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2007 Lodge Dinner Review

On November 10th, about 65 people gathered for the 14th annual Lodge Dinner. This year it was hosted by Cabrosha Chapter and was a great success. Many thanks to **Ray Leonard** for

The James E. West award went to:



L-R Steve Marshall and Bruce Mayfield

The Founder's award was given to:



L-R Patrick O'Neill and Kevin Prescott

organizing it, **Greg Hannan** and **Marjean O'Neill** for the wonderful food, and **Dave Cooper** for securing the hall for us. We were greatly honored with the attendance of Section Chief **Randy Pares**, Section Vice-Chief **Kyle Parker**, and Section Secretary- our own **Ben LeRoy**. Our several years of waiting have paid off: THREE section officers. That has to be a record! Next year, it would be nice to see more families since everyone is welcome.

After a wonderful dinner of a roast, green beans, and pasta, the real fun began. First, **Keith Schoenthal** gave a presentation for Arrowcorps⁵ (see page 4 for details). Then, after each

Silver Flukes were given to:



L-R Ed Gee, P.J. Daniels, Matt Sullivan, Gabriel McHugh, Ben LeRoy, and Joe Zeni (not pictured)

The new Vigil members are:



L-R Patrick Facendini, Ron Martin, Brian Prescott, Gavin Gee, and Matt Sullivan

award was presented, a short video advertising each of the three high-adventure bases was shown. Next, elections were held (*this time look on page 2 for details*). After the Vigil tap-outs and the swearing in of the new officers, which was done by **Randy Pares**, we recognized last year's officers, joined hands, and sang the song of the OA. It was a great experience.

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Orca Lodge, Meet Your New Officers:

At the Lodge dinner, the 2007-2008 officers were elected and sworn in by Section Chief **Randy Pares**.



**Lodge Chief,
Benjamin LeRoy**



**Lodge Vice-Chief,
Jeffrey Forest**



**Lodge Secretary,
Gabriel Mc Hugh**



**Lodge Treasurer,
Lucas Martin**

FROM THE 2006-2007 LODGE CHIEF

Brothers,



This Lodge Dinner marked my 7th year holding an office in the Order of the Arrow. It has been a memorable and exciting 7 years, but at the end of this Lodge Dinner it was time to pass on the Bonnet to the new Chief. I have nothing but great memories of the times I had in office. I was able to pull together two Akela Festivals as a Clan-Chief, served with one of my best friends as a Clan Vice-Chief, was able to help bring Cabrosha Chapter back to an organized body. I served with pride in my first Lodge position as Vice-Chief, and at the same time began a new experience that same year as the Section Vice-Chief for W3B. As Section Vice-Chief, I was able to travel to all of the other Lodges and make many more friends and many more unforgettable memories.

I finally was able to hold the position that is closest to my heart: Lodge Chief, the big Kahuna. It was in this position I felt at home. Being the head of my home Lodge was the greatest honor I had in my time and was probably my most favorite. As Lodge Chief, I was able to represent our Lodge at the National Council of Chiefs meeting at the 2006 NOAC, and our Lodge received the National Service Award for 2007. I was also fortunate to have three of my best friends as fellow Lodge Officers during my two terms. I want to thank you, my brothers for all of the support that you gave me during my terms and to those advisers whose advice was always welcome and helped me in binds. As I end this trail on my path in the Order of the Arrow I look to the new path that lies ahead in my role as an advisor, and those new youth members that will continue on the traditions of our great Lodge.

Thank you all for 7 memorable years.

Yours In Brotherhood,

Patrick O'Neill

2006, 2007 Orca Lodge Chief

2008 Lodge Past Chief

CEREMONIES TEAM MEMBERS



WANTED

If you haven't heard, at the last Section W3B Conclave, Orca Lodge won 1st place in the Pre-Ordeal ceremony competition. Please, help continue this award legacy, and join your local team. If you are interested, please contact either Daniel Washburn, in the North, or Jason Kracht, in the South.

**WE WOULD BE HONORED
TO HAVE YOU!**



Broken Arrows

Orca Spouts is saddened to note the loss of three Great Scouters this fall. **Jerry McFarland** of Ukiah passed away on September 28th. He had worked tirelessly to keep scouting up and running in the Yokayo district. His good friend, **Dick Hacke**, who was a retired Professional Scouter passed away in Grass Valley on October 19th. Dick had worked in the Yokayo district for many years and was one of the first ever Vigil members of the old Cabrosha Lodge. And finally, **Rick Davis** of McKinleyville passed away on November 29. Rick had been very faithful in attending Lodge, Section and even National events in recent years. Though they will be missed by many, as they take their places around the eternal campfire in the skies, their marks on the young men they touched with their guidance and love will carry their impact on for generations to come.

State of the Lodge

2007 A Year in Review

by Lodge Advisor David Dukeman



In January 2007 Chief **Patrick O'Neill** invited twenty members of Orca Lodge to attend a training and planning meeting held on a Friday night and all day Saturday. This meeting helped set the tone for unit elections and camp promotions.

