

Bear Claw

The official newsletter of Chumash Lodge 90
Los Padres Council, California
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You can find all the information below on the lodge website www.chumashlodge90.org

Sorry for getting the Bear Claw out so late. It's been really hectic trying to keep up with school, learning how to drive, and the Holidays. We really need people to fill the empty Lodge positions and I can't stress enough on how important that is. So here's the next Bear Claw and I hope you enjoy it.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Phillip Jones

Chiefly Speaking

Fellow Brothers

This is one of the most important times of the year for our lodge, with unit elections coming to an end and the Spring Ordeal fast approaching. We still need help for the Spring Ordeal and anyone is welcome. We will need help with ceremonies this year whether you want to help with set up or actually participate in a ceremony. But most importantly I just want to see everyone there. Some important decisions will be made regarding who will be leading our lodge for the next year and it is important that all youth are there to vote.

I also want to encourage the entire lodge youth and adult to try to come to the Section Conclave this September in Bakersfield. It will be tons of fun and for all you Bond fans out there the theme is *Bonds of Brotherhood*.

Finally just to notify you the LEC has made some very important decisions regarding the 2008 Calendar and we want to make sure the entire lodge has time to plan for these changes. Please Use our Lodge website, www.chumaslodge90.org as a resource to keep yourself updated on the OA activities and schedules.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Daniel Huthsing

Questions, comments, concerns? email me at chief@chumashlodge90.org.

DUES!!

Have you paid your dues yet for 2007? If not you can find the dues form on the Lodge website. www.chumashlodge90.org Remember, the Lodge functions off of your dues and without them we are unable to operate effectively because we will have no money to do cool activities. Take your dues form with your dues to the Scout Office. If you have not paid your 2007 Lodge dues, you will find a form included with this Bear Claw mailing. Please do it today!

WE WANT YOU FOR THE LEC

The Lodge has positions that need to be filled. They are Treasurer, Finance Advisor, Membership Chair and Advisor; Service Chair and Advisor. If you are interested, contact Daniel Huthsing at Chief@ChumashLodge90.org. It is a lot of fun and it gives you administrative experience.

CEREMONY TEAM OPENINGS

If you want to be on the Ceremonies Team, now is your chance. We have openings for the team. Contact Matt Bixby or Daniel Huthsing if you are interested. If you take theater classes or love to memorize stuff we need you. You know you want to!

WEBSITE

We temporarily lost our webmaster there for a while but now we have a very competent webmaster. The website has undergone some major changes so go check it out. Please don't let this extremely valuable resource go to waste, www.chumashlodge90.org.

2004 FALL FELLOWSHIP PATCHES

If you attended the Fall 2004 Fellowship, you are eligible for a second 90 in 90 Lodge Flap commemorating the 90th year of OA and our Lodge – Chumash Lodge 90. The only way to get this flap was to attend the Fall 2004 Fellowship. There are approximately 20 of these flaps remaining. Cost is \$10. Flaps will be sold on a first come-first serve basis. Send your \$10 check and a self-addressed stamped envelope (39 cents) to Ken Thompson at 2192 The Pike, Oceano, CA 93445-9246. Get your order in January 13 or before they are all gone to take advantage of this offer.

CHAPTER ELECTIONS

Volunteer to help your Chapter with Unit Elections. I know it's already past camporee, but we did not get all the troops so we need to still do some elections. Contact your local chapter leader if you are interested.

SPRING ORDEAL NEEDS

Elongamats Needed: We need Elongamats for the upcoming Ordeals. If you are interested contact Lodge Chief Daniel Huthsing and voice your interest. He will be happy to receive your

call. It is a great way to get back into the OA spirit and help the new would-be members get into the OA. You'll have a great sense of accomplishment when you are done.

Ordeal Master Needed: The Lodge is looking for someone to be the next Ordeal Master. The Ordeal Master is in charge of the Ordeal and works with an advisor to set it up. It's a big job, but you gain valuable experience and you'll have a great time doing it.

