

Bear Claw

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Dear Arrowmen,

This is your Lodge Secretary speaking. This has been one crazy year! With new officers coming in and a really successful ordeal it's been really hectic. And with school about to start things are only going to get busier. Here's the next edition of the *Bear Claw*. I hope you enjoy it.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Phillip Jones

CHIEFLY SPEAKING

Brothers,

This will probably be the last time I will be writing to you as your Chief but I'm going to keep it nice and short. I would like to thank everyone who has been there to support me through this extended term. Without you it would have been very difficult to remain chief. I will forever be in your debt especially Ken, George, E, Thomas, and Kathryn. Thank you all for your support and our lodge events and I will look forward to being able to serve the lodge in the years to come in any way possible. Thank you for such a wonderful term.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Daniel Huthsing

FALL ORDEAL

This issue contains a registration form for all Arrowmen for the upcoming Fall Ordeal at Camp French on October 5 - 7. A number of Scouts were elected to the OA last winter and this is their final opportunity to gain admission this year.

Cost is \$35 for Ordeal candidates, \$30 for Brotherhood candidates, and \$20 for Arrowman not seeking a new honor. Please get your registrations in early as food needs to be ordered and prepared. Remember that each participant must provide a current BSA medical form. Robert McKenzie will be Ordeal Master.

For those who have never been to Camp French, it is located about 20 miles outside of Arroyo Grande just beyond the entrance to Lake Lopez Park. It is a rustic Scout camp. There are no dormitories here like at Rancho Alegre, so remember to bring a tent unless you enjoy sleeping under the stars.

Letters went out to all these prospective members. In addition, any Ordeal member (who made their Ordeal in 2006 or earlier) is encouraged to go for Brotherhood Honors in the Order. Letters were sent out last week to eligible candidates for Brotherhood from the Membership Committee. LEC members received printouts of all eligible Ordeal and Brotherhood candidates so that personal contact can be made by Chapter Officers.

SECTION 3-B CONCLAVE COMES TO BAKERSFIELD



From all over Central California and Northern Nevada Arrowmen will descend upon Bakersfield College for the Section 3-B Conclave on September 14-16. With hundreds of Scouts from the seven lodges that comprise Section 3-B, there will be ample opportunity for training, leadership, fun, and games. The theme of this year's Conclave is **Bond of Brotherhood**.

Registration for the 2007 W3B Conclave is now open. Just go to the Section W3B website at <http://www.sectionw3b.org/>. Regular registration cost is \$35. New OA members since September 2006 are just \$25. Register today!

Transportation to and from Conclave is being organized by your Chapter and Lodge Advisors. Contact one of them to reserve a seat in a vehicle going to Conclave.

The earlier you register the better your chances to get classes that meet your interest and enhance your OA experience. The Section offers "degrees" in three areas. All you need to do is take at least three of the four session classes in one emphasis to receive your degree patch.

Selecting Your Degree Level and School of Emphasis

Your degree level is determined by the number of years you have been taking classes in that school of emphasis. If this is your first year attending a conclave, your degree level will be "Associate". If you have already completed a degree at a previous W3B Conclave, then you have one or more options. You can choose to continue in the same School of Emphasis and select the next degree level, or you may choose to earn an Associate Degree in a different School of Emphasis. You will be required to take classes from your School of Emphasis. If you choose the General Studies option, you may take classes from any School of Emphasis, but you cannot earn higher than an Associate degree in General Studies.

	LEADERSHIP	OUTDOOR SCIENCES	AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES
SESSION ONE	LS-101 Dynamics of Leadership LS-105 Relating to Youth LS-111 History of the OA LS-200 Lodge Leadership Devel	OS-110 Leave No Trace OS-115 Cool Camp Gadgets OS-155 Wilderness First Aid OS-165 Intro to Venturing	AI-105 Grass Dancing AI-120 Ordeal Basics AI-141 Beadwork Styles*
SESSION TWO	LS-120 S.M.A.R.T. Goals LS-125 Relating to Other Advisers LS-141 Want to be Section Officer? LS-170 Making Meetings Fun!!! LS-190 Meet the Man	OS-120 Primitive Firebuilding OS-135 GPS	AI-111 Powwow Basics AI-125 Traditional Dancing AI-130 Brotherhood Basics AI-131 Patch Trading Hist. & Et. AI-141 Beadwork Styles*
SESSION THREE	LS-100 Effective Communications LS-140 How to Run for Office LS-150 Managing your OA life LS-155 OA Strategic Plan LS-210 Brotherhood Attainment	OS-105 Dutch Oven Cooking OS-145 Outdoor Photography	AI-100 Ceremonial Performance AI-110 Ceremonial Costuming AI-140 Vigil Basics AI-171 Tomahawk Throwing
SESSION FOUR	LS-121 Roberts Rules of Order LS-136 Websites and Newsletters LS-161 Successful Ordealmaster LS-195 Promotional Cinema. LS-220 CTI: OA Representatives LS-230 Public Speaking	OS-130 Wilderness Survival OS-150 High Adventure	AI-145 Building a Dance Team AI-150 Meet Ceremonial Principals

* Beadwork Styles takes up two sessions. If you want to take this class, you will need to use the same code for both sessions on your form.

