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Section Conference Update

Arrowmen,

The Section Leadership Summit (SLS) concluded and now a new chapter for our lodge opens. Section Conference 2019 has been in planning for the past seven months. We've been preparing an exciting take on this highly anticipated event. Arrowmen from all over the state of Florida will take part in Section Conference, and it's up to us to be ready.

The Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge of the Gulf Stream Council will HOST Section Conference 2019 at Camp Tanah Keeta on April 12-14, 2019. Those of you who have ever attended a Section Conference know the scale of this event. But attending a Conference and HOSTING a Conference are two different things. Much is going to be asked of our Lodge and our membership. We are looking for Arrowmen to step up to the plate, and help us deliver the Section Conference experience to Section S-4. We have many committees that are going to be making this event possible -- many of which still need to be filled. We are kickstarting the recruitment process! You can commit to a position or a committee on the lodge website, under the event tab.

And an EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT: Our Lodge has officially opened the Section Conference 2019 pre-order store! Get all of your Conference merchandise while they are available! Pre-order purchases will be available for pick-up at Section Conference 2019 on April 12-14, 2019. Spread the word!

WWW,

Robert Ulbrich

Conference Host Chairman

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Chiefly Speaking



Brothers,

What an exciting year we have ahead of us. Three events have already faded past: LLD, Fall Festival, Winter Fellowship. And what awesome events they were. What we have to look forward too is even more exciting. We wrapped up the year with a Football themed Winter Fellowship, which was outstanding. Then starts our new year and an all new theme. The Annual Lodge Banquet kicks us off to a great start to be followed up by Spring and Summer Ordeal. All of this will lead up to the biggest event of the year, Section Conference!!! Hosted by Aal-Pa-Tah. All hands on deck will be needed this year, so encourage everyone you know to come to every event. Bring past Brothers back and encourage new Brothers to come.

All of you are the heart of this Lodge. The Lodge reflects your attendance and participation in its events. The more people that come to events, they better and more energetic they are. And the more we will share in the joys of Cheerful Service, Servant Leadership, and Brotherhood.

You can always contact me at chief@aalpatah.org. And Please do. If you are interested in serving your fellow brother in a leadership position, please contact me.

In Wimachtendienk, Wingolausik, and Witahemui,

Ryan White

Adviser's Minute



Brothers,

Another year has past, and an exciting 2019 lies ahead! 2018 was a very eventful year. Many new faces and a very young LEC rose to the challenges and did an outstanding job in their new roles. We were sad to see Chief Nick Boekholder go due to a family relocation, but Ryan White has done an excellent job as our new Chief.

NOAC was a resounding success. We had 28 Arrowmen travel to the Midwest for nine days of fun, fellowship, and adventure. We had the opportunity to explore downtown Chicago, seeing some great sights like Navy Pier, Willis Tower, Wrigley Field, The Bean, The Riverwalk, and more! We then traveled South to the University of Indiana for NOAC! We attended many outstanding seminars throughout the week, even bringing one home to share with our Lodge at our annual Lodge Leadership Development. There were great nightly shows and what seemed to be a never ending patch-trading opportunity. The week was followed up with a visit to the Indianapolis Zoo and a surprise visit to the Indianapolis Speedway for a thrilling behind-the-scenes tour! This was truly a week that we will always remember.

Our Weekend programs saw a lot of fun events in 2018, and 2019 will prove to be no different. Kyle has answered the challenge to take our program to the next level.

The biggest major blip on our radar after Spring ordeal, however, is Section Conference. We are excited to be hosting this event for the Section. This is an opportunity that only comes around every 7-or-so years. We have been planning this event for the last year under the very capable hands of Robert Ulrich and his adviser Ian McKay. They have developed an outstanding leadership team and sub committees, and are ready to get rolling. As we are expecting between 800 and 1,000 fellow Arrowmen to converge upon Tanah Keeta from April 13 – 15, we are asking all of APT 237 to come out and support the OA and the Lodge. We will need help in all areas including the Kitchen, program, and service areas. AIA will have a prominent presence, and we are very excited for the OAHA (high adventure program) and their "Adventure Island" interpretive area – something you will NOT want to miss!

There has never been a better time to get active in the Lodge. I encourage you to come out and take a look at what is happening under the leadership of these outstanding young men. The experiences we have to offer in the OA does, and has, shaped so many young men, and poised them for success, I see it every day.

I hope to see you soon.

In WWW,

Mr. Whalen



Officer Reports

Vice Chief of Program

My Brothers,

I hope that everyone is excited for the new year and the weather has been great. That is not all there is to be excited about though, coming up are many great opportunities for you. We had an amazing Winter Fellowship, that officially closed out our tour of Florida in Tallahassee. At Winter Fellowship we implemented as many great games as possible to truly make sure program was a success. Please email me if you would like to take on a larger role in the lodge. Also we will need people to just help with little stuff throughout the year so talk to me whenever you have the chance. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding program please reach out to me.

