



THE PAPAHA

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active in High Adventure and Order of the Arrow in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Pete Gibbons, Assoc. Lodge Advisor

A Message from the Chief

Summer is slowly creeping up on us as we trudge out the new year. Spring for most of us has already come and we are all enjoying our spring breaks or at least wish we were, or still were anyway. The Up and coming ordeal should be a good one. We held our first Elangomat training the weekend of March 9th and with this new group of trained arrowmen we should be ready to give the candidates a well-organized meaningful Ordeal. Officer elections are this Ordeal as well so I strongly urge you all to consider running for an office. It is work but it is very rewarding if the LEC can put together meaningful events for the whole lodge to participate in. If you are interested Contact me by mail or Email and I will give you the job descriptions of all the major offices. The Section conclave is coming up and from what I have learned at the Council of Chiefs meetings there are going to be a lot of cool events like bounce boxing, rock climbing, ceremonies competitions and much, much, more. I hope to see you all at Eastern on the 12th through the 14th of April 2002.

Jim Gibbons
Lodge Chief Wa-La-Moot-Kin lodge

There's Things Out There That Bite and Sting

A compendium of snakes, spiders and ticks!!

This is an article in **Boots and Blisters #99**-- July 2001 -- A Periodical Newsletter Published By the High Adventure Team of the San Francisco Bay Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. It is available on the web at <http://www.bootsandblisters.com/>. This is the latest issue and there are back issues there. This is an interesting resource for campers and backpackers. It is focused on California, but is full of good general tips.

Jim Gibbons' Great Great Great (Great?) Uncle Lew was the editor of Boots & Blisters for twenty years. He has retired after seventy years as a Scouter

Spring Ordeal 2002

Brothers, Ordeal weekend is fast approaching. Scheduled for the weekend of May 17-19, 2002 it promises to be a great time. Not only is it a time to test new candidates and welcome them to our circle, but it is also an opportunity for us as arrowmen to provide service to our council.

It is on this that I wish to speak. This spring Wa-La-Moot-Kin will be trying something new by trying something old; sounds odd I know. If you noticed the dates, you may have realized that the ordeal isn't ending Saturday night. While there are those who will need to leave Saturday night, it is our hope that those of you that can, will stay until Sunday morning. A hot breakfast will be provided and there will be time for fellowship. We will also have time for a worship service.

If you are planning to come to the Ordeal please come prepared to work. The lodge leadership has been working with the council to identify projects that can be worked not only as an ordeal candidate, but as a member also. This is a great opportunity to demonstrate to the candidate's service in action. As we show leadership in service we will be setting an example for each candidate. Work gloves, weed cutters, shovels, perhaps a wheelbarrow, but especially an attitude of cheerful service are all things we can use at this Ordeal.

Lodge elections will be held for lodge positions Saturday night after the Ordeal Ceremony. As a reminder, each youth wishing to run for an office needs to submit his intention in writing to the Lodge Adviser, Mr. Scott Feemster before the ordeal. See the Adviser Corner of this issue for more details. By holding the elections on Saturday night, we give our new members the chance to be part of the lodge immediately. There will be time for fellowship after the elections and one awesome cracker barrel. A special meeting of all adult arrowmen and adult candidates will be held during the afternoon of Saturday, May 18th.

A lot of hard work by a lot of people has gone into getting ready for this ordeal. In particular Ben Johnson and Stephen Ash have been preparing for this ordeal with Elangomat recruiting, training, and project identification. As Ordeal Masters, these youth have chosen to serve not only our lodge, but also the candidates to be new members. When you see either of these arrowmen take a moment and let's thank them for their work.

Conclave 2002

ATTENTION OA MEMBERS! Registration is beginning for the 2002 SECTION W-1C CONCLAVE, which will be held April 12 - 14, 2002. The Conclave will be held at Eastern Washington University, in Cheney, Washington. This year's theme is "Feel the Power of the Spirit."

A Conclave is an AWESOME way to spend a weekend! The weekend will include great fellowship between lodges; inflatable games; top-notch training; loads of patch-trading; spectacular shows; and mind-boggling activities such as a climbing wall, soccer, basketball, regalia workshop, and did I mention INLATEABLE GAMES! Rumor has it you may see the Section Officers and Lodge Chief's making "darn fools" of themselves in Lodge Chief Olympics. Competitions will be held in dancing and ceremonies skills! The shows will boggle your minds! We are hoping to blow attendance out of the water by making this one of our biggest Conclave's with over 250 people and WE WANT YOU!!

The cost is \$35.00. Bring a tent if you're sleeping outside or arrange to share with someone. **Adults in the Lodge make it a goal to bring at least two youth with you!**

You should be receiving a registration form in your Lodge newsletter soon. If you have questions or need a registration form, you may contact Section Chief Calvin Fulks at *****. Also check out the Section W-1C Website (<http://www.sectionw1c.org>) for more information!

New Look For the Web Page

In case you haven't been to the lodge's web page recently, it now has a new look. The web page can be found at www.walamootkin.org if you haven't been there before. Paul Ash and Stephen Ash are the people who have done a great job updating the web page.

Advisers Corner

The next few months will be exciting for Wa-La-Moot-Kin. Conclave, Elangomat training, Spring Ordeal, Vigils, lodge elections.... there is a lot there. A lot of opportunity for the lodge and for individuals.

Conclave, April 12-14th, promises to be a great time. There is going to be something for everyone whether this is your first conclave or your 50th. Eastern Washington University is once again the host site. The facilities are wonderful and for this conclave we are being allowed to camp in the commons area, which puts you right in the middle of the activities. Be sure to look for the Wa-La-Moot-Kin banner and camp together as a lodge. Classes are scheduled allowing arrowmen to receive some great training in subjects ranging from regalia making to OA history. The afternoon games are looking pretty cool with some of the inflatable games you have come to know and love, as well as the introduction of the "Velcro wall". There are persistent rumors that there will be a re-birth of the evening Pow-Wow. Come prepared for a great weekend. I am challenging each adult arrowman to bring at least two youth, and each youth arrowmen to convince an adult arrowman to attend. Registration forms are available in the scout office or you can get the form or register on-line at www.sectionw1c.org. The cost is \$45. But if you register by March 22nd you only pay \$35. You can't beat that for a weekend of training, fun and fellowship.

March 9th at the scout office in Kennewick, Ben Johnson and Stephen Ash will conduct Elangomat training. If you have any interest at all I recommend you attend. Stephen and Ben have assembled a great handbook that covers the Elangomat position. Since Ben will be the Ordeal Master for the Spring Ordeal and Stephen will be Ordeal Master for the Fall Ordeal, this is the place to find out the expectations and resources for you as an Elangomat. Wa-La-Moot-Kin lodge will directly benefit from your efforts. Providing cheerful service to those that will be our brothers is foundational to our success.

Soon our lodge will be electing new leadership. I want to encourage every brother too think on this. As every current member of the Lodge Executive Committee can tell you it requires a dedication not only to the principles of our order, but to the brothers in our lodge. These youth have taken on the added responsibility of leading and serving others before themselves. These youth have known the meaning of the spirit of Uncas. If you are interested in running for a lodge office I need you to send me a letter, note, or email, expressing what position you are interested in running for and why. I will then visit with you about your desires.

Scott Feemster
Lodge Adviser