



Gila Log

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Annual Lodge Banquet

The Annual Gila Lodge Banquet will be on Saturday, January 5, 2013 at the Vista Ysleta United Methodist Church on 11860 Rojas (just behind Tinseltown on the east side of El Paso (George Dieter exit off I-10).

Registration will start at 8:30 AM in the morning with sessions on Indian Crafts, the beginning plans for the Where To Go Camping Website, and Ceremony Workshops. Lunch will be on your own. There are a ton of places to go and things to do at all the shopping areas nearby. All are in close walking distance.

In the late morning and afternoon we will be busy learning more about Elangomats, Unit Elections, How to make Chapters Rock, Camp Service, Camp Masters Corps, National Order of the Arrow Conference, National Trail Crew, Section Conclave at NMSU, and much, much more. There will be a special session on Lodge Master in the afternoon.

There will be a special Memorabilia Auction in the afternoon from 4:00—5:00 PM with many new and vintage items. We are accepting donations of Scout Memorabilia and Uniforms. There is a special donor patch for donations to the Memorabilia Auction. Bring your items by noon or get them to Dave Panko before January 5th.

At 6:00 PM we will start the banquet and share in fellowship and great food. The Cheerful Service Awards will be presented to 12 worthy recipients. The Vigil Call Out Ceremony will call out our new Vigil candidates. Who are the most dedicated Arrowmen in the Gila Lodge? Come to the banquet and find out. The Lou Duncan Silver Gila Awards and the Founders Awards will be presented to honor some very special Arrowmen.

The cost is \$15 for the day and includes a special flap commemorating the history of the Order of the Arrow. This will be the 4th flap in the series as we count down to the 100th Anniversary of the Order of the Arrow. You can bring friends and family as guests for dinner and the guest cost is \$10 per person and includes the historical OA flap.

The registration form can be found on page 4.

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Lodge Leadership Development Weekend

All Chapter and Lodge Officers, all Chapter and Lodge Advisers, all Chapter and Lodge Committee Chairs and Committee Members, and all Arrowmen who would like to improve the leadership skills and learn more about what the Gila Lodge and the Order of the Arrow does are invited to the LLD (Lodge Leadership Development Weekend).



The LLD starts on Saturday with registration at 9:00 AM and finishes on Sunday at 10:00 AM after breakfast. What a fabulous weekend experience this will be! The LLD will be held at the Army Reserve and National Guard facility at 11701 Montana in east El Paso (corner of Montana and Saul Kleinfeld).

There will be great sessions on how to perform the various jobs, how to create budgets, and how to lead groups and meetings. We will set the Gila Lodge calendar for the next two years. We will even talk about how to have Chapters That Rock. There will also be some fun activities and games to keep us sharp and motivated. There will even be a special session on using Lodge Master.

The cost is \$10 and covers the food for Saturday and Sunday, and the program materials. The food will be super great with Alice Panko, Sparkie Plaatje, Christine Stokes, and Eric Riley concocting special meals.

There will be a special Brotherhood ceremony at 6:00 PM for all eligible Ordeal members. See page 3 for more information.



Chapter Meeting Dates

Nesatin - Second Thursday, LDS Church on Bishop Flores, 7:30 PM

Tortugas - Second Wednesday, VFW Post 6917, 5845 Bataan Memorial Hgwy W, 7:00 PM

Mescalero - Third Thursday, Highland Presbyterian Church, 7:00 PM

Cochise - Second Tuesday, Grace United Methodist Church on Cuba Ave, 7:00 PM

Wapaha - Fourth Thursday, Vista Ysleta United Methodist Church, 11860 Rojas, 7:00 PM

Geronimo - Third Sunday, 1st Presbyterian Church, 7:00 PM



The Lodge Executive Committee

The Lodge Officers and their Advisers are shown below.

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Brotherhood Ceremony Opportunity



There is a special opportunity for all Ordeal Arrowmen to receive their Brotherhood membership on Saturday, December 15 at the Army Reserve and National Guard facility at 11701 Montana (corner of Montana and Saul Kleinfeld). **If you received your Ordeal membership in 2011 or before**, and you have continued to promote camping and cheerful service in your unit, you are eligible to seal your membership in the Order of the Arrow by becoming a Brotherhood member of the Gila Lodge.

There is a Brotherhood class at 4:00 PM and the ceremony is at 6:00 PM and we will be completed by 7:00 PM. There is no cost for this event. If you would like to eat dinner, then bring \$5.00, and email Eric Riley now, so we can have enough food for all.

Email Eric Riley at gokhos573@gmail.com, or call/text 915-269-7847 and give him the names of those who will be attending, so we can make sure to have enough Brotherhood sashes on hand for the ceremony.



Gila Lodge Season Pass

Do you find yourself always rushing to try to get your registrations sent in for every Gila Lodge event? Tired of writing all these checks? Tired of trying to find the stamps and dealing with the hassle of mailing another envelope? **Then get a Gila Lodge Season Pass!** Pay one price at the Gila Lodge Banquet and this covers all the events in the entire year and pays for your dues too! All in one easy payment. Use your credit card to save all the hassle of mailing and be on time for registering for all events at once. The Gila Season Pass holder is guaranteed to receive the event patch, even if they aren't able to attend one of the events. There is a special Season Pass recognition that you won't want to miss out on too.

