



HIGH EAGLE

Talako Lodge, Order of the Arrow, Marin Council #35, Boy Scouts of America

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Vice Chief –

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Lodge Meetings: Every 2nd
Tuesday at 7:00 PM in the
Holy Innocents Parish Hall in
Corte Madera

There will not be another lodge
meetings this summer. The next
meeting is September 12th

Lodge Executive Meeting:

Every 1st Tuesday at 7:00 PM in
the Holy Innocents Parish Hall
in Corte Madera

Over The Summer:

August 8 – Executive Committee
Meeting @ Council Service Center
at 7:00 PM

August 11-13 – Santa Cruz Board-
walk Fellowship Event

August 22 – Advisors meeting @
7:00 PM in Council Service Center

FROM THE TREASURER:



According to the treasurer, 172
people have not paid their dues.
Dues are:

Age 25 through age 61 \$25, all
others only \$10

Please bring you dues to the
next lodge event, or mail them
to Sam [Bassetti](#) at P. O. Box 88
San Geronimo, CA 94963. You
can also send checks made out
to Talako Lodge BSA to the
Marin Council office at 225
West End Ave. San Rafael, CA
94901.

If you are not sure you have
paid, call or e-mail me. We
have available funds of
\$2,888.73. By the end of my
term I would like to have around
\$5,000. Most of this will come
from the annual dinner, where
we will be have a raffle. Call
me with your ideas for prizes.

FROM THE CHIEF:

Dear Arrowmen,
I am John Talmage, Chief of Ta-
lako Lodge. Talako Lodge is
Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, Ser-
vice, and Fun to all Arrowmen
and scouts of Marin. The Lodge
will strive for excellence in serv-
ing its members, the community,
and Marin Council. To do this we
will encourage every Arrowmen
to fully participate in every event.

I can already tell that this is going
to be a fantastic year for Talako.
We have planed many fun events
for you and a lot of service
projects. Yours in Brotherhood,
John Talmage

TO ALL NEW ORDEAL AND BROTHERHOOD MEMBERS

Dear New Arrowman,
Congratulations on a great ordeal.
This was our first ordeal at Ten-
nessee Valley and I thank you all
for taking part in the service
projects. We had a large number
of ordeal candidates show up. I
would like to thank our elango-
mats for being able to coordinate
such a large group of people in a
new area without talking at all.
We also had a large number of
ordeal members become brother-
hood, giving us a head start in ac-
quiring quality lodge for the
fourth time in a row.

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A Big-big round of applause for the ceremonies team This last ceremony has been the best it has been in a very long time. Just a year and a half ago the entire ceremony was read off of note cards. Ian Ivins did a great job in coordinating his guys and helping them memorize their lines. And thanks to all the adults who helped during the weekend. ~~without~~—Without the few adults who came up early to set up, the ordeal would not be as good as it was.

Billy Talmage, Past Vice Chief of Inductions and Ceremonies



NOAC

14 scouts and 3 Advisers will attend NOAC this summer. These conferences are always a lot of fun, so be sure to sign up for the next one.

The Talako NOAC patch set consists of a top flap and bottom pocket patch. The top flap depicts an eagle in flight with its wing span outside the patch boarder. The pocket

patch has the claws of the eagle holding an arrow. It is available to all lodge members for eight dollars and five dollars for people going to NOAC.

ADVISOR'S MINUTE

The Lodge is strong and growing. I celebrated d a number of significant accomplishments since our last *High Eagle*. I apologize for the length of this article, but I'm excited about Talako's momentum.

