

# THE ARROW POINT

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## *Achewon Nimat 282*

San Francisco Bay Area Council - Section W3S

### CHIEF HOPES FOR LODGE TO AIM HIGHER



Greetings Achie and welcome to the New Year!

As many of you know we unfortunately did not earn Quality Lodge this year. At the Chief's Meeting, the lodge discussed how we as a lodge could do better this year. We are still struggling to recruit new members and retain youth participation in events throughout the year. The villages in attendance made the commitment to push Troop elections this spring and to ensure that we have a good group of candidates at the Winter and Spring Ordeals. The lodge has also made promised to reevaluate how the Ordeals are run to ensure that the experience is as memorable as possible.

We also discussed the lodge's role within the Centennial Jamboree this year. The Centennial Jamboree is going to be a huge event this year second only to the National Jamboree. Please encourage all your troops, teams, crews and packs to attend this amazing event. We are encouraging OA members to register with their troops and then to volunteer their time to help run both the Section Powwow and a lodge booth. These activities will only need to be staffed at certain times within the Jamboree, and various shifts will be created and assigned within the coming months. This will ensure that OA youth will still be able to participate in the Jamboree while still serving the lodge. More information will be announced in the upcoming weeks so be sure to keep in touch with your Village Vice Chief of Activities.

The Winter Ordeal is coming up on February 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> followed by Klondike Derby, March 5-7. I hope to see everyone at each event!!!  
—Yours in Brotherhood, Christopher Coon, Lodge Chief



### Northern California 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jamboree

Achewon Nimat is stepping up to help with the Northern California Jamboree. Not only will we be taking part with the Section in an Indian Village, but we will also be helping our council in their sub-camp. We would like OA members to show up early in force on Friday night when most units will be arriving. The OA members will show each unit to their campsite location and other facilities at the Jamboree, similar to what the staff does when you arrive at summer camp. We will also be asking OA members, both youth and adults, to man an information booth in the SFBAC's sub-camp. We would provide information about the Jamboree, as well as promoting the OA with unit election information and Cub Scout Arrow of Light ceremony information. We are also planning to host a social on Saturday night by inviting all SFBAC participants to join us for food, probably some type of ice cream treat. OA members should register with their units, or if your unit is not going, we can register as a Lodge.

See you at the celebration!



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## SEE WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND YOU

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>LODGE EVENTS</u></b> <b><u>2010 LODGE YEAR</u></b></p> <p>FEBRUARY 5-6, 2010 Lodge Fun Night Location TBD</p> <p>FEBRUARY 19-21, 2010 Ordeal @ Los Mochos</p> <p>March 5-7, 2010 Klondike Derby Location TBA</p> <p>MARCH 14, 2010 Section Meeting 1PM @ Greater Yosemite Council</p> <p>MARCH 26-28, 2010 Achiefest @ Royaneh</p> <p>MARCH 28, 2010 Deadline for New Arrow Point Articles</p> <p>APRIL 5, 2010 New Arrow Point Sent Out</p> <p>APRIL 15-18, 2010 100th Anniversary Jamboree Alameda County Fairgrounds</p> <p>APRIL 30-MAY 1, 2010 Lodge Fun Night Location TBD</p> <p>MAY 16, 2010, 1PM Section Meeting Location TBD</p> <p>MAY 21-23, 2010 Ordeal @ Wente</p> <p>JUNE 5, 2010 Tres-Ranchos-Rama Location TBD</p> <p>JUNE 4, 2010 Deadline for New Arrow Point Articles</p> <p>JUNE 14, 2010 New Arrow Point Sent Out</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>OHLONE</u></b></p> <p>So far, we have done 3 elections and 5 OA/Camping presentations. We have also done 3 Bridging ceremonies and have 3 more scheduled. —Stephen Hopkins, Village Chief</p> <hr/> <p><i>Our meeting is on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30pm at the Fremont Scout House on Central &amp; Fremont Blvd.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>ACHEWON TULPE</u></b></p> <p>As of now we are preparing for the Spring camporee in May. The election team will be making appointments to do unit elections. We are encouraging members to pay their dues.</p> <hr/> <p><i>Our meeting is on the second Wednesday of the month at Leona Lodge in Oakland at 7:30 pm.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>ROYANEH</u></b></p> <p>Greetings from Royaneh Village!</p> <p>At our last village meeting, we created a committee that designed an awesome flyer to be presented to the adult leaders at Roundtables. During the January Roundtable, we did a great presentation describing what we do, and answering any questions that the adult leaders may have.</p> <p>Royaneh Village still offers Arrow of Light Ceremonies and Crossovers to the packs and troops of San Francisco. By doing these ceremonies, Troops are aware of the OA presence, and it is our opportunity to directly tell them who we are and what we do. —Willy Ten, Village Chief</p> <hr/> <p><i>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. San Francisco.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>AMANGI</u></b> <b><u>NECHOCHWEN</u></b></p> <p>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</p> <hr/> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SEUNEN</u></b> <b><u>PASCHENGINK</u></b></p> <p>Seunen Village has been very busy. Many members enjoyed the adventure of Winter Camp Awareness in San Francisco. The Lodge Banquet was fun and also well attended. AT the December OA Roundtable we had a great White Elephant event. For our January meeting we set up our ceremonies team and visited the Boy Scout and Cub Scout Roundtables. WE spent a lot of time in our business meeting and got a lot done. Many Arrow of Light Ceremonies are being requested. WE began visiting Packs in January and will finish in March. Get well Arrowman Tommy F., who had jaw surgery in January. WE look forward to the RLM Ordeal and the Centennial Jamboree. —Seunen Arrowmen</p> <hr/> <p><i>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.</i></p>
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# KEEPING THE LODGE RUNNING

