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*Achewon Nimat 282*

San Francisco Bay Area Council - Section W3A

## COME TO ACHIEFEST 2011!

Achiefest is a Lodge event that provides both fun and fellowship for all lodge members. Lodge members should plan to arrive on Friday evening to get settled in. There will be a Vigil Induction on Friday night for those selected to receive the Vigil honor.

Saturday will be a day of fun filled activities and awesome games and competitions like Indian Handball, Basketball and the great Demolition Derby and perhaps other activities. On Saturday Night the adults set up a Monte Carlo Night where you can win great prizes. There will also be an opportunity for our Ordeal members to seal their commitment to the Order of the Arrow by participating on a Brotherhood ceremony.

On Saturday the lodge will conduct a lodge meeting and an annual election of lodge officers. Your participation in this election is critical to our electing the best possible officers who will guide our lodge for the next year. New Officers will assume their Lodge officer position in July 2011.

Come and join in the fun and let your voice be heard. We look forward to seeing you around our council fire.

Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui

## 2011 SPRING ORDEAL

Our Spring Ordeal for 2011 will be conducted from April 29th to May 1st, 2011 the Wente Scout Reservation near Willets. We are already working on plans to make this a very exciting ordeal, and have some fun fellowship.

Are you one of the many Ordeal members who will be eligible for Brotherhood? Well you can come our Spring Ordeal and seal your membership in our Lodge as a Brotherhood member.

During the event we will be sleeping in tents, so please remember to bring your own tent. Also for our lodge's Scouters, cabins will not be available so be prepared to sleep in a tent as well.

See you at the 2011 Spring Ordeal  
Chris Heckman  
Lodge Ordeal Master

## NORTHERN TIER

Have you ever watched the Northern Lights dance across the sky over the Canadian Border? Carried a canoe a mile to see a spectacular waterfall? Worked to repair historic trails? Paddled forty miles in one day, seemingly chasing after a perfect sunset across countless still lakes?

This summer, take advantage of an opportunity to have experiences like these at the Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage or Canadian Odyssey at the Northern Tier High Adventure Bases in Minnesota and Ontario. On a two-week trek with one of these programs you can give service through trail building, make unforgettable memories, and canoe in beautiful remote country.

The service at the foundation of our Order acts as the cornerstone of this program. During your first week, you will work with your crew to repair and restore portage trails in the Superior National Forest or Quetico Provincial Park. Continued on Next Page...

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# A LETTER FROM OUR CHIEF

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Happy New Year Arrowmen!

As we enter this new calendar year, I am excited to see the direction that Achewon Nimat Lodge is working towards. We have spent many hours reexamining our programs and working towards improving Lodge to Village support. A great example of the progress that our Lodge is making was the revamping of the Lodge Rules. This was a large piece of the puzzle that took effect on October 1, 2010.

As your Chief I am working relentlessly with my Officers and Advisers on ways to improve Fellowship, Retention and Activities which will strengthen the tradition of our Lodge; a tradition of excellence.

In order to achieve excellence, we really need your help. Our theme for 2011 is "Selling the Program," meaning educating Scouts and Scouters on what we do. The Order of the Arrow is truly a great program, and we need to prove to unit leaders that Arrowmen lead in Service to our community and fellow scouts and scouters.

Additionally, ways you can help is to get involved. Some programs in our Lodge that needs assistance is building regalia, creating a Plan Book, or diving into the Where to go Camping guide. All it takes is the willingness to serve-

So I give all Arrowmen, whether active or not, a challenge. Pick one or both below.

- A. To communicate to an Ordeal Member (who is eligible for brotherhood) on the importance of why he/she should seal their membership in the order. You can do this through Arrowmen in your Troop or Friends you know in the program. They then need to go through their Brotherhood Ceremony.
- B. Talk to an Arrowmen who has not registered in the Lodge during the 2010-2011 fiscal year. Inform them on why it's important to be a registered in the Lodge. This involves calling or emailing Arrowmen in your Troop or talking up program at District and Council events. Give them a registration form (found on the new website) and have them send it in.