Much of February, March, and April was spent doing camp promotions and unit elections. In March Mow-A-Toc hosted the Spring Fellowship at the Riggs Johnston Scout Camp complete with competitions and games in which the overall winner received a Mountain Bike as testament to his skills.

In April Orca was awarded with the National Service Award. This prestigious award is given each year since 1999 to only two Lodges in each Region. Orca is honored and proud to be one of them.

June saw us complete our Spring Ordeals and welcome our new Ordeal and Brotherhood members.



In July, **Michael Bell, David Dukeman, Bryan Enloe, Benjamin LeRoy, and Patrick O'Neill** traveled to the National Conservation and Leadership Summit held at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. **Jason Kracht** and **Bruce Mayfield** also attended as staff members on the conservation side for Arrowcorps5. There the National Order of the Arrow Committee presented their 5 year plan, and Lodges began to write their own 5 year plans.

In September, Orca sent a group of approximately 35 Arrowmen to the annual W3B Conclave held at Bakersfield College in Bakersfield, California. Old friendships were renewed, new ones made; training, patch trading and competitions filled the weekend.

November saw Orca hold two small, though successful, Ordeals. Our annual Lodge Dinner was held in Ukiah and, for the first time in Orca Lodge history, all the new officers are from one Chapter, Cabrosha. Congratulations to: **Chief Benjamin LeRoy, Vice-Chief Jeffrey Forrest, Secretary Gabriel Mc Hugh, and Treasurer Lucas Martin.**



James E. West Fellowships were awarded to **Bruce Mayfield** and **Steve Marshall**.

Silver Flukes were awarded to: **Patrick "P.J." Daniels, Edward Gee, Benjamin LeRoy, Matthew Sullivan, Gabriel Mc Hugh, and Joseph Zeni.**

The new Vigil members were revealed and congratulations to all of them. They are **Ron Martin, Gavin Gee, Matthew Sullivan, Patrick "Rick" Facendini** and **Brian Prescott**. Oh, and by the way Orca Lodge finally has a new Lodge patch, design courtesy of **Tenzing Sherpa**.

One final and sad note, Vigil Honor members **Rick Davis** (The Cloud Swimmer), **Jerry McFarland**, and **Dick Hacke** passed away. They will be sadly missed by all who knew them.

What are you doing July 12 to 19, 2008? I know many of you are saying that's too far in advance to think about while others are already "booked". If you are in the camp of too far in advance we've already got the week planned for you. If you're in the already booked camp or think you are, STOP your plans and join with 999 other Arrowmen at the Shasta-Trinity National Forest.

Yes, that's right – there will be a thousand of us dropping in on our National Forest Ranger friends and working side by side with them on construction and maintenance projects throughout the area near Lake



Shasta. We will be working on over 160 miles of the Pacific Coast Trail and other projects that have been identified by the Forest staff as in need of help. The Shasta-Trinity Rangers estimate that our one week of work will be equivalent to what they are able to accomplish in 10 years. There will also be a day of

recreation included in what we are doing.

What you will need - \$250 for registration, "normal" camping gear (tent, sleeping bag, personal gear). Your meals will be provided.

Your Lodge-yes YOU- have committed to arriving at the Shasta-Trinity Forest with 25 Arrowmen. We are now taking names.

Some critical dates to remember:

Feb. 1, 2008	When our deposit is due to National. Because of this we will be asking for your \$100 by Jan. 15.
May 1, 2008	Final payment of \$150 is due.
July 12 to 19, 2008	That's when we are actually going to be "on forest"

For more information contact
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---- OR ---

Keith Schoenthal 795-3099 or
chiefkeith@sbcglobal.net



Remember your Uncle Sam needs you– in YOUR National Forest.



Fellowship 2008



Held at Camp Riggs, Eureka, CA.

Feb 29th thru March 2nd 2008

Cost \$25

fellowship is upon us. Fellowship is held for Lodge members to come together and enjoy the company of one another. This is a no work party (besides maybe having to help do a little cleaning up from the mess we make). You are invited to bring your TV, computer, video games, and anything you want so that you and your fellow brothers can lounge around and relax. Sorry, but this year we are unable to allow air soft guns.



Last year we put together activities for which, if you chose to participate, you could win prizes. We gave away a mountain bike set valued at \$150. This year we hope to go bigger in \$\$\$ and smaller in size so that you can get it home more easily than a bike. The prizes are kept secret so that you will participate not caring what you might win. Events for this year are going to include an eating contest, guitar hero 3 competition, movies on the big screen projector, great meals, and more.

For more info or to make reservations contact:

Ben LeRoy or Dave Dukeman

Here it is!

The latest and greatest Orca Lodge flap. Designed by the artistic Tenzing Sherpa of Cabrosha Chapter, it is truly a work of art. Thank you, Tensing. 524 were produced, so get



yours before they run out. They are hot and going fast! For those arrowmen who have not had a chance to purchase the beautifully-designed flap, or who want to add a few more to their collection, plenty of patches will be available at the Lodge Fellowship and both Spring Ordeals for a reasonable \$5. "BSA" "WWW" and a fleur-de-lis are hidden in the patch

NOTES FROM THE LODGE SECRETARY

Fellow Scouts,

My name is Gabriel Mc Hugh, and I am honored to be your Lodge secretary. My main goal for the year 2008 is to improve the Lodge newsletter. We need to send the newsletter snail-mail to those who requested to receive it that way, and e-mail it to the rest of the members. I also plan to send the newsletter out at least four times a year. My second focus for the upcoming year is to keep the Lodge website up to date. Mike LeRoy will help me do this. If you have ANY questions, comments, or ideas about either the newsletter or the website, please e-mail me at secretary@orca194.org.





