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## Editor's Comments ...

Section Conference was a blast. The Lodge came back with many awards and smiles. Thanks to the promotion that went into the Section Conference, our participation was exceptional, as was our performance in the many contests. This being my first Section Conference, I was impressed by the whole weekend. I can only wait in anticipation of next year's Section, although it's the '97 Section that will be the most talked about since everyone's favorite lodge is hosting it.

The *TIPI* staff and I are especially proud to announce the honor of being presented with the Best Lodge Publications Award. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped both directly and indirectly with the production of the *TIPI* over the last year. Stay active in the lodge, so we have something to write about. I would, however, like to apologize for the extreme delay in your receiving the April issue. Difficulties arose and the coined phrase "Better late than never" comes to mind.

But seriously, I welcome any feedback from all the readers out there in Reality. Let me know what you think. Coincidentally, my E-Mail address is BarbourR@Irwin.Vetrol.Com, and it is a reliable way to contact me. This issue also complete's a year of my task as editor of the *TIPI*, which I hope to continue throughout the next year. See you at the Fall Fellowship.

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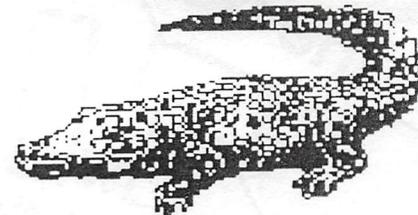
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### Patches Available by Mail

It's now possible to purchase certain lodge patches by mail, with no charge for postage. Here is a list of the patches available and their prices:

Mike Machek	\$ 5.00
1993 Ordeal Patch	4.00
1994 Spring Pow-Wow	4.00
1994 Fall Fellowship	4.00
Sm Year patch	5.00
Lg Fla. shape 50th Anniv.	5.00
Sm Fla. Shape 50th Anniv.	2.00

Send a check made out to Gulfstream Council along with your order to the council office at 8335 North Military Trail, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410-6329.



## Chiefly Speaking

by Patrick Foradori

Fellow Brothers,

This year's Section Conference was outstanding! I take a personal pride in knowing that the number of lodge members to attend Section Conference during my term numbered over 110, and I will strive to see 150 dedicated arrowmen from our lodge attend the 1996 Section Conference. I would like to extend my congratulations on behalf of the lodge to all the members for their effort at Section. Having returned with many honors and awards, combined with the spirit our lodge showed forth, the only words I can use to describe our venture are success and fellowship.

To officially announce the plans concerning the 1997 Section Conference, which Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge is hosting, Eric Mason has been appointed the Section Conference Chairman and David Weda has been appointed the Section Conference Advisor. I have extreme confidence that with your support, they will do an excellent job. I would also like to announce the appointment of Arik Wilson to Inductions Chairman. Arik will certainly have his hands full with the upcoming ordeals.

It has come to the time of year in which new officers are elected. As I sit here and write, I reflect upon the year behind us. In my opinion, the lodge has grown and matured greatly. As a result of this, I would like to see a significant turnout of members at the fellowship to select our new lodge officers.

See you at Fall Fellowship.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Patrick B. Foradori  
Lodge Chief

## 1997 Section is Already Underway

For those of you who live in a time warp, Section Conference 1997 will be hosted by Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge. Eric Mason has been appointed as the Conference Chairman, and David Weda has been appointed as his Conference Advisor. Committees are already being formed for the pre-planning of the Conference. More information will be available at the Fall Fellowship.

This year's Conference, hosted by Seminole Lodge, had 1,350 members attending. Echockotee Lodge, host of the 2000 Conference is already boasting of planning for 2000 delegates with their motto "2000 in 2000". Using these numbers, its easy to see that Aal-Pa-Tah could be seeing perhaps as many as 1,500 to 1,800 in attendance in 1997. In 1988, the last time we hosted the Section Conference, we only had 970.

This basically means that if we are to successfully host the 1997 Conference, we need the support of all the members of the Lodge; support for preparing the camp, preparing the Conference program, and preparing a plan to retain as many of our new brothers as possible over the next two years. If you are interested in helping meet this challenge, call Eric Mason at 734-8822 or David Weda at 863-7698.

