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Wa-La-Moot-Kin Lodge Blue Mountain Council Kennewick, Washington

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Letter From the Chief

My fellow arrow men this is your lodge chief James Neal and I want to share with you my experiences as lodge chief.

I first started in January of 2004 when I was elected to the position with high hope of helping improve the lodge. My plan was to jump right in and tackle the big problems right out the door, but I got caught up in school and other outside events that put my attention elsewhere unable to get lodge work done. As I went through the year I learned how to manage my time between school, family, and the lodge by communicating regularly with my advisers and my fellow lodge executive committee members. I also started sharing my responsibilities with them so I didn't get overloaded with work. Another change I made for my self, to help the lodge, was instead of making big changes, was to focus on smaller problems and work those out. One of these was dues payment and record keeping which is now controlled through the Council center. Receipts are now given for purchases at any lodge activity.

So come this January when lodge elections come around and when the new chief is elected my best advice is to communicate regularly with your advisers and tackle the task that will be the most beneficial to the lodge without over working yourself.
Your chief

Lodge Elections Approach

Did you ever want to know how your leaders run the lodge? Are you curious about how to get involved? Here is your chance. On January 22, 2005 the lodge will be holding their annual elections for Lodge Chief, Vice Chief of Administration, Vice Chief of Program, Secretary, and Treasurer.

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Winter Banquet 2005 Don't Miss Out!

Wa-La-Moot-Kin's Annual Winter Banquet is going to be held on January 22nd in Richland this year! This is your chance to get involved with the lodge and have a good time while you're at it. This year's banquet will include elections for the 2005 Lodge Officers, some awesome training classes, and, of course, great food! You can get certified to run unit elections, work on your Native American regalia, sign up for a ceremony team, or learn what opportunities the OA has to offer! This year the lodge is also offering a Brotherhood Conversion class, so if you're eligible for Brotherhood you can work towards that. (The Brotherhood Ceremony will be held on a Saturday following the banquet at a local park.)

For the great price of \$10 there's no reason to skip it, so mark **January 22nd** on your calendar, find a ride, and **DON'T MISS OUT!**

Did I mention it was going to be **FUN?**

Who: YOU!

What: Wa-La-Moot-Kin Lodge #336 Annual Winter Banquet

Where: Central United Protestant Church

1124 Stephens Drive

Richland, WA

(See www.walamootkin.org for directions)

When: 1:00pm January 22

Banquet begins at 5:00pm for guests

How Much: \$10 per person

(Before January 8th)

\$15 per person

(After January 8th)



LODGE OPPORTUNITIES

The Order of the Arrow is a program full of opportunities for young men to get involved in, many of which are within our own lodge. These opportunities will allow an arrow man to actively participate in our events

One such activity is to become a member of a ceremony team. Many of our older arrow men can no longer perform the ceremonies do to school and because of our age so we look for younger arrow men to fill their shoes. Ceremonies range from Cub Scout Bridge Crossings to your Lodge Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies. If you are interested in joining a ceremony team please contact your local chapter or the Lodge Chief at chief@walamootkin.org so they can help you find a team near you.

For those not interested in performing in a ceremony team but like to plan or events the lodge has such a need for these people. Events like ordeals need people to be Ordeal Masters and Elangomats to help new candidates through their ordeal as well as workers for all the "behind the scene" activity. Arrowmen are needed to run our winter banquet as well. Cooks also are a great value to the lodge as we enjoy eating at these events. If you are interested in planning, running or helping at any lodge event please contact the Vice-Chief of Program at program@walamootkin.org so he can work with you.

The newsletter is a really good way to get involved as well. The lodge is always looking for people to write articles, provide pictures or graphics, and put it together so the lodge can get information out to our members. Any inquiries about the newsletter should be addressed to Lodge Secretary.

Even though the OA is a youth run organization there is room for the adults to help out as well. You can become an advisor for an event or to some of the youth in the lodge. For example, become the advisor to the Ordeal Master or ceremony teams. If are interested in a role as an adviser please contact the Lodge advisor at adviser@walamootkin.org.

Remember this lodge is full of opportunities so don't let them slip by!



SELECTION OF VIGIL CANDIDATES

The Vigil Committee will be meeting to select candidates to receive the Vigil Honor at our Winter Banquet. To be eligible to receive this award you must have been a Brotherhood Member in the Order of Arrow for a minimum of two years at the time of the selection, January 22, 1905 and are a current member of the Wa-La-Moot-Kin Lodge. The Committee seeks Candidates that have shown exceptional unselfish leadership in service to their Lodge, the Order of Arrow, Scouting, or their Scout Camp.

