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Winner: First Place Publications - 1995 and 1996 Section SR-4

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Editor's Comments ...

We did it again. Winner of the best Lodge Publications for the second year in a row. Let me tell you, the competition was tough but all that hard work did pay off. I would especially like to thank the staff of the *TIPI*, for this really is a team effort.

This is an exciting year for us with the Section Conference '97. There are tons and tons of jobs needing to be done. Which brings me to a point in this senseless rambling; I'm looking for some volunteers to help out with the workload in the many jobs of the *TIPI*, and for the Communications Committee for Section Conference. Even if you are in a committee or have a job already, and are interested in helping out, just call me and we can get something worked out. The amount of things needing to be done and the added responsibility of my office as Section Secretary is starting to take a toll on my sanity and lithium supply. So if you are even remotely interested, contact me at my number to the right, or email me [R.BARBOU@BBS.MPCS.COM].

This is an action packed and information bubbling issue. So read all the fine print, and check the photos closely, and you may even catch a glimpse of the incredibly elusive Fred Danaher, our new Lodge Advisor.



The *TIPI* mast head was designed by Bill White.

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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 Jim Walls

Fellow Arrowmen,

I have seen much change over the past year and a half. Buildings built, awards won, and fellowship strengthened. Now Section Conference '97 is bearing down on us. This will be a great burden for our lodge in the coming months. I must admit, however that no matter how well the Section Conference Committee plans this awesome event, Section Conference will depend solely on one thing: you. Without you the lodge can not make Section Conference a success.

Much work must be done between now and then, and we need your help and commitment now more than ever. I probably don't have to remind you of that solemn obligation you made around the Council Fire on that fateful Fall night of past.

This is your chance to take an active role in the lodge. Remember the three principles of the Order: Cheerfulness, Service, and Brotherhood. Don't let your brothers down. Contact Eric Mason or myself to find out how you can help.

In Cheerful Service,

Jim Walls



L.E.C. Report

The Lodge Executive Committee, held at the latest Summer Service weekend, made several decisions concerning the welfare of our Lodge's patches. The N.O.A.C. flap was chosen and suggestions were made to the designer about the proper changes to be made to it. The N.O.A.C. shirt, hat, and neckerchief design (the "Lizard on a Skewer") was also approved.

Treasurer's Report

by Jason Howes

First of all, I would like to welcome my Advisor Alberto Melis; I look forward to working with him. Our current general Lodge account current holds \$2208.36.

I would like to remind you that we have a wide selection of items for sale through the lodge box. We also have a chenille for sale for \$25.00 and will only be ordered as requests come in. If you would like to order one or two you can order them through the lodge box or you can call me.

Advisor's Corner

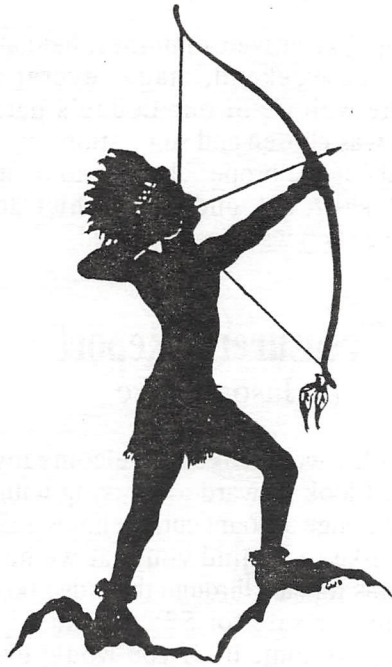
by Fred Danaher

I would like to say hello to all Arrowmen of the Lodge and to thank all of you who have welcomed me so warmly. I especially appreciate the time you have taken to offer your ideas and concerns. I am looking forward to working with the youth of our Lodge as they forge ahead toward a busy and promising year.

A fine job was done by those who attended the May Service Weekend. We had an excellent turnout and accomplished a lot of crucial tasks for Summer Camp and Section '97. Congratulations to our new Brotherhood Members. You have now completed your induction into the Order and furthered your commitment to serve your fellow Scouts. Everyone serves in a slightly different way and I commend you on your search for the appropriate way for you to serve Aal-Pa-Tah.

