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office 7:30
 Jun. 26 Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Cotati Police Station 7:00
Jul. 7 Lodge Executive Board Meeting/Camp Masonite Navarro
July 28 - August 2 National Summit / IU, Bloomington, IN
Aug. 11 Section W-3B Meeting
September 14-16 W-3B Conclave / Bakersfield Christian School

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