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Vigil Dinner

Announcing our new Ordeal and Brotherhood Members:

This year our Lodge welcomed three new members to the honor of Vigil. Vigil Honor is a level of membership in the OA that one is elected into for exceptional service to the Lodge and comes with a commitment of future service. These members are recognized by a triangle in the middle of their arrow on their sash. On December, Saturday the 14 John Kulczewski, Richard Hatch and I went up to Masonite Navarro for the Vigil ceremony. Now I am not able to tell you about the actual ceremony, but the Vigil Dinner afterwards was a wonderful time to get to know some of our more veteran members and overall have a great time. Overall, the whole experience was one I will remember and reflect on for all my life.



Mr. Hatch, John Kulczewski, and
Jacob Smith at the Vigil Dinner.

Ordeal:	Brotherhood:
Damkroger, Justin	Gore, Cooper
Flett, Michael	Covell, Loren Mark
Carlson, Jonathan	Elordi, Carsen
Gill, Karan	Reed, Seamus
Flett, Duncan L	Bleibaum, Alex
Murray, John Austin	Smilie, Stephen
Munsell, Nicholas	Baker, Ricky
Dreiling, Henry E	Grothen, Terry
Gilmartin, Connor	
Schoefler, William	
Bruner-Welch, Ann	
Bruner-Welch, Kyle	
Johnston, Jordan	
Damkroger, Julian	
Abel, Daniel Joseph	
Caris, Matthew John	
Carver, Justin N	
Duisenberg, Michael	
Hickman, Joseph	
Robert	
Cuneo, Frederick	
Kruetzfeldt, Scott	
Sully, Tommy	
Blumenthal, Dustin	
Baier, James	
Simmons, Matt	
Chappell, Andrew	
Stratton, Blake	
Utsey, Marcus	
Mazzanti, Rico	

Lodge Officers

Chief

Hello to Everyone out there! Right now our Lodge is busy and in full swing. Along with planning a Fellowship that will be led by Wonk-A-Tonk chapter and the attempted start-up of Miwok Chapter, we have Conclave planning that can be found later in the newsletter. The Fellowship is a 20th anniversary celebration being pulled together that hopefully will have more details ready in the coming up weeks. Anyone in Miwok Chapter/Miwok District, please attend our monthly meetings. They are a great time to meet other arrowmen and get involved. Currently they are on the second Thursday of the month, at 7:30, Petaluma Church of Christ, Sonoma Mountain Parkway. Sadly I have not been able to attend much myself, but I will personally be making a greater effort to be there. Finally is the Conclave, another event that has an article already dedicated to it. What I would like to add is a challenge that I put out in my latest newsletter section. If there are twenty youth signed up by the week before Conclave, I will go to the Officer Elections in a mini-skirt. For each ten youth above this twenty, I will up it to fifty youth and me in mini-skirt, cut-off tank top, dyed pink hair and full make-up. So be there!

Treasurer

My name is Christopher Gullixson. I am an active member in Troop 32 and Wonk-A-Tonk Chapter. I am a Life Scout and a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. I have attended multiple Order of the Arrow events, including The National Order of the Arrow Conference, or NOAC, and the National Leadership Seminar, or NLS. At both of these events, I learned many skills about leadership and many other skills. I am responsible and always work my hardest.

Vice Chief

Hello, my name is Austin Leonard. I am your 2014-2015 ORCA Lodge Vice Chief. I am currently a life scout in troop 32. I am going to continue contributing to the OA experience by doing my duty as Voice Chief by assisting the lodge chief in any way I can. I plan to bring new ideas and fun experiences to our lodge and my chapter. I am looking forward to making this year as awesome as it can be.



Secretary

My name is Jacob Slater. I am an incredibly active member in Troop 32 and Wonk-A-Tonk Chapter. I am a more recent Brotherhood Member and I currently hold the Webmaster position in my troop. I administrate several servers, including a massive shared node on the east coast (more than 7 TB data transfer/month) I have attended NOAC and I plan on going back in 2015. I currently attend Technology High School, and I am an expert in networking. You can find me online at <https://igloo.to>.

Chapters & Adviser

Miwok **Allohak**

Miwok Chapter held its first meeting on Thursday Feb 20. We are working on plans to get into Troops to get elections going to recognize the best that Miwok District has to offer. Hopefully by the summer we will have a core group of Arrowmen supporting the district. The first Unit election has been held, and additional units are being investigated.

Adviser Minute

Welcome to 2014. This year the National program of emphasis is "The Year of the Lodge". The goal of this program is to strengthen the local Lodges and their connection to their Council. This year we are working hard to increase our service to the Council and Districts. Each of our Chapters is working on projects to help improve Scouting in our Council. Allohak and Miwok Chapters are working to get into more Units for elections, and working on several small service projects. Wonk-A-Tonk Chapter has decided to help out the Council in its presentation of Leave No Trace/Tread Lightly. Several members of the Chapter will be getting trained to be trainers in these programs to help make this training more available to the Troops in our Council.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of Orca Lodge, and to mark that occasion, we will be working on a Lodge History booklet. Anyone that has input that would be appropriate for inclusion in this compilation should send that information to records [at] orca194.org.