Chapters are advised that they are to provide two youth for this selection Committee, who are Vigil Honor Members or not eligible to receive that honor. The Chapter Chief in consultation with the Chapter advisor should select these youth.

We ask Lodge members to please provide the Selection Committee with written recommendations concerning eligible Candidates before the beginning of the selection meeting. Forms will be provided along with a list of eligible Candi-



Attention: OA reps and Unit Leaders

Unit elections are coming quickly upon us. The date in which the elections will start on will be January 3, 2005 and run till the 31st of March; however, the elections packets will not be sent out till the end of January. So the lodge will post the election packets on our web site www.walamootkin.org so your unit can have them before they arrive in the mail. Also if your unit is interested in have OA elections done this coming year please contact your local chapter representatives or contact the Lodge Chief at chief@walamootkin.org or his adviser at adviser@walamootkin.org so they can help you out with an election team. Another thing if you are an arrow man that get this newsletter but your leaders don't please let them now about the elections. We hope to here and see you all soon.

2005 Lodge Banquet

Schedule

- 12:30 Key Staff Arrival
- 12:45 All staff onsite, LEC to discuss day's events
- 1:00 Registration Opens
- 1:30 Program Begins
- 1:30 Training Session 1:
 - Vigil Selection Meeting
 - Brotherhood Testing
 - Unit Representative and Unit Elections
 - Native American Class I
 - Get to know your OA Brothers
 - Adviser and adult meeting
- 2:30 Training Session 2:
 - Brotherhood Testing
 - Unit Representative and Unit Elections
 - Native American Class II
 - Opportunities in the OA
 - Adviser and adult meeting
- 3:30 Fellowship Time
- 4:00 Lodge Elections
- 5:00 Banquet Registration Opens; Fellowship Time
- Appetizers Served
- 5:30 Banquet Begins
- Seating for dinner and orders taken
- 5:40 Dinner Served
- 5:00 Banquet Program Begins
- Opening
- Keynote Address
- Awards
- Outgoing & Incoming Officer Recognition
- Lodge Chief & Adviser Speeches
- Closing
- 7:00 Lodge Executive Committee Meeting (with new LEC)
- 8:00 LEC adjourns; Final cleanup

2005 Wa-La-Moot-Kin Event And Meeting Dates

January 22	Winter Banquet
February 19	LLDC
March 12	LEC
May 14	LEC
June 10-12	Ordeal Weekend
July 9	LEC
August 19-21	Ordeal Weekend
September 10	LEC
September 23-25	Section Conclave
November 12th	LEC



The National Order of the Arrow Conference, or NOAC as it is referred to, is held every two years. Arrowmen from across the nation gather some 7000 strong for a week of training, fun, and fellowship. NOAC 2006 will be held in East Lansing, Michigan on the campus of Michigan State University in the summer of 2006.

Why are we talking about 2006 now? We wish to provide the chance for any interested youth Arrowman to attend. This is truly a mountain top experience in the Order of the Arrow. The days and nights are packed with top notch training, activities, and theme shows. You will get to meet national officers, Arrowmen from other lodges, learn leadership skills, experience the history of the OA, observe the Native American activities, and observe some truly amazing ceremony teams be evaluated. Attendance by adults is limited, but pretty much any youth Arrowman can attend.

Start planning now to attend. It would be outstanding to take 10, 20 or more Arrowman to NOAC 2006!

Lodge Opportunities

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What are these positions? They are the youth positions in the lodge that run and create a program for their fellow arrowmen to enjoy.

What is required of me if I get the position? First, the Lodge Chief is the head of the Lodge Executive committee (LEC) in which he runs the meetings. He is also has meetings with his advisors to come up with an agenda for the meetings as well as topics that need to be covered. The Lodge Chief is also a member of the Blue Mountain Council Executive Board and a member of the Section Council of Chiefs. Finally he must maintain communication with his LEC members and the entire lodge.

The Vice Chief of Administration is responsible for updating the lodges "Where to go Camping Guide" for the council to use. Also he takes the place of the Lodge Chief in his absence.

The Vice Chief of Program is in charge of all planning for lodge activi-

ties. The Secretary takes care of lodge administrative function, such as keeping the minutes for all of the LEC meetings; as well as, helps put together the lodge newsletter. Finally there is the Treasurer. He is in charge of keeping all records of the lodges' accounts, inventory of items, and creating budget reports for the lodge. These jobs have a lot of work involved with them, but the work is very rewarding.