## DANCE & DRUM TEAM

### DANCE TEAM EVENTS UPDATE!!!

In the next couple of months we are looking forward to performing on February 24th, and March 18th. We need all the help we can get, if you can help or are interested in the Drum & Dance team please call Jason Edgar, Mr. Hoffman, or Mr. Pretzel.



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/htm/DrumAndDance.htm>.

—Jason Edgar, Drum/Dance Chair

## WHAT IS THE ARROW POINT?

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

As you may have noticed, Arrow Point will now be sent out via emailed Adobe-pdf files, with one printed issue, along with all registration forms. The pdf transition will make communication more efficient and affordable. Please note this change and make sure you have a functioning pdf-file or 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 perform 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.

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## CEREMONIES TEAM

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 [cntrygrlk@yahoo.com](mailto:cntrygrlk@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. 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 my truck because they think I am that funny, DO YOU?!?!?

—Written by: Kari Costa, Lodge Ceremonies Advisor

## 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 - Brthrhd	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!!!

**A MESSAGE FROM THE  
ACHIE TRADING POST:  
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## LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING AHEAD

### WINTER CAMP AWARENESS

GREETINGS ACHIE!!! THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH EVERYONE for everything that you all have done to help us out running this year's WCAS. I know certain times that day were periods of organized chaos, or simply chaos, but thank you all for cheerfully serving. Thank you to all the members who stayed through the entire day even though you weren't teaching the whole day, and thank you all who taught for trying to keep the audience engaged with this new teaching style. A special thank you and apology to Seunen village regarding the audience situation prior to their presentation. And thank you Jim Smith and Mr. & Mrs. Brandon for your patience and help late Saturday afternoon.

Finally, Patrick and I are looking for performance feedback and suggestions for the future from youth and adult staff. This will help us prepare the next WCA Chairman in his task, and hopefully help him avoid some of the problems I faced this year.

Thank you all again, and see you at the next Winter Camp Awareness! Stay warm this winter, and at Klondike!!!

—YiB, Adrian Tsang,  
2009 WCA Chairman



### ATTENTION FELLOW ARROWMEN!!!

The following Chairmanships are due for refilling. Please let your lodge officers or the respective advisors if you are interested in any of these positions.

Brotherhood, Vigil, Camp Promotions, Lodge Leadership Development, Arrow Point, Winter Camp Awareness, Lodge Fun Nights, NOAC 2012.

### ITS ABOUT TIME WE HAD A LITTLE FUN!!!

Scott Santos here! I would like to know what you all would like to see in a fun day or night and how many youth might be able to go. Call me at 510 317-7598, and let me know what you would like for an OA fun night. Thank you.

