



# ORCA SPOUTS

## 2009 Lodge Dinner A Success!

More than fifty Arrowmen from around our Council descended on the future site of Redwood Empire Council's new office in Santa Rosa for this year's Lodge Dinner. The dinner followed immediately after the final Lodge Executive Council Meeting of the year, and after a few hours of friendship and fellowship with our fellow Arrowmen.

After some fiercely contested races, your 2010 Lodge Officers are as follows:

- Chief: Gabe McHugh**
- Vice Chief: Martin Campbell**
- Secretary: Mike Millerick**
- Treasurer: John Chavez**

The 2010 Lodge Officers are looking forward to hosting Section W3N's 2010 Conclave at Camp Masonite Navarro. The new officers look forward to working with the Section to make the next conclave the conclave to remember and to once again make Orca a Quality Lodge.

Five Vigil Candidates emerged from the Lodge Dinner. They are: **Michael Millerick, Thomas Martin, Jeff Forrest, Gabe McHugh, and Marjean O'Neill**. The Vigil Weekend was held in early December at Camp Riggs Johnston in Eureka where all of the youth successfully completed their Vigil and enjoyed fellowship experience in the cold Eureka weather.

Orca Lodge's prestigious Silver Fluke was awarded to **Theresa Dowling and Adam Taylor**. Both have dedicated much of their time to the Order since their Ordeals and Orca thanks them for all of the service they put into the Order.



Your 2009 Vigil Candidates, from left to right, Mike Millerick, Thomas Martin, Jeff Forrest, and Gabe McHugh (Marjean O'Neill not pictured).



Your 2010 Lodge Officers



There was plenty of friendship and fellowship at the lodge dinner.

The James E. West Fellowship award was given to **Jason Kracht and Dale Hay**. Both have continued to dedicate their efforts to the lodge, which has helped to keep us on the path to becoming a Quality Lodge.

The Founder's Award was given to 2009 Lodge Chief **Matt Sullivan** and 2008 Lodge Chief **Ben LeRoy**. Both Chiefs worked hard to insure that Orca would be a Quality Lodge so that we would be eligible for the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award and the National Service Award—both of which Orca received this past year.

The Council President's Award was given to **Martin Campbell, Rocky Campbell, Colby Hay, Gabriel McHugh, Lucas Martin, Ryan Thompson, and Keith Schoenthal** for their service to the lodge as either an officer or an adviser over the course of the last year. It is because of these gentlemen that Orca Lodge was once again able to obtain Quality Lodge.

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# CHIEF'S CORNER

## A NEW YEAR, A NEW CHIEF

Brothers of Orca Lodge,

Welcome to 2010! A new year and a new decade are beginning and bringing with them new opportunities to strengthen our Lodge and the Order of the Arrow as a whole. Thank you for electing me to serve as your 2010 Lodge Chief! It is a great honor, and I can't wait to get started. Congratulations to the other new lodge officers: Martin, Michael, and John!

One of your biggest opportunities this year is Section Conclave. Taking place September 17-19 at Camp Masonite Navarro, Orca Lodge will be hosting it! Four other Lodges will be attending, so this is a great way to show off our lodge. We will need all the Arrowmen we can get to help put this event on, so if you're interested please contact me at [chief@orca194.org](mailto:chief@orca194.org).

One of my biggest goals for this year is improving unit elections. I believe this is one of the most important parts of our program, for the simple reason that without elections the OA could not continue. So this year I'm en-



Gabriel McHugh  
2010 Orca Lodge Chief

couraging the Chapters to make a special push to contact as many Troops as possible and get as many new Arrowmen inducted as possible.

Make sure you come to the Lodge Fellowship March 19-21 at Camp Masonite Navarro. It's sure to be a fun time as always. Besides the usual program, we will be doing a Lodge Leadership Development training course as well as some work on camp. Also, don't forget about the 2010 National Scout Jamboree in July. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so before it's too late.

