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## Council Executive Message

### THANK YOU!

Los Padres Council's has impacted our youth for 100 years this year. This is a meaningful time to celebrate all that has been done by our Scouts to improve our community and world. 2019 has been a year of recommitment to our community and families as we prepared ourselves to launch into the next 100 years. With girls now fully vested into Scouting we now deliver our mission to thousands more as we serve the complete family unit.

While we are still working on the Rancho Alegre rebuild and Phoenix campaign, we plan to regroup to have an exceptional 2020 year for all our Scouts. In 2019 we were awarded a donation to establish a new service center in San Luis Obispo, we are now set to open that center in January 2020 at 712 Fiero Suite 29, San Luis Obispo. Our districts committees were reorganized to better serve our units and families.

This only happened due to great volunteer leaders. Leaders like Andy Winchester and Joe Ririe who received the NESAs Outstanding Eagle award 2019. They exemplify what we strive all our kids to become. There are many more of you that are due to be recognized for your sacrifices, I thank you for that sacrifice.

Thank you all for your ongoing commitment to our kids as we look forward to a land mark year in 2020.

**Carlos Cortez**

*Scout Executive/CEO*



## Council President Views



Dear fellow scouters, as I write this during the Thanksgiving holiday, I want to express my gratitude to all who help to make the Los Padres Council such a special council. All who have a hand in our programs are making a difference in the community and development of our nation's young men and women. I wish to give thanks to the following;

Our council staff and Scout Executive, Carlos Cortez, Council Commissioner Bob Putney, Dave Penn and all the District Commissioners, The Los Padres Council Board Members and Executive Committee, District Chairmen Michael Britton and Dave Brown and their committee members, The Chartering Organizations and their representatives, Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters, Cub Masters and Assistants, Rancho Alegre Phoenix Committee, Popcorn Kernels, Merit Badge Counselors, Pinewood Derby volunteers, Camporee Committees, NYLT leaders, Friends of Scouting donors, Major

Member Capital Campaign Committee and all Capital Campaign donors, Explorer Posts and Adventure Crew leaders, Order of the Arrow, Joey Kamlet Los Padres Press Editor, and every volunteer who takes a moment out of their day to help these programs grow and thrive. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you...

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season filled with family, friends, and maybe some new hiking boots or a new tent to enjoy while getting outdoors next year.

**Trey Pinner**

*Council President*

## Happy Thanksgiving from Ken Miles

Hello everyone. I have been with the Los Padres Council for 6 months as the new Development Director. In this short time, I have learned so much about scouting and its community connections with Boy Scouts.

In my office today, I have spent the last few hours writing many thank you notes to individuals, foundations and community members. This task is always completed with great joy and awe. My life's passion has been to help children, youth and their families to become their very best. And in my new position, I get to rally and work with other likeminded folks in our great work with scouts.

Here are a few observations I have made in my short time with the Los Padres Council that I am grateful for;

I have the privilege to work with the Phoenix Capital Campaign committee that is raising funds for the Rancho Alegre rebuild. This group of men and women are simply amazing and their focus and dedication to the project would make you very proud.

I have observed Moms, Dads and their children shop in our service centers and hear their excitement about being or becoming a scout. I am particularly encouraged seeing the Dad's ready to mentor their sons, daughters and their friends to become their very best.

And most excited of all are the new girls coming into scouts. They are extremely thrilled about becoming a part of the scouting program. It is going to be fun watching them excel.

And lastly, I have observed the outcome of becoming an Eagle. What I have noticed, whether they are 70 years old or 17, is that they are passionate men wanting to do their very best and are ready and prepared to serve others. I have had to ask myself, why wouldn't any parent want their son or daughter to strive to become an Eagle?

In closing, though we may have not met, I look forward to working with you on our mission to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!



# The Phoenix is Rising

## *The rebuilding of Rancho Alegre*

With the hard work of many construction worker from Shipper Construction, we are now seeing new buildings on the site.

The Staff Residential Housing has two and three bedroom buildings have their SIPs panels in place and are completely assembled. The Drywall sheeting is almost complete and framing inside is now in progress.

The retaining wall immediately adjacent to the Outdoor School Housing Pad has been made weather resistant and has been back filled. The footings for this housing unit will be poured sometime in Mid-December.

The Health Lodge footings were set and poured in November. The Health Lodge Slab concrete pouring is yet to be announced.

Two dormitory slabs have been poured with the 3rd scheduled for December. The SIPs panels have been ordered for the Dorms and expected delivery is the first week of December. Assembly will begin shortly after delivery.

Anacapa/Anapamu dorm is being renovated with plumbing being repaired this month. We are working with Alpha Fire of San Luis Obispo to install fire alarms and sprinkler systems in the buildings.

