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COMING UP

- Feb 17** - 7:00 p.m. LECM for all Chapter & Lodge officers and Advisers. Place Tracy Lodge
- Feb 24** - 7:00 p.m. Lodge Officers meeting - Place Service Center
- Mar 17** - 7:00 p.m. LECM for all Chapter & Lodge officers and Advisers. Place TBA
- Mar 19**- 3:00 pm Brotherhood at Tracy Must register by the 12th
- Mar 22-23** - Tooele Ordeal - see web site for details.
- Mar 24** - 7:00 pm Service Center for all Lodge officers and advisers
- Apr 15-17** - Section Conclave at Delta for all members and candidates - check web site.
- Apr 21** - 7:00 p.m. LECM for all Chapter & Lodge officers and Advisers. Place TBA
- Apr 22-23** - Lodge Ordeal at Tracy
- Apr 28** - 7:00 p.m. Officers and Advisers meeting at Service Center.

Chiefly Speaking

My Brothers:

Thank you to all who helped and attended the Banquet last month. It was a big success. Time is really flying and our spring events are rapidly approaching us. Over the next few months we need to work hard to put together our ceremony teams, our Ordeal staff and our Scout-O-Rama staff. Please get the word out to your friends in the O.A. that we are looking to get all of our members involved in these events, and would love to see them at them. Remember that we are a Brotherhood and we welcome all our members at all times.

Also, if you have not yet had a chance to check out our new website, you really should. It is packed full of useful information and resources. The Web address is www.elkuta.com. I would highly suggest spending some time looking through the information on the site.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Caleb

Caleb Cannon
Lodge Chief 2009-11

**CONGRATS TO OUR NEW MEMBERS****THE EL-KU-TA LODGE – SPREADING THE SPIRIT, SETTING THE PACE**

LODGE WEB SITE

After months of construction the Lodge Web site was unveiled at the Lodge Banquet. This issue is devoted to helping you be family with it.

The site is:

www.elkuta.com

Check it out from time to time. You will find it the best way to keep up on lodge events, register for events, keep in touch with your chapter and do a number of other things though it.

This issue is all about the details.

LOG IN

You can use the site without establishing a member account HOWEVER about 50% of the information is for members only, so....

If you do not get a password and log in, you won't get to see about half of the site since it is restricted to OA members.

You decide what your password will be and it will only stay on the site - it does not go anywhere else.

By the way, parents are certainly welcome to visit all of the site with you. You can explain to them, why it is so interesting.

1st STOP HERE

The first thing you notice in the Members menu is the **1st STOP HERE** item. This contains all of the information that you need to know about the site and how to use it. The information is updated often, so visit frequently.

It has information that you need to know. Check it out.

DAILY NEWS

The second item in the Members Menu is the **Daily News**. You want to check this out also. The site is still growing and will far into the future. This page will tell you what has been updated or added to the site since the last time you visited.

Some of the information is changed due to time. For example after the date for online registration is past, that information no longer shows on the site.

New Articles, new photos and new sections will all be listed in this area and linked so that you can go directly to them if you want.

MEMBERS AREA

There are other things in the Members area also. There is a **Lodge Directory** with all of the lodge officers and advisers and how to contact them.

There are sections for advisers, for financial matters, agendas for LECM and Minutes of LECM and Officer's Meetings.

Want to contact the chief it is easy, his email is chief@elkuta.com how about the webmaster, webmaster@elkuta.com. We have our own email system so that all of our leaders have an email address that remains the same and refers to the site. The email you send is forwarded to them.

CHAPTER AREA

The chapter area is where you find (a) the **Chapter Directory** (containing the email addresses of your chief and adviser as well as meeting times and places), (b) **Chapter Stats** (contains the information as to how well your chapter is doing), and (c) the **Chapters** pages.

Each chapter has its own section on the site. It is

yours to fill with what ever you want - well, within reason such as obeying copyright laws. Some have already started to do so. You can put pictures, articles, information, schedules, whatever the chapter will be interested in having.

We don't take personal information of members without their permissions such as phone numbers, addresses etc, no school rivalry comments, and no political comments.

If there is nothing there - get on the stick and put something down. All the chapter needs to do is have someone who wants to be the chapter author, get him trained and then have at it.

Remember the email system? Well it works for chapters also. To contact the chief for chapter 1, for example, it is chief1@elkuta.com the adviser is adviser1@elkuta.com. See the pattern it is chief [your chapter #] @elkuta. com . If you don't have a chief or adviser you email will come back as being undeliverable.

We will have email addresses for major committees and events chairmen also.

CANDIDATE AREA

Along the left side is the Candidate Area. We have information for candidates also. Information on Ordeals, equipment lists, articles for parents, schedules, everything that they need.

By the way, we invite them to come out and participate with the chaste from the time of their election - so don't disappoint them.

Make sure you tell them about it when they are elected so that they look forward to joining.