Yours in Service,

Gabriel Mc Hugh  
2010 Orca Lodge Chief

P.S. Check out the Lodge website:  
[www.orca194.org](http://www.orca194.org)



## NEW LEADERSHIP POSITION LEAVE NO TRACE TRAINER

With the beginning of a new Century in Scouting the revised BSA Scout Handbook has added a new leadership position as a LNT Trainer. This is an ideal position for a member of the Order of the Arrow. As Honor campers we must set the example in our troops and in all of our camping activities. The LNT program is critically needed to emphasize the proper Outdoor Ethics.

The first step to being a LNT trainer is to attend the 16 hour LNT Trainer course. The good news is that Pomo District is sponsoring a LNT Trainer course at Lake Sonoma the weekend of March 5-7, 2010. The registration information is posted on the Pomo District Training website at [pomoscouts.homestead.com/Training.html](http://pomoscouts.homestead.com/Training.html) If you have any questions about the new position or the March course you can call or email our own Father Nayture at (707)235-1900 or [bill.nay@comcast.net](mailto:bill.nay@comcast.net).



Father Nayture and his assistant want you to Leave No Trace!



# 2010 Lodge Fellowship Now at Camp Masonite Navarro

In the recent past, it has been a tradition to hold Orca's annual Lodge Fellowship at Camp Riggs Johnston in Eureka. With the arrival of Scouting's Centennial, the Fellowship site will shift to Camp Masonite Navarro - the site of the 2010 Conclave. The reasoning behind the move is to combine friendship and fellowship with the service that the Order of the Arrow is based on.



the Lodge Dinner, the Conclave, and the Lodge Fellowship. This certainly is not an event to be missed. Come and delight in the delicious fatness of friendship and fellowship and learn of the trials and tribulations that your fellow arrowmen have gone through as they have continued to strive to uphold the ideals of the Order of the Arrow.

Conclave will be upon us in a short eight months, and the time to prepare for the occasion is now. The plan is to include a short period of service within the fellowship so that we may all strengthen the bonds of brotherhood through service and help the Lodge prepare for Conclave. The rest of the weekend will be focused around fellowship activities ranging from movies, to video games, to idle chit-chat, to sock hockey in the Dining Hall.



Whether all you want to do is sit around with a cup of hot chocolate in your hand and talk with your fellows, or whether all you want to do is flail around playing sock hockey in Bosche Lodge, the Fellowship is the place for you to be.

The Fellowship weekend is an opportunity for all members of Orca Lodge to come to Camp Masonite Navarro and enjoy what it has to offer as well as enjoy the company of their fellow arrowmen. There are only three times during the year when a majority of Orca Lodge comes together as one and shares in the bonds of Brotherhood:



The cost of the fellowship is just \$25 for a weekend of friendship, fellowship, and some service to our council. It will be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy each other's company and to further the work that was started at the February work party.

----- Lodge Fellowship Registration Form--Cut and Mail Today-----

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

Orca Lodge #194/Lodge Fellowship  
Boy Scouts of America  
1000 Apollo Way  
Santa Rosa, CA 95407

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ No. Members \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_  
Honor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The cost for the fellowship is \$25 per participant.

It will take place March 19-21 at Camp Masonite Naarro.



# 2010 ORDEAL ELECTIONS

## A PRIME OPPORTUNITY

The spring is upon us once again, which can only mean one thing—elections are upon us once again. This year elections are more important than they have been in several years. Our lodge is hosting the 2010 Conclave, which makes this year the prime opportunity to recruit new arrowmen.



*The title card to the OA Election Video. Make it your personal goal to help with an election at least once this year.*

My Ordeal was in June 2005. I remember hearing about an event called a “conclave” that would be taking place just twenty minutes away from my home at Sonoma Country Day School. I was recruited to help with parking and setup on Friday after which I was free to go adventure about all the events that were taking place. Our lodge’s conclave is the prime opportunity to integrate our new brothers into the order by showing them the shows of service and brotherhood at our conclave. We know of the joys of service and friendship, so it is only right for us to share these joys with as many of our fellow Scouts as possible.

