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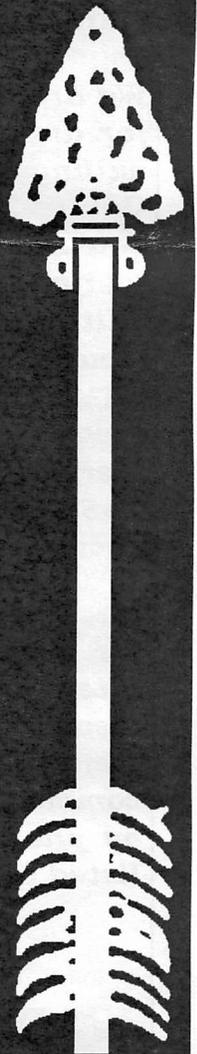
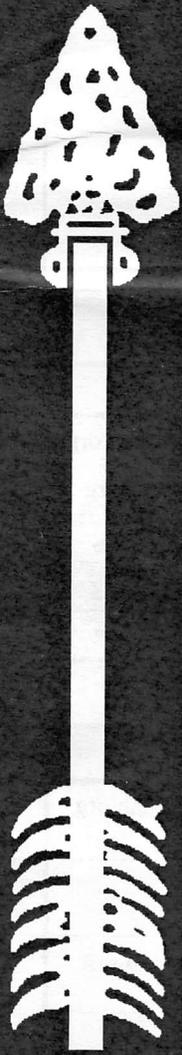
# TALES

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Service and Devotion to the Welfare of Others



Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge Prepares  
for Operation First Class 1999



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# CHIEFLY SPEAKING WITH STEPHEN BROWN

I hope this newsletter finds everyone relaxing after our lodge's largest weekend in the past year. One of the most moving parts of the weekend for me was the brotherhood ceremony. It was cool, dark, and lightning was flashing in the horizon. It was the most memorable ceremony that I have ever seen. While I cannot go into details, I can say that becoming a Brotherhood Member is an important event for an Arrowman. Once you seal your membership in the Order of the Arrow you start to see things differently. You enjoy the work you do and you make friends that will last a lifetime. Moreover you begin to have a lot more fun at OA weekends. Perhaps the reason that weekend attendance is beginning to dwindle, as noted in Mr. Danaher's article, is that

**Our lodge has seen its future...**

so few people actually experience the Brotherhood in recent times and they do not see the purpose for our order.

Our Lodge has seen its future in the past month. It has seen the leaders of the 2003 Lodge Executive Committee complete their Ordeal at Tanah Keeta. So, which of the 138 new members do you think will be the Lodge Chief when we host the 2003 Section Conference? Maybe it'll be you!

I am excited about all of the events coming up in the next year. Please make an effort to attend one, if not all of these events.

I hope to see you at the Fall Fellowship on November 19-21.



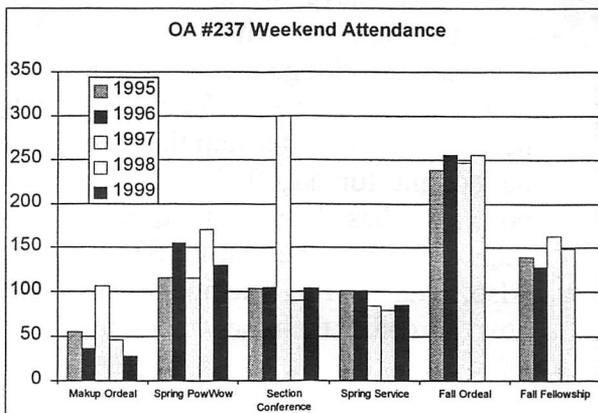
# ADVISOR'S CORNER WITH FRED DANAHER

From time to time someone makes a remark to me about the attendance for our lodge functions. Because it peaked my interest I did some checking to see how much attendance changes from year to year. We use a computer database to keep track of our membership and produce the mailing labels we use. Mike Arnold, who is the Keeper of the Records is responsible for keeping this database up to date. One of the things the database tracks is weekend attendance. I tallied the numbers for the last several years and put them in the accompanying graph. From the graph you can see that, in general,

the weekend attendance for any one weekend does not vary much from year to year. Of course in 1997 the numbers were higher because that is the year we hosted Section Conference.

