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2021 Lodge Officers

Congratulations to our new Cahuilla Lodge Officers.

Lodge Chief	Victor Vargas
1st Vice Chief	Alpha Yam
2nd Vice Chief	Atticus Leveck
3rd Vice Chief	Andrew Klopping
Treasurer	Julian DeLaTorre
Secretary	Nicholas Ornelaz-Perez

Please note that Nicholas Ornelaz-Perez was elected Lodge Secretary at the January LEC.

LODGE DUES

Don't forget to pay your 2021 Lodge dues.

WEAR THE FLAP

With active membership, you are entitled to attend all functions of the lodge appropriate for your honor level. It also entitles you to wear your OA flap.

PAY THE DUES

Chapters - If anyone has Chapter news or other articles they would like to see in The Call, please contact your 3rd Vice. We are always looking for updates on what you are doing at the Chapter level.

Get all the latest updates and more at <http://www.snakepower.org>



The Chief Speaks

Let me start off by saying this year has been a trying year yet at the same time an amazing accomplishment. At the beginning of the year, my goals for the lodge were set up to improve upon what the lodge had to offer. Though that would very much soon change and got very hard.

When Covid-19 hit everything changed. That meant my goals for the lodge changed as well. Instead of trying to improve what the lodge had, I set my new goals in preserving the lodge for future youth to enjoy. I will admit, it was a tough challenge, though, in the end, our lodge pulled it off and made it off strong.

This year was made possible for me because of the continued support of my fellow arrowman, LEC, and friends. We had much success through our virtual and safely instructed in-person events. This would not have been possible without the amazing support I have gotten this year. This will always be something I will remember, for that, I say thank you.

This year's success is not measured by what we have accomplished, but by what we did together as a lodge to preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow and by the perseverance we withstood for the future Arrowman.

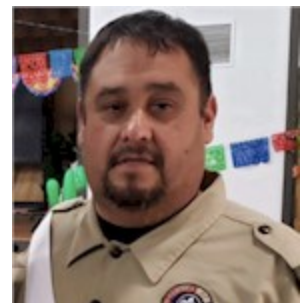
Jesse De La Torre
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Arrowmen

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the chief, the LEC, and advisers for their dedication to the Order of the Arrow and Cahuilla Lodge, as well as to all Arrowmen and the chapters. Thank you for maintaining the program and keeping it alive despite the circumstances and challenges we faced this year. My hope is that the new year will be filled with better things for all of us.

As always, in cheerful service
your Lodge Adviser
Jorge De La Torre



Momentum Spark, Virtual Ordeals



On November 6-7 Cahuilla Lodge, in coordination with National and other OA lodges throughout the country, held a virtual ordeal induction for Order of the Arrow candidates in the California Inland Empire Council. This was part of a larger event, called Momentum Spark, in which OA lodges also held virtual ordeals with National coordinating and live streaming the opening and closing ceremonies.

Adhering to established Covid-19 protocols for everyone's safety, 59 OA candidates participated in either group or individual service projects. The individual service projects consisted of writing letters to and making paracord bracelets for overseas service members of the U.S. military. Group service projects were held in Ontario, the Archeology and Paleontological Center at the MCAGCC Twentynine Palms, at Kitty's Wildlife Refuge & Rescue near Desert Hot Springs, and at the Council Service Center in Redlands.

This was a huge effort with OA members spending weeks planning out everything out. The storm that came through Southern California on Saturday could have presented an extra challenge, but everyone that attended the group service projects came prepared with a great "can do - will do" attitude and gear for the rain.



Cahuilla Lodge members worked hard to present the best ordeal experience for the OA candidates as possible. In fact, it was the OA candidates, now new OA members, that presented the best ordeal experience for everyone involved in putting on this virtual ordeal.



Virtual Ordeal #2

On December 4-5 was the second Cahuilla Lodge Virtual Ordeal. 11 New OA members completed the virtual Ordeal and joined the Order of the Arrow. Special thanks to the 7 Arrowmen that served as guides by serving as Elangomats during the Virtual Ordeal.

The Ordeal's service project was held at Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center in Riverside. Scouts practiced social distancing and other Covid-19 safety protocols during the Ordeal. The service project consisted of clearing overgrowth and brush.



Fall Fellowship



On November 21 was the 2020 Cahuilla Lodge Fall Fellowship at Camp Emerson. Over 40 Arrowmen from Cahuilla and Puvunga Lodges attended a day long program featuring climbing on the new climbing tower, tomahawk throwing, shooting, and a Family Feud style game show. Due to the ongoing outbreak of Covid-19, the normally weekend long Fall Fellowship was condensed to 1 day and everyone were required to social distance and wear masks. But, this didn't diminish the fun and scouting spirit.



