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## Editor's Comments...

Since this is the first opportunity I've had, I would like to congratulate the entire Lodge on a Section Conference well done. The success of the Conference is a testimony to all the hard work, blood, sweat, and tears that went into the planning, preparation, and execution of the Conference.

Now that Section has come and gone we can look forward to the upcoming Fall Fellowship. The fellowship weekend will have its share of fun, but there is also the opportunity for Ordeal Arrowmen to seal their membership in the Order (see page 5 for requirements).

As always I would like to thank the entire *TIPI* staff, whose hard work and devotion are an attribute to the Order and the Lodge. For any of our readers interested, the *TIPI* could use the talents of writers, photographers, and anyone willing to help out. If you are interested in helping or if you have comments, give me a call at 582-7530.

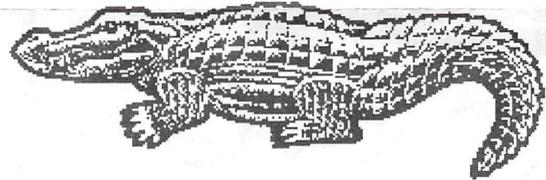
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## Patches Available by Mail

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 the prices:

Mike Machek	\$5.00
1993 Ordeal Patch	\$4.00
1994 Spring Pow-Wow	\$4.00
1994 Fall Fellowship	\$4.00
Small Year Patch	\$5.00
Large Florida shape 50th Anniv.	\$5.00
Small Florida 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 Jim Walls

Fellow Arrowmen,

I must say it has been an honor serving our great Lodge as an officer for the past three years. It's hard to believe my tenure now draws to a close. I've had many great experiences as your Lodge Chief, which I will take with me wherever I go. When I look at our Lodge and what we have been able to accomplish, I just glow with pride.

I just ask that everyone maintains their enthusiasm and spirit to help the continual growth of the Lodge. Let's prove to section S-4 what we already know, our Lodge is the best, and will continue to be the best for years to come.

Once again, thanks for your support, work, and participation over the years.

In Cheerful Service,

Jimmy Walls



## Advisor's Corner by Fred Danaher

Another year is upon us and it looks like it will be an especially busy one. With a Fellowship weekend, two Ordeal weekends, Lodge Officer Training, an O.A. Service Corps for the Council Camporee, NLS, Sections Seminars, and O.A. staffing for Operation First Class we all will have plenty of opportunity to serve.

In the spring, in addition to our Pow Wow, I hope many of our Brothers will attend the Section Conference, which will be hosted by Tipisa. After hosting such a successful Conference ourselves, it will be interesting to participate and observe how they put one on. Of course next summer brings NOAC. It is time now to start signing up and making deposits toward this great experience.

I am very enthused about this coming year and I hope you are too. I look forward to seeing all of you at our first weekend of the year which is September 26-28.

## Join the Adventure - NOAC '98

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is just under a year away! In the first couple of weeks of August a large contingent of Aal-Pa-Tah brothers will trek to the high cornfields of Iowa State University to experience the fun and adventure of the next great "Jamboree" of the Order. There we will experience some of the best seminars and shows you can imagine, as well as see our Hitchiti dancers compete nationally. We will take over the campus and learn new Scouting skills we can take back to our troops and patch trade until our hearts are content! This is not an event to miss!

Please make plans now to attend. The actual event is August 2-6, but we will likely take several days to see sights along the way. The trip is estimated to cost \$700. You can start payments now, which are refundable until December, 1997. For more information, contact Contingent Advisor Craig McGarrah at 744-5018 or mcgarrah@flinet.com.

## Fall Fellowship by Brad Ellis

Everyone is registered for the Fall Fellowship, right? Well maybe by some slight chance you didn't receive the latest copy of the Alligator. Or perhaps you used your scout calendar to start your campfire when you went with your troop to T.K. last month. If so, then allow me to be the first to tell you, IT'S SOON! The weekend will take place on September 26th, 27th, and the 28th and will be jam packed full of fun.

The weekend chairman, Gregg Goldsbury, has proclaimed that the Fall Fellowship will be the best weekend in modern history. Some of the weekends activities will include, but not be limited to: Chapter competitions (Basketball, Volleyball, and Water polo), Kiowa hand games, and watching the new Star Wars Trilogy Special Edition. The pool will also be open for a night swim and raffles will occur throughout the weekend for fabulous prizes.

You say that's enough, but wait there's more!! For those who still need to seal their membership in the Order, Brotherhood is being offered on Saturday. Also this weekend there will be a presentation of the Founders' Award, Chapter, and Lodge Officer elections.

