

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

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Brothers,

Since my previous report, Lakota has accomplished a great deal. Lakota held its monthly Chapter Meeting where we held a dinner and program for all Arrowmen and their families.

Events

Chapter Dinner – On Tuesday December 18th, we held a Chapter Dinner which included a meal and program recognizing all of the accomplishments we made over the previous year. The 2008 Lodge Chief & Lodge Advisers were in attendance. Brandon Villalpando & Howard Limburg led a team in planning and running this event.

Chapter Fellowship Day – On Saturday February 23rd we will have a Chapter Fellowship Day at Ice Chalet. The main attraction will be either broom hockey on ice or ice skating. We will also have dinner, games, and prizes. Howard Limburg is in charge of this event with David Dye as his Deputy and lots of help from many other people.

Committee Work

Vice Chief: Our Vice Chief, Soren Fulton, is working to build a strong system of OA Unit Representatives. To that end he has created an informational 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. He has also made announcements about the program at the Pacifica District Roundtable.

Secretary: Currently the position of Sachem is vacant. Howard Limburg, both as Chief and as the previous Sachem, has been covering this position and has continued to improve the records and communications of Lakota Chapter. As of January 18, 2008, the registrations totaled 133 members. We are in the process of designing an OA/Lakota section for the District Website.

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 is also building our Master Inventory.

Brotherhood: Our Niamat Chair, Brian Major, has already begun planning to ensure a much more successful year for conversions. He is in the process of creating a roster of those eligible for conversion in 2008 to use as a baseline.

Camping Promotions: Our Messenger, Andy Perrine, has been building up camping resources to use for handouts and on our website.

Elangomat: Our Elangomat Chair, David Dye, is working to strengthen the extended Elangomat program for the 2008 year. He is also actively engaged in leading our February Chapter Fellowship Day.

Elections: Our Hunter, Taylor Wood, is already working to create a more organized election season. He has led Elections Team training as well as making announcements and distributing information at several Pacifica Roundtables. There are several elections already scheduled and he is actively pursuing units that have not had elections for the past few years.

Medicine Man: Our Medicine Man, Tim Fitzsimons, is continuing to re-build the team from and will have his regular monthly practice soon. He is also organizing all of their equipment to determine what new items may be needed.

Trading Post: Our Trading Post Chair, Alex Popken, has already started working by providing the refreshments at our January Chapter meeting. He is working to create a inventory for upcoming events.

Tee Shirt/Apparel: Our Tee Shirt/Apparel Chair, Matt Affa, 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.

Vigil: Our Vigil Chair, Garrett Maldoon, has recruited a full committee and held their first meeting. Under the Lakota Rules their first step is in determining who meets the minimum national guidelines. Having done that, they are now investigating everyone eligible so they will have information on every candidate at their second meeting.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Howard J. Limburg
Lakota Chapter Chief