Use the Lodge Banquet registration form to order your Gila Lodge Season Pass now. The events and items covered by the Gila Lodge Season Pass are:

Ordeal & Brotherhood Members

- 2013 Lodge Banquet
- 2013 Spring Ordeal
- 2013 Summer Ordeal
- 2013 Fall Fellowship
- 2013 Annual Dues

Cost is \$60

Vigil Members

- 2013 Lodge Banquet
- 2013 Spring Ordeal
- 2013 Vigil Weekend
- 2013 Summer Ordeal
- 2013 Fall Fellowship
- 2013 Annual Dues

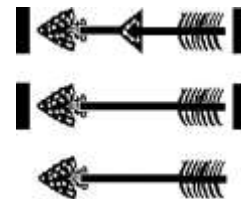
Cost is \$70





Gila Lodge #378 Order of the Arrow

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Gila Lodge Banquet Registration Form (Registration starts at 8:30 AM and runs until 5:30 PM)

EVENT: 2013 Gila Lodge Annual Meeting and Banquet – January 5, 2013
TIME: Registration; Saturday, 8:30 AM Banquet starts at 6:00 PM.
WHERE: Vista Ysleta United Methodist Church on 11860 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX
WHAT: Includes the day's program, the Banquet, and special OA historical flap.

- _____ I will attend the Banquet enclosed is the \$15.00.
- _____ Guests and family may attend the Banquet for \$10 each. This covers the dinner and OA historical flap.
- _____ I would like a 2013 Season Pass for **Ordeal or Brotherhood** members. This covers the Banquet, Spring Ordeal, Summer Ordeal, Fall Fellowship, and 2013 Dues. The Ordeal and Brotherhood 2013 Season Pass is \$60.
- _____ I would like a 2013 Season Pass for **Vigil** members. This covers the same items plus the Vigil Weekend. The Vigil Season Pass is \$70.

If mailed, this fee must be postmarked to the Council office not later than December 31, 2012.
If emailed, this fee form must be sent in to the Council office not later than January 2, 2013.

Name _____ Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____
Date of Birth _____ Unit # _____ District _____
Rank (youth) _____ or Position (adult) _____
Signature _____ Date _____ Email _____
Total Enclosed: \$ _____ Cash _____ Check _____ Please make checks payable to: "Gila Lodge - B.S.A."
____ Visa ____ MC ____ AMX ____ DISC Name on Card _____
Credit Card # _____ exp date _____

With credit card information, you may fax to the Scout office at 915-772-4535 or e-mail to csaldana@bsamail.org

If you need more information on the Ordeal weekend, please call the Lodge Chief, Ricky Colon at 575-549-1374, ricky@omgrv.com, or the Lodge Adviser, Eric Riley at 915-269-7847 cell, gokhos573@gmail.com



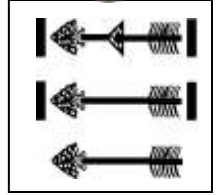
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DUES PAYMENT FORM

Covering January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013

To maintain active membership, dues must be paid by January 5, 2013

For use by all Active Gila Lodge Members & Transferring/Inactive OA Members that wish to become active in the Gila Lodge



1. PERSONAL INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

A. Name: _____ Age: _____

B. Current Mailing Address: _____

C. City, State, and Zip: _____

D. Telephone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

E. Date of Birth: _____

F. E-Mail Address: _____

SCOUTING INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT) NOTE: *Active membership in the Gila Lodge is available only to those Scouts and Scouters that are currently registered in the Yucca Council, Boy Scouts of America. No exceptions, this is a National Boy Scouts of America rule.*

Active Unit Membership will be verified at the Yucca Council Office prior to issuing your membership.

A. Scout Unit: _____ District: _____ OA Chapter: _____

B. Rank (Youth): _____ or Position (Adult): _____

3. ORDER of the ARROW INFORMATION (To Maintain Records)- Active/Inactive & Transferring Members

A. Ordeal Date: _____ Lodge Name & No: _____

B. Brotherhood: _____ Lodge Name & No: _____

C. Vigil Date: _____ Lodge Name & No: _____

1. Vigil Name: _____

4. O/A Awards or Recognition: _____

5. O/A Positions Held: _____

MEMBERSHIP & DUES: *The annual dues for the Gila Lodge are \$10.00, payable to: Gila Lodge, BSA. Annual dues cover the term of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013, and are due in the council office by January 5, 2013.*

OA Pocket Flaps and other OA items may only be worn by active, paid Gila Lodge Members that are registered in the BSA - Yucca Council. If not paying your dues, or don't plan to be active, please do the right thing and remove your Gila Lodge Flap as soon as possible. All membership subject to Lodge Executive Committee approval.

Membership Renewal: _____ @ \$10.00 per year = \$ _____

PAID CHECK # _____ AMOUNT _____ DATE PAID _____

Credit Card # _____ exp. Date _____ VISA MC AMX DISC

Please return completed form & lodge dues to: Gila Lodge, BSA: P.O. Box 971056 El Paso, TX 79997

Or fax to 915-772-4535 or e-mail with credit card information csaldana@bsamail.org

Make a copy for your records

Memorabilia Corner

The Gila Lodge & Yucca Council have some of the best memorabilia in the country. You can order yours now on the new web store at www.yuccabsa.org/cgi-bin/CommerceCGI/commerce.cgi. Check out some of the many patches available for purchase in the pictures below.



2013 Dates to Remember

January 5 Lodge Banquet Vista Ysleta
United Methodist Church, El Paso

January 18-20 Boy Scout Klondike,
Camp Dale Resler, Cloudcroft, NM

February 9 Scouting for Food Pick
Up, Council wide

February 16 Scout Memorabilia TOR
and Yucca Council Banquet

February 23 Cub Scout Klondike
Derby White Sands Monument, NM

April 12-14 W6E Section Conclave,
NMSU, Las Cruces, NM

May 3-5 Spring Ordeal, Camp
Wehinahpay, NM

June 29-30 Vigil Weekend, Camp
Dale Resler, NM

August 16-18—Summer Ordeal
Weekend, Camp Wehinahpay, NM