My best wishes to those who will be attending and competing at the National Order of the Arrow Conference. I have complete confidence that Aal-Pa-Tah will be well represented.

Finally, I urge everyone to pay close attention to the announcements and articles about Section Conference '97. To have a truly successful Conference, all members of the Lodge must contribute. If you have not decided where to place your efforts please do so now. We are only able to host a Section Conference about once every nine years. Let's make this Conference great!



Work Weekend

Aal-Pa-Tah work weekends: the finest in home video entertainment.

Seriously, though, it was a huge success. Many preparations were made towards the oncoming 1996 Summer Camp. Also the 1997 Section Conference was discussed and planned in greater detail, and a morale boosting carnival crowned the achievements of Saturday's work.

Brother Tom Mardis had this to say about the weekend: "Good times, hard work, and great memories!"



Our Newest Brotherhood Members

We would like to congratulate the following the arrowmen who sealed their membership in the Order by accepting the obligations of the Brotherhood at the Work Weekend:

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| Michael R. Arnold | Kurtz Harry D. |
| Preston J. Barbour | Chad E. Kutlick |
| Jake J. Connell | Ben G. Mook |
| Bobby A. Hickox | Randy Roddy |
| Paul M. Kohler | Stephen Jr. Tredor |

Chapter Reports

A-Bani-Ki (also known as the masters of spirit) by Brad S. Walbridge

Would like to express it's THANK YOU to our former lodge advisor Ted Bowdler. Not knowing what our current O.A. elections might bring, we decided to enhance our standards by notifying every troop in our chapter that they should be prepared for an election very soon. We have established a base for all of our elections and a progress that is becoming a fad in all other chapters, (keep them informed at all times).

Once again we would like to thank our chapter advisor Steve Steinmetz, Sr. for his outstanding dedication and service for the benefit of our chapter, **without him we are unguided brothers.**

In closing, our chapter would like to express it's congratulations to Patrick Foradori in his role as our lodge's section conference 1996 contingent leader. You did a great job Patrick.

SEE YOU AT THE FALL FELLOWSHIP.

Osceola (also known as the masters of the spirit once held by A-Bani-Ki and holders of the Golden Arrow: Wow, that's one heck of a clause, wait it's still going, oh no I did it again!) by Brad Ellis

We have been having a great year. In other news, our elections have been going well. Out of fourteen elections we have already completed eleven, and are holding the last three this week (which by the time you read this will already have been completed).

Once again, we're on the ball. We had a good turn out at the work weekend this past month. As was mentioned in the *Tipi* in a previous issue, we still haven't found any restaurant that will take us for a chapter dinner, but we'll never give up. GO OSCEOLA!!!

N.O.A.C. should be a great experience, to which I am looking forward. SEE YOU AT THE FALL FELLOWSHIP.

Chee-Pa-Tah: It's not easy being Cheeepy!

Lowaneu Mawats: We abstain.

Oi-Ya-Tah: Say what?

Pan-a-Soo-Fee: I had that for dinner in Texas once.

Ne-Ke-Wa: WAKKA, WAKKA, NEEEE-KE-WAAAAAAAAAAAA!!!!

At-Seena-Hoofa: Yep! It's spelled write.