Over these years that leaders of our lodge have tried many different things to encourage all of our members to come to week-

ends to enjoy the fellowship and fun. I think the most successful thing has been a personal invitation. So if you are coming to the Fall Fellowship please personally ask someone from your Troop to join you. It is going to be an excellent weekend. Additionally, I hope that the new Troop Representative program will help strengthen communications with our members. Mike Arnold is the Troop Representative Chairman and Drew Hains is his Advisor. If you are not familiar with this program please give one of them a call to get it started in your Troop.



## VICE CHIEF'S BEEF FROM CHRISTOPHER SMITH

Well Brothers, our year is kicking off to an excellent start. The ordeal was a big success, regardless of the rain. We got lots of work projects done and inducted 120+ members. And the Ordeal's Night Life program was awesome. But what about chapter involvement? Has your chapter held a Chapter Meeting yet? Has your Chapter Chief contacted you about the latest events? Do you know who your Chapter Chief is? If the answer is no, it is understandable. The lodge hasn't recently put emphasis on the involvement on the Chapter level. Of course many of you are new and don't know what I am talking about, but you will realize it soon. Chapters need

to become more involved with their communities and with each other. At each LEC, when the Chapter reports are asked for, most of the Chapter Chiefs have little or nothing to say. So I am urging all of the Chapters to come together, plan quarterly chapter meetings, service projects, so that there can be something in those reports. I would also like to see lots more people sign up for Section Seminars. It is going to be an awesome road trip and also a planning session for our upcoming Seminars in 2000.

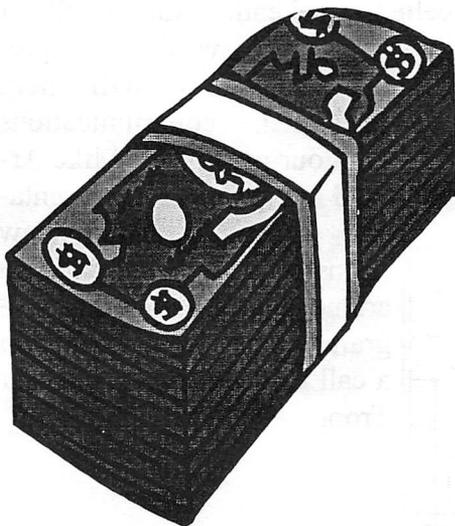
In Brotherhood,  
Christopher R. Smith

## SECRETARY'S REPORT FROM RANDY WERTEPNY

Congratulations new Ordeal members and welcome to our lodge. We have many exciting programs planned for you this year, such as Fall Fellowship and Spring Pow-wow. Our next lodge event happens to be Fall Fellowship on Nov. 19-21. There are many incentives to attend the weekend. First of all, if you are a new member it is absolutely free. Second, it is a fun weekend, there will be games, seminars, and a carnival. If you bring in four cans of food you will receive a special gift. Finally, it is a way to make new friends and learn more about our lodge. We also have a service weekend coming up as well, Operation First Class. This program is dedicated to show scouts, who have

never been camping, what camping is all about.

In order for our lodge to become a National Quality Lodge 30% of last years ordeal members must become Brotherhood. The concept of Brotherhood is to seal your membership in the lodge. The requirements to obtain brotherhood are: 1. You must be in the lodge for at least ten months. 2. You must know the song and oath. 3. You have to have an understanding our the Ordeal ceremony. 4. You must write a letter to the lodge secretary on how you demonstrate cheerful service. Unfortunately we are 68 members away from obtaining 30%, so if you have not yet sealed you membership into the lodge now is the time to do so.



## TREASURER'S REPORT FROM MAC MCCLEAN

We have been working hard to come up with a bright, new patch for lodge members at a low cost, and we have! We have a new, attractive trader flap that can be bought for \$2.00. The lodge box also has NOAC fundraiser flaps that can be bought for \$3.00. Also, Aal-Pa-Tah members can now purchase their new once-in-

a-lifetime-patch for only \$5.00. We have many more new items in the lodge box such as keychains, lanyards, hats, and more. Check it out at the Fall Fellowship, along with the patch auction! If you have pre-ordered chenille patches, you can pick them up at the fall fellowship.