If everyone did these above tasks, we would be one of the largest and strongest Lodges in the Section. By doing this our Lodge will grow, In turn more will come to events, and we will strengthen our Lodge through program and through our activities.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Indy Nelson  
Lodge Chief 2010-2011  
Indran93@yahoo.com



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## NORTHERN TIER CONTINUED

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This crew is composed of Arrowmen from around the country and led by two outstanding foremen trained in trail building, outdoor skills, and the Scouting and OA programs. During the second week you will embark on a voyage where you will explore pristine wilderness, make leadership decisions, and face up to the challenges of nature. The friendships and memories that you make in the North Woods will stand the test of time.

You can attend one of these two-week programs for only \$200. Arrowmen must be between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one to attend. For applications and more information on the opportunities please visit [adventure.aa-bsa.org](http://adventure.aa-bsa.org).



OA Wilderness Voyage Overloaded Canoe

-Article by Frank Sturges

## SEE WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR VILLAGE

### SEUNEN PASCHEGINK

Seunen village recently had their January meeting in which the theme was Bring Your Own Fast food night. Over the past couple of months our village attendance has steadily increased with our efforts to strengthen our village. Currently we are planning for our Camporee for Twin Valley this year, if you would like to be involved in this planning, please attend a village meeting in February or March to help. This February's theme is Chip Dip and Exotic drink night. Aside from our themed meetings, we are also starting our AOL ceremonies and troop elections soon.

Jason Edgar, *Seunen Village Chief*

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

### ACHEWON TULPE

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



### AMANGI NECHOCHWEN

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

### OHLONE

*Our meetings are the first Thursday of the month @ the Scout House at Centerville Jr. High School on Fremont Blvd*



### ROYANEH VILLAGE

As you might know, we have started the New Year, 2011. When you think about how you would like to spend your time this year first ask yourself what do I want to achieve or accomplish? Secondly, would you like to be appreciated for your work?

Finally, the most important question, do you want to have the most fun you can have within Scouting? The best way to answer these questions is to try out all the different activities that are on your platter. During Royaneh's first village meeting this year we had a drawing competition to see who can draw the most creative picture of Baby New Years. When time was up we had a chance to see all the different drawings that were created, having some laughs and some good time enjoying each other's creations. The picture on the right was the winning drawing from the January village meeting, by Cynthia Dragon. If you want to join in the fun come to a village meeting at St. Gregory's Church every first Monday of each month.

Andrew Dotson (Royaneh Village Chief)



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

The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct.

--Sir Robert Baden-Powell

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## MEMBERS EARN WISCHIXIN AWARD

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Thirty three lodge members earn Wischixin (active one) award for calendar year 2010.

Each of these members attended two or more lodge Ordeals, two or more other lodge events, plus 5 village activities or events.

Members receiving the award were; Elizabeth Boileau, Pat Boileau, Andrew Dotson, Jim Smith and Igor Williamson from Royaneh Village, Kari Costa, Ed Jordan, and Stephen McPherson from Ohlone Village.

Nathaniel Barlow, Liz Brandon, Jason Edgar, Jr., Devin Shopodd, Ryan Shopodd, Mitchell Sullivan, and John Walton from Seunen Village, Phil Abreu, Jr., Claude Brooke, Mike Connelly, Chris Coon, Tyler Folks, Charles Hoffman, Stephen Ilmberger, Aaron Marr, Hans Mortimer, Indy Nelson, Bill Parker, Laura Priest, and Scott Santos from Amangi Village.

Jack Wynton, Yu Hang Chin, and Ross Davidson from Tulpe Village, Don Wilkinson and Jason Lewis from Lèpweinu Village



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## DRUM & DANCE TEAM

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The Drum and dance Team meets at Epiphany Lutheran Church in San Leandro at 9am on the second Saturday of each month. We have a great need for dancers and drummers so if you are interested please email the chairman at [jason975@gmail.com](mailto:jason975@gmail.com). At our meetings you can expect to have a blast! Some things that we have done include going to various Pow Wows and even fashioning our own moccasins. If you would like to be part of the fun feel free to come and join us!