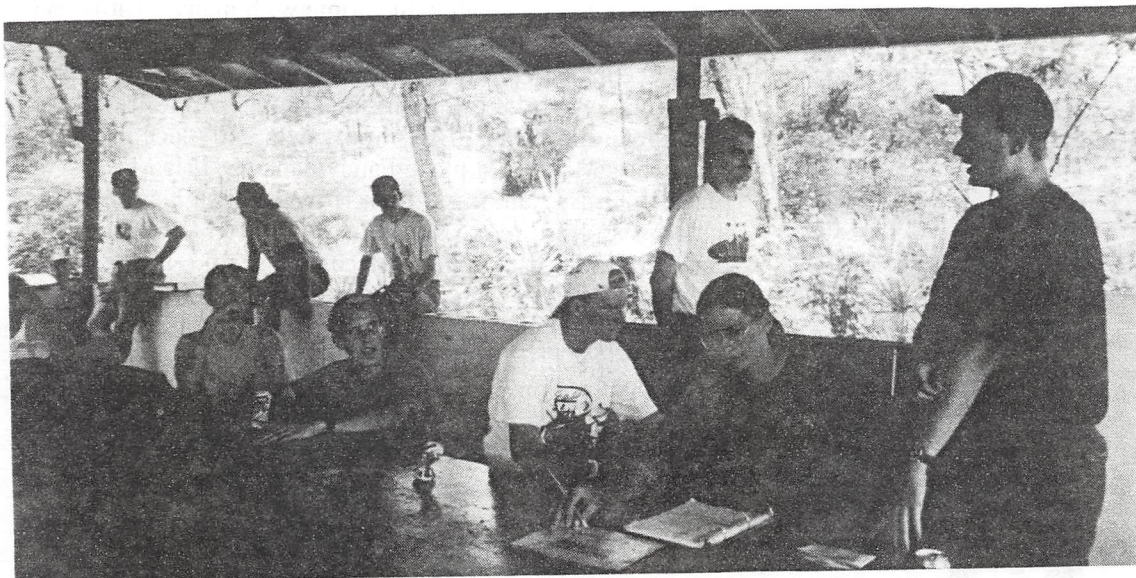


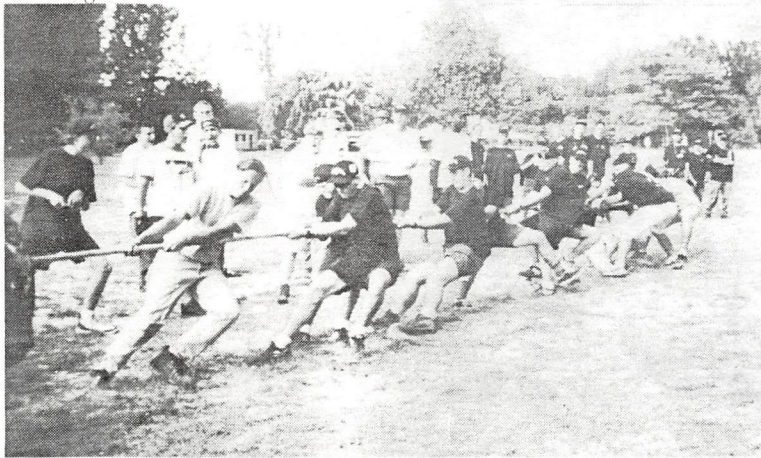
Work Weekend '96

Above: Members and guests working on installing the new handicap access ramps at the dining hall.

Right: Adam Kaczmerak and another Scout installing siding at the new Camp Staff Dorm.

Below: Chris Miller reporting to the L.E.C. Note new Lodge Advisor Fred Danaher standing in the middle next to the pole.





Above: Aal-Pa-Tah members tug their hearts out (not literally).

1996 Section Gone but not Forgotten

by Brad Ellis and Brad Walbridge

Wow! Section Conference 1996 was truly the best Section Conference S-4 has had yet. The opening show could have been better, it consisted of a very, very old re-run of the Simpsons, and a shortened version (which was still long and rather boring) of the original Ordeal induction ceremony. As the crowd began to settle down and all was quiet, out came the infamous squeaky gators, and many voices yelling AAL-PAH-TAH!

As day break came, hundreds of hungry O.A. members hoarded into the dining tent. The food was excellent. Kudos to O-Shot-Caw lodge on the meals. The day started out with many seminars on everything from ceremonies to computers in the lodge. After lunch the Quest for the Golden Arrow competitions began. In addition to the Quest, there were a number of other competitions such as the Lodge Advisor sink-athon, O.A. Jeopardy, the 5 km run, the King's Cup competition, the Volleyball tournament, the Tug-of-War, Ceremonies competitions, Drum competitions, Publications, and Dancing competitions. All the while the camp was crawling with squeaky gators.