## BROTHERHOOD UPDATE FROM DAVID MACKLAND

Congratulations to all the new Ordeal and Brotherhood members of the Lodge. We had twelve ordeal members receive their Brotherhood at the Ordeal Weekend. Despite the rain, it was a great ceremony. I thank the ceremonial team for doing such a great job and persevering through the late hour to complete the Brotherhood ceremony early Saturday morning. I would also like to thank Patrick Kerley for stepping in to be the Brotherhood Chairman for the Ordeal weekend.

In order for our Lodge to achieve honor Lodge again, we need at least 68 Ordeal members to become Brotherhood members

at the Fall Fellowship. If you have been in the Lodge since at least January 1999, you are eligible for Brotherhood. All you need to do is memorize the Obligation, the OA Song and write a letter to the Lodge Secretary, Randy Wertepny, stating how you plan to help the Lodge, your Troop and your community. I would ask that everyone please encourage those Ordeal members who are eligible for Brotherhood to come to the Fall Fellowship and complete the requirements for Brotherhood.

Since there will be such a large class for Brotherhood, I am also asking for help from the current Brotherhood members to be

counselors. If there is a Brotherhood member that would like to tackle challenges, the Lodge is in need of a Brotherhood Chairman. This person would be responsible for recruiting Ordeal members that are eligible for Brotherhood, lining up Brotherhood counselors for the weekends and this person would also be a voting member of the Lodge Executive Committee.

Yours in Brotherhood,

David Mackland  
Brotherhood Advisor

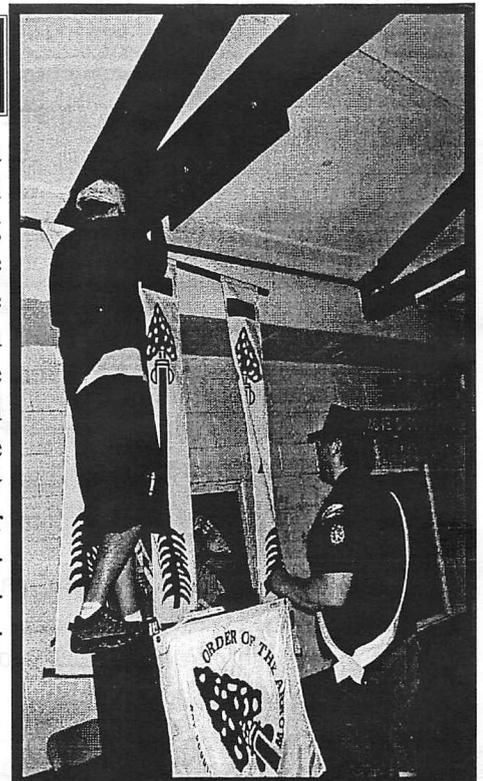
## TROOP REP. REPORT FROM MIKE ARNOLD

As most of you have heard, The National Order of the Arrow Committee has instituted a new program called the Troop Representative program. This National program is similar to the Troop Chief program in effect in the Osceola chapter, but on the lodge level. This program is designed to improve relations between the lodge and the units it serves. I have accepted the daunting task of coordinating the Troop Representatives for Aal-Pa-Tah lodge, and hope to get this great program rolling. Brothers, I need you help with this. Any scout interested in this position, good for advancement for the ranks of star, life, and Eagle, please talk to your scoutmaster. Scoutmasters, you

should be receiving a letter with a detailed explanation of the job and an application. This is an exciting new position that helps bridge the gap between the units and the lodge. Scoutmasters, when you receive your letter, please promote the position to all brothers and register your unit's representative with council. If anyone has any questions, you can contact your chapter chief; me, at [Trooprep@aal-pa-tah.org](mailto:Trooprep@aal-pa-tah.org); or my advisor, Drew Hains, at [Trooprepadvisor@aal-pa-tah.org](mailto:Trooprepadvisor@aal-pa-tah.org),

Yours In Scouting,

Michael Arnold  
Troop Representative Coordinator



Tom Morgan and Steve Nugent are diligently setting up a display for the Ordeal Weekend.

