

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Dear New Members:

I would like to be the first to welcome you into the Papago Lodge of the Order of the Arrow. Members of your troop made your selection to join the Order; they see in you the future of scouting and the potential you offer. Many opportunities to serve the lodge and council will face you in the future; remember to always be cheerful in your service. And remember you are now a member of Scouting's Honor Society. Congratulations on your selection and upon the completion of your ordeal.

Yours in Scouting,

Jason R. Wakefield
Papago Lodge Chief

Papago Lodge Turns 50 This Year!



Papago Lodge 494 was first chartered with the Order of the Arrow on May 29th, 1953. This being 2003, Papago Lodge officially turns 50 this year. To commemorate this milestone in Papago's continuing history, the lodge has issued a special pocket flap patch. Pictured above, the patch depicts the Southern Arizona landscape with the oh-so recognizable sunrays that appear not only in our beautiful sunsets but on our state flag as well. Papago Pete is prominently displayed on the shield at the center of the patch. The four feathers hanging below the bottom of the patch symbolize Papago Lodge's four chapters: Oraibi, Talala, Victorio and Cochise. The patch is available in two different border colors. The general issue trader flap has a red border and is available to all arrowmen, while the limited edition gold mylar (metallic thread) border patch is a lodge member only patch of which only two may be purchased per member per lodge event. This is a hot patch, so get 'em while you can!

In celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Papago Lodge, the Lodge Ceremonies Committee has put together a special ceremony to be performed at certain lodge functions throughout the year. So far, the May and September Ordeals at Camp Lawton are the only scheduled events at which this special ceremony will take place. The ceremony is a rededication ceremony involving some special activities. All lodge members may attend these ceremonies as long as they are properly prepared. Don't miss this special opportunity!

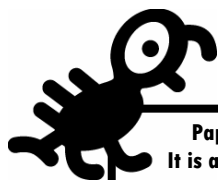
BE AN O/A REPRESENTATIVE IN YOUR TROOP OR TEAM!



The role of the Troop and Team Representatives is, among other things, a communicative liaison between the lodge and chapters and their units. Not only do you promote Order of the Arrow events and activities to the Scouts and Scouters in your unit, but you also provide the units with various service opportunities in the form of ceremonial presentations, unit assistance, and camping promotions materials. The Order of the Arrow is an invaluable resource to each and every unit. The Troop and Team Representatives provide the necessary link between these units and the Order of the Arrow.

← (Plus, there's a cool patch you can wear!)

Papago Pete



Papago Pete is Papago Lodge's mascot. It is a character based on the lodge's totem, which is the Hohokam Indian conception of the Gambel's Quail. There are two different versions of Pete. The older Pete is pictured above and to the left. There are some references in the lodge's written records to the possibility of the lodge totem possibly being a parrot in the lodge's earlier years based on his appearance in this version. The newer version of Pete, also known as the 'Beavertail' Pete is pictured at right. Both versions are recognized by the lodge and can be seen in many of the lodge, council and section patches issued over the last 50 years.



Ceremonies and Dancing:

All arrowmen, youth and adult, are encouraged to make and wear regalia (Native American costuming) at appropriate lodge activities. Youth arrowmen can become a member of a ceremony team or become involved in Indian dancing. Adults may coach ceremonial teams or participate in dancing as well. The basis for all this participation is Native American costuming. To start with, you can borrow articles from arrowmen already in possession of said regalia. Ultimately, though, each arrowman can and should develop his (or her) own outfits to include moccasins or boots, various beaded items, belt(s), a choker and breastplate set, leggings, and shirt or vest. For those who are really ambitious (and have some extra money), headdresses can be purchased in kit form and assembled following the kit's instructions. Regalia making can become a very enjoyable hobby for those youth and adult arrowman who are find it interesting. Feathers, leather, horse hair, fur items, beads, and cloth are some of the materials you will need to create your regalia. These items can be purchased through the mail, at garage sales or places of business in your area. Below is a short list of locations in the Tucson area that can get you started in your regalia making hobby. Papago Lodge member Ed DeLuna is an authorized representative for Crazy Crow Trading Post, an Indian craft supplies distributor. Ed is also an excellent resource for regalia ideas and construction techniques. Ed DeLuna's phone number is 577-6740.

Council Scout Shop (supplies and kits)	Wal-Mart (miscellaneous craft supplies and cloth)
BSA Catalog (supplies and kits)	The Leather Factory (leather, supplies and kits)
Michael's Crafts (supplies and kits)	Metaphysic's World (definitely a must see)
Ben Franklin Crafts (supplies and kits)	Jay's of Tucson (great place for beads!)

2003 W4C Conclave

'Imagination Is Your Only Limitation'



Who wants to go to Las Vegas?!

That's right! This year's conclave is going to be in Las Vegas, Nevada. Nebagamon Lodge 312 is hosting the event, and it should prove to be yet another fun and exciting conclave experience for all who attend. This is Sinagua's (Section W4C) 30th Anniversary year, which means in addition to the regular participant patch (pictured at left), special patches have been commissioned to commemorate this anniversary. Papago is in charge of Special Events, which means we will be running the Lodge Chief Olympics, the Goodman Gala Ice Cream Social, and the sporting events (including 'Rubber Chicken Volleyball') as well as other exciting activities, too. There will be training to be gained by arrowmen of all ages, and ceremonialists will have the opportunity to be evaluated at the section level. Those teams who excel in their performances will be recognized accordingly, some even receiving honor level medallions. On top of all that, there will be shows to attend where we can express our lodge spirit. Don't forget the Section Elections, either, where lodge members can run for and possibly even get elected to Section office. How exciting! Hope you can be there!

BROTHERHOOD



Ordeal Members in the Order of the Arrow are not full members until they 'seal' their membership by attaining the Brotherhood level of membership. Arrowmen may do this after being actively registered in Scouting and in the Order of the Arrow for ten months. During those ten months, you must memorize the sign, handclasp, song, admonition, and obligation of the Order of the Arrow as well as have a better understanding of the ordeal and its ceremonies through which you originally passed to enter the Order of the Arrow. Once you think you are ready, you must write a letter to the Lodge Secretary explaining what the Obligation means to you, how you have been fulfilling this obligation in your unit and in your personal life, and how you plan to serve the lodge as a full member of the Order of the Arrow. A Brotherhood member will then go over these things with you to make sure you are ready. Then, you will go through the Brotherhood Ceremony where you will get your Brotherhood sash.

Lodge Fellowship and Swim Party & Lodge Banquet

Papago Lodge doesn't just meet and have ordeals. How would you like to escape the heat this summer by getting wet at the Lodge Fellowship and Pool party? The lodge will be taking over the pool out at Double V Scout Ranch from 4 - 10 pm on July 12, and if everyone brings their water toys, there's gonna be a good (and wet) time for all!

For those of you who desire the finer things in life, the lodge banquet will be on August 23. It will be a sit-down dinner where the lodge recognizes outstanding achievements of lodge members and calls out the Vigil Honor candidates for the year. It's a genuine lodge event that everyone should attend (Patches will be on sale there!).