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San Francisco Bay Area Council - Section W3S

CHIEF'S LETTER TELLS OF EVENTFUL FALL



HEY ACHIE!!!

Hope everyone's ready for this eventful year! We start with an extensive Lodge Leadership Development kickoff coming up on August 22nd from 10am—6pm at the First Presbyterian Church in San Leandro. All Achie lodge officers, village officers, and lodge chairmen are required to attend this event, and all other members of the lodge are encouraged to come. LLD aims to help our members better understand their positions and gain crucial leadership techniques to help improve both their chapters and the lodge, and so Achewon Nimat will be taking new steps to implement a year-long LLD program for our lodge members, with this event will act as the first of many steps. Among the many topics of discussion

will be the lodge responsibilities as host lodge for Conclave. Conclave is coming up quick, and I don't need to remind you all how important our hosting of this event will be. The lodge will be going up to Royaneh the weekend before Conclave to help set up the camp for this section-wide event. We will need all the youth in the lodge to attend both these events, as well as adults to help bring the youth up to these events, in order to have a good and successful Conclave. Please see the article on the work party for more information. See you all soon!!! —YIB, Chris Coon

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

This is to repeat and further explain current lodge policies. For more dues information, please see page 4.

All OA members must submit a CURRENT 2010-ISSUE MEDICAL FORM, with ALL PARTS—A, B, and C, or already have one on file with the lodge before you will be permitted to participate in any lodge activity at any of the council camps—Los Mochos, Royaneh, or Wentle. All forms must be updated annually. This means if you don't think the lodge has a copy of your 2010-issue form, bring it with you. And yes, if your paperwork is not all there, you will be asked to go home. Also, Part C's are now essential for all village and lodge activities, including regular village meetings and outings.

Finally, lodge members under the age of 18 must have parent/guardian approval before they can submit and share their email address. So youth—please make a note of this new policy to yourself and your parents/guardians.

We thank everyone for their understanding.

NOAC Contingent Returns with POWER OF ONE



From the shores of Lake Michigan, to the halls of Indiana University, the Lodge contingent to the 2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference faced the challenges of long-distance travel and being away from home to bring back new lessons and fresh ideas to share with their fellow members. With the experience of going to a national event in them, our proud contingent members hope to contribute their best in maintaining and improving our mighty Lodge.

Of course, we wouldn't be very good Scouts if we didn't have fun along the way. 3 days and 2 trains would take us to Chicago, America's windy city. There both youth and adults enjoyed the sights and sounds of a dense metropolis, visiting the Museum of Science and Industry as well as the Navy Pier. However, the highlight of our stay there has to be the contingent tradition of stopping at Gino's East, where deep-dish pizza is the celebrity. Most were full after the first slice, some after the **>>>NOAC PAGE 5>>>**

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ACTIVITY REPORTS—LET YOURSELVES BE KNOWN

ROYANEH

Greetings from Royaneh Village!

Summer means more quiet time, but we look forward to an eventful fall. Along with increasing our participation in lodge events (such as Conclave), we plan to reach out and "re-activate" presently inactive members and be more active in giving OA presentations and doing unit elections.

We hope everyone's enjoying the summer, and we look forward to working with everyone this eventful fall.

—Willy Ten, Village Chief

Our meeting is on the first Monday of each month from 7:30pm to 8:30pm at St. Gregory's Church @ 500 De Haro St. in San Francisco.

AMANGI NECHOCHWEN

Amangi has had a great summer with three youth members attending NOAC: Indy Nelson, Chris Coon, and Hans Mortimer. They have seen infinite corn fields, the insanity caused by isolation on Amtrak trains, the failure of Wifi, with Vista failing epically. Thousands of pictures were taken by Amangi of the many activities and travels of the contingent. During the conference some Amangi members viciously traded patches or devised methods to snooze during classes. The village hopes to use the lessons learned at NOAC to improve its events and fellowship. —Hans Mortimer, Chief

Our meeting is on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church, across from Castro Valley Library on Redwood Rd.