We continue to work with the US Forest Service to complete the Spring Water Line permitting process. We plan to begin installing new water line sometime this coming winter. A new fresh water system with storage tank and pumps is planned for installation in early 2020.

We are still on schedule to have the first Outdoor School classes in October 2020.

## The Outdoor School



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## Recent Achievements

### *Arrow of Light!*

Congratulations to Xochitl Rubalcava from Pack 78 for achieving the Arrow of Light award! Xochitl is one of the first young ladies given the opportunity to join the new program. Xochitl's mom, Hanna Rubalcava says they are very excited and hope to see many more girls joining the program. Los Padres Council looks forward to seeing Xochitl's progress through the Scouts BSA program.



### *Local Heroes 2019*

A great honor for a great man. Sam Soga from Troop 26 and the Pacific Coast District has been recognized by the Santa Barbara community thru the local hero award.



For more information about the award view [the full article by The Santa Barbara Independent](#).

## Let's hear it for the Scouts BSA Troops for Girls!

When BSA Troops for Girls were launched, skeptics were down playing the program as pandering and self-serving. This could not be further from the truth. Families are enrolling their daughters because they want their daughters to have the adventure and opportunities afforded to Boy Scouts. Nationally, there are over 3,000 BSA Troops for Girls with over 29,500 registered Scouts in them. In Los Padres Council, currently there are four troops for Girls with over 34 Scouts, with 2 more troops for girls starting before the end of the year.

These Scouts are doing everything that the boys are doing and having fun doing it! Since February there have been 85 Merit Badges and 36 Rank Advancements earned by the Scouts, including 2 Star Ranks being earned, 1 in Pacific Coast and 1 in Cuesta District. Let's hear it for the girls.

If you know of young ladies or girls who want to have an opportunity to shine but do not know where to turn, please get ahold of either:

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## Pacific Coast District Highlights

I am continually amazed at the Scouting Leadership within our Council and District. So many volunteers who pick up the task and run with it with very little direction and awesome results. This includes all the volunteers at the unit and district level ranging from running a Den meeting, Popcorn Sales, Flag Ceremonies or even charting and data entry to Scout Book for JTE standings. The amazing part is how it all comes together for the benefit of our youth to have the quality and caliber of a world class leadership program.

We are all busy, I get it, but I know my Scouting volunteers will always come through. In the spirit of our holiday giving, I would like all Adult Scouter's to share with just one other person the joy and passion you have and the "why" you are a volunteer and ask one person to volunteer with you and answer their "why". As with any campaign we need a memorable tag line or phrase. How about, STOP for "Scout Training Opportunities and Possibilities". Perhaps you have a clever tag line to share?

This is a round about way to tell you while youth membership is going well, we need more adults and parents to also register and bring your talents, time and treasure to be engaged and part of Scouting. We all want the best Scouting experience possible, be part of the solution and join the Scouting movement. You may look back with regret if you don't participate, but I assure you will never have regret when you volunteer to be part of something bigger than yourself.

Wishing all Scouts and Families a very Happy Thanksgiving and a Bless Christmas Holiday.

*Yours in Scouting*

### **David Brown**

*Pacific Coast District Chairman*

*PS. Please check your calendar, your Pacific Coast District meeting is the first Tuesday of each month starting at 7PM at Mother Hubbard's in Buellton. You can also join our meeting by phone. Hope to see our Scout leaders there.*

# Major Member Dinner

## Happy Holidays Scouters!

Los Padres Council is proud to announce that this year we will be celebrating our 100th anniversary! The "Major Member Dinner" is an event that recognizes leaders in our community who have helped build character and leadership in the youth of San Luis Obispo County. We are proud to announce this year's event will recognize San Luis Obispo community leaders Joe Ririe, President of Pavement Engineering, Inc and District 4 Supervisor Lynn Compton for their extraordinary community service and dedication to helping the public. In addition, we will be honoring some of our longest program partnerships in the community:

- American Legion Post 125- Troop 394
- American Legion Post 136- Pack 425
- American Legion Post 534- Troop 91
- American Legion Post 66- Pack 6
- Arroyo Grande Police Department- Post 542,
- Central Coast Exchange Club- Pack 13
- Grace Church- Troop 308
- Greater Pismo Beach Kiwanis Club- Pack 405 and Troop 413
- Jesus Christ Church of the Latter-day Saints- San Luis Obispo Stake
- Jesus Christ Church of the Latter-day Saints- Santa Maria Stake
- Lompoc Police Department- Post 700
- Rotary Club of Paso Robles- Troop 60
- San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge #322- Troop 322
- SLO Sheriff Office- Post 781

These chartered organization partners have helped Los Padres Council to keep our units in existence for over 50 years and we feel incredibly privileged to offer them recognition.