—Scott Santos, Lodge VC Activities

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Congratulations to all those who completed either their Ordeal, Brotherhood walk, or Vigil Ordeal recently:

**NEW ORDEAL MEMBERS:** Bill Ambrose, Zach Benedict, Neal Border, Zach Fleckner, Jesse Garcia, John Garcia, Carlos Gee, Scott Kavanagh, Evan Lola, Ian Peters, Joseph Rojas, Mitch Sullivan, Garren Weiss

**NEW BROTHERHOOD HONORS:** Kelly Gully, David Leung, Daniel Mastin, Arjun Teh, Hugo Urioste, Jon Wu

**NEW VIGIL HONORS:** Kevin Walton, John Walton, Sam Ward, Adrian Tsang, Jim Dragon.

### An Announcement Regarding NLS & NLATS

The Regional NLS/NLATS sessions have been moved to Reno, Nevada, April 30 – May 2, 2010. Our lodge has a budget to pay for a number of youth attendees, and to assist in the cost for a number of adult attendees. We encourage those who expect to run and be elected to lodge offices, or become village chiefs to plan on attending.



The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is a weekend training program focusing on leadership development. It provides an in-depth look at leadership skills and techniques. The NLS discusses how these skills can be applied in your role in the OA and in other aspects of your life. It is intended primarily to enhance the leadership skills of the Order of the Arrow's key youth and adult members as they seek to improve their services to the Boy Scouts of America and the greater community.

The National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar (NLATS) is a weekend conference focusing on the skills and attributes of effective lodge advisers. It is intended primarily to enhance an adviser's knowledge of and connectivity with the OA's strategic plan, program and resources, while emphasizing personal skills that are essential to the development of effective youth leadership and ultimately the OA's service to the council. Participants must have already attended an NLS.

If you are interested in attending, or wish to nominate someone to attend, please contact the Lodge Adviser as soon as possible.

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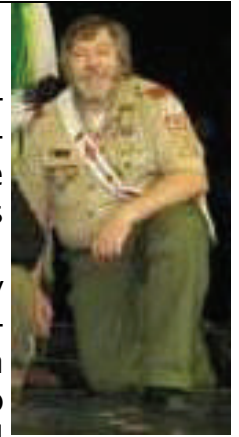
## LET'S KEEP THIS LODGE GOING

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### Adviser's Message

I would like to congratulate the Arrowmen of Achewon Nimat lodge for planning and hosting a successful Conclave, Camporee, Klondike Derby and Winter Camp Awareness. We are one of the few lodges that attempts such a wide range of service to our Scouts. Each Arrowman who assisted in these events should be proud of what they have accomplished.

This year, in order to assist our Chief in his goal of achieving Quality Lodge, I will be focusing on the Induction process and lodge communications. The Induction process starts with contacting each Troop and Team in the council, offering and encouraging the units to honor those Scouts who have lived the Scouting ideal. Next is getting these candidates recognized and completing their Ordeal to become members of our lodge. After ten months, the process concludes with their sealing their membership by accepting the Brotherhood honor. During this time they should be active in their unit, and attend village meetings and lodge activities as much as they can. However, Achewon Nimat has not achieved its goals.



- We contacted less than 70% of the traditional troops, and far, far fewer other units. The goal is 75%.
- We have not held as many elections as the previous year, and few of those elected actually attended an Ordeal and joined the Order. One district was averaging less than 20% elected candidates becoming members.
- Village meetings and Lodge events have very low attendance, with only 22 individual youth planning, producing, and attending lodge events over the course of the year.
- While we did not make the 30% Brotherhood conversion rate, we came very close, and hope, with everyone's help to do even better this coming year.
- A high number of current Arrowmen declined to renew their membership in the lodge. As a result our lodge membership has dropped from around 300 to around 250 members.

Our tasks are clear. Bring the fun and honor of OA membership back into the Scouting program of this council. Create contacts within each unit. To broaden our circle by bringing as many new members as we can into our Brotherhood of Cheerful Service, and encouraging existing members to renew their membership.

Please encourage each Troop/Team to have an OA Representative. This position qualifies as a leadership position for Star, Life, and Eagle. Its main purpose is communication between the village, lodge, and unit. Each Troop/Team should also have an adult contact who can work with the OA Representative to ensure he can accomplish his duties. Ideally this would be the Scoutmaster or Coach, or one of their Assistants.

We also need to know what information you, youth and adults, would like to receive in this Arrow Point or other publications, and what is the best way to send the information to you. At this point less than one third of the lodge members have provided us with email addresses. Please take the time to encourage your fellow Arrowmen and Unit Leaders to send their email addresses to: <LodgeBusinessAdviser@AchewonNimat.org>

Youth under age 13 should only provide their parent's email, unless their parents also sign the waiver which is on the Dues and Package Plan form which can be found at: <<http://achewonnimat.org/htm/forms.htm>>

—Yours in Service, Charles Hoffman, Lodge Adviser

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