## Advisor's Corner

By Ted Bowdler

Since the last *TUPI*, we have attended the 1995 Section Conference, had a work weekend, and tapped out many eager Candidates for the Ordeal in November. The attendance at Section Conference was the highest we have had in years, and I hope that even more brothers will attend next year. In 1997, Aal-Pa-Tah will host the Section Conference at Tanah Keeta, so I expect all of the Lodge members to be there. This past May, there was a work weekend to get Summer Camp up on its feet. Much was accomplished, and the Summer Camp Staff was grateful for our help. Every Wednesday night during Summer Camp there was the traditional Candidate call out. These Scouts are eagerly awaiting the November Ordeal. Let's encourage all members to attend the Ordeal, to help guide and boost the confidence of all the candidates.

Remember that being active and taking part in Lodge functions will provide us with a place where we can have fellowship for many years to come.

## Section Conference '95

### More Than A Hundred Members Show Lodge Spirit

Aal-Pa-Tah comes back as winners! Section Conference was a big success especially for the members of Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge. In April, over 100 arrowmen of our lodge attended the 1995 Section Conference at Camp Flaming Arrow.

The festivities began Saturday morning. After a rousing breakfast of "almost-egg", members marched out to compete in the Quest for the Golden Arrow. For those of you that have never been to a Section Conference (shame on you!), the Quest is a series of big events. In the bleary heat of late morning, lodge members competed in a triathlon, tug-of-war, relays, and trivia games. The competition was intense; members were cheered on by screams and squeaks alike.

Being one of the largest contingents there, we proudly walked around to show off our size. We made more noise than anyone else (thanks mostly to our squeaky alligators) and showed more spirit than all the other lodges combined (in our humble opinion).

The lodge entered into nearly every available competition, doing very well in a number of them. We are proud to announce the following results:

#### Individual Dance -

Brad Ellis - Grass Dance - 3rd

Eric Mason - Fancy Dance - 1st

Jeremy Culler - Fancy Dance - 3rd

Steven Steinmetz - Straight Dance - 1st

Jason Howes - Fire Hoop (Skill Solo) - 2nd

Aal-Pa-Tah - Drum Team - Honorable Mention

Aal-Pa-Tah - Ceremonial Team - Honor Lodge

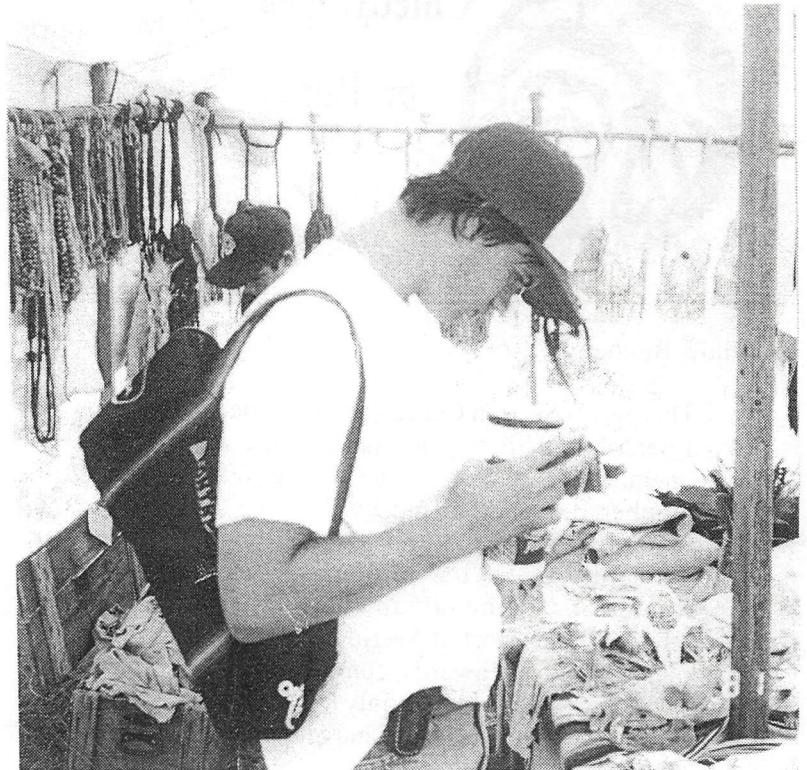
Aal-Pa-Tah - Publications - 1st Place

Aal-Pa-Tah - Group Dance - 1st Place

In the end we showed that Aal-Pa-Tah knows how to have fun, show spirit and pride, and to be good sports. Everyone that went had an awesome time and we hope to have even more fun, better food, and more arrowmen to share the fun with next year!