Unfortunately, we are only able to show people the joys of service if there are people to attend the conclave. This is why we must focus on elections this year. Our election and new member retainment numbers have left much to be desired for a few years now. I ask each of you to commit to helping your chapter perform as many elections as possible—we will not have another opportunity like this for another five years. Reach out and don’t let this opportunity pass, make it your personal goal to allow as many of your fellow Scouts have the opportunity to pass the Ordeal and see what the Order of the Arrow has to offer.

Yours in Service,

Michael Millerick  
2010 Orca Lodge Secretary

# AREA JAMBOREE

## YOUR LOCAL CENTENNIAL EVENT

This year presents a unique opportunity for Arrowmen through out Northern California. Most of us have probably heard of the 2010 NorCal Jamboree happening at the Alameda County Fairgrounds April 15-18. Both Section W3N and Section W3S will be working together to put on an extensive Indian Village at the Jamboree. This will be a unique opportunity for all Arrowmen who are unable to go to NOAC or to National Jamboree to gather and share in the bonds of brotherhood.



At the NorCal Jamboree Councils from throughout Northern California will gather at the Alameda County Fairgrounds for what is expected to be the largest gathering of Scouts in America, second only to the 2010 National

Scout Jamboree.

Without question, the Norcal Jamboree will include events around which we will gather to celebrate our important milestone. But, so too will this include an assertive and thoughtful effort to better communicate the tremendous value of Scouting in Northern California while engaging Scouts, leaders, alumni, family, friends, and the public throughout the entire council.

A purpose-driven celebration includes activities that are fun and inspiring — but also deliver meaningful results that help strengthen Scouting. With this as our celebration vision, we can conclude 2010 with more youth involved, more adults serving as volunteers, more financial supporters, and more positive impressions of Scouting throughout our communities.

It is for the above reason that Section W3N wants to see as many Arrowmen from Orca Lodge as possible at the NorCal Jamboree. This is a unique opportunity for all Arrowmen who are unable to attend National Jamboree to share in the joys of a large scale Jamboree, it truly is a once in a lifetime opportunity that should not be passed by.



Order of the Arrow  
**ORCA LODGE** Redwood Empire Council, No. 41  
 2010 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* \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Dues Collected By* \_\_\_\_\_ *At:* \_\_\_\_\_

**Talent Release Form**

I hereby assign and grant to the local council and the Boy Scouts of America the right and permission to use and publish the photographs/film/videotapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings made of me or my child by the Boy Scouts of America, and I hereby release the Boy Scouts of America from any and all liability from such use and publication.

I hereby authorize the reproduction, sale, copyright, exhibit, broadcast, electronic storage, and/or distribution of said photographs/film/videotapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings without limitation at the discretion of the Boy Scouts of America, and I specifically waive any right to any compensation I may have for any of the foregoing.

Yes  No

**I understand that, if any information I/we have provided is found to be inaccurate, it may limit and/or eliminate the opportunity for participation in any event or activity.**

Participant's name \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian's signature \_\_\_\_\_

(if under the age of 18)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Important - make and keep a copy for yourself before returning

Dues are \$15 per member

Checks payable to: BSA/Orca Lodge #194

Completed forms should be mailed to:

Orca Lodge Dues

Redwood Empire Council

1000 Apollo Way, Suite 106

Santa Rosa, CA 95407-5442

# Riggs Johnston - "Mr. J"

Like the flames of a campfire that turn to embers, Riggs Johnston quietly left this world on November 1, 2009 with family by his side. "Mr. J", as he was affectionately known in the Boy Scout community, had dealt with the challenges of Parkinson's Disease for the last 19 years. He faced his illness as he lived his life, with courage and determination. He never gave up. He never lost his spirit or his spark no matter how difficult things got. He truly was an inspiration to family and friends alike.

Born in 1920 in Decatur, Illinois, to C. Roy and June Johnston, Riggs' love of scouting started at an early age in Troop 3 where he earned the rank of Eagle Scout and where Scouting became his life passion. It's hard to imagine just how many young people benefited from his guidance and encouragement over his nearly 70 years in scouts. Traditions established by "Mr. J" continue to be followed by local scouts. In 1963 he was awarded the Silver Beaver, Scouting's distinguished service award.