Training Codes

You need to enter a code for the class that you want to take during each session in the appropriate box on the form. The classes offered are listed below by name. To see a description of each class go to the training page on the section website. Use the codes above for the classes that you want to take. Be aware that classes are only taught certain sessions.

What is a conclave?

A conclave is a gathering of Arrowmen that is organized and planned by the section leadership. Every section in the OA has an annual conclave and different sections have their conclaves at different times during the year. At a typical conclave you will be able to learn a variety of new skills in the training sessions that are offered. You can meet other Arrowmen from other lodges and trade patches. There are competitions between lodges, sometimes in games that you won't find anywhere else. Conclaves are also the place where the elections for section officers take place. You may even get to meet a national officer of the OA. Three things that every conclave has are lots of spirit, fellowship, and fun.

What will I find at the W3B Section Conclave?

- Friday Night Pow-Wow
- "Theme" Show
- Native American Drumming and Dancing
- Lodge Chief Pie Eating Contest
- The Western Region Chief
- Kick Ball
- Tricycle Jousting
- Donkey Polo
- The OA Poker Tour
- OA Jeopardy
- VIA Luncheon
- Patch Trading
- Ceremony Evaluations
- **Brotherhood Ceremony**
- Great Training Classes
- Silent and Live Patch Auctions
- Vigil Rededication Ceremony
- Section Officer Elections
- Ice Cream Social
- The Midway
- Tons of Food
- And Much More!

DUES!!

Have you paid your dues yet for 2007? Don't know? ... Then look at the address label which brought you this Bear Claw. In the upper right corner it indicates through what year your dues are paid. If you haven't paid them, you can find the dues form on the Lodge website at www.chumashlodge90.org. Remember, the Lodge functions off of your dues and without them we are unable operate effectively. Either mail them in to the address on the form or take your dues form with your dues to the Scout Office.

LODGE OFFICERS ELECT

New Lodge Officers beginning on October 1 include Thomas Martin (Del Norte District), Lodge Chief; Phillip Jones (T-4), Lodge Secretary; and Keith Avery (T-2), Lodge Treasurer. Outgoing Lodge Chief Daniel Huthsing (T-4) will be Medicine Man. After four successive ties, the election of the Vice Chief was postponed until later.

CEREMONY TEAM OPENINGS

If you want to be on the Ceremonies Team, now is your chance. We have openings of the team. In the past year Gerard Powers and Matt Bixby, two faithful Ceremony Team members aged out. The Fall Ordeal will mark the final appearance of Ryan Sloane as Allowat Sakima. Contact Daniel Huthsing if you are interested. You know you want to!

WE WANT YOU, To Fill the Chairs

The Lodge has positions that need to be filled. The chairs are essential to the smooth running of Chumash Lodge 90. If you are interested contact Lodge Chief Daniel Huthsing at Chief@ChumashLodge90.org

Wanna Get Active With the Lodge?

Here's how you can do it. Just go to the upcoming events. You'll meet new people and have a great time. Also go to your local Chapter meetings. You'll get in touch with local Arrowmen and have a great time. Remember you're not really in the OA if you don't participate.

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING and THE OA

BSA's Youth protection program applies to the Order of the Arrow. That is why Arrowman 18 or over should be models for the older adults in completing the BSA's Youth Protection training program. The protection of our younger Scouts is one of the guiding principles of Scouting.

Somehow adults completing YPT in the last few years has declined. We need to reverse that trend. For example, there are 485 adults registered in the South Coast District, but only 180 adults hold current Youth Protection Certification (37%). That means that 305 adults are lacking this essential leadership requirement.

We ask each Arrowman 18 or over to make sure that they have a valid (last two years) Youth Protection Training card. Remember YPT is not just for unit leaders and their assistants, but every Committee Members or Parents who drives on outings and participate in unit or O A activities. Please go on line at the Council website and click on the link that will take you to the BSA website that will allow you to review the material and take the course test. Participants will need to have their BSA registration number (found on their current BSA membership card) to enroll or they can call the Council Office to obtain this information if not found in the unit records. When recruiting adults to be volunteers, the Committee should make it clear that the unit expects all adults to complete this training immediately. We owe it to our Scouts to be 100% YPT Trained!!!