Now I know the question you're all wondering, how much is it? Well, all of this excitement and more can be yours for a low one-time fee of \$14, which includes the weekend patch. So what are you waiting for, pick up the phone and reserve your seat today.

To avoid the \$2 late fee you must call the Council Service Center at 694-8585 by September 22nd. After hours you can leave a message on the recorder. Registration begins at 7:00 PM on Friday and departure is 11:00 am on Sunday. You should bring a tent, Class A uniform and O.A. sash, clothes for competitions, swim suit, board games, money for the TK Grill, \$14 for registration and \$10 for Brotherhood (if eligible).

Well, I'll see you all at the weekend. Oh, just one more thing. I know this isn't a factor to anyone, but remember, this is a FUN weekend and NOT a WORK weekend. Now I'll see you all at the weekend.... Wimachtendienk W. W.

## Chapter Reports

### Chee-pa-tah - Ryan Wertempny

Well I hope everyone had a great summer but now its time to get back to work. Our Chapter and your Lodge could use all of your support. So we look forward to seeing you in the upcoming O.A. weekends starting with "Fall Fellowship." Let's show some Chee-pa-tah pride with a good turnout of members from the Chapter. See you there!

### Ne-ke-wa - Josh Sadd

Ne-ke-wa Chapter successfully completed unit elections and summer tap outs. We congratulate our nominees and welcome them to the Ordeal. Three of our members from Ne-ke-wa attended the National Jamboree. Hank Phillips, Preston Barbour, and Josh Sadd came back with memories, souvenirs, and lots of stories. Ne-ke-wa continues to build spirit and hopefully attendance at Lodge weekends by hosting cracker barrels at all district and council activities. Hope to see you there!

### Oi-ya-tah - Bobby Hickox

We are all ready to start the new program year! We are proud that all of our unit elections were finished on time. We also hope to promote greater Chapter turnout by increasing our participation in weekends and Lodge affairs. See you at the Fellowship!

### Osceola - Patrick Kerley

The Osceola Chapter is hard at work and is very enthused for the new year. I really hope that all members will be at the Fall Fellowship! If you are not already Brotherhood, PLEASE come out to the Fellowship and complete your membership in the Order. Let's show the Lodge that Osceola can take the lead in getting Ordeal members to Brotherhood.

We are presently still trying to come up with a Chapter shirt. Our current idea is to make a polo with a small design. If you have any ideas contact me.

Lastly, the chapter is trying to make a phone list. I need dedicated members from troops: 132, 150, 155, 173, 176, 701, 753 and 758 to act on our calling committee. This way we can boost attendance and show everyone we mean business! GO OSCEOLA!

## Hitchiti Dance Team

The Hitchiti Dance Team, Explorer Posts 157 and 757, has just started its 1997 program. This year marks the Dance Teams's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Now is an exciting time to get involved. We are dedicated to Native American dancing, drumming, and crafts. Our history began in 1972 with a small group of dedicated young men and has since grown into a coed group with over 40 members.

If you are interested in joining, call Mark Trepanier at 747-1171. Meetings are every Wednesday, from 7:00 -9:00 PM, at the Burt Reynolds Ranch in West Jupiter. Rides may be available as we have members from Boca to Port St. Lucie. Hope to see you there!

## Brotherhood Requirements

Be an Ordeal member for at least 10 months.

Memorize the Obligation and OA Song.

Write a letter to the Lodge Secretary (NickEggen) which includes the following:

- a) Explain what you think the Obligation means.
- b) Describe how you have been fulfilling the Obligation in your troop or post and everyday life.
- c) Describe your specific plans for giving service in the Lodge program.

## Do You Have A Blast From the Past?

Most everyone should know that the old health lodge has been transformed into the O.A. Lodge. This means that we now have a place to store our Lodge's memorabilia.

Anyone who has pictures, plaques, or any other historical information should bring them to the Fellowship. We can then start the process of organizing this material which means so much to all of us.

If you have any questions about what to bring, or if you can't make it to the Fellowship, please call Greg Miller, Historian Advisor, at 798-4718.

## Conference '97 in Review

The 1997 Section S-4 Conference, held on the weekend of April 18-20, was a huge success with over 1,200 Arrowmen in attendance. Conference Chairman Eric Mason and Host Lodge Chief Jimmy Walls together put on one of the best Conferences our Section has seen.

Friday night began with an impressive, inspirational, and well choreographed show. Immediately following was the "dive"-in movies (pool side, of course). The 50 degree temperature did not prevent a packed "theater."