Brotherhood Candidates and Participants!!!

VIGIL CEREMONY RECOGNIZES FIVE ARROWMEN

Welcome to our newest Vigil members who did their Vigil Ordeal during the Winter Fellowship. Completing Vigil requirements were Lodge Vice Chief Tyler Johnson; Lodge Camping Promotions Chair Thomas Martin; and Ancient Ones Terry Pew, Zea Bauer, and Elmer Jones, Jr. Former Lodge Treasurer Wade Brown will complete his Vigil Ordeal shortly.

TUOUSKI CHAPTER FELLOWSHIP HAD BROTHERHOOD CEREMONY

Tuouski Chapter Chief Robert MacKenzie and crew are congratulated for bringing nine Brotherhood members during a Chapter Fellowship at Camp French on March 24. The new Brotherhood members are Joseph Andino, Brian Curtis; Michael Cunningham; Robert MacKenzie, Sr.; Kenyan Moothart; Leonard Moothart; Harlan Schellenger Mike Stover, and Joe Stover.

SECTION 3-B CONCLAVE

Join with over 300 Lodge members from throughout Central California and Northern Nevada at the Section 3B Conclave in Bakersfield the weekend of September 14-16. More details at the Spring Ordeal and in the next issue of the *Bear Claw*. The 2008 Conclave will be in Reno, Nevada, and in 2009, our Lodge will be hosting the Conclave in Santa Barbara.

LEC ACTIVITIES

In addition to the usual business activities of planning and organizing events promoting the Order of the Arrow, your LEC has been working on two new programs. First, we have authorized a special Lodge Patch and recognition to be presented to a Brotherhood Member at their Eagle Ceremony. Many outside organizations and officials recognize achievement of Eagle. As Scouting's National Honor Camping Society, we too want to recognize those special members among us who soar in Scouting. More details about this recognition will be shared at the Spring Ordeal

Second, the LEC has been working with our Scouting Professionals to change the schedule of events. Your LEC has listened to your concerns about the amount of time between election and Ordeal, particularly for those living in the northern part of our Council. Hosting two Ordeals in the Spring is achievable, but there are potential challenges centering around Camporee dates, holidays (Mothers Day and Memorial Day), the end of school (different in each school district), graduation activities, and vacations. But it is not that easy to change the Council Calendar as many groups and activities are booked a year in advance. On the back page of this *Bear Claw* you will see the calendar of events for the remainder of 2007 and the **proposed** calendar for 2008. By the Spring Ordeal we hope to have the final schedule approved by the Council.

CALENDAR OF CHUMASH LODGE ACTIVITIES

2007

May 18 – 20	Rancho Alegre	Spring Ordeal
June 16	Rancho Alegre	Lodge Dinner
July 31 – Aug	Bloomington, IN	Natl. Conservation & Leadership Summit
Aug. 18	St. Andrews, Orcutt	LEC
Sept. 14-16	Bakersfield, CA	Section 3-B Conclave
Oct. 5-7	Camp French	Fall Ordeal
Oct. 6	Camp French	LEC
Dec. 1	St. Andrews, Orcutt	LEC

2008 (dates tentative subject to approval of Council Master Calendar)

Jan. 26	Elks Lodge, Santa Maria	LEC (in conjunction with Council Dinner)
Mar. 8	St. Andrews, Orcutt	LEC
May 16-18	Camp French	Northern Ordeal
May 17	Camp French	LEC
June 6 -8	Rancho Alegre	Southern Ordeal
June 7	Rancho Alegre	LEC
Aug. 2	St. Andrews, Orcutt	LEC
Sept. 19-21	Reno, NV	Section 3-B Conclave
Oct. 3-5	Camp French	Fall Fellowship
Oct. 18	St. Andrews, Orcutt	LEC
Nov. 1	Camp French	LEC and Lodge Dinner/Officer Installation

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