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## Lodge Calendar

### 2005

- December**  
 3 W4A Section Meeting  
 3 Lodge Banquet

### 2006

- January**  
 14 W4A Section Meeting  
 20-21 Lodge Trade-o-ree  
 25 Lodge Executive Committee Meeting \*  
 27-28 Lodge Leadership Development Course - Cabrillo Beach
- February**  
 18 Cabrillo Work Project - Cabrillo Beach  
 22 Lodge Executive Committee Meeting \*
- March**  
 17-19 W4A Section Conclave  
 22 Lodge Executive Committee Meeting \*  
 31-2 Cub Scout Rocket Academy - Firestone
- April**  
 1-2 Cub Scout Rocket Academy - Firestone  
 22-23? Bike Expo  
 26 Lodge Executive Committee Meeting \*  
 28-30 Ordeal Weekend - Firestone Scout Camp
- May**  
 12-14 Ordeal Weekend - Forest Lawn Camps  
 24 Lodge Executive Committee Meeting \*
- June**  
 2-4 Service Weekend - Forest Lawn Camps  
 9-10 W4A Section Retreat  
 21 Lodge Executive Committee Meeting \*
- July**  
**August**  
 23 Potlatch Planning Meeting \*
- September**  
 16 W4A Section Meeting  
 27 Lodge Executive Committee Meeting \*  
 29-1 Lodge Potlatch
- October**  
 25 Lodge Executive Committee Meeting \*  
 27-29 Ordeal Weekend - Firestone Scout Camp  
 Cub Encampment - Firestone Scout Camp
- November**  
 15 Lodge Executive Committee Meeting \*
- December**  
 2 W4A Section Meeting  
 2 Lodge Banquet

\* LEC - LAAC Service Center- 7:30 P.M.

# Conclave 2006!

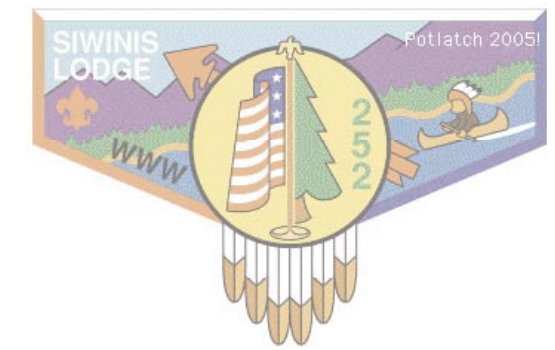
The party is Coming!

The W4A Conclave is coming and its going to be a PARTY!!  
 Anyone that have been to a Section Conclave will tell you what a great time is to be had by all.

What is a W4A Conclave you ask? Its a gathering of the Lodges from Southern California for leadership training, competition, sports, fellowship and lots of fun. The following make up the W4A Section: Malibu, Siwinis, Spe-Le-Yai, TaTanka and Topa Topa Lodges. With Siwinis Lodge as the best.

The 2006 Conclave will be held at Rio Mesa High School - 545 Central Ave, Oxnard. You will find the registration form attached. For the early bird price of \$40.00 your form needs to be mailed into your chapter before February 4th otherwise the price will be \$50.00.

So get your form into your chapter TODAY!!!



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## The Editor's Back Page

Well, an end of another year has come: as we look back to our accomplishments we also set the example of our mistakes. As the Lodge Secretary, Treasurer and Editor of the Totem, there's a first for everything. I was appointed as Lodge Secretary with enthusiasm, with very high expectations of myself, although it was a punny experience for me, I know that I did well for my Lodge.

It is a very difficult job, and I doubt there's anybody who likes it, but you can't get the experience any where else. Sure it's not fun, but what better way to serve others by spreading the word and getting things done on a deadline. The job is exhausting, but in the end it's very rewarding. You get to work with your fellow brothers and friends, and even make new ones; it's not all service, at times its fun.

As secretary, you do things that you would never think of doing in any other position. Working with Brian Wilder has been a real pleasure; I found about a new occupation that I would consider getting into, graphic arts. I worked with different programs, that now I am an expert in using, to make The Totem.

Bob Ulrich and Linda Slicker showed me how work with money, transactions, deposits, budgets, and taught me that it's a serious job. It is rewarding, don't get me wrong.

You're all probably wondering why I made an Editor's Section. Well I feel that not all Lodge Secretaries are acknowledged for the job they do. I hope that this section in the Newsletter will start a new tradition for all future Secretaries. I accepted this office to make a difference with a great Lodge that is capable of doing great things. Thank you for letting me serve as your Lodge Secretary, my name is Joel Garay.