After high school, Riggs attended Kemper Military School and then Oregon State University where he graduated with a degree in forestry. Riggs spent his life in the woods. After college he moved to Berkeley to work with federal forestry agencies. As a forester he managed Humboldt area timber lands for Cheney Lumber, Elk River Timber, and Sierra Pacific, including the ghost town of Falk. But his true love was heading out on frequent wilderness adventures with his scouts. In his 20s he became Scoutmaster for Troop 15 in Piedmont, California. In Eureka he was Scoutmaster of Troops 7, 27, 28, and Explorer Posts 28 and 36. Riggs was the first Scoutmaster to allow girls into his Explorer post. He taught his scouts the value of hard work as they earned the money for trips to Hawaii and Florida. Riggs was still doing 50-mile backpack trips with scouts at age 70!

Many scouts remember Riggs' Mad River and Marble Mountains hikes with the family dog at his side, ghost stories around the campfire, his favorite expletive - "blinking", his timeless refrains of "It's as easy as falling off a log" or "If you kill it, you eat it" or most importantly, "There's a time to goof off and a time to fly right."

As dedicated as Riggs was to scouts, family was also so important to him. He married Betty Varga in 1949. They spent the first three summers of their married life in Yosemite as Riggs worked on eradicating tree diseases. They moved to Eureka in 1954 and raised five children who all share their father's love for the outdoors. Everyone enjoyed their family camping and canoe trips as well as special adventures in Yosemite in later years with kids, spouses, and grandchildren.



Riggs was preceded in death by his parents, his wonderful sister, Jean Rutherford and his special Aunt Jennie. He is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Betty, and children Bruce (Mona), Claire, Patti Vitas (Fred), Chris (Monique), Pete (Jennifer), and grandchildren Ryan, Nathan, Sean, Christopher, Emily, Adam, Leah, Colton, and Kelli - who all love their Papa Riggs so much!

Riggs will be remembered for the twinkle in his eyes, his mischievous grin, his love of peanut butter - brown sugar - dill pickle sandwiches, his passion for reading and gardening, and his life philosophy that most rules are made to be broken!

Riggs' family especially wants to thank the staff of Renaissance at Timber Ridge for the loving care and friendship they gave him. They were so good to him, lifting his spirits and making him smile. Thanks also to Hospice of Humboldt for their kindness and support in Riggs' final days.

At Riggs' request, memorial donations can be made to the "Camp Riggs Endowment Fund", c/o Boy Scout Headquarters, 1007 Wood, Eureka, CA 95501. Camp Riggs is the local scout camp at Elk River named in his honor in 2004, a place he dearly loved.

Betty's new mailing address is PO Box 284, Cutten, CA 95534.

Please sign the guestbook at [www.times-standard.com](http://www.times-standard.com), click on obituaries.



# CAMP MASONITE NAVARRO WORK PARTIES

The first work party at Camp Masonite Navarro was unfortunately canceled due to the terrible weather in the week leading up to its scheduled date. Thus, it was decided to reschedule the work party for February 19-21. The rescheduled work party was attended by 28 individuals from around the council, 18 of which were members of our Lodge. They were able to log a total of 173 hours of service towards quality lodge.

During the work party, we were able to tear down the fence around the redwood grove in preparation for its replacement. Post holes were drilled using a power auger provided by **Bob Taylor's son**. Meanwhile, the youth worked on splitting new spars to replace the old broken ones for the fence. The wood for these spars came from the downed redwood tree in the old OA site and also from a newly felled dead redwood stump in Pawnee. Many thanks go out to **John Skinner** and his chainsaw knowledge for helping us to safely fall this large stump. We were also able to completely rebuild the gateway to the Apache campsite. **Tim Slater** and **Carolyn Ponikvar** were able to complete needed electrical and miscellaneous repairs to the cabins and to the campsites.

While we were able to finish a significant amount of the work needed to replace the fence around the redwood grove, the fact remains that there is still work to be done at Camp Masonite Navarro. This includes, but is not limited to: finishing the redwood grove fence, replacing more gateways, repairing dilapidated structures in the camp's program areas, making a new fire pit in the firebowl, and much more.