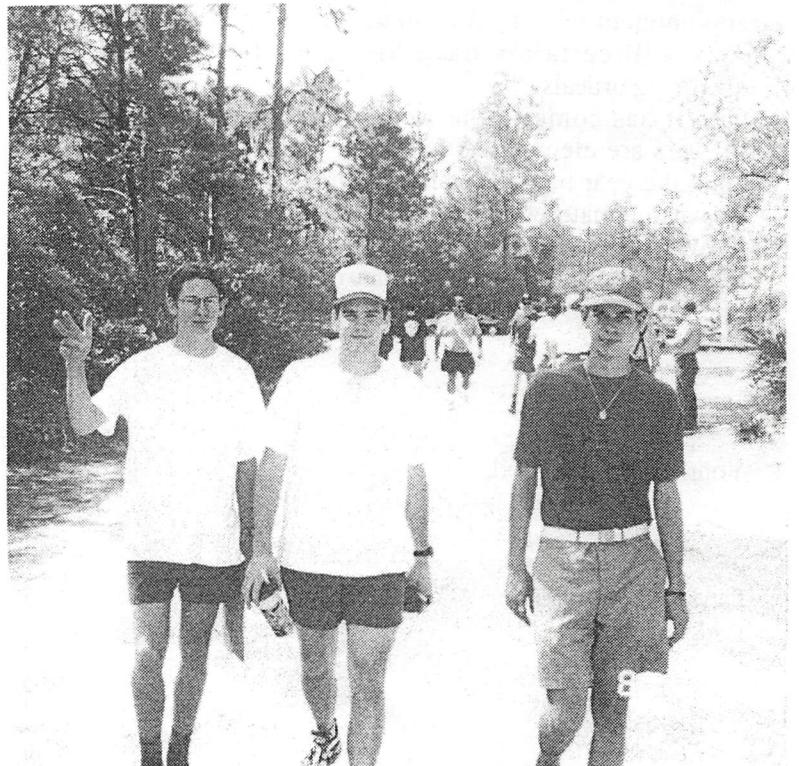
### New Member Flap Unleashed!

The Lodge Executive Committee has approved a revised New Member Flap. This once-in-a-lifetime Ordeal patch (designed by Troy Rinks) will be available to Lodge members at the Fall Fellowship. This will be the only opportunity for current members to receive this flap (another great reason to come to the fellowship).



Above: Jason Alexander browses in the Native American Crafts tent.

Below: Eric Mason, John Taylor, and Marcus Kronforst walk to another nutritious and delicious meal.