For Cheerful Service, for Helping Others, for Spirit in Brotherhood, for Siwinis Lodge!

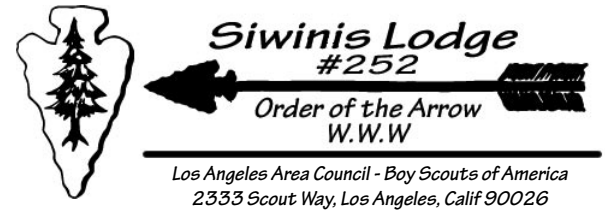
## Serrano Rocking the Stage

As you may know, early this year our Country experienced a terrible natural disaster, known as Hurricane Katrina. Many people were left with out homes, food to eat, and any hope for them to see a better tomorrow.

Luckily, the Serrano Chapter and in alliance with JLH ENT@ came up with a very interesting idea, having a Fundraiser Concert supporting the Hurricane Katrina Relief. Although this had never been done before, the Chapter was still persuaded to go on with this grand idea.

Two of Serrano Chapter's own, Joel Garay and Christian Herrera, were of course in charge of the whole shin dig. They had decided that all of the profits from this Charity Concert were to be donated to the Salvation Army to support them in helping the Hurricane victims. All though, they mentioned, this was no easy process: getting permission from the committee, finding a good place to have it in, contacting all of the participating bands, and promoting it was in fact very difficult. But they managed to find away and proceed with the Show. The show was held in South Gate Park Auditorium, with performances by: Artemis, Harporkrate, Los Supositorios, Rejected Allies, Schizm, and HardStrum.

The day of show! There was a lot of frustration Joel & Christian mentioned, but they both agreed that the Show must go on. The show did go on, and the Audience loved it, with the Hosting done by Joel Garay, and a performance of Christian Herrera's band (he plays base in HardStrum), all was fine and dandy. The amount of money they raised up added up to be \$495,62, which was not their desired estimate, but wasn't bad at all. All was well that night on November 5<sup>th</sup>, and for Serrano Chapter all was rocking well.



## A Word From the Executive Vice Chief

Hello my Brothers,

It has been my honor to be elected to the position of Lodge Chief of our great Siwinis Lodge. I am real excited about the new year starting. We have a excellent new board, and I am positive that together we will all succeed in making this Lodge even better. Now our first Lodge event of the year is the L.L.D. at Cabrillo Beach. This training course is open to all Lodge members, however if you are a Lodge or Chapter officer it is strongly encouraged that you show up to this event, to improve your leadership skills.

The biggest task that lies ahead of us is once again Brotherhood conversions. I would like to encourage all Ordeal members that are eligible for Brotherhood to go for it. Brotherhood is a requirement for Quality Lodge and if we get a good start on it now then later it won't be such a big task. Another Task that is rapidly approaching is Conclave. Siwinis Lodge is in charge of the competitions Serrano Chapter has been doing a great job with making the rules and guidelines but they will need help with running the events at Conclave. We need to make sure that we have as many brothers their as possible to help them and so we can dominate the conclave and take home all the first place ribbons.

I am looking forward to this year. We also have a new Advisor Mr. Ussery. As a Lodge I know that together we can bring this Lodge to new heights it has never seen before.

Yours in Cheerful Service,  
Jonathan Oppenlander

## Excitement of NOAC 2006

by Robert Wilkinson

All the excitement, mystery, and brotherhood of the Order of the Arrow will soon arrive at Michigan State University as the 2006 National Order of the Arrow Conference prepares to descend on the city of East Lansing, Michigan. The National Order of the Arrow Conference is the Order's largest national event. Held every two years, NOAC brings Arrowmen together from across the nation to experience brotherhood and the best of what the Order of the Arrow has to offer in an unforgettable six-day event.

NOAC will be held in JULY 29 through August 3, 2006. Information packets for contingent leaders will be mailed early in November to help your lodge prepare. Conference registration and trading post pre-orders will again be done electronically on the NOAC registration Web site.

New for this conference, contingent leadership and participants will receive a NOAC promotion patch when they register and pay their deposit. The sooner you register, the sooner you get a patch! A conference patch will also be sold at NOAC.

Among the highlights of the conference are training sessions ranging from how to be an excellent lodge chief to advance wilderness medicine taught by the best OA training team in the country. Training is only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to NOAC; fun and excitement are around every corner!