WWW,

Kyle Webb

Vice Chief of Service

My Brothers,

This year will be one of our biggest years for service. With Section Conference right around the corner much of our attention will be focused on preparing camp for this great event. Trail maintenance as well as campsite refurbishment are set to take place prior to Section Conference. Examination and repairs to facilities will take place, as well as an accounting of all materials set to be utilized during Conference. Our goal is to be prepared in every way for Conference, so when the day finally arrives set up goes flawlessly.

If you have any suggestions for the Lodge's service agenda or if you would like to assist in the planning of the Lodge's service, events, contact service@aalpatah.org.

WWW,

Samuel Vogin

Vice Chief of Inductions

My Brothers,

The induction season is upon us! We are electing and inducting a new group of members, and we need your help. Elections are one of the most important areas of the lodge as it is the main way we contact the troops and we still have some more to do. We want you to help make a great impression on the local troops by volunteering to conduct an election, as well as participating in the call out and the ordeals

For more information, please email your chapter chief using the contact information from their article or find it on the website. Please consider helping to usher in the next generation of Arrowmen to keep our lodge strong!

WWW,

Matthew Grabasch

Lodge Secretary

My Brothers,

Gator Tales and the Website are off to a great start this year! If you would like to participate in the creation of Gator Tales or the editing of the website, we would love your help! Participating is extremely rewarding, and you have the opportunity! Also, if you have any photos from past events that you would like incorporated in these publications please send them to me.

If you would like to get involved please contact me at Secretary@aalpatah.org

WWW,

Wilner Joseph

Lodge Historian

My Brothers,

Are you interested in capturing the history of the Lodge? I am looking for photographers to assist me in taking pictures of your chapter events as well as lodge events so that we can document all the amazing things Aal-Pah-Tah is doing. If you would like more information please email historan@aalpatah.org.

WWW,

Caleb Webb



Chapter Corner

Oi-Ya-Tah

Brothers,

Election season is here and many of you have completed your first elections beyond what is expected! I am extremely proud of how far we have come and grown in such a short amount of time. Lets continue to progress and possibilities will be endless. Keep a look out in your emails as important information is coming out soon. Lets start 2019 strong!

WWW,

Wilner Joseph



Ne-Kee-Wa

Brothers,

I would first like to thank my fellow Nee-Kee-Wa members for their increasing activism in the chapter . You sacrificing your time for our chapter is much appreciated . Then for those you are seeking to be more active, we host chapter meetings every month . We host them the second Thursday of the month , at the Church of Latter Day Saints in Palm City at 6:30 . You can come and see the way our chapter stays organized .



WWW,

Sutherland Harper

A-Bani-Ki

Brothers,

I am very excited and I think this year is going to be great our numbers have grown so much. We will continue to strive to be the absolute best chapter in Aal-Pa-Tah. I hope to see you all at all upcoming events.



WWW,

Alex Craig

Lowaneu Mawat

Brothers,

The 2018 Year was great and we plan to make lots more progress in 2019. Our attendance is still lacking. I hope through the 2018 -2019 year we make a lot of advancements, I hope that our new candidates show up and participate in our meetings, and I hope that all of you are doing great and have a Great New Year! Remember we meet at the Church on 58th street north of The Target.



WWW,

JT Sorrell

**HAVE YOU
BEEN AN ORDEAL
MEMBER FOR
AT LEAST 10 MONTHS?**

**JOIN US AT
TANAH KEETA FOR
BROTHERHOOD DAY
BEGINS AT 11:30 AM
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED**

FEBRUARY 2ND

Wyhome-Pa-Tah

Brothers,

It is election and inductions season so I am asking everyone to help me to make sure we get these elections done. We resumed normal chapter operations in January. I hope to see a strong group of members from this chapter at all the 2019 Lodge events and welcoming in our newly elected brothers!



WWW,

Josh Caudill



The Forum

Fall Festival Recap

Brothers,

Fall Festival was great! Thank you for those who attended! I hope everyone had a great time. If you would like to be involved in program, for instance helping with program for a weekend and just testing the waters, talk to Kyle Webb. If you have game ideas or just any ideas talk to me or Kyle and maybe your idea could be the next best thing.

WWW,

Zach Gerner

Fall Festival Chairman



Winter Fellowship Recap

Brothers,

Winter Fellowship was a weekend of just that great fellowship we celebrated all of our favorite sports teams with our emphasis on football as we closed out our 2018 tour of the sunshine state. In the spirit of the holidays we even had some fun playing games relating to some of the biggest holiday traditions. The highlight of the weekend had to be the 2:37 AM surprise! Be sure to make it to Spring Ordeal to hop in on all the fun.

WWW,

Winter Fellowship Committee



Fast Pass/Theme 2019!

Brothers,

Are you ready for 2019? With a host of events, from Ordeals to Fellowships, 2019 is a not a year to miss. And what better way than purchasing a Fast Pass. Fast Pass is your one way ticket to every event hosted by Aal-Pa-Tah, and for a cheaper price than registering for every event individually. It's a win-win situation. So go purchase one today.

WWW,

Ryan White



Fall Festival Photos





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Upcoming Events

February 2nd

Brotherhood Day/ Vigil Breakfast

March 1st-3rd

Spring Ordeal

April 11-14th

Section Conference 2019!