**Aal-Pa-Tah fights it out in the Tug-of-War.**

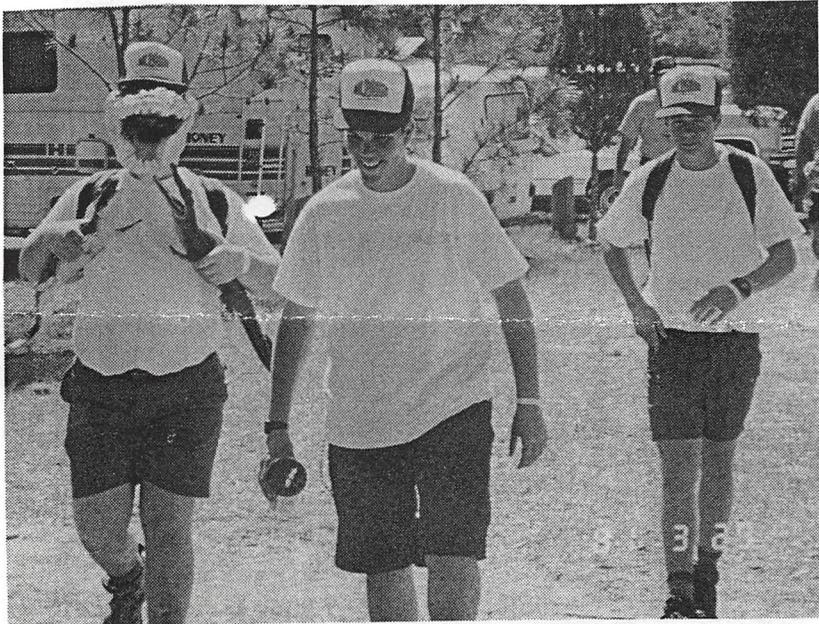
**At the Friday Night Show, Aal-Pa-Tah unleashed their secret weapon.....the squeaky gators!**



**John Taylor returns the ball to O-Shot-Caw in the volleyball tournament.**

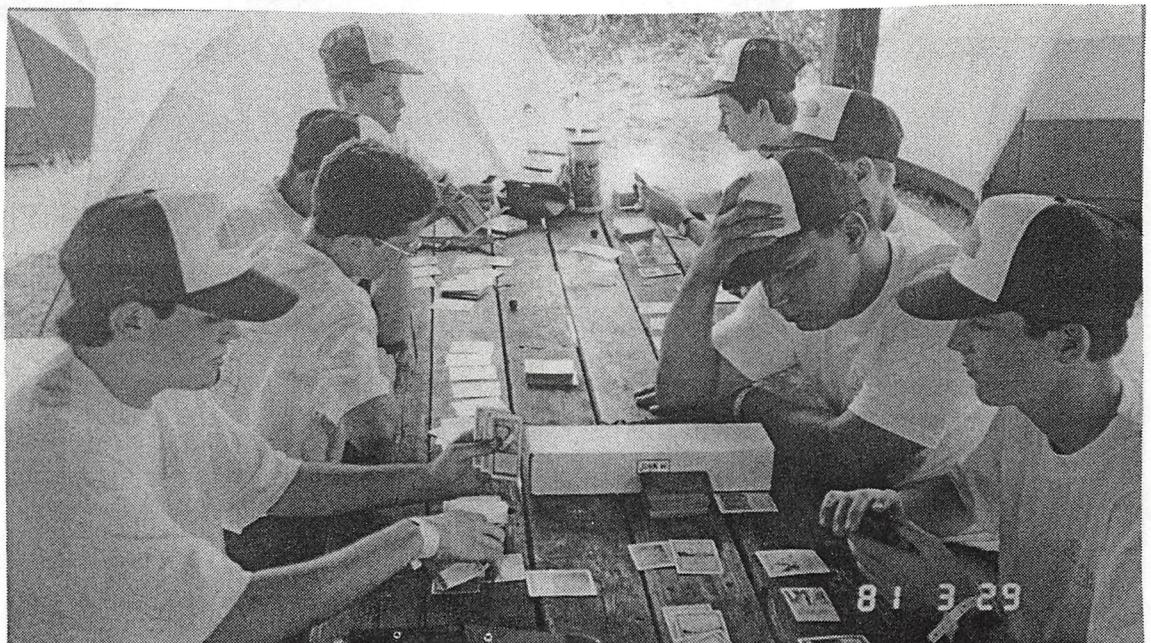


**Above Right:** Dance team and Singing team members (Jeremy Culler, Eric Mason, Neil Clineman, and Jason Howes) get some last minute practice.



**Left:** And where is the Gatorhead now? He was last seen here with Joe Bales, Rich Voight, and his two pet gators Smiley and Stinky. If you have any information upon his whereabouts please contact the Lodge Chief or Lodge Advisor.

**Below:** Members of Aal-Pa-Tah spend some quality Magic time.



## OA Philmont Retreat

From August 18-24, Philmont Scout Ranch hosted the first annual OA Philmont Retreat. This event was dedicated to training Arrowmen from around the country in Native American activities, ceremonies, showmanship, and developing a quality lodge program.