Arrowmen can participate in Indian dance competitions, the Total Outdoor Adventure Place, patch trading with new friends, getting your sash signed by the National Chief, basketball with other OA athletes, and learning the history of the Order of the Arrow that has developed into a nationwide brotherhood of honored Scouts and Scouters.

Four evening shows at the Michigan State Breslin Center will amaze you and thousands of your brothers as each show explores a unique theme, ranging from the introduction of the OA national officers and recognizing our national leaders, to interpreting the conference theme.

The fun does not end with NOAC's planned activities. After events concluded each evening, thousands of scouts come together for fun and fellowship with their contingent members as well as new friends from across the nation. In the process, Scouts unite to tackle the challenges of running their lodges, chapters, and troops back at home with an inspiration that can be from NOAC!

Don't miss this opportunity to discover more about the Order of the Arrow—and yourself. Come make new friends that will last a lifetime.

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## Adviser's Minute

by Joe Mahanke

We are at the end of another year and alas at the end of my two year term as your Lodge Adviser. It has been two years that at times has seemed very long and again not long enough to accomplish everything one thinks needs to be done. That being said, I have found in every leadership position I've held that the same basic concept taught in Den Leader training applies, "Have more to do than you can complete in one session." That will keep both the youth and you coming back. I have always been pleased, not amazed, with what the youth can accomplish with a little guidance.

I want to thank my Executive Board and Advisers for the job they have done and know they give the next Lodge Adviser the same good job and support.

In closing, I believe that part of the Outdoor Code can apply to leading an organization or group, "Leave it as good or better than you found it." I believe that I have done that and want to thank all of you for the experience of being your Lodge Adviser.



## 2006 Expectations

2006 Wow! It's almost here, as a Lodge our obligation is to better the way for service, to help others and maintain a cheerful spirit. In 2006, our primary concern is the individual, and the Orders function is to spread the spirit of brotherhood and cheerful service. Your example of cheerful service to others accomplishes our orders aim. As Lodge members, our goal is to spread the purpose of the order of the arrow as an essential part of Scouting in our Council through positive youth leadership under guidance of our advisers.

Next year we have many events that will help our Lodge succeed and accomplish our goals as Scouts and members in the Order of the Arrow. With being in charge of competitions for Conclave 06' and attending NOAC in Lansing, Michigan; the confidence of our youth Leaders and supervision of our Advisers we will succeed and reach Quality Lodge with no predicaments.

For Cheerful Service, for Helping Others, for Spirit in Brotherhood, for Siwinis.

## 2006 LLD

### Lodge Leadership Development

The Siwinis Lodge Executive Committee is inviting all Siwinis Lodge Member to our 2006 Lodge Leadership Development course. LLD will take place on Friday January 27 (6:30pm) thru Saturday the 28th (8pm) at Cabrillo Beach Youth Center in San Pedro. All Lodge and Chapter Officers will be in attendance to lead this great training course.

The cost is only \$ 10.00 for this great once yearly leadership event. Contact Jonathon Oppenlander at (562) 902-9723 - jonathan@oppy2k.net, or Ross Arnold at (323) 394-1844 - ross1213@sbcglobal.net to reserve your space.

## 2006 TOR

### Ninth Annual - Trade-O-Ree

We will be holding our 9th annual Siwinis Lodge Trade-O-Ree on Friday Jan 20th (6:30pm - 10pm) and Saturday Jan 21st (8am - 3pm) at Trinity Lutheran School Auditorium - 4783 W 130th Street, Hawthorne. Scout in Uniform are free. There will be lots of great memorabilia. Donations can be sent to Bill Roseland - 3218 W 153rd St., Gardena Ca. 90249-4012. All proceeds of the TOR will go to benefit the Siwinis Lodge's 2006 NOAC contingent.

## 2006 Siwinis LEC Lodge Executive Committee

For this coming year, Siwinis Lodge has a new selection of Executive Officers. This new group of young leaders will help our Lodge succeed in being the Best Lodge in our Section, as always. They will also make this coming year the best for all of its members, to serve as brothers, and to serve in Cheerful Spirit.

Our new Officers Are:

Lodge Chief: **Jonathan Oppenlander**  
Executive Vice Chief: **Luis Robledo**  
Service Vice-Chief: **Corey Gaston**  
Membership Vice-Chief: **Alfonso Ruiz**  
Promotions Vice-Chief: **Daniel Allison**

Let us wish them all good luck in their new offices, and lets help them in any way that we can. For Cheerful Service, for Helping Others, for Spirit in Brotherhood, for Siwinis 252!

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