However, we will be doing more than just working at the work parties. There are also fellowship events scheduled to occur in the evenings that range from dining hall sock hockey, to movies, and even to video



Work party attendees helping to split wood to make new spars for the fence around the redwood grove.



The decrepit Apache gateway being torn down and subsequently replaced during the work party.



New post holes being drilled during the replacement of the rotting fence around the redwood grove.

games. All work and no play makes Allowat a dull chief.

We strongly encourage every member of the Lodge that has that weekend free to join us at Camp Masonite Navarro for a weekend of fellowship and service that is sure to be productive and fun! The work parties will be a wonderful opportunity to give back to your council and help make the 2010 Conclave be the "best in the west" for the second year in a row.

The remaining three work parties are scheduled to take place: March 19-21st as a small part of the Lodge Fellowship, June 11-13 as part of the Cabrosha Spring Ordeal, and August 13-15. Make sure to mark these dates on your calendars, as the

future work parties will no doubt be as fun and fulfilling as our February work party was.

Yours in Service

Jeff Forrest  
Conclave Onsite Coordinator

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## Orca Lodge #194

Dates to Remember...			Officer Phone and E-mail List	
Mar. 13	Section COC Meeting		Lodge Chief .....	Gabe McHugh.....546-6838
Mar. 16	Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office	7:30	chief@orca194.org	
Mar. 16	Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Cotati Lions Club	7:00	Lodge Vice-Chief.....	Martin Campbell.....839-0678
Mar. 19-21	Lodge Fellowship and Work Party at CMN		vicechief@orca194.org	
Apr. 9-11	Akela Festival		Lodge Secretary.....	Michael Millerick.....975-4873
Apr. 15-18	NorCal Jamboree		secretary@orca194.org	
Apr. 20	Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office	7:30	Lodge Treasurer .....	John Chavez .....620-0928
Apr. 20	Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Cotati Lions Club	7:00	treasurer@orca194.org	
Apr. 30-2	National Leadership Seminar/NLATS		Past Lodge Chief .....	Matt Sullivan .....499-3832
May 8	Section COC Meeting		pastchief@orca194.org	
May 18	Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/ Eureka Scout Office	7:30	Lodge Adviser.....	Mike Bell.....527-6282
May 18	Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Cotati Lions Club	7:00	adviser@orca194.org	
Jun. 4-6	Mow-A-Toc Chapter Spring Ordeal/Camp Riggs Johnston		Lodge Staff Adviser.....	Jerry Wells .....546-8137
Jun. 15	Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office	7:30	scoutexecutive@redwoodbsa.org	
Jun. 15	Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Cotati Lions Club	7:00	Mow-A-Toc Chief .....	Adam Taylor .....443-9528
Jun. 11-13	Cabrosha Chapter Spring Ordeal and CMN Work Party		mow-a-tocchief@orca194.org	
Jul. 10	Lodge Executive Board Meeting/Camp Masonite Navarro (Concurrent with the Council Board of Directors Meeting)		Mow-A-Toc Adviser.....	Rocky Campbell .....(541) 251-1679
Jul. 26- 4	National Jamboree		mow-a-tocadviser@orca194.org	
Aug.13-15	Work Party at Camp Masonite Navarro and Section COC Meeting		Cabrosha Chief .....	Jeff Forrest.....539-2881
Aug. 17	Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office	7:30	cabroshachief@orca194.org	
Aug. 17	Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Cotati Lions Club	7:00	Cabrosha Adviser.....	Keith Schoenthal .....795-3099
Sep. 14	Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office	7:30	cabroshaadviser@orca194.org	
Sep. 14	Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Cotati Lions Club	7:00	Cabrosha Ceremony Adv.....	Jason Kracht .....566-6810
Sep. 17-19	Section W-3N Conclave/ Hosted by Orca Lodge		woapalanne@sbcglobal.net	
			Mow-A-Toc Ceremony Adv. .	Daniel Washburn .....822-0208
			mctacos@yahoo.com	
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			Council Web Site .....	www.redwoodbsa.org/
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