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## LEC MEETINGS MOVE

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Achewon Nimat Lodge Executive Committee Meetings have moved to the first Wednesday of each month.

This move was part of the Council's realignment of all the Council level meetings to the first week of the month.

When January 1<sup>st</sup> falls on a Wednesday the LEC will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of January.

LEC meetings will be held in the Betel Theater at the Youth Leadership Training Center, 1001 Dave St, San Leandro, CA at 7:30 pm on the first Wednesday of each month except for July and August.

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## SCOUT EXECUTIVE KEN MEHLHORN SPEAKS TO LEC

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Following the opening of our October Lodge Executive Committee Meeting, Ken Mehlhorn, Scout Executive of the San Francisco Bay Area Council, BSA shared his view on how Achewon Nimat Lodge can support and strengthen the goals and objectives of the San Francisco Bay Area Council.

In concluding his remarks he announced the Lodge Rules had been updated to bring them in line with current Council and National OA policies and procedures.

Copies of the Lodge Rules are available on the lodge Web site at [www.AchewonNimat.org](http://www.AchewonNimat.org)



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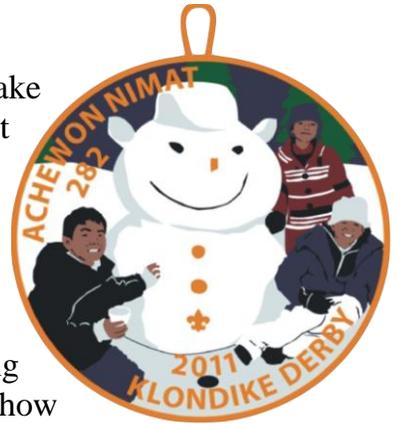
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# KLONDIKE

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One of my secret pleasures is to have a bunch of fun in the snow. I take every chance that I can get to venture to the snow and try out all the different activities that are available. For the last eight years, Klondike Derby has been one of those activities that I love being a part of. Every time this trip comes around the corner I get so excited to travel to the snow because it is one aspect of nature that I cannot enjoy in my own backyard. As my Troop goes up to Klondike, we always look at the Arrowmen organizing the event and wondered how cool these boys were, also thinking of becoming one of those boys. Klondike is a great opportunity for you Arrowmen to show off the Order of the Arrow to the Scouts, and an easy way to see friends within the council that you have not seen for awhile. This year we are going to have a lot of great activities like a triathlon and the annual sled race. If you are interested in being a part of the staff this year, helping score an event or helping with the planning, please email me at [drewdotdude@yahoo.com](mailto:drewdotdude@yahoo.com).



Andrew Dotson (*Klondike Derby Chairmen*)

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## ACHEWON NIMAT RE-LAUNCHES ACHIE WEB SITE!

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Our lodge Web site, [AchewonNimat.org](http://AchewonNimat.org), has been re-launched to add new features and enhancements as well as a new look and feel. The Achie Web site was developed in 2006 by Charles Hoffman, our past Lodge Adviser, as a way to communicate additional information to our Arrowmen. Since then the Web site has been instrumental in providing village and lodge news to anyone who has access to a computer and the Internet.

Some of the new features to the Web site include a scrolling banner that will indicate breaking information or important news, which will be known as "Achie News" as well as a new search feature that allows you to search for key words on the Web site. Another area that has been enhanced is in regards to the contact list and directions. Now each lodge officer, village officer and committee chairperson will have their own email in order to be contacted. Each Village and Committee will also have their own Web pages in order to display their specific information. Interactive Google maps have also been added to the Web site to allow for easily locating the different locations that our lodge events are held. Whether it's the Lodge Banquet or the Winter Camp Awareness a Google map will guide you to your destination.

