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THANK YOU!

After being asked to be the editor of the *Tipi*, I was pressed with a serious problem NO STAFF. Within a week the *Tipi* had a staff of five dedicated arrowmen. I would like to thank them for stepping forward and volunteering their time.

With their continued effort and dedication the *Tipi* will be a successful publication.

The *Tipi* mast head was designed by Bill White

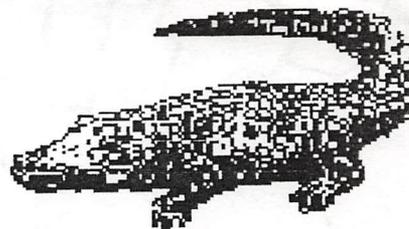


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Chiefly Speaking

by *Eric Mason*

My Brothers, summer is almost upon us and it's time for fun, sun, and of course the Work Weekend. Since one of the Order of the Arrow's primary objectives is to promote camping in our area, especially summer camp, we will again be dedicating ourselves in service on the May 20-22 weekend. Participation at this time is essential because summer camp simply cannot open without our efforts.

Enough talk about work, Aal-Pa-Tah just had two great weekends of fun in a row. First was our Spring Pow-Wow, where arrowmen competed by chapter in events such as the Aal-Pa-Tah Assault. Next was the Section Conference where Aal-Pa-Tah placed highly in competition and spirit. Both of these events were fun-filled, informative, and inspiring as Aal-Pa-Tah joined together in cheerful spirit. I would personally like to thank all those who helped plan and carry out these weekends and especially all those who came out and participated.

I would finally like to welcome Mr. Bowdler as our new lodge advisor. I hope that his appointment will help bring renewed vigor and activity into our lodge. I would also like to thank Mr. Garwood for his past help. I know that we will all make this time in our lodge a shining example of the true spirit of the Order of the Arrow. I hope to see you all at the Work Weekend.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Eric Mason,
Lodge Chief



LEC MINUTES

The LEC, or Lodge Executive Committee, is a group of youth members of the lodge comprised of our elected officers and appointed lodge committee chairmen. This group meets at specified times to vote on prevalent issues concerning the upkeep of Aal-Pa-Tah in terms of our activities, service, patches, camping promotion, and unit activities.

The last meeting of the LEC was held at the Spring Pow-Wow. The decisions which were passed include the following:

- * The position of second Vice-Chief has been dissolved
- * Elections for lodge and chapter positions will be held at the Fall Fellowship
- * Unit elections are continuing through June 1, with Callout being held weekly at summer camp and the Ordeal in the Fall.
- * Any unit who has had NO members eligible for membership in the OA by June 1 may choose to hold elections after summer camp.

The LEC is a vital part of the lodge. If you would like to join the LEC, or contribute in some fashion, please contact Eric Mason at 734-8822.



N.O.A.C. Spots Still Available

Aal-Pa-Tah lodge has four spots available for youth members at the National Order of the Arrow Conference. If you would like to go, you **MUST** reserve a spot by calling the council service center as soon as possible. N.O.A.C. is going to be held at Purdue University, from July 31-August 4. Aal-Pa-Tah will be leaving on July 30 and will be returning August 6. The total cost has yet to be announced, but you must send in \$220 to be up-to-date with the payments.

The National Order of the Arrow Conference, held every other year at a major university, is a gathering of all the lodges from around the world. This energetic crowd, numbering five to seven thousand, meets for training, competition, fun, fellowship, patch trading, and spectacular evening shows. Most who have attended both, claim that given the chance of attending either a National Jamboree or a N.O.A.C. would go to N.O.A.C. This is a unique opportunity to attend, while still a youth member of the Order.

