



Saklan Lodge Newsletter - July 2015

OA Centennial

- NOAC, the National Order of the Arrow Conference meets Aug 3-8. Over 30 of our Lodge members are off to Michigan State University to join with Arrowmen from Lodges across the country in fellowship and competitions with one another in many activities. Like a giant Conclave, NOAC is full of shows, sports, special events, training seminars, and plenty of patch trading!
<http://saklanlodge.org/saklan/noac/>
- In celebration of the 100 year anniversary, ArrowTour 2015 came to Coyote Valley Sporting Clays on Jul 10 where our lodge Arrowmen staffed the setup, games, exhibits and trading post. There was tasty Tri-tip BBQ and we made silk-screened OA shirts and burned logos on leather and wood. Read all about ArrowTour here: <http://arrowtour.oa-bsa.org/>
- Reminder that the Arrowman Service Award for youth and adult Arrowmen must be worked on during 2015. Read FAQ on earning the ASA at: http://www.oa-bsa.org/uploads/awards/asa_faq.pdf

Conclave

- Saklan Lodge won the 1st place Grizzly Award at the W3S Conclave at Coast Guard Island, Apr 24-26! Congratulations and thank you to all of those who went! <http://www.sectionw3s.org/conclave/>

Ordeals

- High Sierra Ordeal
Took place June 5-7, Candidates preformed much needed clean up around camp, and we welcomed our new lodge leadership to their positions. <http://saklanlodge.org/saklan/ordeal/hi-sierra-ordeal/>
- Chesebrough Ordeal
Coming up this September 11-13th. Get all the info and signup on the lodge website: <http://saklanlodge.org/saklan/ordeal/chesebrough-ordeal/>

Calendar

- The Lodge Summer Barbecue is Aug 22nd at Murdoch Park, San Jose. Join your brothers for great food and a fun day of activities such as the Root Beer Chug! Head to the Lodge website for more information and to Sign up. <http://saklanlodge.org/saklan/lodge-vigil-barbecue-2/>
- The LLD is coming Aug 15th! Come to our Training Program put together by the Lodge to train its members on many important topics related to Lodge Leadership and activities.
<http://saklanlodge.org/saklan/lodge-leadership-development/>

- The Coyote Creek Cycling Classic has requested our help this year on Saturday, October 10, they need help with rest stops and parking. Please visit the website page for more information: <http://saklanlodge.org/saklan/coyote-creek-cycling-classic/>

New Lodge Officers

Alex Gluszczak:	Lodge Chief
Isaiah Castro:	Program Vice Chief
Josh Dewitt:	Administrative Vice Chief
Johnathon Dzek:	Communications Vice Chief
Charles Victor:	Inductions Vice Chief
Evan Kirkham:	Finance Vice Chief

Message from Past Lodge Chief

Brothers,

As the days grow closer to our centennial celebration at NOAC, I am reminded of the values instilled on my by this Order. Cheerful service is a staple of our ever small brotherhood, a pillar which cannot be forgotten. I remember this every day when dealing with unhappy customers or another Scouting related issued. The leadership that this Order, that this Lodge, can help to instill is priceless and has helped me in the professional world. We as leaders, recognized amongst others, stand out as the leaders of tomorrow with maturity, values and a commitment that will hold all of us throughout our lives. Though my term has ended, I hope to see many of you continue to grow in your understanding of the Order, a task never fully complete.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Ashton J. Mills
2014-2015 Lodge Chief

Message from New Lodge Chief

Hello fellow Arrowmen,

As your new lodge chief I look forward to building our lodge into one of the best in the country. I'm honored to have been elected the third Saklan Lodge chief and I believe this will be a big year for our lodge. To start things off we are sending thirty of our lodge members to the National Order of the Arrow Conference in Michigan this August to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the OA, this is a once in a life time event and should be a memorable trip for all who are able to attend. This year I believe there will be a lot change in our lodge, for the better, we will become more organized and better at communicating lodge events and news to keep all of our members more informed. Most of all I hope to all of our members at one of our upcoming lodge events this year such as our Summer Lodge BBQ on August 22 at Murdock Park.

WWW,
--Alex Gluszczak
Saklan Lodge Chief

Message from Lodge Advisor

It Starts With Us

The theme for the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) this year is "It Starts with Us". This is a message to each of us that we are the spark capable of starting something bigger. Every drop of water creates a ripple that extends infinitely outwards when it touches the ocean. Over time, those ripples join together to become an enormous wave large enough to impact anything in its path. We can be a drop in the large ocean of humanity, from which ripples extend in every direction. The nature of that ripple: singular, collaborative, positive or negative, is entirely up to each of us. We create tomorrow with action today. The book on the OA's first one hundred years is written – but what the OA, Scouting, and the world looks like tomorrow is based completely on what we choose to do today. What starts with each of us is completely open to personal interpretation. You decide what begins with you and our individual decisions combine to determine what starts with us.

What will history remember of our actions this week, this month, this year, or this decade and beyond? Where can we start to make a difference? Look around. The OA, scouting, and the community needs you and your contribution. What will you do to start this new century? Get involved or re-involved with the Order of the Arrow, help your lodge grow, lead the way, follow the arrow and see where it takes you.

Our Lodge officers need Arrowmen to take part in building the vision, helping the council and making it fun. We need Arrowmen to fill positions on the committees from ceremonies to program. You can participate at the Chapter or Lodge level and beyond. Be a part of the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. Watch the ripple grow.

WWW,
Dan Krent
Saklan Lodge Advisor

Hope to see all our brothers at the Lodge BBQ @ Murdock Park on Aug 22nd!