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Wa La Moot Kin 60th Anniversary Gathering:

On September 9 Vigil members of Wa-La-Moot-Kin Lodge #336 began the 60th anniversary celebration by meeting for breakfast at Sterling's, right down the street from the Red Lion where the rest of the day's activities were held. Twenty Vigil Honor Members attended, including a couple of guys who may not have been to a Lodge event for almost 20 years.

The rest of the day included arrowhead making demonstration, games, patch trading, lodge history display, socializing and was capped off by dinner. During the dinner a slide show made by Bill Buchmiller was being displayed. Many of the adults recognized much younger looking adults as well as youth who are now much older.

The keynote speaker for the evening was Steve Gaines who spoke of the history of OA and the Wa-La-Moot-Kin Lodge. Steve mentioned that he might not be the oldest member of the lodge in attendance but probably pretty close. In the audience were other old timers as well including Mike Tesky and Bill Buchmiller. (How old are they?)

After Steve's presentation the Spirit Awards were announced as well as Vigil elections and the Founders awards.

About 15 youth were in attendance with approximately 20 adults. A special thanks to all of those who worked so hard to bring this day to the Lodge for us to enjoy.

Burt Goranson





Advisors Corner:

Greetings fellow Arrowmen! We have had a busy year. Spring Ordeal was at Camp Wallowa. The project this year was to burn large slash piles left over from some commercial logging that was done last winter. The Fall Ordeal was held in the Tri-Cities Area.



The overnight was in the Big Flat habitat area while the project was working on Purcell Park behind the Glenn C. Lee Scout Center in Kennewick. It had been several years since serious yard work had been done there and the improvement was dramatic.

This year **NOAC** (National OA Conference) was held in Michigan. Burt and Brad Goranson and Drew Eacker had the privilege of attending along with ten thousand Scouts and Scouters in OA. Amazing! Don't miss the next one in 2009!

The Walamootkin **60th anniversary** celebration notes that our Lodge has had the same name for 60 years. We are one of the oldest lodges in the OA. We put together commemorative 60th patches as a fund raiser for Camp Wallowa. More than \$2000 was raised.

This year the OA Section **W1C Conclave** was held in Lewiston Idaho. This is a gathering of Arrowmen from Blue Mountain Council, Yakima, Spokane, and Idaho, five lodges in all. These events are a lot of fun as you can see from the pictures below. In 2007 Walamootkin Lodge will be hosting the Section Conclave in Pendleton OR the weekend of September 21-23. We need your support to pull this off, so plan on attending and having a good time while you are at it.

Next year we will have the **Spring Ordeal at Wallowa** the week before Memorial

Day (May 18-19) and the Fall Ordeal in the Tri-Cities (August 17-18) where we will put the finishing touches on upgrading the Purcell Park.

There was a Vigil Ceremony Saturday December 16. Rob Buxbaum and Dean Medford were inducted. Congratulations!

Our next event is the **Winter Banquet**. It will be held on January 20, at a location still to be finalized in the Tri-City Area. check the website



[www.walamootkin.org] or call the Scout Center to be sure of the location. In the afternoon we will be making Indian Costume gear as well as viewing some of the Lodge and personal costumes, and talking about the Indian ceremonies for Ordeal and Brotherhood. There are enough Indian parts that all who wish to do so may take part. At 5 pm the Lodge Elections will be held. Mike Blanc and Travis Person are running for Chief. Come and support your candidates! The banquet will begin at 6 pm and should be over by 8:30 pm.



This year in response to an increase in National OA dues the Lodge dues will be \$15. Also, in an effort to reestablish communication with Arrowmen who have not attended an event this year we are asking the troop and team unit leaders to collect dues from their units. Of course you can pay at the Scout Office or get a dues form from the website: www.walamootkin.org and send it into the Scout Office. Please include contact information, phone, and email so we can readily keep you informed. Dues for 2006 will be for the period of January 2007 through December 2007. If you have not paid dues recently please do so to support the Lodge and to keep receiving mailings and email communications.

Pete Gibbons, Lodge Advisor

WINTER BANQUET AND FELLOWSHIP

Other than a great time of fellowship, this will also be the time to elect a new LEC, or Lodge Executive Committee. If you would like to run for lodge office please contact Mr. Gibbons(our current lodge advisor) and inform him. For best results in your campaign bring along fellow arrowmen to increase your numbers. This will also be followed by an

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awards ceremony and banquet dinner. Along with that will be regalia building and other great activities. Last but definitely not least the trading post will be open selling patches like the Wa La Moot Kin 60th anniversary patches, and the OA handbook.

So please come along and have some fun, at the Winter Banquet. Please arrive at about 12:00 p.m.

The event will be in the Tri-Cities at a location to be finalized. Check with the Scout Office to be sure!

Schedule for Banquet
12:00-1:00 p.m.---Check In
1:00-4:00 p.m.-----Indian Regalia
4:00-5:00 p.m.-----Lodge Elections
6:00-8:00 p.m.-----Awards Banquet



W1C 2006 Conclave

This year's WIC Conclave was a blast!

It was held at Lewis and Clark Community College in Lewiston Idaho. The host lodge was Es Kaielgu.

There were games like an inflatable obstacle course and fighting ring. Also there was a geocaching course. The food was great as well.

The classes in the morning were very interesting and I'm sure all those who went learned a lot.

We lastly voted on new section leadership. Our section chief is Brad Reeder, our Vice Chief is Trenton Ramsey, and our Secretary is Ryan Peterson.



The Usual Suspects



Patch Trading



Conclave Pow Wow




Saturday Afternoon Games

We are beginning to talk about Unit Elections. If you have any questions or want to have a election in your troop please contact your area chapter chief(Michael Blanc, Tri-Cities;). These are due to the Scout Office by March 31 of next year. Please hold these elections so that our lodge can increase its numbers. See the lodge website(www.walamootkinlodge.org) for election packets for you early birds.

Upcoming Events

 Winter OA Banquet, January 20, 2007

 Spring Ordeal, Camp Wallowa, May 18, 2007



Lodge Executive

Committee:

Lodge Chief – **Drew Eacker**

Vice-Chief Administration –

Travis Person

Vice-Chief Program – **Jordan**

Stewart

Vice-Chief Communications –

Taylor Blanc

Treasurer -- **Vacant**

La Grande Chapter Chief --

Vacant

Pioneer Chapter Chief --

Vacant

Tri-Cities Chapter Chief --

Michael Blanc

Umatilla County Chapter Chief

-- **Vacant**

Lodge Adviser – **Pete Gibbons**

Associate Lodge Adviser --

Mike Tesky

St. J Adviser – **Emilio Avila**

Tri-Cities Chapter Adviser –

Bill Buchmiller

Umatilla Chapter

Adviser - **Larry Ross**