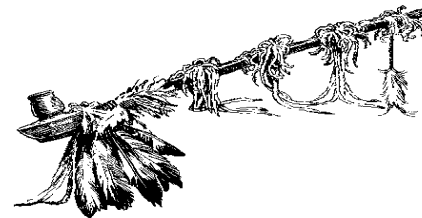


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NOVEMBER 2008

20th 7:00 p.m. LECM - Valley
Mental Health Bldg

26th 7:00 p.m. Officers Mtg Ser
Ctr

27th THANKSGIVING

DECEMBER 2008

18th 7:00 p.m. LECM - Usual place

25th CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 2009

15th 7:00 p.m. LECM - Valley Bldg

17th 7:00 p.m. LODGE BANQUET
Tickets: \$12.50

22nd 7:00 p.m. Officers Mtg Ser Ctr

Chiefly Speaking

My Brothers:

We are having a tremendous fall!!! We had an outstanding kick off where fun and training was had by all! Ask your chapter chief how much fun they had at the kickoff at your next chapter meeting, see what kind of response you get! We had an ordeal at wheeler farm just a few weeks ago put on by our ordeal Vice Chief, Caleb Cannon, who did a spectacular job! We were able to put in some serious hours for wheeler farm and hopefully the work we provided will be of long term benefit for them. I don't know about you but I am certainly having the time of my life with all of these fun programs going on! Don't miss out! The snow is beginning to fall so join us for an activity! Bring a buddy and show them how much fun this organization truly can be!



Ellis Hunsaker
Lodge Chief 2008-9

If any of you have any artistic talent we are looking for someone who would like to help the Lodge with their creative mind and design patches as well as a Lodge tee shirt.

Here is an offer you will not want to miss; anyone who brings me 10 re-registrations to any LECM before the end of the year will receive a free OA patch from me!

Don't miss out on any of the fun!!! We would love to see you at our next event!

Your in Brotherhood

Ellis Hunsaker
Lodge Chief

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PROGRAM KICKOFF

All of the Lodge and Chapter officers spent an overnight in September for training and for a chance to commit themselves to an outstanding year.

Camp Browning with its COPE course was the setting. Browning is a high adventure camp outside of Eden Utah in the Trapper Trails Council. The lodge sits right in the tops of the trees and the setting could not have been better.

For the lodge officers (as you can tell by the picture of the Chief) it was late and early for the preparation and teaching that went on. .

Trust formed an important part of the youth training - learn to rely on your brothers. For the adults, it was a little more traditional.



Youth and adult learned a lot from each other in some role playing demonstrations and practice. Ever try and convince your chapter adviser that a chapter tattoo would be a good idea? It was hard for some of the advisers to listen without making a snap decision.



Stewart Wood was there is great food. This is getting to be a fine habit as we ended the day with the arrival of our special Guests, Paul and Judy Moore.



Paul closed the event with some of his wisdom and challenges to all of us.

We have had tremendous support from our Scout Executive.

Anyway, if your chapter didn't make it - wow, did you lose out!

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CHANGE IN SCOUT EXEC

It is with some sadness that we announce that Paul Moore has been selected to become the new Scout Executive of the Los Angeles Area Council.

The El-Ku-Ta Lodge wishes him and his wife the best of all as they take up this new challenge as of November 1, 2008.

One of the first events that Paul and Judy attended upon coming to Salt Lake was a meeting with the Lodge Officers. We were staying the night up at a cabin provided by Lawry Hunsaker and Paul and Judy traveled up to meet with us and then be taken out on snowmobiles. It was a first for them.

We have enjoyed a great relationship with them since.

WHEELER FARM ORDEAL

Wow!! You had to be here to believe it! First we had not been at Wheeler Farm for an event in a long time. Second, we had 87 candidates - the largest ordeal in some years. Third the weather and food were perfect.



Thanks to all of those who staffed and made it a day to be remembered.



Work was tough and the Farm told us that we did a lot of stuff that they did not have the manpower to get around to do. They were really appreciative of the work that we did. We took care of trash, moved a huge wood pile and did a lot of other stuff. It was a full day even for an Ordeal

You can catch more of the action by checking out the photos on the web page.



Some of the stuff that we



found of was bizarre. Oh well, it is in the middle of the city. The

ceremony team did an outstanding job of taking care of two ceremonies to accommodate all of the candidates. And the food was superb.



Dinner was ribs, potatoes, rolls, chocolate cake, all baked in about 20 Dutch ovens. It was a real feast for the new members.



Congratulations and welcome to our new members. We hope to see you at many of our activities.

Christian Little says it all, a good day, new friends and a great plate of ribs and chocolate cake - it just



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doesn't get any better than that!!