When you get a chance log onto [AchewonNimat.org](http://AchewonNimat.org) and take a look at the new site. If you have any comments or suggestions on how our lodge Web site can be improved even more, shoot an email over to the [Webmaster@achewonnimat.org](mailto:Webmaster@achewonnimat.org) with your thoughts and ideas.

Yours in Brotherhood

Web site Committee

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# BANQUET UPDATE 2010

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The 2010 Lodge Banquet was held December 11th at the First Presbyterian Church of San Leandro. The theme was celebrating our 45th Anniversary as Achewon Nimat Lodge. Steve Kline created a handsome printed history of the Lodge that each banquet participant received. The Lodge and Trading Post was also able to offer a special commemorative 45th Anniversary patch.

The event was well attended and the dinner was delicious. (Thanks go to Ms. Costa and helpers.) Everyone had a great time auctioning off waiter officers and special items for the NOAC Youth Fund and the donated door prizes were plentiful and fun. (Thanks to all those who donated items and thanks to Phil Abreau Jr. for tracking the auction items.) The slide show by Ed Jordan was great and enjoyed by all.

Special recognitions were given to Kyle Berg and Mike Connelly for the Adviser's Awards, Jason Edgar & Elizabeth Boileau for the Founder's Awards, Steven Ilmberger for a James E. West Award, and our Arrowman of the Year was Ryan Shepodd. We also thanked Charles Hoffman for being our Lodge Adviser.

The evening ended with a Vigil Call Out Ceremony. Those called were Indie Nelson, Andrew Dotson and Carl Pretzel. (others who were selected but not present will be notified at a later date). Sincere thanks go out to all those who helped make the event such a success. Happy 45th Achewon Nimat!

-- Chairman: Steven Ilmberger & Adviser: Liz Brandon



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## A NOTE FROM THE BANQUET ADVISER

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Our 2010 Lodge Banquet tables were decorated with special placemats printed with the Lodge's 45th Anniversary Patch and a list of all of the Lodge Chiefs. During the banquet it was brought to my attention that there was a problem with the mats as one of the chief's name was missing. That was the 2003 Chief, Charles Watson!

The list was copied from an unofficial Web site source that has now corrected the omission. (There is a lesson here, don't always trust the internet and check your facts! In this case with the official Lodge record keepers.) I regret the error and offer my sincere apologies to Charles.

--Liz Brandon

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# ADVISER'S LETTER

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To the Scouts and Scouters of Achewon Nimat Lodge,

You are the very best in Scouting. How do I know that? Because your peers have said so by electing you to the Order of the Arrow. As the best in Scouting, you are always in the spotlight. Scouts and Scouters who are not members of the Order of the Arrow are all looking at you to see the standard that they must achieve.

How does being in the spotlight make you feel? How does it make you feel to be an example for others to follow? How does it affect how you wear your uniform? Wear your uniform with pride because it identifies you as the best. Make sure that it is clean, complete and in good repair.

How does being the best effect how you act when in front of other Scouts and Scouters? Always, always, always set a good example and be a positive and inspirational guide for those Scouts and Scouters watching and trying to emulate you.

How does being the best effect how you lead others? Always ask yourself how you can help other Scouts and Scouters.

How does being the best effect how you teach others? Always thoroughly prepare for the task that you have been asked to accomplish.

You are the best and should never accept less than the best of yourself nor your fellow Arrowmen and teach them to set the same high standard. Do your best! Be your best! And always endeavor to make Achewon Nimat Lodge the best Lodge in the Order of the Arrow.



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February 2, 2011

SUBJECT: Statistics

Did you know that:

1. 32 Arrowmen have not renewed their membership since 2007?
2. 48 Arrowmen have not renewed their membership since 2008?
3. 58 Arrowmen have not renewed their membership since 2009?
4. 102 Arrowmen have not renewed their membership since 2010?
5. Membership not renewed equals 240 members whose membership is not current

or that:

1. 129 of 220 (58.6%) of Ordeal members have not renewed their membership?
2. 80 of 152 (52.6 %) of Brotherhood members have not renewed their membership?
3. 19 of 63 (30.1%) of Vigil members have not renewed their membership?