Saturday morning started off bright and early with a special breakfast to honor the Section's Ordeal members. Host Chief Jimmy Walls spoke at the event. After breakfast, the lodges participated in Native American Events competitions, Ceremonies competitions, and the Quest for the Golden Arrow ... a competitive athletic event between all 11 lodges in attendance. The annual Publications, King's Cup, Ordeal Administration and Best All Around Lodge competitions also took place before noon. Training was some of the best seen at a Section Conference. The training activities were held in conjunction with lunch, and were well received by the Arrowmen. All of the sessions were packed. Competitive activities continued in the late afternoon with the annual Volley Ball tournament, Adult Sink-a-Thon, and a raft building/race competition.

Saturday evening's show topped a great Conference. The show was an inspirational/comedy take-off of Batman. It was well written, included elaborate props, excellent costumes, singing and dancing. It was hilarious ... and had a great plot!

Sunday morning began with a Vigil Breakfast honoring retiring Area 4 Director, Bob Somers. The weekend then came to a close with the awards presentation at the Section Business meeting and the election of new officers.

What a Conference! Hats off to Aal-Pa-Tah for a great weekend.

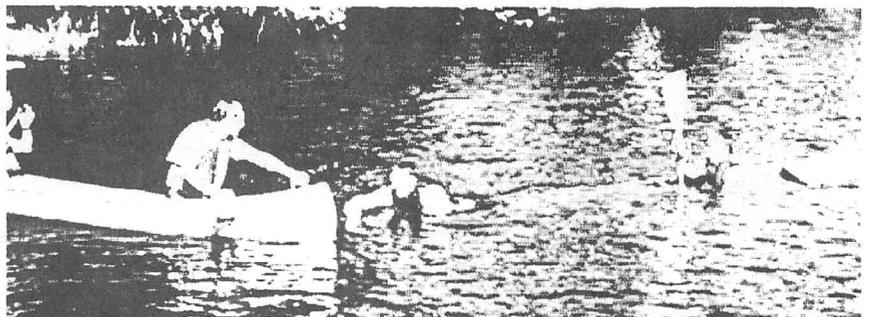
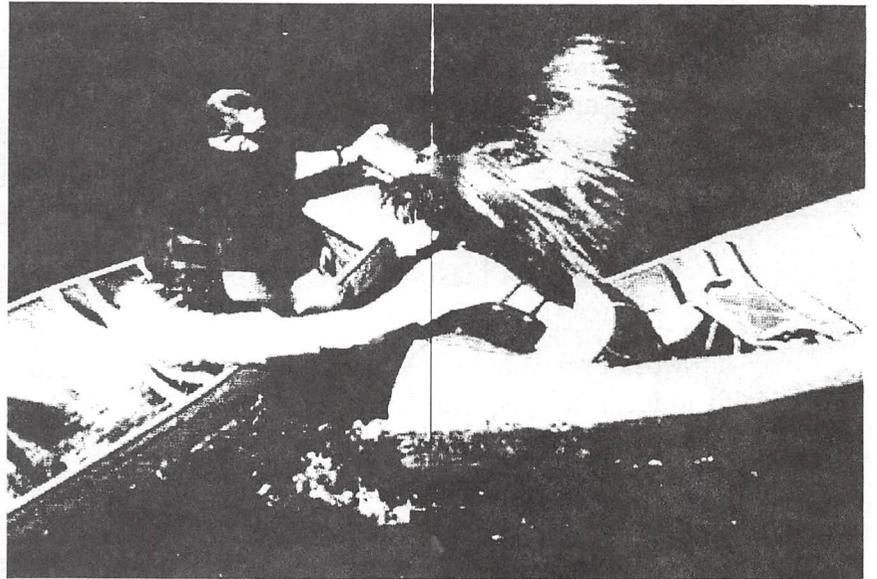
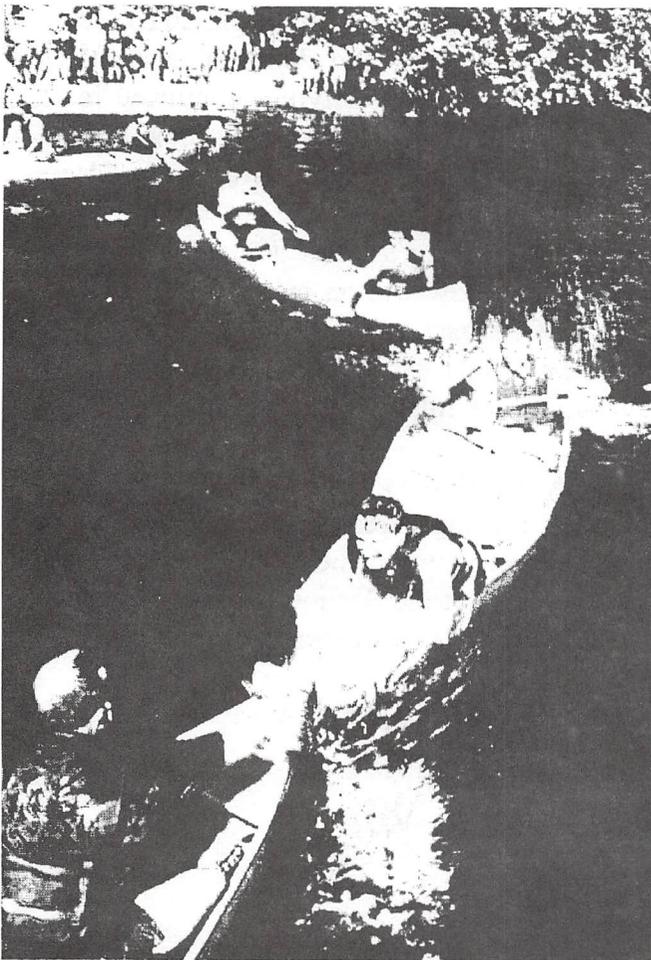
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S-4 Section Advisor