The next ordeals are in the spring and I will be looking to see what the Ordeal Committee has planned for then.

IN MEMORIAM

We are sad to announce the passing of **Jerry Odekirk**. Jerry was a member of the 1st Ordeal class at Steiner in 1956 that founded the lodge. He was working as a staff member at the camp at the time. Recently Jerry was one of the members who journeyed back to Steiner this year to help with the elections.

He enjoyed being with the staff and telling them of the "old days" and in helping with the elections. He was dedicated to Scouting all of his life and especially to the Order of the Arrow. He will be missed. Our best wishes go out to his family. We will remember his friendship.

OFFICER & ADVISERS

CHANGE IS A CONSTANT THING and the OA is no exception

Moving On:

Tom Padia - Chapter adviser in district 26. We wish him well

Calvin Engh - Associate Lodge Adviser. We thank him for his service and wish him well.

BROTHERHOOD NEWS

Wheeler Farm also saw the first Brotherhood Ceremony of the season. Brent Uberty, Vice chief, reports that the following completed their Ordeal by becoming Brotherhood:

Dale Fox

Kiffer Crevelinig

Peter Creveling

Trey Fox

Jonathan Buckendorf

Kyle Metcalf

Jonathan Chang

Christian Little

Thomas Thorne

Burke Andrus

Congratulations are in order. Thanks to the ceremony team and those who assisted the ceremony. It was appreciated.

LODGE BANQUET



Do you like good food. Want to meet someone interesting . The lodge banquet is the place for you.

Date: January 17, 2009
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Tracy Lodge - Millcreek Cyn
Cost: \$12.50 per person

Kyle Condie, has informed us that the dinner will be catered by Joe Morley of Bar-B-Cue fame. If you like Bar-B-Cue, you will love this one. It's worth it just to come and eat.

Kyle also tell us the featured speaker of the evening will be Jay Barrs. Jay is a motivational speaker and an Olympic Archer who won Gold and Silver at the 1998 Olympics. If you ever wanted to meet and Olympian - now is your chance.

More on that later, but this is a continuation of having people come who have done challenging things and stand at the top of their game.

You can get tickets online from our site. Friends, family, guests, all are invited. Sign up early, the lodge is limited in seating. **No tickets at the door!**

We will also have a Vigil tap-out and lodge awards.

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FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Hey guys I hope all of you had a great time at fellowship this past fellowship. If you weren't there you were missed. But there is always next year so mark your calendar now. It will be June 8 – 13 2009 we may be moving locations so watch for more information. We are going to have a real blast! See you there.

If any of you are interested in helping out on a committee for next year please let me know.

Andrew Duncan
Lodge Vice Chief

GOOD THINGS HAPPENING!

1. We are running ahead of last year in the number of unit elections.
2. The web site now has photos of events - check it out and see if you are in them.
3. With the Steiner project we are back in camp.

SECTION NEWS

The Lodge Chiefs and the section Officers met on August 23rd in Mt Pleasant and have the outlines of a fantastic section conference. You will want to be there,

In separate news, the Western Region has informed us that due to a realignment of all of the areas within the Region, our section has been reduce to just the 3 Lodges in Utah, Ogden, Salt Lake and Provo. We wish our Idaho brothers well as they move into a new section.

CHAPTER INVOLVEMENT

The way to really get involved is in the chapter. Each chapter meets at the same time and place as your Scoutmaster Roundtable. It's a place to meet others, get some ideas that you can take back to your home unit and catch up on the news of the lodge.

If you have a candidate in your unit who has not attended an ordeal as yet, bring him to the chapter meeting and get him involved while he is waiting for his Ordeal.

LEGEND IN COLOR

Because of some of the new software that the council is using, you have the ability to get your copy of the legend in color delivered to you via your email. If we have your email address, this copy is coming to you that way. If we don't then it is being mailed to you. Electronic delivery will get you the newsletter about 5 days earlier plus you will get the photos etc. in color.

If you want to get on the electronic delivery system, just make sure that the lodge secretary has your email address and keep it current with him.

SERVICE

Chapter are encouraged to send in their service hours to the Lodge Secretary. We need name of person, date and the number of hours that we worked.

Thanks to all of you who find ways to serve the Scouting community.

REGISTRATION

Yes, it is past time for registration. Chapter and Lodge officers are contacting everyone possible to keep them current and involved. With the current year, if you are receiving this Legend, you can go to the web page and register on it.

If you have a friend who needs to register, why not pass on to him a copy of the Legend and let him see what he is missing.

LOOKING FOR HISTORY

We are looking for information about our history. We would really like to get copies of some of the old newsletters. The project is to scan them into a PDF format and then put them on the web site so that all can enjoy them.