Dinner consisted of your choice of either steak or chicken and potatoes, rolls, and salad (much better than 95's uncooked chicken and rock rolls). After dinner came the campfire, which was much better than Friday night's show. There were a few (OK, a lot) of boring speeches from O-Shot-Caw members about how great they are. Then, the dance teams of six lodges danced for the section in the dance competition. After the campfire was an excellent cracker barrel, complete with Hooter's girls serving buffalo wings. As the night went on, the dancing pow wow began, in which all the dancers competed in individual styles, which consists of Grass, Fancy, Straight, and Traditional, and skilled solos, such as hoop dances and fire hoop dances. Late at night they had movies playing in the amphitheater and all the popcorn you could eat for a dollar.

Sunday morning's breakfast was basically an all you can eat buffet of cereal. After breakfast the closing ceremonies were held. Aal-Pah-Tah came home with many awards. We won: 1st place in Publications, Honor Lodge in ceremonies, 2nd place in the Volleyball tournament, 3rd place in the little tug-o-war, 3rd place in Singing/Drum competition, 2nd place in Group Dance, Billy Snow won 2nd place in the 5K Run, Chris Miller- 1st place Fancy dancing, Eric Mason- 1st place in Grass dancing, Jason Howes- 3rd place in Grass dancing and 3rd place skilled solo, David Whitmer- 2nd place in Traditional and 2nd place skilled solo, Paul Kohler- 1st place Straight dance and 1st place skilled solo, Steve Steinmetz- 2nd place Straight dance, and most important of all WE WON THE SPIRIT AWARD!!!!

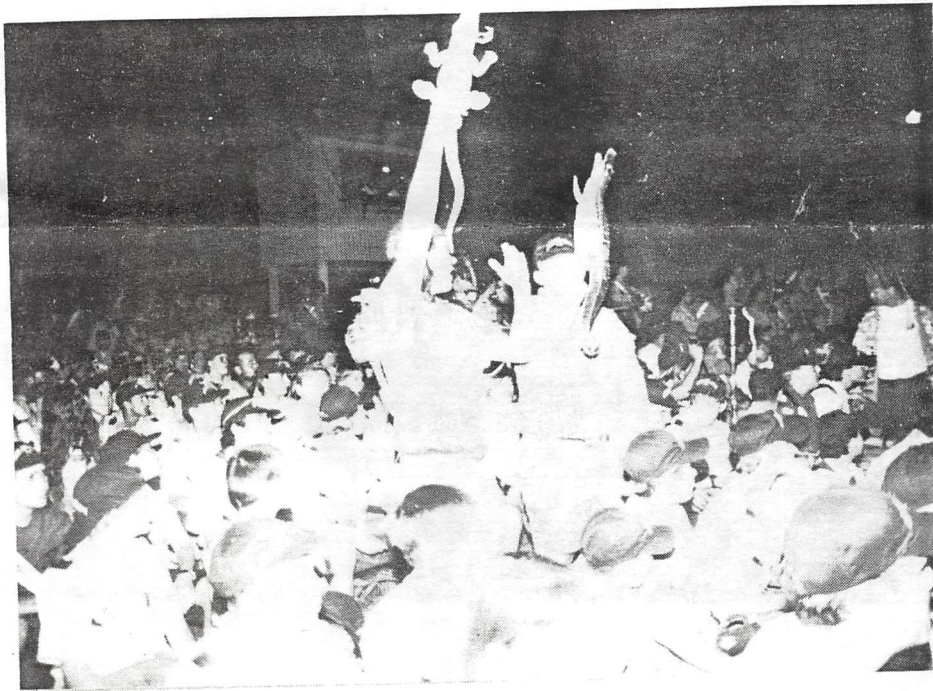
When Section was over, and we all got on our busses, took a last look at the camp, and off through the hills of solid waste we went (the camp is right next to an old landfill). All in all, it was a good Section Conference, but remember, in 1997 Aal-Pah-Tah is hosting the next S-4 Conference and it's truly going to be one to remember....



Above: "I hope we don't have this event next year!" remarks one of the soaked members at the "Holey Bucket" relay.