A large part of the reason for all of these statistics is that we are not doing a good enough job of “Selling the Program” to our members. That responsibility falls on each and every member of the Achewon Nimat Lodge. We can do much better.

I have compiled the statistics for every member (449 total) of the lodge that has a membership for a period of time since 2007. It shows all the facts that are listed above, and it shows some other startling statistics.

There are Scout Troops and teams that seem to send a large number of Scouts and Scouters for their Ordeal and then abandon active membership in the Lodge. We must work with the unit leadership to reverse this trend. For that reason, we must do a better job of “Selling the Program” at all of our Ordeals. We must have an active Elangomat Committee to work with all of our Ordeal members and guide them to Brotherhood.

We need to get OA Troop/Team representatives into every Scout Troop and Team to promote the value of membership in the Achewon Nimat Lodge.

We need every member of the Lodge to complete a Lodge Commitment for and the work through our operating committees to get all of them involved. In so doing we will also distribute the workload better and help our members to better understand what the Order of the Arrow is really about. We have concentrated a lot of responsibility on a few members of the Lodge. We need to spread that responsibility about much better.

We need to “Sell the Program” better than we have ever done before. You will notice that I used the word “we” a lot. There’s a reason for that. There is no such thing as “me” nor “I” in the Order of the Arrow. **We** are the “Brotherhood of Cheerful Service”. So lets put on our thinking caps, roll up our sleeves and work together to “Sell the Program” and make this Lodge the best that it can be and an example of what the Order of the Arrow is meant to be.

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## WHY BROTHERHOOD? February 4, 2011

Why should eligible Ordeal members consider participating in a Brotherhood ceremony? That is a good question. To answer that question, let me quote from the Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisers. *“The Brotherhood is an opportunity for members to evaluate their unit service since their induction, to contemplate their future service to the lodge, and to reaffirm their belief in the high purposes of the Order.”*

If you are like me, you take your promises seriously. Do you remember the Order of the Arrow Obligation when you promised to *“always regard the ties of brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow as lasting”*. You gave your promise!

After at least 10 months from the date of your ordeal, are you ready to fulfill that promise and participate in the Brotherhood ceremony at the Achievest, March 25-27, at Camp Royaneh or at the Spring Ordeal, April 29-May1, at the Wente Scout Reservation? There is no Ordeal associated with the ceremony.

Wearing the pocket flap is not the same as wearing a merit badge or Scout rank patch. It is a symbol of excellence. It means that your peers see you as someone who is special. Someone they can look up to as a model of what they should be. Take the next step and become a Brotherhood member of Achewon Nimat Lodge.

The following Ordeal members are eligible to participate in the Brotherhood ceremony at either event:

Jeff Airth	Andrew Funderburk	Nick Humphrey	Bryce Olson	Devian Varela
Nathaniel Barlow	Jesse Garcia	Stephen Ilmberger	Eric Page	Howard Waits
Zack Benedict	John Garcia	Bob Kemp	Ian Ransom	James Welch
Thomas Bercasio	Carlos Gee	Rick Knowles	Jeremy Ratto	Allen Wong
Bill Brewer	Jarrett Gentile	Ryan Knowles	Andrew Rojas	Matthew Wong
Thomas Dooher	Linda Gentile	Ryan McCallum	Joseph Rojas	Jeffrey Woo
Andrew Doolittle	Travis Gentile	Michael Myers	Ben Sebastian	
Michael Dotson	John Gillen	Adam Ochs	Cameron Shelton	
John Fehr	Walker Hamilton	Connor Ochs	Devin Shepodd	
Mike Frost	Malcolm Humphrey	Randy Ochs	Annette Simmons	

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