

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

28 May 2008

Brothers,

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

Events

Ordeals: Lakota Chapter helped at the first Ordeal (2-4 May) by providing an Elangomat, Taylor Wood, to successfully guide our five Candidates through their Ordeal. At least seven other Lakota Arrowmen worked the event including two who helped to run the event as part of the Lodge Service Committee. The second Ordeal (16-18 May) produced 44 new Lakota Arrowmen. Twenty-five Lakota Arrowmen came in support of our Candidates including two members of the Lodge Service Committee, the 4 person Cook Crew, and 5 Elangomats (Brian Applegate, Patrick Carlton, Brian Major, Morgan McNally, & Andrew Sinsheimer). Lakota Arrowmen also ran the Brotherhood Class and Walk and provided the Pre-Ordeal and Ordeal Ceremonies.

Pinewood Derby: Lakota Chapter helped out at the Pacifica District Pinewood Derby at the Del Amo Mall on the 26th of April and helped set-up the event 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 represented the Chapter at the monthly Pacifica District Meeting, and planned and ran the May Lakota Chapter Meeting. He also helped to plan the May Ordeals and served as a work project leader at the second May Ordeal.

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 the next edition of which is due out by the end of May.

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 handled the charter bus we used for the second Ordeal. Lakota Chapter rented a 47 seat bus that carried most of the Ordeal candidates and Arrowmen who attended the Ordeal. He also served as a work project leader at the second May Ordeal.

Brotherhood: Our Niamat Chair, Brian Major, has created and is maintaining a roster of those eligible for Brotherhood in 2008 and has contacted all those who are eligible for Brotherhood. He has also added two more new members to his committee. He served as a Niamat at the second Spring Ordeal, producing 3 new Brotherhood members. So far, he has 13 Lakota conversions for the year. We also uncovered and corrected an error in our roster which gives us an additional “new” Brotherhood member.

Camping Promotions: Our Messenger, Andy Perrine, has been building up camping resources to use for handouts and on our website throughout the month. Also Tim Affa (in his role as District Camping Chair) has been promoting camping opportunities to all the units. Through the actions of both of them, the OA has contacted all of the troops within Pacifica District about various camping opportunities and are working on the packs. Andy also helped run the Siwinis Lodge camping promotions display at the LAAC Council Program Kick-off.

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 trained and recruited 1 Elangomat for the first Spring Ordeal and 5 for the second Spring Ordeal.

Elections: Our Hunter, Taylor Wood, has led Elections Team training as well as making announcements and distributing information at several Pacifica Roundtables. He has worked hard to bring elections to the many units that wanted them during our election season. He and his committee improved on the previous year’s results. So far there have been approximately 80 youth elected and at least 6 adult nominations. All but 10 (of 72) of the eligible units in Pacifica have responded to Taylor and either requested or declined an election.

Medicine Man: Our new Medicine Man, Jason Wiggins, is continuing to re-build the team and has a couple of committee practice 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 they will 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 will be open at the Chapter meetings starting in June.

Tee Shirt/Apparel: Our Tee Shirt/Apparel Chair, Matt Affa, has continued to sell our current stock, recently reordered shirts to replenish his stock, and sold several shirts at both Spring Ordeals. We have also sold some Chapter hats that we have found from previous years.

Vigil: Chief Howard Limburg attended the May 10th Lodge Vigil Committee Meeting. The Chapter Vigil Committee will be working to get those nominated sponsors and to make sure they attend Potlatch.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Howard J. Limburg
Lakota Chapter Chief