Arrowmen Needed at the Service Weekend

Attention brothers, May 20, 21, and 22 are the dates for our Service Weekend. Many people think the service weekend is harder than the ordeal, because the name is Service Weekend, but its not. On a service weekend, arrowmen help out with different projects throughout the day. However, during the afternoon and evening there is also plenty of time to swim, play, patch trade, watch videos, and other activities you may like to do. The campfire programs are just as entertaining as they are at the Spring Pow-Wow and Fall Fellowship.

The Service Weekend is an open-lodge weekend, which means members may bring guests, provided that they are registered at the Council Service Center. You are encouraged to bring guests to the weekend, especially if they are interested in becoming a member of the Order of the Arrow. All guests are welcome to come.

This year Ordeal members who have already meet the following requirements will be able to go for brotherhood membership at the Service Weekend.

* You must have served your unit for at least ten months since becoming a member

* You must memorize: the sign of Ordeal membership, Obligation, Song, Admonition, and the Arrow hand clasp

* You must also write a letter to the lodge secretary, explaining what you think the obligation means to you, describing how you have been fulfilling the obligation in your daily life, and any plans you may have for giving service to the lodge

The weekend fee is \$8.00 for members and \$10.00 for guests. If you wish to obtain Brotherhood, there will be an additional \$12.00 to cover the cost of the new sash and other various Brotherhood expenses. If you have not registered at the council office by May 18th, there will be a late fee.



Garwood's Goodbye

May 1, 1994 marks a rather insignificant event in the annals of Aal-Pa-Tah; not because of the men involved, but because of their assigned roles. On that date I passed along the title of Lodge Advisor. The Order of the Arrow is in theory "youth run". A new Lodge or Chapter Advisor should have only a minimal effect on the operation of the Lodge.

Periodically, I have served in the position five times over the last twenty years and have come to fully appreciate the principle of youth leadership in the O.A. I have seen the best years when the adult role was primarily that of advisor. I have seen the "not-too-good" years when in the name of expediency the adult advisors usurped the responsibilities of the youth leaders.

I retire without reservation knowing that Ted Bowdler accepts and understands this cardinal tenet of the Order of the Arrow. It has been my privilege to work with Ted in various O.A. activities for the last three years and he has served as Associate Advisor for the last year and a half. We could not find a better man to be our Lodge Advisor. He is a man of the highest integrity and his dedication to the O.A., the Lodge, and to Scouting cannot be questioned; his record speaks for him. I wish Ted luck and I assure him of my continuing support.

In closing, and in retiring, once again I find the need to say thanks to so many Brothers that neither space nor time are possible. Quite simply, the satisfaction I have experienced while serving this last two years was possible only because of the great number of youth and adults who gave of themselves and their resources. To each and every one my deepest and sincere thanks.

I remain yours in the Brotherhood of
AAL-PA-TAH.

Advisor's Corner

I would like to thank Bruce Garwood for all the help for making this a very smooth transition for me into the position of Lodge Advisor. I also believe the lodge owes an awful lot to him for all the time and effort he has put in for all those years. You will be missed, but hopefully you won't be a stranger on weekends. I look forward to serving as your Lodge Advisor for as long as the Lodge will have me. I hope all will be present at the upcoming work weekend. And I also hope all of you Ordeal members that are eligible for Brotherhood will be prepared to take your next step within the O.A. Again I hope to see and meet all of you there.