If you have some of the old copies and want to know if we have them, email the date, issue no. and name of the chief who appears in the issue to elkuta520@cs.com and we will let you know if we have them or need them.

Your help is really appreciated.

LODGE POLICY

Often youth or adults want the council or lodge to approve staff applications for OA assignments at Jamborees, Section Conclaves, National Conferences or other area, regional or national events.

It is the policy of the lodge that in order to be approved, a member must be currently registered with the council and the lodge.

If you submit an application that needs approval and are not registered, it will be returned with a request that you register and then re-submit it.

ARTICLES

The Legend is a publication of the El-Ku-Ta Lodge of the Great Salt Lake Council, Boy Scouts of America. Articles can be submitted to: Lodge Secretary, El-Ku-Ta Lodge, Great Salt Lake Council BSA, 525 Foothill Blvd, Salt Lake City, UT 84113

CAMP PROMOTION

The Lodge Officers have been discussing ways to improve on the number of youth going camping each month. As a result of those discussions, a camping program has been suggested. It has been presented to the Council Key Three and the Program Vice Presidents who have given their support.

On the 27th of August, **Ellis Hunsaker** will present it to the Camping Committee at their monthly meeting.

The program will work like this.

1. The Order of the Arrow will honor those Scouts and Leaders who attain 25 or 50 or 75 or 100 days and nights of Scout sponsored camping during their Scouting years.
2. Each level will be shown by a distinctive patch to be worn on the right pocket, like a Camporee patch.
3. A scorecard will be issued to youth and the initials of the unit leader will be evidence that the camp has been completed.
4. The patches will be sold for enough to cover the cost of administering the program.
5. **Bry Davis**, the Council Commissioner stated that the Commissioner Staff may pay for the 100 days and night patch so that it can be awarded to the recipient free.

This is not to replace the Year Around Camping award that a troop can get, but to encourage the youth to attend more camps and to enjoy the out of doors.

In addition to the above, the Risk Management Committee has approved the request of the Lodge to Administer the Climbing Tower for Council and District Events and for those who want to use it.

Campers will be able to make arrangements for it use for motivating registrations, unit elections and as a part of their service plans.

UNIT ELECTIONS

Over the summer interviews were held with most of the chapter advisers. They have accepted to improve the quality of the chapter programs and to hit certain goals with regard to making the OA better known in the community.

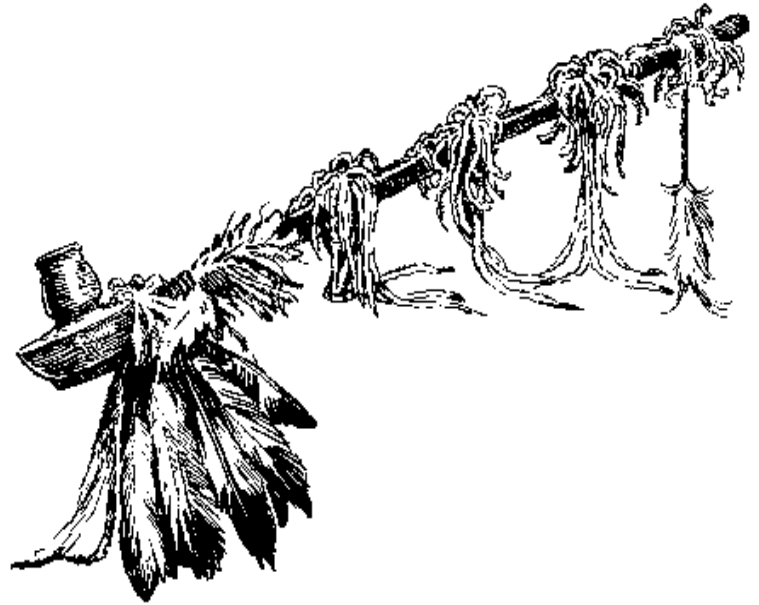
One of those goals is to attain 20% elections in the unit in their district.

This means that each chapter will need to get roughly 25 unit elections in order to meet this goal. One of the things that the summer election process at Steiner taught us was that boys want to join the OA and that Adult leaders need to know more about the OA in order to use it effectively in their units.

If you are involved with a unit as either a youth or adult (and we all are). How about arranging an election in your unit right away. There is still time to get them into the September Ordeal.

TAKACHSIN

Takachsin will begin interviewing for 2009 Staff. If any are interested they may contact **Arthur Evensen** at chieftalkalot@msn.com or **Brian Henry** at bhenry@bsaemail.org. Staff members need to have completed the course as a participant and be current brotherhood members. Ordeal members will be considered if they obtain brotherhood by the event date.



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