SEUNEN PASCHENGINK

Seunen Paschengink has a great year! We had many Arrow of Light Ceremonies and Elections. We put on a great TV Camporee with record attendance, had great participation at 10 OA roundtables, fun roundtable themes, consistent participation and service at Ordeals and Lodge activities and we ended our meetings with a tasty BBQ and successful election.

Our Chief remains Alex Simmons. Our VC Elections is Jason Edgar. Our VC Communications and Ceremonies are again Anton Duchaineau and Tommy Figuers. Our VC of Activities is a new face, Ryan Shepodd from mighty T924. Our Protector of the Lodge Flap will join us from Chico. Guess who? It's Kyle Tripp.

Kevin W. & Paul E. will be off to college in the fall and we will miss them and their great fellowship & leadership. Thanks to all of past officers as they did a great job. Thanks also to all the adults who advised us and supported us, our activities and Ordeals.

We have plans to have a Brotherhood Ceremony in July. Good luck to the NOAC Achie contingent and may they have a great OA Adventure.

--Chapter Chief Alex Simmons

Our meeting is on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at the Sheriff's Training Center in Dublin, the same place as the Scout Leader Roundtables.

OHLONE

So far, we have done 3 elections and 5 OA/Camping presentations. We have also done 3 Bridging ceremonies and have 3 more scheduled. Finally, we are also working on planning a fun village outing for the summer.

—Stephen Hopkins,
Village Chief

Our meeting is on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30pm at the Fremont Scout House on Central & Fremont Blvd.

ACHEWON TULPE

Tulpe, in collaboration with Amangi, planned a spring camporee, with our village leading the patch design process. We will have one unit election soon, and members are eligible for brotherhood.

—Sam Ward, Village Chief

Our meeting is on the second Wednesday of the month at Leona Lodge in Oakland at 7:30 pm.

YOUR 2009 - 2010

LODGE OFFICERS

Congratulations to the new officers. They were elected on March 28, 2009 at Achiefest. They were sworn in after the LECM at the Wente Ordeal in June. Their first event will be the Lodge Officers BBQ in August.

Lodge Chief - **Chris Coon**

Lodge Vice Chief of Activities - **Scott Santos**

Lodge Vice Chief of Ordeals - **Jason Costa**

Lodge Treasurer/Secretary - **Sam Ward**

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SERVICE THROUGH TEAMWORK

DANCE & DRUM TEAM



We meet the 2nd Saturday of each month at Epiphany Lutheran Church, 1642 Carolyn St, San Leandro, 9:30am-2pm, for fellowship, dancing, and singing. Practices are open to all Arrowmen, youth and adult. Learn to sing and drum, dance, build regalia, or just hang out and have fun! There is an awesome deli where we usually go for lunch around the block so be sure to bring a couple bucks for a sandwich. We also sing at Ordeals to support the Ceremonies Team and assist in bringing fellowship to new Arrowmen. If there are any questions please contact me at (925) 292-4907 and ask for Jason. You can see more at our website <http://achewonnimat.org/html/DrumAndDance.htm>.

—Jason Edgar
Drum & Dance Chair



my truck because they think I am that funny, DO YOU?!?!

Of course I would like to take a moment to thank the committed team that show up at my house to repair and clean equipment, run lines and load the truck. Additionally they make sure we have a team and regalia at ALL ordeals and other OA events. THANK YOU to Ed, Bob, Justin, David, Daniel, and Stephen without you and your support Jason and I would have left long ago. Last at certainly not least I would like to thank Jason Costa for his constant support. Jason not only makes sure the team is there and the sites are set up but supports his team when they are tired or frustrated with too much to do and not enough time to get it all done. Jason has dealt with a lot of issues this last year and I would like to thank him for hanging in there and not walking away.