Order of the Arrow

ORCA LODGE

Redwood Empire Council, No. 41
2008 Annual Registration Form

Date_____

Clan_____

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:*_____

Important - Make and keep a copy for yourself, before returning

Due-ty Calls...

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

Arrowmen, dues for the 2008 year are being collected. Dues for this year are only \$15.00 if you want to have newsletters *emailed* to you. If you want newsletters mailed via snail mail, your dues are \$20.00 (to cover printing, postage and handling). Both fees include at least 4 issues of Orca Spouts throughout the year (either via email or snail mail depending on amount of dues paid), as well as a shiny, new membership card. Please note, you do not have to pay back dues if you haven't paid in several years. It also entitles you to participate in all 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 2008). Arrowmen who have not paid their dues by March 1, 2008 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 "2008 Dues" to:

Orca Lodge Treasurer
c/o Redwood Empire Council, Inc.
Boy Scouts of America
1007 Wood Street
Eureka, CA 95503

Thanks!!

The Circle Widens

Welcome to our new Brothers

New Ordeal Members – Fall 2007

Liam Burns	Austin Smagaliski
Timothy Forrest	Ryan Smith
Terri Forrest	John Stilman
Cody Goddard	Ryan Thompson
Tallon Harrington-Boger	Eric Worden
Lucas Jayne	

New Brotherhood Members

Luke Baier	Margaret Bimbi
Martin Campbell	Jeffrey Forrest
David Garwin	Vincent Greco
Michael Millerick	Todd Nuss
Knoel Owen	Derek Stennard

LODGE CHIEF'S CORNER

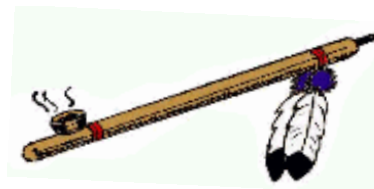
My Fellow Arrowman,

My name is **Ben LeRoy** of Cabrosha Chapter and thank you for electing me as your 2008

Lodge Chief. I hope that we can get a lot done in this year. My main goals for this coming year will be focused on Arrowcorps5, membership retention, and brotherhood conversion. This year I will push for the improvement of the Lodge by building off of the great ideas and programs of the past Chief and of those who went to NCLS. I hope that the Chapters will be able to work as one group in the upcoming fellowship and conclave. As an arrow "aimed high, its course is undeviating, its direction onward and upward", let us build upon this foundation and better our Lodge.

Yours in Service,

Benjamin LeRoy



National Service Award

Awarded to...

ORCA LODGE!



Thanks to the selfless service of the Arrowmen of our Lodge who worked many hours on erecting a shower house at Elk River, and other service projects, Orca Lodge has been awarded this prestigious honor. Here is some info about the award:



The National Service Award was established in 1999 to recognize Lodges in each region that have performed outstanding service, both in a qualitative and a quantitative sense, to their council. To be considered for the

*National Service Award, a Lodge must be certified as a National Quality Lodge the year in which the National Service Award Petition is submitted. **Two Lodges per region will be granted the National Service Award each year.** The award was developed by past National Vice-Chief Ryan Miske.*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DRUM AND DANCE TEAM WANTS YOU



If you like Indian Dancing, now is your chance. Join Cabrosha Chapter's Drum and Dance Team.

If you are interested, contact **Patrick Daniels** at (707) 586-9730, pjer01@aol.com.

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Dates to Remember...

Jan. 4-5 Section Planning Retreat

Jan. 15 Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office 7:30

Jan. 15 Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Cotati Lions Club 7:00

Jan. 19 Lodge Executive Board Meeting

Feb. 19 Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office 7:30

Feb. 19 Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Cotati Lions Club 7:00

Feb. 29-Mar 2 Lodge Fellowship/ Camp Riggs Johnston

Mar. 8 Section COC Meeting

Mar. 18 Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office 7:30

Mar. 18 Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Cotati Lions Club 7:00

Apr. 15 Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office 7:30

Apr. 15 Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Cotati Lions Club building 7:00

May 10 Section COC Meeting

May 20 Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/ Eureka Scout Office 7:30

May 20 Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Cotati Lions Club 7:00

Jun. 6-8 Mow-A-Toc Chapter Spring Ordeal/Camp Riggs Johnston

Jun. 17 Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office 7:30

Jun. 17 Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Cotati Lions Club 7:00

Jun. 20-22 Cabrosha Chapter Spring Ordeal/Camp Masonite Navarro

Jul. 19 Lodge Executive Board Meeting/Camp Masonite Navarro
 (Concurrent with the Council Board of Directors Meeting)

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