This congregation of national officers and experienced trainers gave participants in depth instruction as well as a chance to discuss national issues concerning the future of the Order. Other special events included a Pow-Wow, a slide show commemorating the OA's 1995 "Year of Service", and an Order of the Arrow 80th birthday celebration. Arrowmen left with a greater understanding of the OA's purpose and programs.

As part of the OA 1995 Year of Service, the OA Trail Crew spent several two week sessions this summer restoring and creating trails throughout Philmont. The trail crew allowed Arrowmen to perform a great deal of service at a cost of only \$100 to the participant. Due to the success of this program, there will be a 1996 OA Trail Crew. Applications will be available at the Fall Fellowship. Another part of the OA's 1995 Year of Service, which will be continued in 1996, was the distribution of over \$60,000 to various OA lodges to perform service projects in their councils. For the OA, this past year has been a time of rededication to service both locally and nationally. This spirit will hopefully be carried on by Aal-Pa-Tah, and lodges across the country, in the coming year.



## Ever Thought of Joining the Hitchiti ?

Are you interested in joining the Hitchiti Dance Team? Well, if you are, now's your chance. The Hitchiti dancers are looking for anyone who has any interest in Native American dancing and drumming.

If you don't know, the Hitchiti Dance Team is a Native American performing arts team that performs group and individual dancing for many audiences. We meet on Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00 and Sundays 2:00-4:30 at the Jupiter Tequesta Youth Center. If you have any questions please call either Jeremy Culler at 969-6532 or Eric Mason at 734-8822.

## Brotherhood Eligibility

Have you been an Ordeal Member for at least the last 10 months?

Do you want to gain a better understanding of your Ordeal?

Can you undertake a few simple tasks?

If you can do these things, then you too can seal your membership in the Order by participating in the Brotherhood at the Fall Fellowship, thus marking the completion of your induction into the Order of the Arrow.

But what is the Brotherhood, you ask?

Brotherhood membership, while not a "rank", is merely an extension to our Ordeal membership, a sealing of the Bonds of Brotherhood. It is an opportunity for members to evaluate their past service to Scouting since their Ordeal induction. The Brotherhood is sought by Arrowmen seeking to reaffirm their belief in the high purposes of the Order. Before becoming a Brotherhood member, each Arrowman makes a special effort to serve the troop and to learn about the Order. Each Brotherhood member commits to even more service to Scouting through the Order.

"OK", you say, "I'm ready (having completed the 10 months of membership), willing (to do those 'few simple tasks'), and able (to attend the Fall Fellowship). So what do I do?" Easy.

1. Memorize the Obligation, Song, Admonition, Sign, and Handclasp of the Order (see your O.A. Handbook for the details).

2. Advance your understanding of the Ordeal through which you have passed. See the section in your O.A. Handbook called "The Customs and Traditions of the Ordeal". But don't memorize the answers you find there. Instead, seek to understand the concepts they contain.

3. Serve your unit for at least 10 months, striving to fulfill your Obligation by continuing and expanding your service to your own troop, post, team, or ship.

4. Plan for service to the Lodge. Be a current dues paid member and develop a plan to fulfill a pledge of service to the Lodge.

5. Write a letter to the Lodge Secretary, explaining: What you think the Obligation means to you; how you have been fulfilling this Obligation in your unit and in your daily life; how you have used your understanding of the Ordeal to do this; and, what specific plans you have for giving service in the Lodge program.

Oh, and now the hard part, bring an additional \$15 to the Fellowship to cover the cost of the Brotherhood, along with your letter for the Secretary, and the knowledge of your understanding of the Ordeal.

Do it. Don't be square. The Brotherhood won't harm you. Look, I did it and see what's happened to me. Well, never mind that part.

## The Adventure of Summer Camp

### Summer Camp '95 Continues the Tradition of Success

This past summer, Scouts from troops across the council descended upon Camp Tanah Keeta to participate in the Summer Camp Program of 1995. They would spend their week in camp participating in numerous programs run by the awesome Summer Camp Staff.