Below: Billy Snow serves in the volleyball competition, which was quite intense.





Above: Nick Eggen, Bill White, and Morgan Franklin get Aal-Pa-Tah pumped for the Sunday Morning Business Meeting.

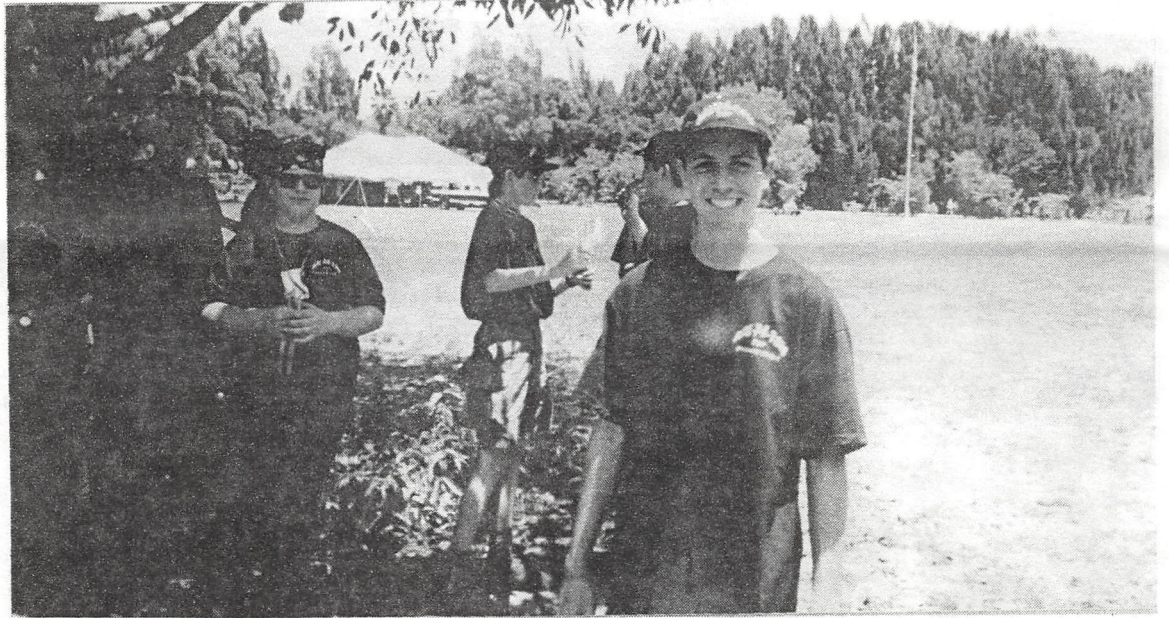
Left: Jason Alexander and Steve Steinmetz wave lodge mascots Smiley and Stinky proudly at the Saturday Night Show.

Below: Gator Baseball was one of the more popular free-time activities back at the campsite.





Above: Nice hats guys!!!
Left: Kevin "The Man" Votapka,
and the Gator Posse.
Below: The Aal-Pa-Tah Dance
Line!





Above: Dancers compete in the Individual Dance competition.
Left: Partick Foradori and Jim Walls, past and present Lodge Chiefs, direct the contingent.

Below: Lodge ceremonial team members (left to right: Chris Miller, Brad Ellis, Ryan Durocher, and Eric Mason) are advised by one of the competition judges. This performance marked the 15th consecutive year in which Aal-Pa-Tah has obtained Honor Lodge in Section Ceremonial Competition.



