

Papago Lodge

Spring Ordeal 2006

Order of the Arrow, BSA

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,

Will Taylor

Papago Lodge Chief

National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)

July 29 - Aug. 3, 2006

Michigan State University is the site of the 2006 NOAC. The best in shows, Indian Dancing, Ceremonies, Workshops, Lodge & Personal Development Classes, Sports Competition and many more activities await those who attend. This year's contingent has already been determined. Papago Lodge will be represented by roughly two dozen youth and adult members, many of whom attended the last NOAC in Iowa. These brothers will undoubtedly return with stories as well as patches. Have a great time in Michigan, guys!



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

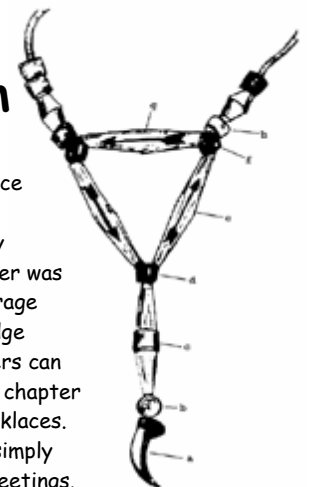


The role of the Troop and Team Representatives is, among other things, a communicative liaison between the lodge and chapters and their units. Not only do you promote Order of the Arrow events and activities to the Scouts and Scouters in your unit, but you also provide the units with various service 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.

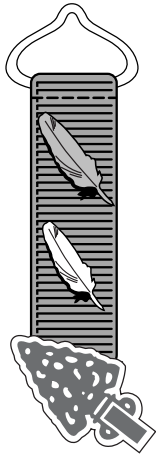
← (Plus, there's a cool patch you can wear!)

New Lodge Bead Program

Papago Lodge has recently implemented a new bead necklace program to the lodge general membership. Prior to this newly adopted program, Oraibi Chapter was utilizing this program to encourage participation in chapter and lodge activities. Now all lodge members can 'show their colors' at lodge and chapter events with their new bead necklaces. To get your necklace started, simply attend one of your chapter's meetings.



'Blue Ribbon' Award



Lodge members who completed the requirements last year for the first year of the Leadership In Service Award will receive their **BLUE** ribbon pin (for a nominal fee) this year. The Leadership In Service Award program still runs for this year and next, allowing last year's first year participants to participate for up to two more years. The second and third year recognition items are bronze and silver feather pins to be worn on the blue ribbon award itself. First year participants this year will earn the blue ribbon award.

These arrowmen will not be able to earn both feather pins due to the fact that there is only one more year left in the program. If the requirements are satisfied this year and next, they will have the blue ribbon award and a feather pin. First year recipients next year will only be able to earn the blue ribbon award, no feather pins. This is a special award only available now. Earn whatever you can, so you can at least add some color to that khaki uniform shirt. Contact your chapter or lodge leadership with questions or the Council Service Center where forms are also available. See you in **BLUE!**

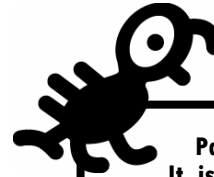
SECTION W4C AND CONCLAVES

The Order of the Arrow organization is divided into 4 regions, nationally: Western, Central, Northeastern, and Southern. Each of these Regions is further subdivided into Areas and then Sections. Papago Lodge is one of three lodges in Section C of Area 4. The other two lodges in 'W4C' are Wipala Wiki (Grand Canyon Council - Phoenix) and Nebagamon (Las Vegas Area Council - Las Vegas). Each year there is a Section Conclave, which rotates between the three lodges' councils. This year the event is in Las Vegas. A conclave is a very exciting close-to-home event where an arrowman can find the following: quality training, inspirational entertainment, collectible merchandise, unforgettable fellowship, and much, much more! Chances are, you will attend a conclave at some point along the OA trail. Visit www.oaw4c.org for more information.

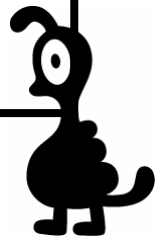


Lodge Website

Papago Lodge's best new communication tool is its website, www.papagolodge.org. The lodge website is a great resource for the curious lodge member. In addition to a current lodge calendar, there are various forms that can be downloaded for printout as well as historical information on Papago Lodge, past lodge newsletters, links to other Scouting websites, etc. Check it out, and make it a 'favorite'.



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. Interestingly, there are some references in the lodge's written records that indicate that this version of Pete may actually be the image of a parrot, not a quail. 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, past and present.



2006 Lodge Banquet

This year's Annual Lodge Banquet will be held August 12th at a location yet to be confirmed. All lodge members, old and new, are welcome to attend. The Lodge Banquet is a time of recognition. Not only are the lodge's most loyal members honored with various awards, but the lodge's Vigil Candidates are called out during a special ceremony as well. Special guests from neighboring lodges are a common occurrence during this occasion.

UPCOMING EVENTS:	
5/6	Youth Expo (Tucson Electric Park)
5/11	Chapter Meetings
5/17	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting (Council Office)
6/8	Chapter Meetings
6/21	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting (Council Office)
7/13	Chapter Meetings
7/19	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting (Council Office)
7/29 - 8/3	National Order of the Arrow Conference (Michigan State University)
8/12	Lodge Banquet (Location TBA)