# Section Conference 1997

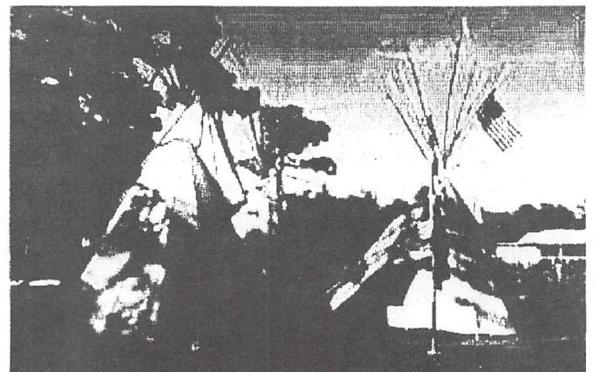
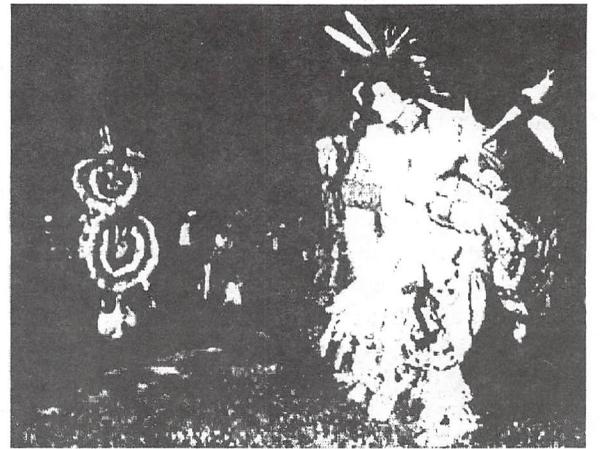


Left: Saturday's Big Event

Below: Advisors from around the Section get dunked in the Adult Sink-A-Thon



# Festival of Feathers



## Lodge Election Procedure

Each year the Lodge gathers for the Annual Business Meeting for the purpose of electing the youth leaders who will carry out the Lodge program for the ensuing year. At the Fall Fellowship Weekend election of the following officers will be held:

Lodge: Chief, Vice Chief, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian

Chapter: Chief, Vice Chief, Secretary

### Candidate Eligibility

A Candidate for office:

1. Must have been inducted into Aal-Pa-Tah or transfer 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 nineteenth (19) birthday during the year/term in which he will serve in the office (term ends:06/06/98).
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 Monday, September 8, 1997 at Gulf Stream Council office, at 7:00 pm. Prior to that date all Candidates must call either Jim Walls 393-6469 or Fred Danaher 276-3044. If a Candidate is unable to attend he still must call or he may not be eligible to run.\*

\*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.

NOTE: The Interview Committee is composed 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; this person is the choice of the candidate and can be a parent, Scoutmaster or simply a friend so long as the individual is not also 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. No absentee ballots and no voting proxies are allowed. The Lodge Secretary will provide the Supervisor of Elections with the official list of eligible voters.

