

Bear Claw

The official newsletter of the Chumash Lodge #90

Los Padres Council, California

Spring 2006

You can find all the information below on the lodge website www.ChumashLodge90.org

First I want to apologize to all for getting this issue of the *Bear Claw* out so late. I expect so much from the lodge and then fail to give anything back. On this note I plan to do better.

I hope you all had a great time at your camporees. I went to all three of them, if you didn't see me there sorry, and from what I saw everyone looked to be having fun. At each camporee there were callouts. If you know a Scout that was called out I ask that you to encourage them to attend **THE ORDEAL**. Also if you have been an Ordeal member for 10 months come to seal your membership by earning the honor of **BROTHERHOOD**. Sorry for the short notice but make it a commitment. By the way make sure you look at the calendar because there is a lot of stuff coming up.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Daniel Huthsing

Chiefly Speaking

My Fellow Arrowmen,

I have not seen as many of you since November as I would like to, but I am still around, well... kinda.

As some of you may or may not know, I temporarily signed the Lodge over to Vice Chief Bixby in November so that I may deal with a family emergency out of town, then we had the holidays, always an interesting time of year. Throw in college and the search to find the Lodge a First Lady and you can see that life has kept me busy. So much so that I have just caught up.

I again signed the lodge over to Vice Chief Bixby from noon 8 Mar 06 until noon 24 Mar 06 while I was on a Missionary Trip to Thailand with First Christian Church of Santa Maria. I was the youngest on the team, and the Church picked up the tab for about 90% of my expenses. So, who can guess why? Who said because of my great charm? Well... close... but not really at all. It was because of all the survival skills, knowledge of First Aid, and outdoor experience that I have attained in the Order of the Arrow and as an Eagle Scout, and my willingness to cheerfully serve my brothers, regardless of what part of the globe they live on.

I encourage all of you to sign up for either Philmont or Northern Tier this summer, and especially for the National Order of the Arrow Conference. There are plenty of spots in all of those, and we want a strong Chumash Representation at National. Having gone to two NOACs and a High Adventure base with the OA, I can tell you from experience that they can be a life changing event that you will keep with you and treasure always. I look forward to seeing you all at your district Camp-o-rees, the Ordeal, and especially the Lodge Leadership Development at Rancho Alegre June 9-10 followed immediately by the Lodge Annual Dinner which will end my term in office, and begin my successor's term. Will you be a member of my successor's cabinet? I encourage all of you to take an active part in our growing Lodge, take the initiative and take ownership of it, it will only be as strong as you the Arrowmen make it.

Questions, comments, concerns? email me at [**Chief@ChumashLodge90.org**](mailto:Chief@ChumashLodge90.org)

Spring Ordeal

The Ordeal is fast approaching. It will be May 19-21 at Rancho Alegre and will include our annual Lodge Meeting. At the ordeal you will have the opportunity to earn your brotherhood and help in determining our next lodge officers. Not to put the word out but I will be running. Also if you want you can come just to the Lodge Meeting and dinner however you will have to pay for the food. The form for the entire ordeal is located in the back of the *Bear Claw*.

NOAC

This is your last chance to get into NOAC without having to pay the \$50 late fee. The approximate cost for NOAC is about \$1,000. Dates for NOAC at Michigan State University are July 29 to August 4. We will depart on July 27 and return on August 5. Registration fee is \$350 (if timely) which includes dorm lodging, food from Saturday dinner thru Saturday breakfast) and registration materials. The remaining costs cover airfare, car rental, two nights lodging, etc. If you have any questions email Wayne at 967-0646 or WRascati@cox.net.

Lodge Dinner & Lodge Leadership Development Retreat

This year the Lodge Dinner is on Saturday, June 10th at Rancho Alegre. On Friday evening and Saturday (before the dinner) we will have our Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) Retreat for all the outgoing and incoming officers and committee chairs and advisors. But you don't have to be part of the officers to participate; it's a great way to gain some insight in Lodge operations and gain some leadership skills. I know that the events will vary greatly; they will include educational seminars as well as some fun games. The Form for the Lodge Dinner & LLD Retreat is located at the end of the *Bear Claw*.

OA High Adventure Camps

The OA High Adventure programs are currently all filled up for 2006, and now a waiting list is forming. Some spots will usually open up over the summer, so the sooner one gets on the waiting list for any program, the better.

Brotherhood at Summer Camp?

Yes, it is true you will now be able to earn your Brotherhood membership at Rancho Alegre Summer Camp. Even if you are not attending Rancho Alegre, you can come out on a Tuesday evening (July 11 or July 18) and finalize your Brotherhood membership. Check out the Lodge web site at www.ChumashLodge90.org for more specifics on this opportunity after the Spring Ordeal.