Spring Pow Wow

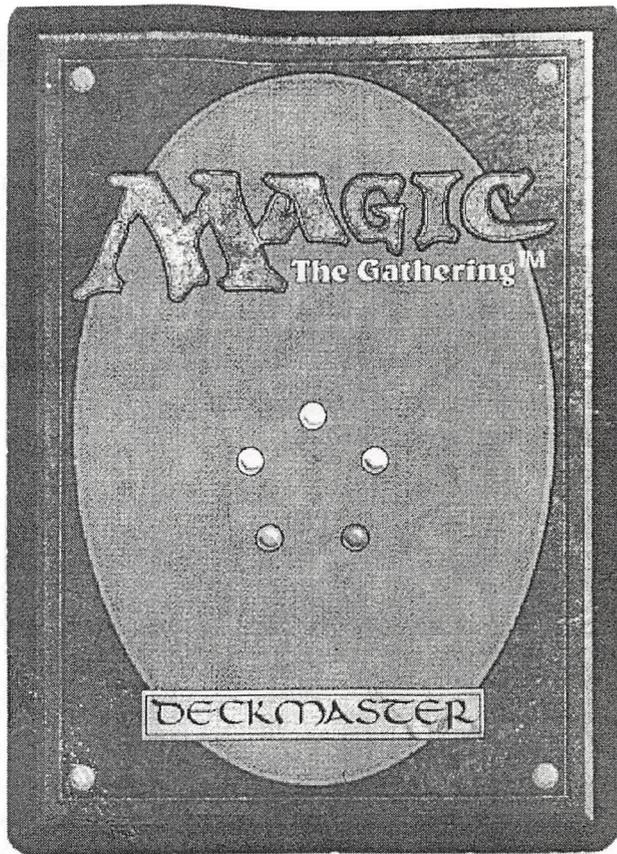
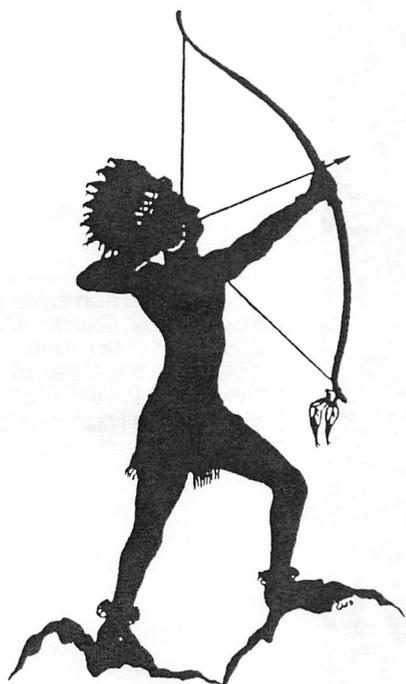
The Aal-Pa-Tah Spring Pow-Wow was an activity filled, fun for all weekend. It was interesting, if not strange, thanks to weekend chairman Jeremy Culler.

The day started off with the various activities that were required for The Quest for the Golden Arrow. A head to head volleyball heat, a tug-of-war game that had many members quite literally "bite the dust", and a sink-a-thon, to name just a few. The Saturday night campfire program was definitely the highlight of the weekend though. A spectacular group fire hoop dance was performed by Hitchiti dancer's Jeremy Culler, Jason Howles, Art Polnasek, and Matthew Swan. The evening's skit, a some what maniacal satire of the aal-pa-tah lodge's "normal" happenings, was a big hit.

Lodge members were formally introduced to the Order of Chaos, "An organization so unorganized even it's members don't know of it's existence". New members were "inducted" in a bolting ceremony which required the inductees to ride around on a giant lightning bolt and to repeat long phrases with marshmallows in their mouth.

The usual evening carnival followed. Many brothers stood in line for more than a half an hour at the carnival, intent on getting an Order of Chaos flap patch. Unfortunately, all the Chaos patches sold out when the head bolter finally arrived.

All in all the 1994 Spring Pow-Wow was certainly a fun and memorable weekend for everyone.



New Fads

Well, as you might have noticed, the *Tipi* is undergoing some changes in both the staff and it's format. This article is one of the newer ideas put into the *Tipi*. It's purpose is to inform you of "what's hot" and the happenings of the past few meetings at Tanah-Keeta and at our lodge meetings. Enjoy.