Most encouraging is our **Spring Ordeal**, during which we inducted 26 new Ordeal members and 11 members sealed their membership in the Order by becoming Brotherhood members. The event was extremely well planned and organized. Many thanks to our Ordeal chairman and Membership Vice Chief, Billy Talmage, for all the work he put into planning and supervision. The ceremonies were the best I've ever seen done by our Lodge, thanks to the leadership of our Ceremonies Chairman, Ian Ivins, and his talented team of ceremonialists, Andrew Wilson, Trevor Kuchman, Zooley Meill and Ethan Currens. Our elections chairman, Jasper Goldberg, did a great job canvassing all the Troops in our Council and conducting elections. Our Brotherhood chairman, Trevor Kuchman, experienced great success in encouraging members to become Brotherhood. Also, many thanks to advisors: Bill Talmage provided great logistical support by transporting our tipi and all the

equipment we needed because of the unusual circumstances of having our Ordeal at the Tennessee Valley instead of our traditional site of Camp Tamarancho; Bob Del Secco treated staff and new Ordeal members to terrific food during the weekend.

At the Lodge meeting following the Ordeal, the Lodge conducted its annual **Lodge Officers election**. Congratulations to our new Lodge officers:

Lodge Chief: John Talmage

Vice Chief Program: Michael Laucke

Vice Chief Membership: Brian Wickes

Secretary: Trevor Kuchman

Treasurer: Sam Bassetti

Our new Chief, John Talmage, has taken Uncas's admonition to heart: he **seeks a higher vision** for the Lodge and challenges us all to **find the greater beauty in a life of cheerful service**. John's vision for the future of our Lodge is ambitious and inspiring. I am very excited to have the privilege of working with him and the other new Lodge Officers for the coming year.

The past year has been one of great growth and development for the Lodge, as demonstrated by the great successes we are now experiencing. The credit for this success is due to the dedicated and conscientious leadership of our Chief, **Nick Kodama**. It has been a profound honor for me to have worked with Nick as SPL of the National Jamboree troops and as Lodge Chief. With his focus, intelligence and determination,

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Nick has a very bright future and I wish him great success as he moves on to Boston College. Nick will be Assistant Scoutmaster of the World Jamboree troop next summer.

Our **Family Picnic** was well attended by old and new members and their families. The picnic was planned by our Activities Committee chairman, John Talmage, and was a great afternoon of fun and good food. During the picnic, our outgoing Lodge Officers were recognized and our outgoing Chief, Nick Kodama, passed the ceremonial war bonnet on to John Talmage as our incoming Chief. Many thanks to advisors Bill Talmage (who transported our tipi and ceremonial regalia, provided and cooked the food) and to Chuck Fleischer and Ed Keller who helped with the cooking.

Our annual **Program Planning Meeting** was conducted together with some **Lodge Leadership Development (LLD)** training. You will see the resulting Lodge calendar elsewhere in this newsletter. Many thanks to advisors Chuck Fleischer for providing his home as our venue, to Bill Talmage for arranging the food, and to Rod Clark and Deanne Wilson for helping advise the trainers.

So much for history. Our big activity for the summer is the

National Order of the Arrow Conference (“NOAC”), which will be held at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan, from July 29 through August 2. Talako will be represented by 17 Arrowmen, joining with 7500 others from throughout the U.S. It is always an inspirational and fun experience, with great shows, booths hosted by Lodges showing off their local specialties and interests, games, Indian dancing, and everything else that makes membership in the OA special. It’s like an OA Jamboree (but we get to sleep in air-conditioned dorms and eat in the University’s dining halls).

One of the most exciting upcoming events is next year’s **2007 Section W3A Conclave**. Talako Lodge will host the Conclave from April 27 – 29, 2007. Our Conclave Chairman, Billy Talmage, and his advisor, Rod Clark, have a big job ahead. Our Lodge’s participation will be a fantastic opportunity to show what we can do. I look forward to supporting our Chief’s goal of winning the Conclave Award and, with all our other accomplishments, the Section’s coveted Most Indian Lodge Award for 2007.

I welcome ~~to~~ our Advisors Corps Mr. Allan Laucke. Allan will advise Lodge Treasurer, Sam Bassetti. Dr. Paul Schafer will advise Lodge Secretary, Trevor Kuchman. Other advisor assignments remain about the same, with Bill Talmage advising the Program Vice Chief, Mi-

chael Laucke; Chuck Fleischer advising the Membership Vice Chief, Brian Wickes; Deanne Wilson advising Activities Committee Chairman, Greg Arnheiter; and Klondike Chairman, Justin Nekota; Mike Burkett advising the Ceremonies Committee Chairman; Willy Coronado advising the Dance Committee Chairman; and Bob Del Secco, Ed Keller, and Bob Tong assisting everybody whenever needed.