Section Conference 97' Host Committee

Eric Mason, Conference Chairman

Our chance to host the most spirited and exciting Section Conference of all time is upon us! Now only 10 months away, preparations are already well underway. But we need your involvement! There are plenty of jobs to be done and plenty of fun for all. In the process of hosting this weekend for over 1200 arrowmen, we will strengthen the depth of the youth leadership within our Lodge and complete necessary improvements to our council camp, Tanah Keeta. We just completed our first general conference meeting which was a great success. The ideas developed there, along with all the ones we need from you, will make our Section Conference a truly amazing event. The following are some more names of those youth who have accepted chairman positions:

- Brad Ellis - Quest/Competitions
- Lance Barbour - Communications
- David Scheirich - Maintenance
- Neil Clineman - Native American Seminars
- Jimmy Walls - Program
- Chris Miller - Festival of Feathers
- Matt Sorrell - Administration/Host Corps
- Ryan Durocher - Community Relations

The lodge needs everyone to join in cheerful service to prepare for Section Conference 1997. You will be receiving a packet in the near future detailing all the current information on our progress and various ways you can get involved. With the abilities and enthusiasm present in our lodge, we cannot fail to produce an outstanding conference!

Please call Eric Mason - Conference Chairman - 734-8822 or

David Weda - Conference Advisor

- 863-7698

with your ideas and comments (or large monetary donations). Be on the lookout for planning meetings, service days, and other Section Conference involvement opportunities coming your way to a camp near you.



1996 Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge Calendar

July 3	Wednesday Night Show at TK
July 10	Wednesday Night Show at TK
July 17	Wednesday Night Show at TK
July 24	Wednesday Night Show at TK
July 31	Wednesday Night Show at TK
Aug 11-15	National Conference, at Indiana University
Aug 25	Section Conference Comm Mtg
Sept 14	Conference Service Day at TK
Sept 22	Lodge Officer Candidate Interviews 2 PM
Sept 27-29	Ordeal Weekend at TK
Sept 28	LEC Meeting
Sept 28	Lodge Officer Elections
Sept 29	Section Conference Comm Mtg 11am
Oct 11-13	Lodge Officer Training
Oct 13	LEC Meeting
Oct 20	Section Conference Comm Mtg 4pm
Oct 26	Section Conference Service Day
Nov 1-3	Fall Fellowship at TK
Nov 2	LEC Meeting
Nov 15-17	Section Seminars, at King's Bay Submarine Base near Brunswick, Georgia
Nov 16	Section Council of Chiefs Meeting, where Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge presents its plan to host the 1997 Section Conference at Tanah Keeta
Nov 24	Section Conference Comm Mtg 11am
Dec 7	Section Conference Service Day
Dec 8	Section Conference Comm Mtg 11am



1997 Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge Calendar

Jan 4	Section Conference Service Day
Feb 22	Section Conference Service Day
Mar 2	Section Conference Service Day
Mar 14-16	Spring Work Weekend at TK
Mar 16	LEC Meeting
April 5	Section Conference Service Day
April 11-13	Section Conference Service Weekend
April 17	Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge Members come to TK for Section Conference
April 18-20	Section Conference at Tanah Keeta, over 1500 Arrowmen from Florida and parts of Georgia meet at TK for fun and fellowship
May 9-11	Spring Pow Wow
May 10	LEC Meeting
Sept 26-28	OA Fall Ordeal
Nov 21-23	Fall Fellowship
Dec 5-7	OA Ordeal

Lodge Election Policy

There will be an interview session for the Lodge officer candidates at Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation, Sunday September 22nd at 2:00 pm. It is mandatory that all candidates attend this interview session to be eligible for the election. If you can not attend this meeting you must contact Fred Danaher at 276-3044 to make alternate arrangements. The elections for the following offices will be held at the Lodge Ordeal:

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

Chapter - Chief, Vice-Chief, and Secretary

Lodge elections will be held Saturday afternoon, September 28th, 1996. Chapter elections will follow the Lodge elections that night. The location of the chapter elections will be announced at lunch on Saturday. However, the candidates for chapter elections need not attend the Lodge Officer Candidate interview meeting.

Candidate Eligibility

A Candidate running for 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 Sunday, September 22, 1996 at Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation, 2:00 pm. If the candidate can not attend the meeting, he must contact Fred Danaher at 276-3044, as detailed campaign rules and a schedule will be passed out at the meeting. Candidates for 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 22nd (see the previous item). 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 for lodge office.

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.