Joe Ririe, who will be honored with the National Eagle Scout Associations' *National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award* has been an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints. He has had the opportunity to work with youth for almost 40 years and became very involved in supporting Scouts. Joe is a third generation Eagle Scout and says that the Scouting program and the people in it have done a lot to shape his character.

Lynn Compton will be honored with Los Padres Council's first ever *Legacy Award*. Lynn has been the 4th District supervisor for the past 5 years. She says she never expected to be a politician but feel that the best part of her job is helping people and that alone makes being a public servant well worth it.

On behalf of the Dinner Committee, Michael Britton, Anne Goddard, Thomas Parsons, and Rick TerBorch, we congratulate Joe and Lynn on the well-deserved recognition. Happy Centennial!

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## Program Proclamations and Reflections

It's getting to be the end of the year, can you believe it? I hope that this has been a good year for you. For me personally, there have been some very hard changes that I wasn't looking forward to. Glad they are now behind me. I hope that you are weathering your challenges better than me.

Before I get too far into this, I want to take one more chance to thank all those that made our latest University of Scouting such a great event. We even had a BALOO training that same weekend. It was a great weekend and wouldn't have been anywhere this nice had it not been for lots of work by lots of people. THANK YOU again.

The last District Operations Meeting of 2019 will be Thursday, December 19, starting at 7:00 PM. If you need any more information about it, please contact either your district leadership or just drop me a line and I'm happy to help you.

Since the year is getting ready to start, it's time to talk about the Council Recognition Dinner and Silver Beaver Nominations. In case you don't know the Silver Beaver Award is the highest award a council can give a volunteer. In fact, there is a formula to determine how many of these may be awarded by the council in any given year. Forms are available in the Service Centers and need to be returned to these offices by January 8. You should not tell the person you are nominating, we don't want to let them know they are being considered. Or more accurately stated, we don't want to hurt their feelings if they are not selected for this award. The Council Recognition Dinner will be held this year on Saturday February 8. I sincerely hope that you will consider attending this event. It's a fun evening and should be a good meal. Please watch for more information on this event as we get closer.

Some of you may have heard about our upcoming National Jamboree Troop. This is truly a once in a Scout's lifetime event. The Jamboree will take place at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. There will also be a historic tour for our young people to enjoy as well as all sort of fun the time of the Jamboree. It will not take long to fill all the slots. We are planning on providing this event for both young men and young women of our Council. If you know a good scout that would enjoy a remarkable trip, I'd suggest this event for them.

This coming year, I'm looking forward to what is going to happen with Scouting. We are going to be discussing this

at the District Ops meeting I told you about above. Since I need to get this out before the event, I don't have a lot of details coming other than there is going to be a discussion about Scouting that night. Please watch here for information about this great local event.

Let's take a moment and talk about training. Since it's almost 2020, remember you need to get Youth Protection Training (YPT) done again. This course can be done in your home, it's all online. If you need any of your leader specific training, you can do those online as well. Now if you need either Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) that would mean you are a Cub Scout leader. If you are involved in Scouts BSA, you'll need Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS). Part of this course is online and part of it is live. Both of these courses are handled by your district, so feel free to attend either District's training, just register for the course that fits your schedule. We are trying to coordinate these so they don't all happen on the same weekends.

While we talk about training, let's not forget that NYLT (National Youth Leader Training) is happening this summer. Your district leaders know that Paul Rutherford is in charge of this course, and that it will happen for you this summer. The other course that goes along with NYLT is Wood Badge. Ventura County Council is working on putting on a Wood Badge course in 2020. If you'd like to be a learner in this course, I can't recommend this strongly enough for you. It will be a great opportunity and you will benefit from it not just in your Scout Leader skills but also you can apply many of the things you'll learn in the other aspects of your life. I loved my time with Wood Badge. Loved both the time I spent as a learner, and the time I've spent in various roles on the staff of various courses. If you'd like to try your hand at being on staff, or if you'd like to be on the staff of an NYLT course, you have to be a Troop Guide on a Wood Badge course first. I am happy to help that happen for you, please just let me know. We will find a course for you to be a Troop Guide or other staff member. We can get you endorsed for any of these out of Council courses so you can have the experiences you'd like

Well that's about everything I wanted to talk to you about. If you have any questions about any of this, please let me know. I hope you have a wonderful holiday. My wish for you this new year is that you have a great time teaching and learning all sorts of fun things thanks to this great organization.

