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TOLOMA LODGE

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Unit Elections

Toloma Lodge Order of the Arrow youth leaders to hold unit elections.

Toloma Lodge Order of the Arrow youth leaders will be visiting units to elect future Arrowmen into the Order. The Unit election forms have been simplified to help make the process of the election more streamlined both to the election team, and most importantly the unit leader.

Membership Requirements for Election into the Order of the Arrow

Unit leader approval. To become eligible for election, a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout must be registered with the Boy Scouts of America and have the approval of his unit leader prior to the election. The unit leader must certify his Scout spirit (i.e., his adherence to the Scout Oath and Law and active participation in unit activities). The unit leader must also certify that the nominee meets all specified requirements at the time of this annual election. (From Guide to Officers and Advisers - Page 20)

(See Unit Elections on page 2)



Klondike is coming!

Our next Lodge event is coming February 15-17. The Klondike Derby will be held at Meadow View Campground area in the Pinecrest Recreation Area. This is the premier winter camping event for the Greater Yosemite Council Scouts. Come play snow games, build and sleep in a snow cave, go snow bowling, or build and race a snow snake. Sign up now for either the Friday or Saturday night session.

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Does your unit have an OA Troop Representative?



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Youth membership qualifications.

All members of, or candidates for membership in, the Order of the Arrow who are under 21 years of age shall be considered youth members or candidates for youth membership, subject to meeting the following requirements:

- Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Hold the First Class rank of the Boy Scouts of America, as a minimum.
- After registration with a troop or team, have experienced 15 days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period prior to the election. The 15 days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps. (From Guide to Officers and Advisers - Page 20)

Adult Membership Adult leaders in units: Each year, upon holding a troop or team election for youth candidates that results in at least one youth candidate being elected, the unit committee may nominate adults to the lodge adult selection committee. The number of adults nominated can be no more than one-third of the number of youth candidates elected, rounded up where the number of youth candidates is not a multiple of three.

In addition to the one-third limit, the unit committee may nominate the currently-serving unit leader (but not assistant leaders), as long as he or she has served as unit leader for at least the previous twelve months. Recommendations

of the adult selection committee, which consists of the lodge adviser, the chairman of the council committee on which the lodge adviser serves, and the lodge staff adviser, with the approval of the Scout executive, serving as Supreme Chief of the Fire, will be candidates for induction, provided the following conditions are fulfilled:

- Selection of the adult is based on the ability to perform the necessary functions to help the Order fulfill its purpose, and not for recognition of service, including current or prior achievement and positions.
- The individual will be an asset to the Order because of demonstrated abilities that fulfill the purpose of the Order.
- The camping requirements set forth for youth members are fulfilled.
- The adult leader's membership will provide a positive example for the growth and development of the youth members of the lodge.



New Eagle Scouts

Me Wuk chapter reports that 4 arrowman from troop 49 are new Eagle Scouts as of December 2012. They are:

Dalton McCullough
Race Nunes
Derek Seely
Tyler Schripsema

Congratulations on attaining Scoutings highest Rank.

Lodge Chief's Corner

Dear Brothers,

My name is Michael Decker, your Toloma Lodge Chief of 2013. I would like to thank all our Arrowmen for serving this great lodge. It has been my experience that our brothers work well together, but it seems that as a lodge, we do not have a lot of representation at scouting events. For this upcoming year, I challenge all of you Arrowmen to come to as many lodge and scout events as possible and represent the Order of the Arrow in the best possible way.

I challenge the youth to go to these events and teach about the OA, and I challenge the adults to take youth members to events.

I challenge all members to seek their meaning behind the Order and apply that to your daily lives. If we do this, as a Lodge and Greater Yosemite Council, we can continue to serve our fellow arrowmen and Section W3S.

United, We Leave A Legacy!

2013 Toloma Lodge Chief
Brotherhood Member
Michael Scott Decker



on the WWW

Toloma Lodge Home Page:

www.yosemitescouting.org/sections/OrderoftheArrow

Section W3S Website: www.sectionw3s.org

National OA Home Page: <http://oa-bsa.org/>

Are Your 2013 Lodge Dues Paid?

If you do not pay your annual dues, then you are not entitled to the privileges of Membership in Toloma Lodge. If you do not pay them, this will likely be your final news letter until they are paid.

Annual dues are \$12.00 (through 12/31/2013).

Please send in YOUR DUES to:

**Boy Scouts of America
Toloma Lodge
4031 Technology Drive
Modesto, CA 95356-9490**

Special Note to New Ordeal Members: When you complete your Ordeal, your dues are paid through the current calendar year. Your next year's dues are due on January 1st of each year to continue to be a member in good standing of Toloma Lodge avoid the loss of your privileges and late fees. **Please make sure your dues are paid on time!**

TOLOMA LODGE - COMMITMENT CALENDAR

Fri-Sun Feb 15-17
Klondike Derby/Winter Camporee,
Pinecrest Meadow View Campground.

Feb - Apr
Unit Elections & Call Outs for New Ordeal Candidates.

Fri-Sun Apr 26-28
Section W3S Conclave, Cutter Scout Reservation, (Last Full W/E in Apr)
Ohlone Lodge Host.