Trail Crew Trail Guides Needed

I would like to thank Clay Guthrie, Camillo Forero, and Steve Reeves for their help on constructing a new trail leading out to the two mile marker and the peninsula. The "Heron Roost Trail", contains sites such as a natural flyway and roost for ibis, heron, egrets, and many other native birds. After a year of work, the trail has been completed with a bridge over the swamp of Lost Creek Hammock.

The new Trail Crew Chief, Phil Ashford, is asking for help with the trails. New Trail Guides are need, especially with Section Conference '97 in mind. A Trail Guide must know the area along with the lore of the trails and surrounding areas. Also, a slide show presentation will be constructed for the Section Seminars. The trails are not solely used by the Order of the Arrow or Summer Camp either, for many out of Council troops are eager to use the trails.



New Section Officers Elected

Members of the Order, who had gathered together for the 1996 SR-4 Section Conference, elected new Section Officers for the 1996-97 term. The primary duties of the Section Officers are to plan and oversee the Section Seminars and Section Conference, to serve on the Council of Chiefs, and to help pass information from the National and Region offices to the lodges of the section. This year's officers are:

Chief Joe Gonzales (Seminole Lodge)
18508 Putter's Place
Tampa, Fl 33647
813-973-2411

Vice-Chief Jason Gibson (Tipisa Lodge)
194 North Short Street
Lake Mary, Fl 32746
407-322-1944

Secretary R. Lance Barbour (Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge)
8360 97th Avenue
Vero Beach, Fl 32967
561-388-3774

Historian Jeff Waddy (Seminole Lodge)
P.O. Box 888
Valrico, Fl 33595
813-653-9019

Lodge Calender at a Glance

(see page 10 for the complete list)

National Conference	August 11-15, 1996
Lodge Ordeal	September 27-29, 1996
Fall Fellowship	November 1-3, 1996
Section Seminars	November 15-17, 1996
Work Weekend	March 14-16, 1997
Section Conference at TK	April 18-20, 1997
Spring Pow-Wow	May 9-11, 1997
Fall Ordeal	September 26-28, 1997
Fall Fellowship	November 21-23, 1997
Ordeal	December 5-7, 1997

**Have a Great Summer!
See You at Camp & NOAC**

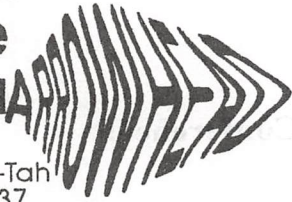
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What is it all about?

A Section Conference is the annual gathering of lodges from all of Florida and southern Georgia. We come together for competition, training, and fellowship. It's an exciting event where lodges share ideas and good times.

As the Host Lodge, we are in charge of preparing a detailed plan and budget to be submitted for approval by the Council of Chiefs in the fall. This plan will be carried out by over 300 members of Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge on April 18 - 20, 1997. Our lodge will benefit through increased membership, greater youth leadership, improvements to our camp, and the creation of a positive public image derived from a great sense of pride of a job well done.

From the Top

FELLOW ARROWMEN,

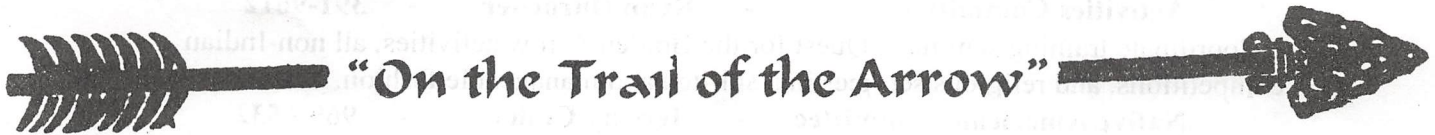
AN OPPORTUNITY WHICH APPEARS ONLY EVERY 8 - 10 YEARS IS UPON US! AAL-PA-TAH IS KNOWN FOR HOSTING AN OUTSTANDING SECTION CONFERENCE. OUR LEVELS OF ENTHUSIASM AND INNOVATION MAKE US THE BEST CHOICE FOR HOST LODGE THIS UPCOMING YEAR. THE SUCCESS OF OUR CONFERENCE DEPENDS UPON THE INVOLVEMENT AND EXCITEMENT OF THE ENTIRE LODGE. I HOPE THAT ALL OF YOU WILL OFFER YOUR SPIRIT AND SERVICE TO PRODUCE THE BEST CONFERENCE EVER.

