

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

26 March 2008

Brothers,

Since my previous report, Lakota has accomplished a great deal. Lakota held its monthly Chapter Meeting and CEC Meeting.

Events

Conclave: There were twenty-two Lakota Arrowmen present including ten youth. Eight of them were at their first Conclave. Lakota also provided the Niamat for a Siwinis Brotherhood conversion that involved 5 of the 6 Chapters.

Pinewood Derby: Lakota Chapter will be helping out at the local Pinewood Derby at the Del Amo Mall on the 26th of April as well as helping out at the set during the previous night.

Soap Box Derby: Lakota Chapter will also be helping at the Pacifica District Soap Box Derby on July 12th in El Segundo.

Committee Work

Vice Chief: Our Vice Chief, Soren Fulton, has continued to keep the Roster of OA Unit Reps updated. He has performed two Elections, and has spoken with a Scoutmaster about the OA Unit Rep system. He represented the Lakota Chapter Chief and served as a Niamat at Conclave, and continues to serve on the Lodge Service Committee.

Secretary: Currently the position of Sachem is vacant. I, both as Chief and as the previous Sachem, have been covering this position and have continued to improve the records and communications of Lakota Chapter. As of March 26, 2008, the registrations totaled 139 members. We are in the process of updating an OA/Lakota section for the District Website. The first 2008 issue of our quarterly newsletter has been sent out.

Treasurer: Our Treasurer, Garrett Maldoon, 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 has created a roster of those eligible for Brotherhood in 2008 and has contacted all those who are eligible for Brotherhood, resulting in four Lakota Arrowmen converting to Brotherhood at Conclave. He has also added two new members to his committee.

Camping Promotions: Our Messenger, Andy Perrine, has been building up camping resources to use for handouts and on our website throughout the month. He attended the Camping Promotions Class at Conclave, and received several large packets of information about the local camps, which he plans to use to help create effective flyer to hand out to Scouts to advertise the various summer camps and opportunities. He has added Patrick Carlton to his committee, and chosen him as his deputy.

Elangomat: Our Elangomat Chair, David Dye, is working to strengthen the extended Elangomat program for the 2008 year, by working in conjunction with the Elections committee to compose a roster of candidates and their contact information. He also helped plan our February Chapter Fellowship Day.

Elections: Our Hunter, Taylor Wood, has led Elections Team training as well as making announcements and distributing information at several Pacifica Roundtables. There have already been elections this year and he is actively pursuing units that have not had elections for the past few years. Lakota has had eleven elections so far and have a couple more scheduled and we have fifty-eight youth elected.

Medicine Man: Our new Medicine Man, Jason Wiggins, is continuing to re-build the team and has a couple of committee meetings already this year. He is also organizing all of their equipment to determine what new items may be needed. He is training his team to make sure that they are ready for the upcoming events at which he may be needed and has arranged a regular training slot prior to each Chapter meeting.

Trading Post: Our Trading Post Chair, Alex Popken, has started working by providing the refreshments at our meetings. He has created an inventory that is available 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 started to sell some Chapter hats that we have found from previous years.

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