Fri-Sun May 31- Jun 2
Spring Ordeal, Camp Mensinger (W/E after Memorial Day).

Tue Jul 16
Vigil Honor Selection Committee, 7:00 PM.

Mon-Wed Jul 15-24
National Scout Jamboree at the Summit

Fri-Sun Aug 23-25
Fall Ordeal, Camp Mensinger (W/E before Labor Day) Vigil Honor Ceremony.

Fri-Sun Sep 6-8
Section W3N Conclave, Churchill County Fairgrounds, Fallon, NV (W/E after Labor Day).

Fri-Sun Sep 27-29
Camp Minkalo project

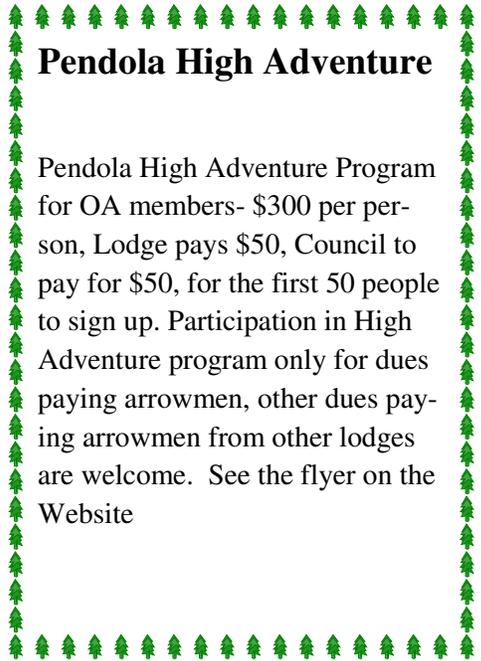
Fri-Sun Oct 11-12
Fall Fellowship, Lodge Officer Elections, Camp McConnell.

Oct
Chapter/Clan Officer Elections.

Sat Nov 2
Lodge Leadership Development: Lodge and Chapter/Clan Officers & Advisers, 8 AM – 3 PM.

Sat Nov 2
Lodge Recognition Dinner, El Vista LDS Chapel, 5:30 PM Social, 6:30 PM Dinner.

Fri-Sat Dec 6-7
Winter Ordeal, Camp McConnell (W/E after Thanksgiving)



Pendola High Adventure

Pendola High Adventure Program for OA members- \$300 per person, Lodge pays \$50, Council to pay for \$50, for the first 50 people to sign up. Participation in High Adventure program only for dues paying arrowmen, other dues paying arrowmen from other lodges are welcome. See the flyer on the Website

LLD/Recognition Dinner

Our Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) and the Lodge Recognition Dinner were held on Saturday Nov 3rd. Lodge Staff Adviser Robin Wilson along with Lodge Adviser Charlie Chituras trained the adults, Michael Decker trained the youth and Dylan Law trained the incoming Lodge Officers. The Lodge Recognition Dinner was held that evening with 102 members attending. Both a silent and live auction were held, with the proceeds helping the Lodge funds. Both were very successful. Charlie Chituras received the Life Time Achievement award and was honored as he retires as our Lodge Adviser.

The new 2013 lodge and Chapter officers and advisers were sworn in including Mr Kris Baltz as our new Lodge Adviser.

LODGE ADVISER'S CORNER

To my brothers and sisters of The Order of the Arrow.

As the new Toloma Lodge Adviser I want to start by thanking Charlie Chituras for his decades of service to our organization. He has done a fantastic job!! My future goals for our lodge are to strengthen its membership and participation in Council/ Lodge programs. Through advising our youth I am sure these lofty goals can be met. Thank you for this opportunity.

Respectfully,
Kris Baltz
Lodge Adviser

Winter Ordeal

Nov 30/Dec 1 was the winter ordeal held a Camp McConnell. There were a total of 34 arrowmen including 6 ordeal Candidates and 5 Brotherhood candidates. Projects included clean up and chipping of tree limbs around the campsites, construction of a Tee Pee pole rack, some electrical conduit installation at the pole barn for the new ceiling fans and several other maintenance projects. Although the weather was wet and windy, a lot was accomplished and everyone present had a fun time of fellowship.

If you need to contact a youth officer you must send an email to the lodge email address:

tolomalodge@sbcglobal.net

You will then be directed as to how to contact the person.

The "Silver Lynx" Lodge membership is a once a year payment of \$85 that will pay for your registration for the Klondike Derby, Spring Ordeal, Summer Ordeal, Fall Fellowship, Lodge Recognition Dinner, Winter Ordeal & one year's Lodge dues. (This is a \$99 value for only \$85)

Lodge Officers

Lodge Chief

Michael Scott Decker
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Lodge Vice Chief

Sean Carnahan

Lodge Secretary

Daniel Bakken

Lodge Treasurer

Josh Wilson

Immediate Past Lodge Chief

Dylan Law
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Chapter/Clan Chiefs

Me Wuk Chapter Chief:

Derek Seely

Golden Heritage Clan Chief:

Dallin Flake

Lakasami Clan Chief:

Kyle Silligman

Sumi Chapter Chief:

Adam Carnahan

Yo-Se-Mite Chapter Chief:

Jeffery Kazmierski

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Photos are from Winter Ordeal at Camp McConnell December 2012.