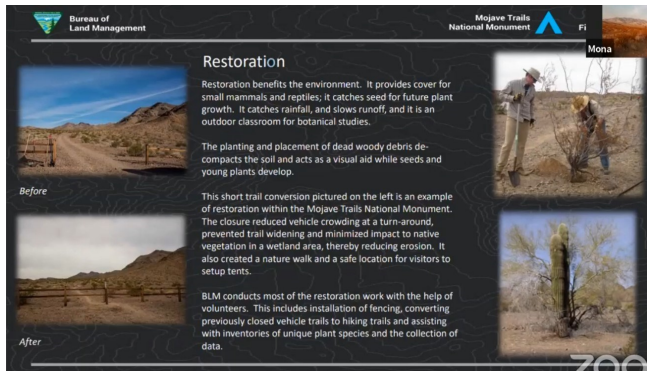
2021 W4S Section Conclave



On Saturday, October 10, was the Section W4S Conclave that held entirely on the internet. Over 50 OA members from Cahuilla Lodge were among the 170 Arrowmen that attended the virtual conclave. Congratulations to the following youth OA members that were elected as the new Section W4S youth officers:
Section Chief- John-Aaron Boznic, Wiatava Lodge
First Vice Section Chief- Jesse Jones, Cahuilla Lodge
Secretary- Carter Bohn, Wiatava Lodge

2021 National Public Lands Day

On September 26 was National Public Lands Day. Cahuilla Lodge hosted a live presentation on Facebook by Mona Daniels from the Needles Office of the Bureau of Land Management about public lands restoration and protection. Special thanks to Andrew Jones for serving as the youth moderator.



2021 #Optoutside

During Thanksgiving weekend Cahuilla Lodge joined the #Optoutside campaign encouraging scouts and their families to spend sometime exploring the outdoors. The ongoing outbreak of Covid-19 and the resulting social distancing by the community has made enjoying the outdoors especially challenging for scouts and their families in 2020. With safety being the #1 priority, scouts explored local trails, went for a bike ride, or visited a local park to enjoy nature and #optoutside during Thanksgiving week.



Order of the Arrow Plan for supporting our Lodges while emerging from Shelter in Place

As our communities begin to emerge from sheltering in place and we adjust to our new “normal,” the Order of the Arrow will seek to help Lodges re-engage in their activities, support their Boy Scout council, and provide cheerful service to their communities.

Goals and Objectives of this plan:

- Provide lodges with suggestions and support to maintain an active, robust program that will attract membership participation
- Maintain a priority for compliance with BSA and local health and safety guidelines
- Focus on meeting the needs of the youth membership by providing structured activities that appeal to their desire for fellowship and fun while remaining consistent with our core principles and purpose.
- Continue our focus on enhancing membership.

Maintain a sense of optimism as we develop a pathway that will ensure the future growth and relevance of the OA within Scouting and our nation.

Our Six Point Plan

1. Communicate with our leadership/membership
 - A. Message our Plan to Lodge key three in advance of the first National Message
 - B. A National Message delivered once every month
 - C. Publish a model checklist and calendar of actions for the next six months at the chapter, lodge, section, and regional levels. Recognize this is a model, and individual lodges will develop equally as robust models that fit their geographic and council specific needs.
2. Modify our traditional calendar of events to focus on unit elections and inductions in the months of June through December
 - A. Objective, every unit will have or had an election in 2020
 - B. Objective, every Scout elected will be able to be inducted
3. Create expanded opportunities to induct adult unit leaders.
 - A. Form a task force to explore and recommend opportunities
4. Advance the roll out of the induction’s portal
 - A. Lodge training made available for use as soon as possible
5. Support our existing Arrow membership with engagement tools to keep them active
 - A. Launch an online Arrow Training program
 - Include a range of age appropriate online programs, with an emphasis on what will engage youth Arrowmen at certain ages
6. The Order of the Arrow will encourage INNOVATION. Guided by and in accordance with the Guide to Safe Scouting and the Order’s Ten Induction Principles, encourage lodges to be innovative through these challenging times.
 - A. Encourage them to find ways to conduct summer and fall activities, with emphasis on inductions.
 - B. As always, lodges need to ensure alignment of plans with their local Staff Adviser. The National OA Director and Assistant Director can help vet any ideas or plans, as such support is warranted.
 - C. Idea Sharing: lodge will be asked to voluntarily share successful innovations with others, through the national social media platforms and the monthly national communication webinar /