During the course of the Spring Pow-Wow, an epidemic swept the planet (or at least camp). The Card Craze Magic : The Gathering. This relatively new game had Aal-Pa-Tah members "tapping", "casting", and "shuffling". With heads bent low, brows beaded in concentration, and frantic trading of cards, some of our members were turned into gaming zombies. The often said phrase of the day was a simple inquisitive "Magic?". Magic : The Gathering is a unique fantasy card game where players gain land to produce power or "mana". Various cards are put into play to attack, and hopefully, destroy their opponent. From Hypnotic Spectres to Keldon Warlords, these cards traded faster than most known baseball cards. This highly addictive game is to many avid gamers the best thing since peanut butter and twenty-sided dice.

So if you missed Magic the last time around, come to a lodge weekend and find out what this strange game is all REALLY about.

Aal-Pa-Tah Has Another Successful Outing At This Year's Section Conference

Section Conference is a time when Aal-Pa-Tah unites with all the other lodges in our section, SR-4, which includes almost all of the state of Florida and three lodges in Georgia. The Conference provides an opportunity for fellowship, fierce competition, and plain old fun. It has also been rumored that a couple of patches traded hands as well.

The Quest for the Golden Arrow was the most competitive and fun filled activity at the conference. The quest included such events as All Aboard, which consists of a 2'x2' platform on which each lodge was given a chance to get as many people on board at once. Foot Bridge, one of the hardest events in the quest, consisted of nothing more than 12 pieces of wood, out of which each lodge had to construct a foot bridge. After the bridge was completed by the six arrowmen who constructed it, they had to successfully cross it without it collapsing. The Relay Race, was not only fun, but down right entertaining. Three members from each lodge had to carry an egg, in a bag, through an obstacle course, a one mile run, and a half mile row. The remaining quest events made for an enjoyable afternoon.



Members of Aal-Pa-Tah join together for a group photo at the Section Conference Saturday campfire



Aal-Pa-Tah members, Adam Kaczmarek, Gerard Corbett, Joe Bales, and John Taylor, compete together at one of the Quest for the Golden Arrow's events, the Friction Bridge



Ceremonial team members (L to R) , Bryan Bowdler, Dane Wiellns, Eric Mason, and Chris Miller, await the final judge critiques at the ceremonial competition

The Brotherhood bash, a traditional feature at the section conference, was continued this year with a Caribbean theme. A steel drum band preformed lively music while members of all the different lodges mingled with one another, traded patches, and played Magic: The Gathering (see the story *NEW FADS*, page 4). Fresh fruit, Gumbo, shrimp, and other exotic seafood was served.

The Saturday evening ceremony was nothing to laugh at, after viewing a recap video of a great weekend, the governor of the State of Florida, Lawton Chiles, paid a surprise visit, and delivered a motivational speech to all the attending delegates. In his speech, the governor encouraged all the arrowmen to continue to be active in the Order of the Arrow and to take the initiative to become leaders, not only in their troops and the Order of the Arrow, but also in their community and its government.



Novice dance team members, Aaron Banfield and Jason Howes, dance at the Section Conference Festival of Feathers

Although the competition was fierce, members of Aal-Pa-Tah's dance team swept the Senior Fancy Dance category by taking First, Second, and Third places. Aal-Pa-Tah also had a member place Third in Grass Dancing. The winners were:

Senior Fancy Dance:

Eric Mason	First place
Chris Miller	Second place
Arthur Polnasek	Third place

Grass Dance:

Brian Bowdler	Third place
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Jason Howes, a new comer to the dance team, preformed in the skill solo category using Aal-Pa-Tah's traditional Fire Hoop Dance. Although faced with an extremely competitive group and dancing for his first time at a section conference, Jason made our lodge proud by placing third.

Calander of Events

June 29 Callout

July 6 - Callout

July 13 - Callout

July 20 - Callout

July 31 - August 4 N.O.A.C.

Summer Camp 1 June 26

Summer Camp 2 July 3

Summer Camp 3 July 10

Summer Camp 4 July 17

Game of the Issue

If you see a sticker in the space provided, bring it to the next O/A weekend and you will receive a free lodge flap. If you do not win, better luck next time.

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