—Written by: Kari Costa, Lodge Ceremonies Advisor

CEREMONIES TEAM

The Ceremonies Team is taking some time off for the summer but before we get to our summer fun we would like to thank all those who helped us this last year with ceremonies. Unfortunately we did not keep a list of all of you but there are a few who stood out because they were always willing to help set-up, take down and play a part at the last minute when we needed. THANK YOU Alex, Chris, Kevin, Adrian, Derick and Hans. We appreciate your help but more importantly we appreciate your support as our OA brothers.

The Ceremonies team is looking for more OA Brothers willing to step up and help out. We do not expect you to be at every event but the more of us there are the fewer events we all have to be at. So give us a call and come on out and see what we do besides read lines. (510-325-8587 or email cntrygrlkc@yahoo.com) We will help you get regalia to fit or make your own. All of the regalia you see the regular team wearing was made for them and by them with the help of the rest of the team. Some have said we are a 'clique' but we see it as a brotherhood working together and we would love to welcome more of our OA brothers to join us. Alex has accepted the invitation and we would love more of you to join us. Yes, it is additional work but we do make it worth your while. For those of you that don't know what I mean ask around about what is in all those boxes in the back of the truck. You really don't

think the scouts hang out at the back of

TRADING POST ITEMS

<u>Item Description</u>	<u>COST</u>
All OA Stickers	.25
WCA Patches	1.00
Klondike Derby	1.00
Achiefest Patches	1.00
2002 Conclave Host	1.00
Region Chief Flap	2.00
OA Hand Book	3.30
NEW Lodge Red Flap	3.50
Arrow Ribbon	4.10
Hat Pin - Vigil	4.85
35th Anniversary Flap	5.00
T-Shirt - M White	5.00
T-Shirt - L White	5.00
OA Back patch	6.20
Working Neckerchief	6.50
R/W Neckerchief	TBA
Bolo tie	11.35
T-Shirt - M Black	12.00
T-Shirt - L Black	12.00
T-Shirt - XL Black	13.00
Sash - Ordeal	17.35
Sash Long - Ordeal	17.35
Sash - Brotherhood	17.35
Sash Long - Brothrhnd	17.35
Sash - Vigil	17.35
Sash Long - Vigil	17.35

Only at EVENTS can you get these hot new items or some of the rarer flaps. SO COME TO EVENTS!!!

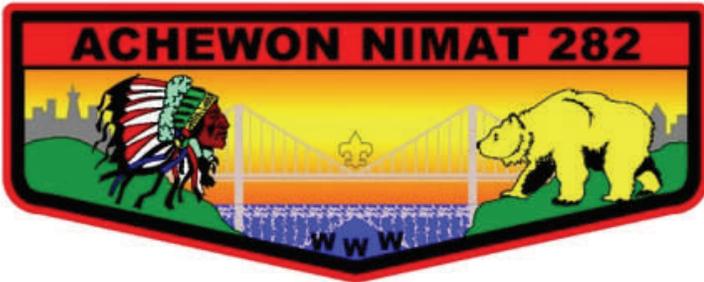
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ACHIE TRADING POST:
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CHART TOPPERS WITH OLDIES BUT GOODIES

NEW LODGE FLAP!!!!!!

After months and months of waiting, Ordeal after ordeal, the new patch design had been decided. Thanks to Chris Bieschke for designing the 3 lodge flaps (General-Red border, Vigil-Black border, National Events-White Border). The LECM voted on the new patch design at the Los Mochos Ordeal and Achiefest. The new lodge flap will be out for the 2009-2010 year.



A SUMMER REMINDER ON WINTER AWARENESS

It may be August, but Winter Camp Awareness preparation is already underway. Patrick and I are still looking for a spacious facility willing to accommodate our seminar. If anyone has suggestions on facilities open to the idea of hosting WCA, please contact us and we can establish a line of communication with them. Finally, we encourage villages to look over their slide shows and scripts to see what can be improved on. Starting early to brush up on those presentations will only make WCA more enjoyable for everyone. Hope everyone enjoys the rest of their summer while also keeping thoughts on winter and WCA!

