

**October Lakota Chapter Report**  
**Siwinis Lodge #252**  
**Order of the Arrow**

**24 October 2007**

Brothers,

In the month of September, Lakota has accomplished a lot. Over this month, Lakota has held its monthly Chapter Meeting, where we had a “Life to Eagle” as our program. During this program, all of the attending Arrowmen attended a meeting where there was an open discussion of the process becoming an Eagle Scout. Following that, the Chapter held out 2008 elections where Howard Limburg was elected Chief, Soren Fulton was elected Vice Chief, Garrett Maldoon was elected Treasurer and the position of Sachem was left unoccupied. The CEC meeting was held where the budgets for the CEC retreat and Chapter dinner were approved. Along with the 2008 calendar and budgets being discussed, Lakota further planned for the Ordeal and Cub encampment weekend.

Fall Ordeal

On 26 – 28 October Lakota will join the Lodge at the Fall Ordeal. So far, Lakota has approximately sixteen Ordeal candidates and twenty staff Arrowmen. Lakota has a full ceremony team to perform the Pre-Ordeal and Ordeal ceremonies. Also, Lakota will provide our own Elangomats for our Bands present over the weekend.

September Committee Work

Vice Chief: Our Vice Chief, Scott Affa, has created a form that will be used as a brochure for future years dealing with OA reps. This form provides guidelines and contact information to be used as reference throughout the district to better the relationship between the OA and the units.

Secretary: Our Sachem, Howard Limburg, has been working to build a strong Communications Committee. He is the lead on our 2008 re-registration and has been working to meet the Lodge’s shortened timeframe. Howard has created a packet available to all of the new members at the fall Ordeal. Howard has been supporting the planning of the CEC retreat as well as the Chapter Dinner as he will be the 2008 Chapter Chief.

Treasurer: Our Treasurer, Garrett Maldoon, has formed and met with the Finance Committee in order to organize the Chapter’s finances. Garrett is working with the Officers to create a budget for the 2008 year. At the October CEC meeting, Lakota made our final revisions of the draft budget. We will make a few more amendments as needed.

Brotherhood: Our Niamat Chair, Sam Croft, has had thirteen Brotherhood conversions in 2007. He and his committee have made the effort of calling and organizing the

Brotherhood rosters. There are several Arrowmen who want to seal their Brotherhood but cannot attend the Ordeal. We are considering a late year Brotherhood day for the Chapter but do not have a specific plan yet.

Camping Promotions: Our Messenger, Morgan McNally, has been talking among the Chapter's youth Arrowmen to get a better view of camping in their units due to the poor survey responses from the units. He has also been collecting information on camps to give to the units.

Elangomat: Our Elangomat Chair, Steven Gunderson and his deputy David Dye, are working on setting up for the Fall Ordeal. They are organizing the Bands and collecting information from the Elangomats to strengthen the extended Elangomat program for the 2008 year.

Elections: Our Hunter, Matt Affa, has already met several times with his Deputy and Adviser in the attempt to review the year and create a plan for the following year that will create a more organized election season. This plan will be presented to the District as well as the CEC board in the November / December cycle of meetings.

Trading Post: Over the month of July our Trading Post Chair, Thomas Lidikay, has been present at both the Chapter and CEC meetings and has brought refreshments for all of the attending Arrowmen. He also operated the Trading Post at the Pacifica Fall Camporee.

Vigil: Our new Vigil Chair, Garrett Maldoon, is in the process of forming his 07-08 committee and getting them approved. Soon they will begin reviewing our roster and preparing for the coming year.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Brandon Villalpando  
Lakota Chapter Chief.