

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

26 January 2009

Brothers,

This is my first report as the 2009 Lakota Chapter Chief. Since our previous Chapter Report, Lakota has accomplished a great deal. Lakota held its monthly Chapter and CEC Meetings.

Events

Chapter Dinner: On December 19th, Lakota held its annual Chapter Dinner at the Torrance LDS Stake Center. Our theme was 15 years of Lakota. We had Arrowmen and their families from around the Chapter and the Lodge, as well as our Section Co-Chief Jack Chinn and both the 2008 & 2009 Siwinis Lodge Chiefs Charles Pickering and Victor De La O.

Lodge Leadership Development: Eight Lakota Arrowmen served on staff at the 2009 Lodge Leadership Development, and eight more completed that course. With Lakota's participation the Lodge was able to reach the necessary number of attendees to satisfy the LLD quota for Quality Lodge.

Chapter Fellowship Weekend: February 27th through March 1st, Lakota will have its Chapter Fellowship Day. We will be traveling up Forest Lawn Scout Reservation to participate in several activities with other Venturing Crews from around Pacifica District. Lakota Chapter is also Venture Crew 1994.

2009 Chapter Executive Committee Retreat: February 6th and 7th, Lakota will have its 2009 Chapter Executive Committee Retreat. This is a time for the 2009 CEC to bond and learn about what is expected of them for the year.

Committee Work

Vice Chief: Our Vice Chief, David Dye is continuing the work of the 2008 Vice Chief Soren Fulton on the OA Rep System. He is maintaining the Unit Rep Roster and has an informational pamphlet to share with Scoutmasters. He also ran a training session on the First Year Program at LLD with Brian Major.

Secretary: Our Sachem, Morgan McNally, is handling the re-registration process for the Chapter. He is also working towards our first quarterly Chapter newsletter of 2009.

Treasurer: Our Treasurer, Brian Major, has been meeting with the 2008 Treasurer to ensure a smooth transition and that all established financial procedures are adhered to. He also ran a training session on the First Year Program at LLD with David Dye.

Immediate Past Chief: Howard Limburg is currently in charge of the Lakota Chapter Fellowship weekend. He is also the Siwinis Lodge NOAC Contingent Chair. He also ran a training session on Officer and Adviser Relations at LLD.

Brotherhood: Our Niamat Chair, Richard Faherty, has been meeting with his Adviser to ensure that Lakota supports the Lodge's Brotherhood Conversion quota. They are in the process of identifying those Lakota Arrowmen eligible for Brotherhood conversion in 2009. He also attended LLD.

Camping Promotions: Our Messenger, Ryan Glymph, working with his Adviser to create camping flyers for the February Pacifica District Roundtable, doing research online and in camping stores to find resources to use on Unit camping presentations, and is preparing to post camping promotions material on the Pacifica District website. He also attended LLD.

Elangomat: Our Elangomat Chair, Matt Affa, is planning to meet with his Adviser and the 2008 Elangomat Chair to prepare for the Spring Ordeal.

Elections: Our Hunter, Taylor Wood, has a deputy and is expanding his committee so that he can do elections more effectively in 2009. He has already scheduled some elections and has been making announcements at the Roundtables.

Medicine Man: Brandon Villalpando has begun holding practices with his team and is preparing for a bridging ceremony in February. He also ran the Ceremonies and OA Jeopardy sessions at LLD.

Trading Post: Our Trading Post Chair, Brian Applegate, has provided the refreshments at our meetings and organized and purchased an inventory that is available for upcoming events. He also attended LLD.

Vigil: Brandon Villalpando's committee has finished their 2009 Vigil applications and is prepared to present them at the Lodge Vigil meeting in February.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Soren Fulton
Lakota Chapter Chief