Dues

Thanks to all who have paid their dues for 2006. Take a look at the address label for this issue of the *Bear Claw*. It shows through what year you have paid your dues. Dues are \$10.00 annually. So if you are behind, please send your check into OA, Dues, Rancho Alegre, 2680 Highway 154, Santa Barbara, CA 93105. You can download a form from the Council web site or pick one up at your Scout Service Center. If you believe you have paid your dues for 2006 and the label doesn't show it, let us know and we'll check it out. Sometimes we don't always receive the notice of paid dues from the Scout Service Center. If you got a 2006 OA membership card in the mail, know that your dues are paid.



CHUMASH LODGE 90
ORDER OF THE ARROW
Spring Ordeal 2006
May 19-21, 2006
Rancho Alegre

This is the first of two Ordeal opportunities for 2006. Join us at Rancho Alegre near Lake Cachuma Friday evening. Registration is from 6 to 8 pm at the Camp's Main Entrance. At the Ordeal, the Lodge will induct candidates, as selected by their peers, into the Order.

If you are an Ordeal member, and it has been 10 months since completing the Ordeal, it is time to seal your membership by becoming Brotherhood.

Name: _____ Unit: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Current OA Honors: _____

Candidate, Ordeal, Brotherhood, or Vigil

Do you have any medical or dietary restrictions? _____

Do you have any physical limitations?

A COPY OF YOUR APPROPRIATE BSA MEDICAL EVALUATION IS REQUIRED FROM ALL ATTENDEES AT REGISTRATION. MEDICAL FORMS CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM WWW.Scouting.org. DON'T FORGET IT!

Parental Permission Slip (for those under 18):

My son, _____, has my permission to attend the Order of the Arrow Spring Ordeal at Rancho Alegre on May 19-21, 2006.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Legal Relationship to Attendee: _____

Payments:

Spring Ordeal Weekend
 Ordeal Candidate: \$35.00 per member \$ _____
 Brotherhood Candidate: \$25.00 per member \$ _____
 Lodge Member: \$12.00 per member \$ _____
 Lodge Member – Saturday Dinner only \$7.00 per member \$ _____
 Dues – Your dues must be current to attend
(Dues are included in Ordeal Candidate fee)
 2006 Dues are \$10.00/calendar year \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Please complete this form, attach your health form, and return with your payment no later than May 15, 2006 to:

**Order of the Arrow
 c/o Rancho Alegre
 2680 Highway 154
 Santa Barbara, CA 93105**

For Council/Lodge/Office use only:

Date Received: _____

Amt. Received: _____

Receipt No.: _____

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CHUMASH LODGE 90
ORDER OF THE ARROW
LLD, LEC retreat, and Awards Dinner
June 9-10, 2006
Rancho Alegre

Join us at Rancho Alegre near Lake Cachuma Friday evening. Registration is from 6 to 7 pm at the Dinning Hall. The LLD is the Lodge Leadership Development, a training course for Arrowmen who hold a position in the coming term or who simply have a desire to become the best Arrowman they can be, we invite all.

For those Arrowmen who will be members of the 2006-2007 Administration this will also serve as a time for fellowship to get to know each other before their term in office begins.

At 6 pm June 10 we will end the weekend and the term by having our Annual Awards Dinner in which we will recognize Arrowmen for their accomplishments and induct the 2006-2007 Administration.

Name: _____ Unit: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Current OA Honors: _____

Ordeal, Brotherhood, or Vigil

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 permission to attend the Order of the
 Arrow Lodge Leadership Development/LEC retreat at Rancho
 Alegre on June 9-10, 2006.**

Signature:

Date: _____

Legal Relationship to Attendee: _____

Payments: Entire Weekend \$20
 (LLD materials and meals and Awards Dinner) \$ _____
 Saturday Dinner **only** \$10.00 _____
 If not attending weekend \$ _____
 Dues – Your dues must be current to attend
 2006 Dues are \$10.00/calendar year \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

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Chumash Lodge 90 Calendar

19-21 May	Spring Ordeal	6 pm	Rancho Alegre
10 June	Lodge dinner, LLD, and LEC		Rancho Alegre
11 July	OA Camp Night and Brotherhood Ceremony		Rancho Alegre
18 July	OA Camp Night and Brotherhood Ceremony		Rancho Alegre
27 Jul - 05 Aug	National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) See information above for more details.		Michigan State University East Lansing, Michigan
19 Aug	Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) Meeting	6 pm	TBA
15-17 Sep 06	2006 Section W3B Conclave, Service Lodge: Amangi Nacha	TBA	Dixon, CA
22-24 Sep	Fall Ordeal	6 pm	Camp French
20-22 Oct	Lodge Fellowship		TBA
18 Nov	Lodge Leadership Development		TBA
16 Dec	Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) Meeting	6 pm	TBA

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