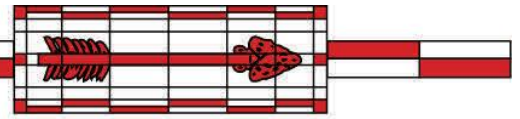


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Official Newsletter of Topa Topa Lodge #291 • Order of the Arrow
Ventura County Council, BSA



The Lodge Newsletter

We hope everyone has a fun and safe summer vacation. It's a great time to reflect on and understand the Order of the Arrow and your position in it. Any suggestions or comments for the Tom Tom can be sent to tomtom@topatopa.org. Please enjoy this issue. The Tom Tom is also available on the Lodge website at www.topatopa.org.



Chief Speaks

Greetings Brothers!

Thank you to all who conducted elections and participated in the Camporee Call Out ceremonies. Nearly 100 candidates were elected. The Lodge had a successful Spring Ordeal with 46 new Ordeal Members and the Lodge Brothers enjoying the elements at our Camp Three Falls during a late spring storm. There was no snow, although the Camp had plenty this year, but it was a cold rain and the Ceremony was held under the big cover near the new pool house. A delicious hot dinner was provided by Mitz Khan-a-Khan who hosted the Spring Ordeal.

The Chapter Meetings were lively, with new Ordeal Members learning about what the chapters do and how to get involved in their new Lodge. A big thank you to Mitz Chapter for hosting!

The Ordeal ended at 9:00 pm Saturday night this year to clear the Camp for the Vigil Retreat to begin. Our 4 Vigil Candidates successfully completed their Vigil Ordeal despite the stormy conditions. Congratulations to Luke Goor, Cooper Ysais, Peter Bowen and Gerald Thurston!

There are many events coming up in August and September so check the Upcoming Events → and get signed up. I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Chad Agruso

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Upcoming Events

August 22	LEC Meeting
August 24	Gopher Day
September 7	LLD
Sept. 20-22	Conclave
September 26	LEC Meeting
September 28	Lodge Dinner
Oct 4-6	Fall Ordeal

Go to Topatopa.org for more info

**The LEC is open to ALL
Lodge members**

Chapter Update

The heart of the Order is the Chapter. Chapter Meetings are fun events to catch up with your Brothers and also a time to plan for events and learn what is happening in the Order of the Arrow.

Asuskwa

Camarillo, Oxnard and Port Hueneme

Chapter Chief: Dimitri B. (805) 248-4517

Chapter Advisor: Mr. Bryan Arthur (805) 947-6621

Asuskwa normally meets monthly on the 1st Thursday of the month, at 7:00 pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 2304 Antonio Ave., Camarillo

Moskimos

Conejo Valley and LDS Moorpark

Chapter Chief: Kai N. (805) 558-8031

Chapter Advisor: Mr. Peter Bowen (805) 216-9743 and Mr. Bill Parker (Interim), (805) 499-7516

Moskimos meets on the 3rd Thursday at the LDS church on Erbes Rd. in Thousand Oaks at 7:30 pm. Call first to confirm.

Mitz-Khan-A-Khan

Ventura, Oak View, Ojai, Santa Paula, Fillmore, Piru

Chapter Chief: Jack C. (805) 444-6455

Chapter Advisor: Mr. Tony Waters (805) 624-0523

Mitz-Khan-A-Khan normally meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month, at 7:00 pm at Grace Lutheran Church at 6190 Telephone Road, one block east of Victoria Ave, in the Troop 128 portable building, with deck facing West to Lark.

Uhu-Ku - Simi Valley and Non-LDS Moorpark

Chapter Chief: Remy V. (805) 387-0735

Chapter Advisor: Mr. Pete Gomez 818 359-5194

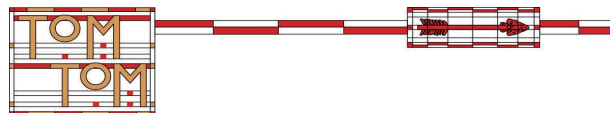
Uhu-Ku normally meets monthly on the third Thursday at the LDS church on Sinaloa Rd. in Simi Valley at 7:00 pm.

This is the same time as Roundtable so it's convenient for Scoutmasters attending to bring OA members of their unit.



Uhu-Ku Chapter Camporee

The Trading Post was a success again this year with the snow cone machine drawing scouts to stop by for "refueling" and meet the OA before the Call Outs later at the campfire. Many Uhu-Ku brothers came and did a great job with the Call Out Ceremony. It was fun to see the excitement of the new candidates as they walked through the torch lined path to the teepee!



Lodge Update

Calling all brothers!

Sign Ups for Conclave Now Live so go to Topatopa.org for the link to sign up early and get a cool patch! We need everyone there to defend our Spirit Stick and keep it at TopaTopa Lodge!



Rainy Spring Ordeal

Lodge Executive Committee

2018-2019

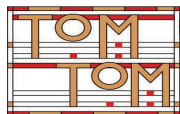
Lodge Chief -	Chad A.
Lodge Vice-Chiefs	
Activities -	Drew H.
Inductions -	Blake C.
Lodge Secretary -	Open
Lodge Treasurer -	Zack B.
Committee Chairs	
Ceremonies -	Cameron M.
Tom Tom -	Open Position
Vigil Chief -	Nicholas F.
Lodge Adviser -	Mr. Peter Bowen
Staff Adviser -	Mr. Jermaine Bell
Chapter Chiefs -	Jack C., Kai N., Remy V & Dimitri B.



Willing Work Day



Thank you to all who attended and provided service to our Camp Three Falls!





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If you have any issues please contact the Lodge Adviser at 805 216-9743

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