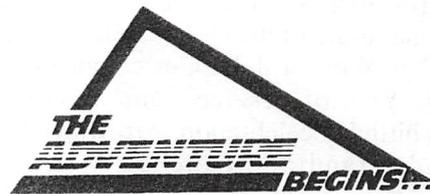
The program for this summer had taken many months of preparation and planning. The staff would get together once a month for a weekend of training and planning. The week before camp, the staff arrived to get camp setup and ready for the first week of camp. And when the campers arrived on one muggy day in late June, the camp looked great and the program told of an action packed week.

The highlights of camp were: the always interesting Wednesday Night Extravaganza, the Battle of the Troops, the A.S.P. program, and the other awards that Scouts and Scouters alike can work on through the week.

There are many special awards that can be earned during Summer Camp. The newly developed A.S.P. went through its 2nd year and had outstanding participation. There are several courses that are offered but you need to do five to officially complete the program. This year also marked the third year of the Trailblazer patch. To qualify for this award, you had to have earned at least fourteen beads through the week. To obtain the beads, you had to participate in activities or merit badges offered in the many program areas. The Scoutmaster's Award had a great amount of participation in it's second year. To receive this award you must be an adult and complete the requirements that are given. Another special honor was awarded to the victor of the "Battle of the Troops". Each troop sent Scouts against a number of relays and obstacles; gaining points for each successful challenge completed.

The Wednesday night campfire was a hit as usual. The opening had all of the staff doing their dance called "The Gator". And then there was the Spanish Scouts singing the complete and uncut version of the song "La Cucharacha". Once again the program director Troy Rinks came up with another spectacular show in "Batscout Forgotten". In case you could not guess, this was a take off of the Batman movies. The cast in this show was superb and did a great job. The highlight was the ending, which had all of the characters doing a dance that looked plain silly. The last part of the show was highlighted by the performance of the Hitchiti Dance Team. The evening was closed with the tapping out of new candidates. In honor of the new candidates, Jason Howes performed his award winning fire hoop dance.

All in all the men in charge of the Summer Camp Program are to be commended for their great job. A special thanks is to be given to Camp Director Bruce Garwood, Assistant Camp Director Kevin Murphy, and Program Director Troy Rinks. I'm sure they are looking forward to seeing you at Summer Camp 1996.



## Fall Fellowship Fast Approaching

Everyone is looking forward to the 1995 Fall Fellowship to be held at Tanah Keeta on September 29th through October 1st. Check-in starts at 7:00pm, so don't be late and miss out on anything!

On Saturday, there will be seminars, the pool will be open, movies will be shown, as well as many other activities for you to select and participate. The Fall Fellowship is also the time that our Lodge selects the new officers for the year. Pat and Jimmy did a wonderful job but their reign of terror will soon come to a close as we elect new officers. Show your support by attending the Fall Fellowship and voting for the candidates that you think are the most qualified for the job.

The Fall Fellowship is also a time in which Ordeal members can show their loyalty to the Order of the Arrow by sealing their membership and becoming Brotherhood members. So if you are eligible for Brotherhood, start looking over the requirements now (*see page 7 for details*).

The entertainment of the evening will be the campfire and the traditional carnival following dinner, Saturday evening. So make sure you are scheduled to attend and don't miss a time of laughter, games, and memories you'll never forget.

## Patch Designers Needed

For all you wanna-be patch designers out there, this could be your chance. Weekend patch designs are needed for the coming year. So break out the old patch design cap and get creative. For further information contact the Lodge Chief or Lodge Advisor.

## Lodge Election Policy

There will be an interview session for all lodge officer candidates at Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation, Tuesday September 26 at 7:00 pm. It is mandatory that all candidates for lodge office attend this interview session in order to be eligible for the election. The candidates for chapter elections need not attend the Tuesday night interview meeting. If you can not attend this meeting you must contact Patrick Foradori at 1-407-589-3318 to make alternate arrangements. The elections for the following offices will be held at the Fall Fellowship:

Lodge - Chief, Vice-Chief, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian  
Chapter - Chief, Vice-Chief, and Secretary

Lodge elections will be held Saturday afternoon, September 30, 1995. Chapter elections will follow the Lodge elections that night. The location of the chapter elections will be announced at lunch on Saturday.