I look forward to working with all of you to make Orca Lodge a strong force in Scouting. –Jason Kracht, Orca Lodge Adviser

The Arrowmen here in Allohak Chapter have completed two service projects. The first was back in October when they helped to staff stations such as the climbing wall, rope bridge and hay bale maze at the Scout o Rama that is held each year at the Pumpkin Fest in Ukiah. The second event was to Present the colors at the local District Adult Leader recognition dinner held in Ukiah on January 25th, the OA scouts also stay on to help clean up and stack chairs and tables. We have completed several Unit elections, and more are on the way.

Wonk-A-Tonk

The Wonk-A-Tonk Chapter members have voted to become the Redwood Empire Councils "go to" source for Outdoor Ethics and LNT representatives.

Upon successful completion of the Leave No Trace Trainer Course, each participant will become a qualified Leave No Trace Trainer. Those who complete the course are equipped to:

- Understand, demonstrate, and teach minimum impact techniques;
- Lead outdoor ethics discussions and help others explore their own personal outdoor ethic; and,
- Conduct Leave No Trace Awareness Workshops.



2014 Orca Lodge Calendar

Tue Jan 7	Allohak Chapter Meeting
Thu Jan 9	Wonk-A-Tonk Chapter Meeting
Sat Feb 1	<i>Orca - Lodge Leader Development & LEC meeting</i>
Tue Feb 4	Allohak Chapter Meeting
Thu Feb 13	Wonk-A-Tonk Chapter Meeting
Thu Feb 20	Miwok Chapter Meeting
Tue Mar 4	Allohak Chapter Meeting
Sat Mar 8	Section W-3N COC
Thu Mar 13	Wonk-A-Tonk Chapter Meeting
Tue Apr 1	Allohak Chapter Meeting
Thu Apr 10	Wonk-A-Tonk Chapter Meeting
Thu Apr 17	Miwok Chapter Meeting
Apr 25-27	Orca Spring Ordeal & LEC Meeting
Tue May 6	Allohak Chapter Meeting
Thu May 8	Wonk-A-Tonk Chapter Meeting
Sat May 10	Section W-3N COC
Thu May 15	Miwok Chapter Meeting
Mon May 26	Wonk-A-Tonk Memorial Day Flags
Tue Jun 3	Allohak Chapter Meeting
Wed Jun 11	Wonk-A-Tonk Outdoor Ethics/LNT trainers course (indoor)
Thu Jun 12	Wonk-A-Tonk Chapter Meeting
Jun 14-15	Wonk-A-Tonk Outdoor Ethics/LNT trainers course
Thu Jun 19	Miwok Chapter Meeting
Tue Aug 5	Allohak Chapter Meeting
Sat Aug 9	Section W-3N Onsite COC
Thu Aug 14	Wonk-A-Tonk Chapter Meeting
Sat Aug 16	<i>LEC Meeting</i>
Thu Aug 21	Miwok Chapter Meeting
Tue Sep 2	Allohak Chapter Meeting
Sep 5-7	Section W3N Conclave
Thu Sep 11	Wonk-A-Tonk Chapter Meeting
Thu Sep 18	Miwok Chapter Meeting
Tue Oct 7	Allohak Chapter Meeting
Thu Oct 9	Wonk-A-Tonk Chapter Meeting
Thu Oct 16	Miwok Chapter Meeting
Fri Oct 24-26	Orca Fall Ordeal
Tue Nov 4	Allohak Chapter Meeting
Nov 7-8	W-3N Section Retreat
Thu Nov 13	Wonk-A-Tonk Chapter Meeting
Sat Nov 15	Orca Lodge Dinner & LEC meeting
Thu Nov 20	Miwok Chapter Meeting
Nov 21-23	National Leadership Seminar/National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar – Area 3
Tue Dec 2	Allohak Chapter Meeting
Thu Dec 11	Wonk-A-Tonk Chapter Meeting
Dec 13-14	Orca Vigil Weekend
Thu Dec 18	Miwok Chapter Meeting
Aug 3-8, 2015	National Order of the Arrow Conference (A Century of Service)

Current as of 5/18/2014

Always check for up to date online calendar at www.orca194.org/calendar.html

Lodge Dinner

Back on November 9, 2013, our Lodge leadership had a very busy day. The day started at the Council Office where we were active participants in the Section W-3N conclave planning retreat. Here we helped put down the beginnings of the plans for the Section Conclave that will be held this coming September (please see the article about this in the newsletter). As that meeting wrapped up, we quickly moved across town to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, which was the site of our annual Lodge Dinner. As the leadership worked to setup the hall for the dinner, our chef Marjean O'Neill & her team were busy preparing a great meal for us to enjoy.

A slideshow of the year in review was shown for all to see the activities that the Lodge was involved in throughout the year.