ON THIS SHEET YOU WILL FIND A LIST OF THE MAJOR COMMITTEES ALONG WITH THE NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OF THEIR YOUTH CHAIRMAN. ALL OF THESE AREAS NEED ACTIVE MEMBERS TO HELP FULFILL THEIR DUTIES BOTH BEFORE AND DURING CONFERENCE. GET INVOLVED NOW! IF YOU HAVE CONTACTED ME YET LACK A RESPONSE, CALL AGAIN. I'M ONLY HUMAN AND MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN. I HOPE TO SEE YOU AT ALL OF THE COMMITTEE WEEKENDS AND LODGE WEEKENDS IN THE FALL.

FOLLOWING THE TRAIL,

ERIC MASON

SECTION CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN



SERVICE HOURS ARE ALREADY BEING RECORDED FOR THE SERVICE PATCH!

In order to reward those arrowmen such as yourself who will be putting in much time and effort to make our Section conference the best possible, the LEC has developed a recognition system to show our appreciation for all of your hard work. To be eligible for this patch, an arrowman, youth or adult, must work on a project(s) related to Section Conference. This can be accomplished during Section Conference planning meetings, Aal-Pa-Tah weekends, service days, or through coordination with the camp ranger. An individual will become eligible for another patch for every additional eight hours of service. Every time an arrowman reaches forty hours of service, he/she will be eligible for a special 40-hour service flap. We hope that you will get involved this year by encouraging all OA members to participate in cheerful service this upcoming year.

Backdate Calendar

This is a list of important dates regarding Section Conference:

08/25/96	Committee Meeting (all are invited to any committee meetings)
09/14/96	Conference Service Day
09/27/96	Ordeal Weekend
09/28/96	Camp Usage Plan Finalized - includes budget, logo, events, facilities usage and schedule
09/29/96	Committee Meeting - 11 am
10/04/96	Host Lodge Proposal Final. Proposal sent to every lodge for perusal.
10/20/96	Committee Meeting - 4 pm
10/26/96	Conference Service Day
11/01/96	Fall Fellowship
11/15/96	1996 Council of Chiefs - Valdosta, GA - all lodges meet to review Section Conference 1997 plans.
11/24/96	Committee Meeting - 11 am
12/07/96	Conference Service Day
12/08/96	Committee Meeting - 11 am
01/04/97	Conference Service Day
02/21/97	Conference Service Weekend
03/14/97	Spring Work Weekend
04/01/97	All registration materials received from lodges.
04/05/97	Conference Service Day
04/11/97	Camp closed for final preparation
04/18/97	1997 S-4 Section Conference (YAHOO!)

Committee Organization

Entertainment Committee - Brad Walbridge - 852-2211

Provide quality nightly shows as well as a variety of alternative entertainment throughout the weekend.

Activities Committee - Ryan Durocher - 391-9612

Coordinate training seminars, Quest for the Golden Arrow activities, all non-Indian competitions, and religious services in a spirited and manageable fashion.

Native American Committee - Jeremy Culler - 969-6532

Responsible for staging the Indian seminars and competitions, and developing the the Festival of Feathers and Indian Village.

Administration Committee - Matt Sorell - 388-5903

Provide guest services for all visiting OA members; includes security, medical services, and the Host Corps.

Communication Committee - R. Lance Barbour - 388-3774

Prepare promotional material, conference literature, and publications to keep all lodges informed before and during conference; also includes our website and radio station.

Finance Committee - Jim Harrison - 684-2116

Develop smooth registration and pre-order procedures, as well as manage our conference trading post and grill.

Food Committee - Joe Bales - 364-7318

Prepare quality meals and crackerbarrels, operate efficient dining services, and plan the Ordeal and Vigil meals.

Facilities Committee - Steve Steinmetz - 582-4919

Coordinate service days to complete all work projects and provide maintenance prior to and during conference.