RESOURCE AREA

The **Resource** area is one of the best. Check out the **Lodge History**. Who was the chief in 1974 - it's there. What did the newsletter look like in 1986 - it's there. Who have received Founder's Awards - same thing.

We are adding to this one all of the time as people provide us with more information on our history. Come back often and see just what our tradition is.

The **How to Series...** is another of the great ones. Want to run for a Lodge Officer - it tells you how. Want to plan a yearly chapter calendar - it tells you how. Want to get your Brotherhood - it tells you who and has help you can down load.

For advisers and leaders there are forms and ceremonies, and songbooks, and Native American crafts, and over 100 items that can be down loaded to make your program better.

EVENTS AREA

Here is the area that has a description of all of the events that the lodge does during the year.

Registration Central takes you right to the registration page for each of them. Section conclave, Dues payment, Ordeal Registration. All can be done at registration central.

We also have the **Lodge Calendar** in this area. It is currently under going construction but still links you to the council calendar.

AT THE TOP

At the top of the page you will find a great area for **Parents** - it explains what the OA is and gives them the information that they need.

We have links to the **Council** web page, the Section one, National's web page and several others. You can go anywhere that you want to get the latest information that you need to have.

The **Photo Gallery** is just pure fun. Event photos are up loaded and you can scroll through them or have them presented in a slide show. You can print them or download them if you find a photo that you really like. Remember, it's your site. We have the Scout-O-Rama promotion from 1959 - if you really want to go

back in time.

The **Video Archive** is just getting started but will contain instructions on dancing, ceremonies and other items during the years. Right now you can see the year 2003 in review - might music, no less. The video is stored on YouTube so it is easier to maintain, if you want us to include something that you feel is important or fun for members, let us know.

POLL

We don't want to forget the **Poll**. On the bottom of the right hand menus is the Poll. From time to time it will ask for you opinion. Right now you can tell us how you like the Site.

In the future, we will ask how you like a certain event or policy. Polls will change from time to time. We hope that you have some fun with them.

SUMMARY

As a member of the greatest lodge in the Nation, you should have the greatest web page in the nation - we think that it is.

We have over 130 pages of content, 195 past issues of the Legend, 642 photos in the photo gallery and more coming every week.

The next project is to have a gallery with photos and descriptions of all of the lodge flaps that we have issued in the 55 years of our history - for patch traders it will be great! - for the rest it will be interesting history.

Want to add something - be our guest! Contact the webmaster at webmaster@elkuta.com and he will tell you how to do it.

Otherwise enjoy! We want to especially thank Jacques du Bois and Emile Leclerc for their help in getting us going. Nous vous remercions beaucoup!

UNIT LEADERS

We have information for Cub, Scout and Varsity Leaders on the site. You can download some of our ceremonies for use in your Arrow of Light, Flag Ceremonies, or Eagle Ceremonies events.

For Scout and Varsity Leaders you can request a unit election or arrange to do it yourself if you are a member or have a member in your unit.

When you request an election, you get an immediate confirmation that it has been received and will be dealt with - we think you will like the feedback.

LODGE BANQUET

The Lodge Banquet was outstanding. Great Food, good times and the introduction of the Web Site were the highlights.

If you missed Joe Morley's Bar-b-cue - you really missed out.

We will get to the awards in another issue, HOWEVER photos of the event are posted in the Photo Gallery - thanks to **Kiffer Creveling** who took them and provided them to us.

SECTION CONCLAVE

The section conclave will be held at the IPP mancamp by Delta on the 15-17th of April, 2011. Chapters will arrange transportation for those who want to do. The costs are on the web page which links to the section registration.

This has always been a great event and this year promises to be another fun activity. If you want to run for section office. You need to have the approval of the Scout Executive. Contact the lodge adviser at lodgeadviser@elkuta.com for more information. Ya'll come!

As has been the custom at the last several conferences, early registration results in a discount - check it out.

ORDEAL NEWS

The first Ordeal of the year will be held in Tooele on the 25-26th of March, 2011. You need to register for this one by the 18th of March in order to attend.

The cost is \$35.00 per candidate and \$10.00 per member for food.

If you do not want to register online, contact the lodge adviser at lodgeadviser@elkuta.com or at 801-292-4686 for information on how to do it. If you need specific information contact the chapter adviser at adviser11@elkuta.com.

As with all of our events, there is no registration at the door.

A map to the site is available. You can download it at **Registration Central**.

EMAIL

Much of the information of the lodge is sent out via email. We try and get everyone's email address at their ordeal, but many change it over time.

If you want to see if your email address is correct or have us change it, email your address to lodgeadviser@elkuta.com. If you are receiving this by regular post, we would really like to put you on our email list.

PATCH AUCTION

Thanks to those who helped with the patch auction in October. We made a few dollars and those who came had a lot of fun.

For those of you who are into patches, the majority of the items at the auction sold for less than \$5.00. This

included books, pins, patches, etc. You can start or expand a nice collection with less than \$20.00 at the auction and the money goes for some great programs.