Thank you for all you do. Hope you have a nice holiday,

**Lynn Johnson**

*Council VP - Program & District Ops*

## In Memory of Wayne Rascati

In November of 2019 we lost a great scouter, Wayne Rascati. Wayne's commitment to our kids and the BSA was second to none. Wayne's commitment was displayed by the OA oath of Cheerful service. Especially when he took on the additional responsibilities in taking care of his nephews, which greatly increased after Christian's accident and ongoing disabilities, Wayne's Faith gave him the solid ground upon which to stand even in the "face of irksome tasks & weighty responsibilities"... & "to Love one another".

Whether braving the wilds of Philmont or one of the local parks, camping in all kinds of situations, Wayne strove to maintain a cheerful face and to share the aims of Scouting to youth and adults. He served as a merit badge counselor for the Citizenship Merit Badges among others and helped many Scouts to complete them on their way to Eagle - even at the 11th hour as my own sons can testify!! As a counselor for the Catholic Religious Awards: Ad Altari Dei & Pope Pius XII, he spent many hours sharing his faith with the scouts. He attended the Los Angeles Archdiocese Annual Scout Retreat and Adult Faith Development events as both an active participant and leader.

Wayne served in various leadership positions right up to his death. He was a key leader in many different units, holding the positions of den leader, committee member, Chaplain, Venture Crew advisor, and Commissioner. He served on the District & Council committees and as Newsletter editor, Webmaster and religious emblem coordinator.

Wayne attended many Woodbadge courses and beadings along with other trainings to assist with various administrative tasks as well as teaching. Similarly, he was always one of the earliest arrivals at many events from Cub Scout Family camp, Shooting Days, Camporees and more, often keeping all the records and finances in order. For several years he was the camp director at Rancho Alegre Summer Camp, planning and implementing the various activities for Scouts from all over the state. As a commissioner, he attended countless meetings and activities in the South Coast area, as well as others throughout the Council. Wayne spent many hours taking ongoing training for that position as well as for Charter Organization Rep. for several units.

Wayne will be missed, but his legacy will live on in all our Scouts and us.

**Zea Bauer**



## Order of the Arrow

### *Greetings from the Order of the Arrow!*



The last few months have kept our lodge busy. In mid-October, we participated in a THRIVE webinar run by our National leaders, learning about new initiatives and drives to help our Lodge focus actions related to elections, inductions, and activities to help new members become active in the Lodge. As a reminder to our Troops, Crews, and Ships, Order of the Arrow elections start as early as January and run through March. We followed the webinar with a fellowship campout that weekend.

Then in November we held our annual Lodge Leadership Development training. Members learned techniques for communicating ideas, practiced leading elections, and more. Following a Lodge Executive Committee meeting, we held our annual banquet at Rancho Alegre. Our new lodge officers were installed. Chief Jase M. is continuing to serve a second year as Lodge Chief. After a by-laws change earlier this year to realign our chapters, we elected and installed Joseph Cooper as Vice-Chief for the Cuesta District and Ben B. as Vice-Chief for the Pacific Coast District. Joseph and Ben will work with our Chapter Chiefs and support elections and our callout ceremonies at their respective Camporees, among other duties. Joey M. was installed as Secretary and Joey Kamlet as Treasurer. We are looking for great things from the board this year and they have a full calendar planned.

In addition to recognizing our new officers, Harley B. and Paul Bowen were awarded silver arrows as the Outstanding Arrowmen of the Year, and Joey Kamlet and Len Kamlet received Founder's Awards for years of continued service to the Lodge. Finally, a James E. West Award and donation to the Los Padres Council was made in honor of Wayne Rascati, who passed away just days earlier. Wayne's presence in the lodge will truly be missed.

Planning for the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC), to be held August 3-8 at Michigan State University, is underway. There is still space to join Chumash Lodge's contingent. Go to the Lodge website ([www.chumashlodgego.net](http://www.chumashlodgego.net)), which can also be accessed from the Programs menu on the Los Padres Council website) for more information. This is a great

opportunity to meet thousands of Arrowmen from across the country.



It's now time to start thinking about paying your 2020 Dues! In order to make it easier to participate in the Chumash Lodge OA events, our officers voted to offer two options for dues for the coming year. The first option is similar to this year, where further attendance at lodge events will be pay-as-you-go. The second option is an annual pass (our "Grizzly Dues" option in honor of our bear totem), where registration for all Lodge events you choose to attend during the year will be at no additional charge. Look to your email for more information on these programs.

Our Chapters are continuing to hold local meetings, we have an upcoming service day on December 20 at the Los Padres office in Santa Barbara, and more planned. We hope to see you soon!

[submitted by Len Kamlet]

## Los Padres Council Staff

*From all of us at Los Padres Council, Thanks for reading and for all of your support!*

