



Papago Lodge 494

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Order of the Arrow, BSA

Special 2004 Lodge Banquet Issue

Brothers,

This is going to be a great year, with many changes that will make this lodge one of the best. The biggest change will be with the Ordeals. Although this will not take full effect until the next May ordeal, the fellowship will no longer just be a few unorganized activities, but will become a major event, complete with games, music, movies, Native American crafts, tomahawk throwing, and more. There will be a new winter fellowship this year and two pool parties this next summer. Conclave is going to be held at Flowing Wells Jr. High School in Tucson this year, so I expect everyone to come and show lodge spirit. This is an event that you won't want to miss. Remember, membership in the OA is an honor that your units bestowed upon you. Come to the events, make the most of your membership in this great organization, that's the reason your in the OA.

*Yours in Brotherhood,
Will Taylor
Papago Lodge Chief*

Papago Lodge will be Host Lodge for the 2004 Section W4C Conclave

This year's Section Conclave is to be held at Flowing Wells Jr. High School on November 12-14. As the Host Lodge we will be called upon to provide a lot of support to ensure the success of this annual event. We have invited the Kwahadi Dancers, a Venture Crew from Amarillo Texas who specialize in Native American Dance, to bring their Top 10 Dancers to perform at our Saturday Show. They will be

camping onsite and doing some training, so some of you may be able to learn something about Native American Dancing from some real experts. There will also be Order of the Arrow Training Classes to help you better understand the various programs in our Order as well as Ceremonies and Dancing Competitions and even SCUBA! Of course there will be



lots of patch trading and FUN and FELLOWSHIP all weekend long!

Plan on attending now!! Early registration is under way and a special patch is available to those who register early. You can go to www.oaw4c.org to print an application now.

Let's show the other Lodges in our Section that PAPAGO POWER really does exist. Everyone should attend this Conclave, for next to NOAC, it is the second largest event of any OA Program offered each year. It is an experience that every Arrowman should attend.

Adviser's Note:

I have had the pleasure of working with two great groups of youth since taking over as Lodge Adviser in January. The past leadership of our Lodge had many challenges to overcome, and did a wonderful job of managing our Lodge Program. I would like to thank all of them for their work in keeping Papago Lodge growing strong: Jacob Patterson, Chief; Chris Schultz, 1st Vice Chief; Matt Spiller, 2nd Vice Chief; Hank Reece, Treasurer; Steven Rider, Secretary (even after he took the Section Secretary Job he volunteered to keep our records); and Andrew Foerschler who oversaw some wonderful Ordeals. These young men were instrumental in starting a guide book of Standard Operating Procedures, a new up to date web site and they had the opportunity to see us through our 50th Anniversary year. It is time once again, however, for the changing of the guard for Papago Lodge. Our new leadership has taken charge of running the lodge, and they have many new and different ideas. Will Taylor is our Chief; Andrew Foerschler, 1st Vice Chief, Matt Spiller, 2nd Vice Chief; Matt Benner, Treasurer; Alex Babis, Secretary; and Alex Jiminez is the Ordeal Master.

Our Lodge is getting stronger despite the slow decrease in people reregistering their membership. Papago's contribution to the 2004 Camp Lawton Summer Camp program resulted in a very successful 'OA Day' which took place each Thursday of camp. As a result of this new opportunity provided to lodge members spending a week up at Camp Lawton during the summer, 29 new Brotherhood members were added to the lodge roster. The lodge provided lunch to over 300 people who attended two Council Work days at Camp Lawton last April. Papago also set up two fantastic booths at Youth Expo while Pete entertained many Cub Scouts and other Youth Expo attendees. Papago Lodge even sent a contingent of 8 youth, 3 advisers and 3 staff members to the National Order of the Arrow Conference (N.O.A.C.) in Ames, Iowa earlier this month. The lodge's web site is getting better all the time, having received a very high rating at N.O.A.C., but there are lots of other things that Papago Lodge needs to get involved with, too. To do that, though, we need the support of the adult membership to encourage, support and provide the tools for our youth membership to succeed. With a little 'advice', there's no limit to where these fine young men can take Papago Lodge in the future.

Yours in the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service,
Mike George
Lodge Adviser

James E. West Endowment Fund - Wilbur Taylor, Sr.

Last March, Papago Lodge was asked by Catalina Council to start a James E. West Endowment Award fund drive for Wilbur Taylor Sr. who was Scoutmaster to the Boy Scout Troop in Mammouth, Arizona for at least 3 generations. Though Wilbur Sr. worked quietly promoting Scouting in a small community North of Tucson, his impact on Scouting can be seen through his Son and Grandson who have had a major impact on the Catalina Council program. Wilbur Jr., known to many as Bill, has served on the Council Executive Board; contributed many hours and monies to our camp improvements; is a member of Committees for Troop 211 and Crew 211; is a Vigil Member of Papago Lodge and is the Chapter Adviser for Oraibi Chapter. His Grandson, Will Taylor is a member of Troop 211 and Treasurer for Crew 211 as well as our new Lodge Chief.

The James E. West Contributions to The National Endowment is a \$1,000.00 contribution in which the principal amount of money is set aside to create income for our council. Please consider a small donation to help us recognize the Taylor Family for all the contributions they have all made to Scouting. But more importantly in support of the Legacy their Father and Grandfather created through his children and scouts.



Fall Ordeal

(September 10-12, 2004)

Camp Lawton is calling! Yes, it's that time of year again. Our beloved camp needs our attention. We need to pack up the rest of the 2004 summer camp memories and prepare Lawton for winter. In addition to the many camp projects that will be undertaken, there will of course be ceremonies to be performed. Even if you're not on a ceremony team you can still dress up in Native American garb. And for those of you who have yet not 'sealed' your membership in the Order, there will be an opportunity to attain your Brotherhood level of membership if you are properly prepared and have been an active member of Papago Lodge for at least ten months. The ordeal is scheduled for three days - Friday through Sunday. No meal will be provided Friday night. Arrowmen will be offered a full compliment of meals on Saturday, though. The scheduling of dinner, however, is subject to adjustment and may be as early as 5:00 pm. Please keep this in mind if you are coordinating with non-ordeal attendees who may be on their way up to camp for whatever reason. Arrowmen who stay until Sunday will have the opportunity to gain knowledge and share fellowship with their brothers without having the stress of the ordeal on them. An on-the-go style breakfast or 'brunch' will be the only meal provided on Sunday. See you there!

N.O.A.C. Reflection:

"I think that NOAC really made me more excited about the OA and the ties of Brotherhood. I think that everyone in our lodge, especially the newer members, should go to the next one so they too could learn as much as I did and have as much fun too. The knowledge I gained from NOAC will help me make Papago a more successful and better lodge."

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(Look for a full article about Papago's NOAC experience in the next Hohogram.)