2014 Lodge Officers:

Jacob Smith – Lodge Chief
Austin Leonard – Lodge Vice-Chief
Jake Slater – Lodge Secretary
Chris Gullixson – Lodge Treasurer

This event marked the beginning of our 20th anniversary year. This year we asked Clint Takeshita (1991 National Chief & member of the National OA Committee) to be our keynote speaker. His presentation captured the attention of all present, & I thank him for his effort.

Silver Fluke:

John Kulczewski
Jake Slater
Rich Hatch

Founders' Award:

Daniel Hemphill
Jacob Smith

As the dinner progressed, we recognized our officers & advisers for 2013. We also presented awards and honors to various members of the Lodge. We then held our officer elections for the 2014 Lodge officers.

The James E. West fellowship was presented in honor of David Dukeman, former Lodge Adviser of Orca Lodge. After all of the awards & elections were done, all of the former Lodge Advisers of Orca joined Mike Bell on stage to congratulate our incoming Lodge Adviser, Jason Kracht. To close with, Mr. Kracht was able to announce that the Lodge had completed the requirements for Journey to Excellence – Gold recognition for 2013 with the completion of Brotherhood membership by two Arrowmen that evening (Chris Gullixson, Reed Salmon).

2013 Vigil Honorees:

Jacob Smith
John Kulczewski
Rich Hatch

Veteran's Luncheon

Wonkatonk Chapter participated in one of their annual service projects for the local Veteran's Luncheon on November 7th at the Santa Rosa Veterans Building. This is a wonderful project which gives back to our community and only takes an hour of your time before school or work. It involves posting small flags along the driveway and sidewalks of the Vet's Building. The participants consisted of the usual "old salts" and the most youths we have had in the past years. As in the past, the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs who sponsor the Veterans Lunch again made a donation to Orca Lodge for our services.

Let us recognize those who made time to volunteer:

Marcus Bell
Jack Murray
Ethan Renouf
Jake Slater
Mike Bell
Jack France
Rich Hatch
Jason Kracht
Mike Leroy
Time Slater
Dave Smilie
Bill St. John



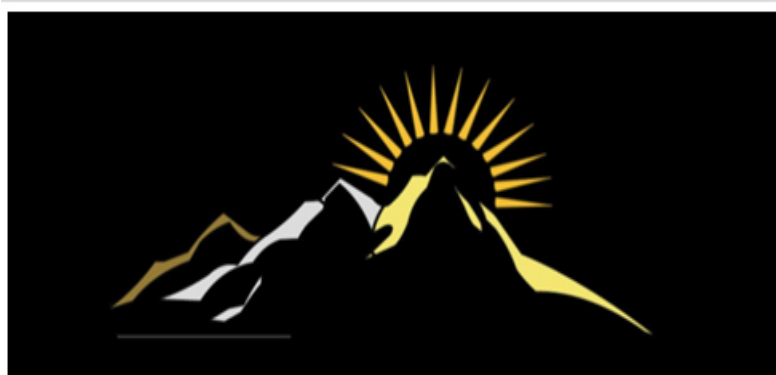
February LLD

Every year, ORCA Lodge hosts a Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) event. Think of it as a Leadership Training, except for OA. This year, we had ours during the Inter District Conference for the Redwood Empire Council. We had Zackary Crosley and Michael Kintscher as special guests, who taught very educational and fun topics.



JTE Gold 2013

Every year, each lodge within the OA attempts to achieve a certain JTE level. JTE stands for Journey to Excellence – every troop does it as well. This year, ORCA Lodge achieved JTE Gold, the highest available level. To achieve this, we had to have positive membership growth, had to have positive brotherhood conversion, retain members, maintain active communications, attend section and national events, and keep a balanced budget, among other things. ORCA Lodge not only met the requirements, but we exceeded them. This coming year, ORCA Lodge hopes to do this again, and we will, so long as we have another great year!





The Grid. A program frontier. I tried to picture once powerful lodges as they moved through the network. How were they trapped there? Complacency? Fear of the new? Would their repetitive loops ever end? I kept dreaming of a world I thought I'd never see. And then, one day...

Conclave 2014 is being held at the Solano County Fairgrounds (under 50mi from Santa Rosa!) on September 5-7th, 2014. This year, conclave is going to be based on the ever-popular movie Tron: Legacy. Each of the lodges will be playing a select role within the "Grid" of the section.



For those of you who don't know, conclave is, first and foremost, the gathering of hundreds of Arrowmen to show them the fun and excitement of the Order of the Arrow. Arrowmen from the five Lodges all over Northern California and Northern California will gather at this years Conclave for a weekend of fun and activities. Conclave gives you the opportunity to engage in Activities and Events you can't find anywhere else. You can also learn new skills from some of the best and brightest in the Region in a hands-on activity-based instruction.

Section W-3N has also begun to publish a series called "Section TV". You can watch the first episode of this informational series by scanning the QR code at the right or by visiting the following URL:

<http://zp.lc/sectiontv>
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