

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

23 April 2008

Brothers,

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

Events

Cub Scout Rocket Academies: Several Arrowmen from Lakota Chapter helped support the council Cub Scout Rocket Academies (28-30 March & 4-6 April).

Camporee: Lakota helped at the Pacifica District Camporee on the weekend of the 11-13th of April. Lakota helped staff many program events as well as run the campfire including a Call-Out ceremony in which we called out almost 80 candidates. We also had a Brotherhood class, walk, and ceremony which produced 7 new Brotherhood conversions.

Pinewood Derby: Lakota Chapter will be helping out at the Pacifica District 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 spoken with Scoutmasters about the OA Unit Rep system. He served as a Niamat at the Camporee, 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. Morgan McNally has agreed to help with our upcoming newsletters.

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.

Immediate Past Chief: Brandon Villalpando has researched the cost options for renting a bus to transport Lakota Chapter to the second Ordeal. Lakota Chapter is going to rent a bus for all the Ordeal candidates and Arrowmen who want to partake in the offer.

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 seven additional converts at

the Pacifica District Camporee. He has also added two new members to his committee. So far he has 11 Lakota conversions for the year.

Camping Promotions: Our Messenger, Andy Perrine, has been building up camping resources to use for handouts and on our website throughout the month. 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 has worked hard to ensure that the Call-Out ceremony as well as the candidate letters went forward successfully. At the April Chapter meeting he led an Elangomat training class in preparation for the upcoming Ordeals.

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 thirteen elections so far and have a couple more scheduled and we have sixty-five youth elected. We are also working with the units to increase the number of adult nominations.

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, Alexander Popken, has started working by providing the refreshments at our meetings. He has created an inventory that is available for upcoming events. He had a trading post at the Pacifica District Camporee and made a considerable amount of money for our Chapter.

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: I have taken over as the Lakota Chapter Vigil Chair. We have reviewed the eligible people and have completed our nomination forms. We will be submitting the forms at the April LEC as required and will be ready to present the nominees to the Lodge Vigil committee meeting on the 10th of May.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Howard J. Limburg
Lakota Chapter Chief