### Candidate Eligibility

A Candidate running for lodge office:

1. Must have been inducted into Aal-Pa-Tah or transferred into the Lodge at least 6 months prior to the date of the elections.
2. Dues must be paid for the current year.
3. Shall not reach his 19th birthday during the term in which he will serve in the office.
4. Must physically reside (live and attend school or be employed) within the official boundaries of the Gulf Stream Council, B.S.A.
5. Must be currently registered in a unit that is chartered by the Gulf Stream Council, B.S.A.
6. Present himself as a candidate at the scheduled candidate's meeting on Tuesday, September 26, 1995 at Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation, 7:00 pm. If the candidate can not attend the meeting, he must contact Patrick Foradori at 1-407-589-3318, as detailed campaign rules and a schedule will be passed out at the meeting. Chapter Officers do not attend this meeting. Chapter elections must be held at the same Lodge weekend, and at a time and location arranged with the Lodge Chief.
7. May run for only one office, declaring his candidacy for that office at the candidate's meeting on September 26 (see number 6, above). If defeated for the declared office, he may not be nominated for any other office, unless there are no declared candidates for that office.

NOTE: The interview committee is comprised of the current Lodge Chief (if not running for re-election), the Lodge Advisor, Associate Advisors, and one other appointed member. If a candidate desires, he may have one person with him during the interview. The selection of this person is left entirely to the candidate himself, and can be a parent, scoutmaster, or friend. However, the individual may not also be a candidate.

### Voter Eligibility

All members of the Lodge whose current dues are paid and have not reached their 19th birthday are entitled to vote. There are no absentee ballots or voting proxies.

## Chapter Reports

### A-Bani-Ki

#### "Bad" Brad Walbridge

Oh happy day! The A-Bani-Ki Chapter is ready for the onslaught of new Ordeal members and is in the process of getting everyone's dues paid up. Members have been busy cooking for the District Round Table and serving as staff on our District Camporee. We are spreading the news about the 1996 Section Conference and hope to have many members attend. The coming Ordeal should be great!

### Lawaneu Mawats "Mad" Matt Sorrell

What a deal! The Lawaneu Mawats Chapter is in the process of planning a work weekend at Camp Oklawaha sometime in November or December. We are also planning to hold a fun weekend in February. A warm welcome is extended to Chris Gray for agreeing to put up with us as our Chapter Advisor for the coming year. Good luck to all of our Ordeal candidates, they'll need it.

### Pan-A-Soo-Fee "Cool" Carl Fox

All righty then! The Pan-A-Soo-Fee Chapter is doing well. The younger Scouts in our district are climbing the ranks so that they will be able to meet the First class requirement for the OA elections next year. See you at the Fall Fellowship.

### Oi-Ya-Tah "Big" Bill Mangan

P-A-R-T-Y! The Oi-Ya-Tah Chapter had a great time at summer camp and I hope to see my brothers in the weeks to come.

### Chee-Pa-Tah "Burly" Bryan Greenwood

OA OA! The Chee-Pa-Tah Chapter is running smoothly and we have finished our Ordeal elections. Attendance has been low lately, but we hope to see more of our members at the Fall Fellowship.

### At-Seena-Hoofa Brian Garcia

No report at this time.

### Nekewa Hank Phillips

No report at this time.

### Osceola Lew Leach

No report at this time.



# 1995 Lodge Calender

Fall Fellowship  
Ordeal Weekend I  
Ordeal Weekend II  
Makeup Ordeal  
Spring Pow-Wow  
Unit Elections Begin  
Section Conference  
Spring Pow-Wow

September 29 - October 1 , 1995  
November 17 - 19 , 1995  
December 1 - 3, 1995  
January 5 - 7, 1996  
March 22 - 24, 1996  
April 1, 1996  
April 19 - 21, 1996  
May 17 - 19, 1996

**Plan Now to go to the Fall Fellowship  
See the Alligator for Details!**

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