How do I get elected? In order to be elected into one of these positions there are some regulations on voting and eligibility. Nominees need to:

- be present at the lodge elections
- have been nominated by their fellow arrowmen
- be actively registered in Scouting (i.e. a troop or venture crew)
- be a dues paying OA member
- to be under the age of 21 for their entire term in office

In order to nominate or vote in lodge elections requires the person to be active in scouting, a dues paying OA member, and under the age of 21 at the time of the vote. Now remember in order to be elected into one of the positions or to vote you need to be at the Lodge Banquet on January 22, 2005.

We hope to see you there.



Wa-La-Moot-Kin lodge will be turning 60 years old in 2006. This is a significant milestone in the history of our lodge. Throughout the coming year the lodge will be planning for celebrating this event. A year sounds like a long time but as many of the LEC members can tell you time passes far quicker than you expect.

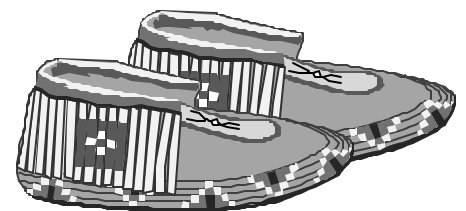
There will be a committee formed to plan the 60th celebration. We are looking for Arrowmen that are interested in serving on this committee. If interested make sure you get your name to an LEC member. We are also looking for lodge memorabilia you would be willing to share.

Advisers Corner

I am excited about the coming year for our lodge. We will be returning to Camp Wallowa for the first time since the mudslide. There are many great opportunities for the lodge to work at camp. There are also some challenges. I am fully confident the members of this lodge can meet these challenges. Traditionally a lodge has considered their council's camp s "theirs". Wallowa is our camp, and while it is no longer operated as a summer camp for troops, many groups in the council make use of it. Cub Resident Camp, Eagle Cap Credentials, and Wood Badge are three examples of important scouting programs that miss the use of Wallowa.

For the last two years we have used Camp Kiwanis for our ordeals. While this has been a mutually beneficial arrangement, the small size of the camp forced us to limit participation by lodge members. Returning to Wallowa will allow us to once again hold lodge wide activities. One very important change is that we will once again be able to hold Brotherhood on the same weekends as Ordeals. Increasing participation by our membership is very important. The new Arrowman is the lifeblood of our lodge. We all know someone that has become disenchanted with their membership. Now is the time to reach out to them, to encourage them, to involve them. If they have not sealed their membership this would be a perfect reason to come back to Wallowa.

The Lodge Executive Committee that you will elect at the January banquet will have some important decisions to make very early in their term. One of the guiding thoughts will be how to provide the new Arrowman with meaningful experiences at the lodge level. If you have any interest in being involved in the planning or running of any lodge event or activity makes sure connect with a member of the Lodge Executive Committee. Subcommittees are formed and are always looking for members or chairmen.



Wa-La-Moot-Kin Lodge Banquet Registration Form

Blue Mountain Council, BSA

Please return this completed form to the Council Service Center
 Wa-La-Moot-Kin Lodge, 8478 W. Gage Blvd, Kennewick, WA, 99336

\$10 per person Early Registration before January 8th
\$15 per person Normal Registration after January 8th, at the door

January 22, 2005
 Central United Protestant Church, 1124 Stephens Drive, Richland, WA
 (Check www.walamootkin.org for directions)

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<i>Address</i>		<i>Phone Number</i>	
<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>	
<i>Unit Type and Number</i>		<i>District</i>	

Pre-Banquet Activities (OA members only)
 Registration 1:00 – 1:30 pm; Activities: 1:30 – 5:00pm
 Training, Lodge Elections, Fellowship, Brotherhood Work, Fun!

- Are you... (check all that apply)
- Running for a Lodge Office?
 - On the Vigil Selection Committee?
 - Eligible for Brotherhood? (Have been an Ordeal Member for 10 months)
 - A Unit Representative? (Or will be representing your unit at the banquet)
 - Interested in Native American traditions, crafts, ceremonies, or dress?

Banquet (OA Members & Guests)
 Registration 5:00 – 5:30 pm; Banquet: 5:30 – 7:00 pm
 Dinner, Awards, Recognition, Dessert!

Wa-La-Moot-Kin Lodge would like to extend an invitation to family members and dates for the lodge banquet for the same price as indicated above. Please list any guests in the space below and continue on back if necessary.

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<i>First Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>Relation</i>	<i>Registered Scouter?</i>
			Yes / NO
<i>First Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>Relation</i>	<i>Registered Scouter?</i>