See you at the one next year.

FACEBOOK CONTACT

Kiffer Creveling is already on the job with a new Lodge Facebook page. If you are on Facebook, make it your friend and keep up with the coming events. Join at:

EL-KU-TA Order of the Arrow Lodge

Everyone is getting involved in it. You should also. There are some great photos of the Fellowship on it already and more are coming in!

The Fellowship photos are also in the Photo Gallery of the page.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

There are new service opportunities coming up. If you want to participate email your desire to elkuta520@gmail.com. This will be a monthly feature of the *Legend*.

JAMBORAL . This is just to say thanks to those who participated. When they needed a Flag Ceremony for the Opening Ceremony - who stepped up - the OA! It was awesome. We had a great camp - used our new awnings - right next to the stand for the dignitaries. The weather was great. We saw a lot of past and present members with their units. Thanks to those who came and especially thanks to those who supported their units

REGISTRATION

Now is the time to get your registration in for the coming year if you have not done so already.

You can register online if you like - makes it a lot easier.

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RESOURCES

In the last issue we suggested that these 10 resources could improve your chapter - they still can and are only some of the resources that you can get on the new page.

1. Registration form - fillable PDF format.
2. Unit Election form - fillable PDF format.
3. Manuals for training Ordeal ceremony teams with all of the text and suggestions as to the placement of parts etc.
4. Flag ceremony scripts for use at a variety of programs.
5. Arrow of Light scripts for use at presentations.
6. Adult recommendation form - this is in a fillable PDF format.
7. 101 Chapter Meeting ideas for use in getting your meetings going. Can also be used for unit meetings.
8. OA fact sheet for use with parents etc. to give them an overview of the program.
9. Halliday's Laws - tips for working with the youth leadership in your chapter.
10. Halliday's Laws - Youth. Tips for working with the adult leadership in your chapter.

CHANGES

We welcome those who are coming into service with the lodge and give our thanks to those who are moving on to other assignments.

We have lost a couple of Vice Chiefs and wish them well in their other pursuits.

TAKASCHIN

Over twenty years ago, the Lodge wrote and produced a new kind of training course for youth leaders. Originally known as Coup Trail, the course has been, for the past several years name Takaschin - Leader.

It is based on assumption that most leadership exists where the leader has to not only direct the group he leads, but in most cases form the group to accomplish the task.

Since it's foundation, it has provided the basis of leadership for numerous lodge and section officers, 2 Regions Chiefs and a National Chief of the OA. It builds on Silver Moccasin and other national training course, but is unique in that it's principles approximate real life situations where groups and teams are formed to complete specific goals.

There will be no course in 2011. Hopefully the chapters will see the need to do this in 2012.

KICKOFF

The fall program Kickoff was well attended and awesome. We had a good representation of our leadership and they made some exciting plans for the coming year.

WE'RE EXPANDING

With the introduction of our yearly program on Facebook, will you be able to see some of our programs in Video on YouTube? Watch and see - this year will be amazing.

You can catch all of our programs in the Video Archive as they develop.

FELLOWSHIP

Plans are being made for Fellowship and will be announced in the next Legend and on the web page.

It will be held at East Fork again. Hopefully, the snow that has plagued us for the last 3 years will let up and give us a break.

There is a lot of service to do there.

It is now scheduled for the 7-11th of June but a couple of the school district do not get out until the 8th - so we will probably have the bulk of the program start on the 8th and may vary the starting dates

If you want to see a certain activity or class at the fellowship, email the lodge chief at chief@elkuta.com and let him know

If you are planning on running for lodge office at this fellowship, then you should check out the article, Running for Officer in the How To Series... of the page.

If you want to teach a class, be on a committee, or help with an event at Fellowship, let us know, chief@elkuta.com.

If you want to design the t-shirt, or the patch or have a theme that would be fun or inspiring, let us know at chief@elkuta.com.

This year's Fellowship will have some fantastic events. Set aside the date on your calendar now.

REGISTRATION OR INVOLVEMENT FOR THE 2010-11 YEAR

Please register me for the coming year or get me information on the committee I have checked:

Name (Print)_____ Phone:_____

Full Address:_____

Status: circle Ordeal Brotherhood Vigil Date of Birth:_____ Rank:_____ Unit Number _____

Email address (required) _____

If you want to serve on a Committee Check which ones:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ordeal | <input type="checkbox"/> Brotherhood | <input type="checkbox"/> Fellowship | <input type="checkbox"/> Web Page |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banquet | <input type="checkbox"/> Section Conclave | <input type="checkbox"/> Ceremonies | <input type="checkbox"/> Native American |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scout-O-Rama | <input type="checkbox"/> Unit elections | <input type="checkbox"/> Other_____ | |

REGISTRATION ENCLOSED: \$\$_____ (\$10.00 Per year)

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