### General Election Rules

1. A Candidate may run for only one office. He declares his candidacy at the Candidate's Meeting on Sept. 8th (see above). If defeated for the declared office he may not be nominated for another office unless there are no declared candidates for that office.
2. There are no nominations from the floor unless there are no declared Candidates.
3. Campaign promotional material is limited to a single flyer. The size may not exceed 8 1/2" by 11." It may be printed on both sides, folded or cut in any manner and on any paper stock. There will be no other campaign material by the candidate nor in his behalf.
4. A Candidate may be disqualified for violations of the election procedure or for conduct which is not in keeping with the highest traditions of the Boy Scouts of America. The Scout Oath and Law and the O.A. Obligation will serve as the standard of judgment. A Candidate may be held responsible for the actions of other members acting on his behalf.
5. The Lodge Chief and Lodge Advisor shall appoint one youth and an Advisor. The youth shall be called the Supervisor of Elections and shall have all such duties and responsibilities as are implied by that title and any other duties as may be assigned to him by the Lodge Chief.
6. At the time of the Annual Lodge Business Meeting (September) a Candidate will be expected to:
  - A. Be nominated by another youth member of the Lodge. The nominator will be allowed to speak for up to 2 minutes in behalf of the Candidate. (The current Lodge Chief may neither nominate nor publicly endorse any Candidate for office).
  - B. Following nomination, a candidate must speak on his own behalf for 2 minutes.
7. All officers are elected by a majority vote of the votes cast. Ballots that are not intelligible will not be included in the number determining the required majority.
8. Candidates may not be elected by acclamation. A candidate running without opposition must still receive a majority.
9. In the event of a tie vote there will be one additional ballot to break the tie. Before that ballot is taken the two candidates will be given an additional 2 minutes to address the membership. If the second ballot results in a tie, the determination of which candidate will serve in the office will be made by the L.E.C. and will require a majority vote of that body.
10. After counting, the ballots will be held by the Supervisor of Elections for a period of 30 days. The ballots may be reviewed by any lodge member, with the permission of the Lodge Chief, during that period.

Mail to: Gulfstream Council, 8335 North Military Trail, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410



## O.A. Camporee Service Corps Registration Form



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ O.A. (circle one): Ordeal Brotherhood Vigil

Unit Leadership Positions: \_\_\_\_\_

Attended National Jamboree: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Attended N.O.A.C: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to be a part of the O.A. Service Corps? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ (attach additional sheet if necessary)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Scoutmaster Approval (Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Scoutmaster Approval (Printed Name)

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## Order of the Arrow Camporee Service Corps

The weekend of November 21-23, 1997, Gulf Stream Council will be celebrating its 75th anniversary, as Scouts from across our council gather at the Strazulla Ranch in Fort Pierce for the 1997 Council Camporee. To help make this event a success, 20 Arrowmen from Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge will be selected from the applications received to serve on the Camporee Staff as a part of the Order of the Arrow Service Corps.

The O.A. Camporee Service Corps will function like the O.A. Service Corps does at National Jamboree. All members of the Service Corps will camp together as a group and serve as a part of the Camporee Program Staff. Arrowmen who wish to be a part of the Service Corps must be willing to work hard all weekend in the spirit of cheerful service and share fun and fellowship with other Arrowmen in the Service Corps. Members of the Service Corps must also pay the Camporee Staff fee, estimated to be \$15. This fee will include all meals for the weekend and a special O.A. Service Corps T-Shirt.

To be a part of the Order of the Arrow Camporee Service Corps, you must:

- 1) Be a registered Scout in Gulfstream Council and a dues paid member of the O.A.,
- 2) Be available to attend the Council Camporee on November 21-23, 1997, and
- 3) Submit a completed O.A. Service Corps Application (including you unit leaders signature) to the Council office by October 3, 1997.

Arrowmen selected will be notified by October 10, 1997. There will be an orientation meeting on October 18, 1997, during the Fall Ordeal.

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## Lodge Calendar

Fall Fellowship	September 26-28, 1997
National Leadership Seminars	October 17-19, 1997
Section Seminars	November 14-16, 1997
Ordeal I	November 21-23, 1997
Ordeal II	December 5-7, 1997
Make Up Ordeal	January 2-4, 1998
Spring Pow-Wow	March 20-22, 1998
Unit Elections Begin	March 23, 1998
Section Conference	April 17-19, 1998
Unit Elections End	June 1, 1998
Work Weekend	June 5-7, 1998
Lodge Elections	June 6, 1998
National Conference	August 2-6, 1998

**See You at the Fall Fellowship!**