33 NEW ORDEAL MEMBERS AT SPRING ORDEAL

We had a great Spring Ordeal in which we welcomed 33 new brothers to the Order. Before these 33 young men and Scouters went through the ceremony they performed invaluable service to Scouting in a series of work projects that will benefit Rancho Alegre. One of the highlights was the new roof put on the building at the Archery Range. Other Scouts dug conduit trenches and cleared brush so that a new safer entrance to Rancho Alegre can be achieved. Some were involved in refurbishing the picnic tables down by Friendship Lodge. Help us welcome our new members and let them know how much appreciate what they did in cheerful service.

CANALINO CHAPTER: Cortlandt Ames V (Troop 37); Callum Arras (2); Peter Avery (2 -Adult); Christopher Breton (105); Kevin Griffith (26); Christopher Helkey (1); Steven Jimenez (2); J. P. Loomis (1); Logan Michaels (4); Ryan Nagy (33); Tyler Nichoson (37); Glenn Schiferl (105-Adult); Thomas Schiferl (105); Ryan Torgeson (36); Nicholas VanHecke (4); Vincent VanHecke (4-Adult); Joseph Yonke (105).

MASHKIPOKING CHAPTER: Cole Berber (2274); Michael Ostrander (103)

TEQUEPIS CHAPTER: Nolan Coolidge (87); Cody Swithenbank (95); Ed Zuchelli (95)

TUOUSKI CHAPTER: Ian Adair (333); Josue Gonzales (333); Brian Mandara (413); Jed Moore (26); Ben Nelson (26); Gabe Prestemon (26); Joey Schellenger (333)

MILLIMOL PA-KHUS CHAPTER: Ben Chunn (226); Alex Cushing (164); Jeff Rollins (226); Noah Smith (226).

In addition the five Ordeal Members completed their Brotherhood Walk and entered the Council Circle as new **Brotherhood members** of the Lodge. Congratulations to Matthew Burns (2); Vincent Flynn (50); Jack Lander, Jr. (2); Al Stein (36); and Darlene Hill Torrez (87). Finally, former Lodge Treasurer Wade Brown who was unable to be at the Winter Fellowship to complete his **Vigil** Ordeal made it to the Spring Ordeal to become the Lodge's latest Vigil member.

Congratulations to those who made this a great Ordeal under the direction of Thomas Martin, Ordeal Master; Travis Hill, Task Master; Matt Bixby and the Ceremonies Team; Andrew Neely and Zach Swanson, Brotherhood Conversion; and all the brothers who gave so willingly to help.

During a Tuouski Chapter Fellowship in August, two additional Ordeal members became **Brotherhood** members: Brian McCoid (413) and Jacob Millbrandt (413).

LODGE MASTER

This summer the Lodge converted its record keeping function over to the national OA membership program known as **Lodge Master**. Membership Advisor Wayne Rascati has been the contact for making these changes. The software is web-based and designed to interact with the Council's Scoutnet software.

After years of using a locally developed program, the Lodge is now able to track service hours, inventory, and chapter participation in an integrated software package. The new program allows us to track all OA members going back to the Lodge's founding over 70 years ago. Lodge leaders who have been provided passwords can download this information for OA planning purposes.

We ask that all Chapter secretaries send a report on all chapter meetings, service projects, and activities to wascati@cox.net. Your report should include the date, names of attendees, service hours per person, and a brief report of what transpired.

At the same time Chapter leaders and Lodge committees needing reports or labels can contact Wayne for this material. Even if you do not have direct access to Lodge Master, reports or label sheets can be sent to you in pdf format. Therefore, please make sure that you have a copy of Acrobat Reader installed on your computer. It's free software.

WEB SITE

For Ordeal Registration forms, upcoming events, or the latest information on about Chumash Lodge 90 activity check out the Lodge website at www.ChumashLodge90.org.

SCOUTING TV PROGRAM TO DEBUT

The Outdoor Channel is currently in production on a Scouting related TV show, Scouting TV. Set to air in the Spring of 2008, this show will highlight Scouts, Scouting values, and of course the fun we have. One of the features will be "Do One Daily" which will focus on a unit as they conduct a service project. This feature is the perfect opportunity for your Scouts to show all the great service they provide - all done in a home-movie style. Please see the attached document for further information.

Here's where we need your help. We are looking for home video that may already exist. Or, if you have a unit who will be conducting a service project in the near future, let them know what we're looking for so they can video tape it.

This TV program will have a positive impact on the awareness of Scouting in your community. It will open the doors to new volunteers and members. It will provide the positive reinforcement to your volunteers about their involvement in the BSA. We need your help.

Thank you,

Stephen Medlicott

Marketing & Communications Division Director

CALENDAR OF CHUMASH LODGE ACTIVITIES

2007

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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Aug.	Bloomington, IN	NOAC
Sept.	Santa Barbara, CA	Section 3-B Conclave

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