—Adrian Tsang, WCA Chair

PREPARE FOR CONCLAVE!!!

Attention Achie, Conclave is around the corner, and we need your help!!! Every eight years our lodge is asked to host a Conclave, and this year we're hosting the first Section W3S Conclave at Camp Royaneh. On Saturday, September 19, we will be having a work party at Royaneh to prepare for Conclave the weekend after. We encourage all lodge members to volunteer at least their Saturday, with the option of coming up Friday night as well, and this way we make sure we are prepared for this big event by Saturday night. That day, we will prepare camp facilities and inform the villages of their general duties during Conclave. Please reference to the attached form for more information. Once again, Conclave will be held from September 25 - 27. I have been told that to have a successful Conclave we need 75 Youth. So the Power of One is in your hands. I very much hope to see you all at Conclave.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Indy Nelson,
Conclave Chairman

Pumpkin Fest

The Pumpkin Fest is going to be held at Camp Royaneh on October 9, 10, 11. There are going to be many great events such as pumpkin rolling and the leaky pumpkin event. I am looking forward to seeing everyone from the OA up at Royaneh. It will be a great event. If there are any questions please contact Jason Edgar at (925) 321-5204 or email me at jason975@gmail.com. Looking forward to seeing everyone in October. Patch to be revealed soon!

—Jason Edgar, Pumpkin Fest Chair

A MESSAGE ON DUES AND PACKAGE PLAN

Firstly, a friendly reminder that dues are considered PAID ON TIME IF RECEIVED BETWEEN AUGUST 1 AND SEPTEMBER 1, 2009 ONLY. We strongly encourage every member to pay dues on time to secure their membership registration. Also, EVERY MEMBER MUST HAVE CURRENT AND UP-TO-DATE VERSION MEDICAL FORMS ON RECORD WITH THE LODGE OR YOU WILL BE TURNED AWAY FROM EVENTS.

Secondly, many Arrowman hear about the Lodge package plan, but don't know what it is. The package plan was

	Normal Fees	Package Plan Fees
Fall Ordeal @ Royaneh	\$ 12.50	\$ 9.75
Banquet	\$ 15.00	\$ 11.24
Winter Ordeal @ RLM	\$ 12.50	\$ 9.75
Achiefest @ Royaneh	\$ 5.00	\$ 0.01
Spring Ordeal @ Wentle	\$ 12.50	\$ 9.75
Total	\$ 57.50	\$ 40.50

designed for the youth of Achie to encourage them to attend all the events, but is available for both youth and adults. You save a total of \$17. Youth, let your parents know of this amazing offer, because if you miss one or two ordeals it still pays for itself. The best thing about the package plan is that you get to attend the best Achie event for free...ACHIEFEST. Again, this plan is for both youth and adults. But please note, yearly dues are not included in the package plan so make sure to pay them.

YOUTH—TELL YOUR PARENTS OF THIS GREAT DEAL (adults, if you feel like doing so also, feel free) FOR ALL MEMBERS. BUT REMEMBER PACKAGE PLAN DOES NOT INCLUDE YOUR DUES.

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STUFF MORE INTERESTING THAN WATER-COOLER GOSSIP

REGISTER FOR CONCLAVE TODAY

Conclave is a weekend event held this year at Camp Royaneh amongst the beautiful redwoods of the California coast. Saturday morning, Arrowmen from across the section just like you will have the opportunity to learn more about leadership, the Order, and many other topics. That afternoon, test your skills, and have a ton of fun competing against other lodges in water polo and dodge ball. Expand your patch collection at the silent auction and again later that night at the live auction. Be entertained at the Saturday night theme show and learn what it means to be a part of the "OA-Team".

