

November Lakota Chapter Report
Siwinis Lodge #252
Order of the Arrow

28 November 2007

Brothers,

Since my previous report, Lakota has accomplished a great deal. Lakota held its monthly Chapter Meeting where we held training course for all attending Arrowmen. The course covered how to be an effective Elections team member. We also advertised the Lodge and Chapter Dinners.

Events

Fall Ordeal: Two Bands of Lakota Arrowmen completed their Ordeal while our Ceremonies Team performed both the Pre-Ordeal and Ordeal Ceremonies.

CEC Retreat: On 9-10 November 16 Lakota Officers & Advisers attended a retreat and learned about their jobs while creating a full-functioning 2008 CEC board.

Committee Work

Vice Chief: Our Vice Chief, Scott Affa, is working to build a strong system of OA Unit Representatives. To that end he has used various materials to begin creating a brochure which will help units understand and use the program. It will provide guidelines and contact information to be used as reference throughout the Pacifica District to better the relationship between the OA and the units.

Secretary: Our Sachem, Howard Limburg, has continued working to improve Lakota communications. He sent out the final 2007 issue of our Chapter Newsletter, took the minutes at our CEC, and has been working to create a better e-mail set up for the Chapter. As of 27 November 2007, the 2008 registrations totaled 116 members. In his role as our 2008 Chief he also played a large role in planning our CEC Retreat and Chapter Dinner.

Treasurer: Our Treasurer, Garrett Maldoon, has held a meeting with the finance committee to build a strong team and continue organizing the Chapter's finances. Garrett has a working 2008 budget in place and is fine tuning as conditions change. He also taught a session on our budget and the role of the CEC at our CEC Retreat. Garrett will continue as our 2008 Treasurer.

Brotherhood: Our Niamat Chair, Sam Croft, has fallen out of contact this month. We are considering having a Brotherhood Day in December if we can get interested Arrowman and a quality program. As of 27 November we have 13 new Brotherhood

members for 2007 – only 16%. Brian Major is our 2008 Niamat Chair and has already begun planning to ensure a much more successful year for conversions.

Camping Promotions: Our Messenger, Morgan McNally, has been building up camping resources to have for handouts and our website. Andy Perrine is our 2008 Messenger and is already preparing to take over.

Elangomat: Our Elangomat Chair, Steven Gunderson and his Deputy David Dye, arranged the Elangomats for the two Lakota Bands at the October Ordeal. They are working to strengthen the extended Elangomat program for the 2008 year. David is our 2008 Elangomat Chair and is already preparing to take over.

Elections: Our Hunter, Matt Affa, has been meeting with his Deputy, Taylor Wood, to review the year and create a plan for 2008 that will create a more organized election season. This plan has already started with Elections Training as well as an announcement and handout at the Pacifica November Roundtable. Taylor is our 2008 Hunter and is already preparing to take over.

Medicine Man: Our Medicine Man, Tim Fitzsimons, led our Ceremonies Team at the October Ordeal in the Pre-Ordeal and Ordeal Ceremonies. He is continuing to re-build the team from scratch and will have his regular monthly practice soon. Tim will continue as our Medicine Man for the first few months of 2008.

Trading Post: Our Trading Post Chair, Thomas Lidikay, was present at our Chapter meeting and brought refreshments for all of the attending Arrowmen. Alexander Popken will be our 2008 Trading Post Chair and is already preparing to take over.

Tee shirt/Apparel: Our Tee Shirt/Apparel Chair, Howard Limburg, has continued to sell our current stock as well as ordering more. We also discovered some Chapter hats in our inventory which will be available for sale. Matt Affa took over as TS/A Chair and will hold that position in 2008.

Vigil: Our Vigil Chair, Garrett Maldoon, has recruited a full committee and is arranging a committee meeting to go through those eligible to learn who meets the minimum national qualifications. Their next step will be to learn about each of those Arrowmen to see who the committee would like to nominate.

Yours in Brotherhood,

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Lakota Chapter Chief