Check out our award-winning website: www.talako.org There you will find notices about all our upcoming events, photo histories of past events, Lodge history tidbits like past awards, past Chiefs, Lodge flaps, our Plan Book, past *High Eagles*, Lodge Rules, organization chart and position descriptions, etc. Many thanks to advisor, Bill Talmage, for helping to maintain the excellent communications tool. Visit it often and stay up-to-date on Talako’s program.

Talako Lodge is on the move under the leadership of a great Chief, competent and dedicated officers and committee chairmen. **Join in and have some real fun!**
-Keith Coombs

2006 CALENDAR

August 8, 2006 7:00 p.m. Executive Committee @ Council Service Center

August 11-13, 2006 Fellowship weekend @ Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk

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August 22 , 2006 7:00 p.m.
Advisors Meeting @ Council
Service Center

September 5, 2006 7:00 p.m.
Executive Committee @
Council Service Center

September 12, 2006 6:30
p.m. Lodge Meeting @ Holy
Innocents Church, Corte Ma-
dera

September 17, 2006 1:00
p.m. Section Meeting Loca-
tion TBA

September 26, 2006 7:00
p.m. Advisors Meeting @
Council Service Center

October 3, 2006 7:00 p.m.
Executive Committee @
Council Service Center

October 7, 2006 9:00 a.m.
Clean up Ordeal Site @
Camp Tamarancho

October 10, 2006 6:30 p.m.
Lodge Meeting @ Holy In-
nocents Church, Corte Made-
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October 13-15, 2006 Na-
tional Lodge Advisor Train-
ing Seminar @ Salt Lake
City

October 24, 2006 7:00 p.m.
Advisors Meeting @ Council
Service Center

October 27-29, 2006 Fall Or-
deal @ Camp Tamarancho

November 4, 2006 6:00 p.m.
Annual Dinner @ Holy Inno-
cents Church, Corte Madera

November 7, 2006 7:00 p.m.
Executive Committee @ Coun-
cil Service Center

November 14, 2006 6:30 p.m.
Lodge Meeting @ Holy Inno-
cents Church, Corte Madera

November 17-19, 2006 National
Leadership Seminar @ Camp
Bothin, Fairfax, Cal

November 28, 2006 7:00 p.m.
Advisors Meeting @ Council
Service Center

December 2, 2006 Fellowship
Activity Location TBA

December 5, 2006 7:00 p.m.
Executive Committee @ Coun-
cil Service Center

December 12, 2006 6:30 p.m.
Lodge Meeting @ Holy Inno-
cents Church, Corte Madera

2007 Calendar

January 9, 2007 Lodge Meeting
@ Holy Innocents Church,
Corte Madera

January 13, 2007 Activity - "Go
Carting" Location TBA

January 23, 2007 Advisors
Meeting @ Marin Council Ser-
vice Center

February 6, 2007 Lodge Execu-
tive Committee @ Holy Inno-
cents Church, Corte Madera

February 13, 2007 Lodge Meeting
Holy @ Innocents Church, Corte
Madera

February 27, 2007 Advisors
Meeting @ Marin Council Ser-
vice Center

March 2-4, 2007 Klondike Derby
@ Camp Marin Sierra

March 6, 2007 Lodge Executive
Committee @ Holy Innocents
Church, Corte Madera

March 13, 2007 Lodge Meeting
@ Holy Innocents Church, Corte
Madera

March 27, 2007 Advisors Meet-
ing Marin Council Service Center

April 3, 2007 Lodge Executive
Committee @ Holy Innocents
Church, Corte Madera

April 10, 2007 Lodge Meeting @
Holy Innocents Church, Corte
Madera

April 14, 2007 Service Project
TBA April 27-29, 2007 W3A
Conclave Two Rock Coast Guard