A whole weekend of fun and brotherhood is only \$40. New Youth Arrowmen who went through their ordeal after 9/15/08 gets a \$10 discount! Conclave is only three months away, so make sure you register today. Visit the new section website and hit the register button.

Achewon Nimat has the opportunity to host the first ever W3S conclave. It will be at Camp Royaneh on September 25-27, 2009. This means we need ALL ACHIE MEMBERS to register for conclave. We need help in all areas parking, cooking, serving, dinning hall, everywhere. Seven years ago we hosted conclave at Royaneh and it was a huge success, let's do it again. On September 19 we are having a work party to prepare for conclave and we need help setting up, attached is a sign up form.

WHY DO I RECEIVE THE ARROW POINT?

Published lodge-wide, the Arrow Point is a primary source of news and info for all members. In other words, if you don't get regular e-mails or calls about lodge activities, turn to your Arrow Point. But to keep us going, all members are strongly encouraged to contribute articles and pictures. Since we only publish 4 or 5 times a year, fresh articles every issue will keep things fun and interesting, and photos just help show off. So contact the Arrow Point to let us know if you would like to contribute articles or help in the publication process.

Also, starting January 2010, the Arrow Point will be sent out via emailed Adobe-pdf files, with one printed issue, along with all registration forms, sent out at the beginning of the Lodge year in August. This will make communication more efficient and affordable. Please note this change and make sure you have a functioning pdf-file reader program ready for this transition. However, a printed version can still be sent to any member for an annual \$4 charge.

Finally, Arrow Point is looking for a new chairman to begin publication duties beginning February 2010. If you're a budding journalist, a potential writer, or just wanting to have some fun being in charge of one of the lodge's most important aspects, please don't hesitate me or Phil Abreu, Jr., and we can introduce you to the process of keeping the Arrow Point running at full steam. So let's get those emails and phone calls coming!

Thank you all. WWW.

—Adrian Tsang, Arrow Point Chair
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>>>NOAC PAGE 1>>> second, and cheers to anyone who had three that night!

The conference itself was a blast as well. With training classes run by nationally trained OA members, pyrotechnics with every evening show, and of course patches patches galore, every Achie attendee found something for them at the one event where's there's something for everyone. Special highlights included The Experience, a gathering of representatives from different parts of Scouting and leading outdoor vendors; The Outdoor Adventure Place, also known as TOAP, essentially a test of a Scout's outdoor skills; and of course the annual Founder's Day fair, where different lodges gather to share free stuff and form new connections of brotherhood. Yes, most had to walk 15-20 minutes across in order to get to their classes; yes, some people lost their way; and yes, when it rained, it didn't pour, it TORRENTED! But despite our minor grievances, our contingent stayed cheerful and made the best of our time at NOAC.

At this time, we the youth would like to thank the advisers of our contingent for being there when we needed you and when we needed you but may not have wanted you there. Special thanks to Mr. Carl Pretzel for his exclusive insights to the city of Chicago, Mrs. Brandon and Mrs. Boileau for their motherly guidance while we were away from home, Ed Jordan for his unending efforts to search for working WiFi, and of course Bill Parker and Don Wilkinson for organizing all the logistics of our two-week voyage. Without each of you, NOAC would be a completely different, and definitely less fulfilling, experience than it was this year.

Finally, I would like to extend my appreciations to the youth of our contingent—Hans, Indy, Jason, Chris, Hugo, and Anton—for their patience when we were lost, tired, or just plain confuzzled. I hope you all had fun and could take something from this experience to share with others, even if it's just a funny story about our unique journey by train.

For photos and recaps of NOAC 2009—the Power of One, visit <http://live.oe-bsa.org/events/n2009/live/sat/> and navigate each day of the conference. Cheers to everyone, and stay tuned for news on NOAC 2011 at Michigan State University.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Adrian Tsang
NOAC 2009 Chair

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