## OSCEOLA CHAPTER REPORT

FROM JAMIE MARCUS

Hey all you Osceola Chapter members. In case you didn't know, I'm your new chapter chief. We are the biggest chapter in the lodge; but from the attendance on the weekends, you would never know it. I would like to see every one of you at the Fall Fellowship. It's a ton of fun and a great weekend of brotherhood. We are also designing a new chapter patch. If you are interested in receiving this patch, please contact me. This Christmas Season I will be organizing a Chapter dinner. More info to come. For questions, please call me at 776-7157

## NE-KE-WA CHAPTER REPORT

FROM MATT DILLON

Congratulations to all new or-deal members entering our chapter. Your future experiences will be fun and lasting. I hope like to see you at the Fall Fellowship weekend in November. Also, scoutmasters please turn in your troop rep. forms and give me the names and numbers of your troop reps. Call me at 561-287-6147 or e-mail me at [Matthewross@msn.com](mailto:Matthewross@msn.com) with the info or if anyone has any questions.

Your Chapter Cheif,  
Matt Dillon

## COO-WA-CHOBEE CHAPTER REPORT

FROM MATTHEW TEAL

Fellow Coo-Wa-Chobee brothers,

The time has come for our chapter to have its own patch. But in order to do so, we need a design. I am now accepting any designs. You can send them to: Matthew Teele  
13 Swallow Dr.  
Boynton Bch., FL. 33436

I am also in the process of planning a work/FUN weekend for our chapter. If you have any ideas for a service project, please contact me, Matthew Teal at (561) 434-1903.

### No Chapter Reports Available for:

Pan-A-So-Fee Lowaneu Mawat  
At-Seena-Hoofa Oi-Ya-Tah  
A-Bani-Ki Chee-Pa-Tah

## OPERATION FIRST CLASS REPORT FROM KURT DURJAN

Hello, this is Kurt Durjan reporting on the Operation One Day beach cleanup. I'd like to say that we had a great turn out, and I would like to thank all of the people that participated at this event.

Operation One Day was conducted at the Lake Worth Beach, Palm Beach and Carlin Park.

There were approximately 100 people that showed up, and we sold around 150 hot dogs and sodas. We collected around two hundred pounds of trash off the beaches. In short, Operation One Day was a success; and again, I'd like to that all of you who participated.



# OPERATION FIRST CLASS: WHAT IS IT?

Operation First Class is Aal-Pa-Tah's largest service project each year. In fact, it is so large that it is going to be reported in the upcoming edition of the National Order of the Arrow Bulletin. The program consists of hosting a camping experience for over 100 of the Gulf Stream Council's inner city and rural Scouts who ordinarily would not have such an opportunity. The Lodge hosts a plethora of activities to entertain and keep these Scouts busy. It is a large undertaking that requires dozens of Arrowmen to coordinate and run.

Hosting such an event is a living example of our commitment to the Obligation of the Order of the Arrow. Every Arrowman is encouraged to participate and the Arrowmen that have will surely tell you it is worthwhile. As Honor Scouts, it is our duty to help other people at all times.

Operation First Class creates memories both the Arrowmen on staff and the campers. Events such as rock climbing, canoeing, screen-printing, laser tag, SCUBA diving, and others always intrigue the campers and give them experiences that cannot be duplicated by their troops. It is our opportunity to show the members of the Gulf Stream Council that we serve our purpose well.

This year's Operation First Class will be held on December 10, 1999, at the Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation. We are pleased to have Ryan Wertepny back as the chairman for his and the Lodge's third annual Operation First Class. If you are interested in participating, please contact him at (561) 795-7453. He is looking for dedicated Arrowmen to serve in a large number of capacities. More information will be available at the Fall Fellowship.

## YEAR SET PATCH DESIGNS FOR 2000

The Lodge Treasurer, Mac McClean, will begin accepting designs for the patch set for the year 2000. Designs will be voted on at the Fall Fellowship LEC and patch designs must be received before that time. Patches may be drawn, computer generated, or in any other form necessary to convey the ideas of the creator. This will be the last year set of the millennium.



	<b>2000</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2000</b>
	<b>Your Design</b>	<b>Your Design</b>	<b>Your Design</b>
	<b>Spring Pow-Wow</b>	<b>Section Conference Delegate</b>	<b>Spring Work Weekend</b>
	<b>2000</b>	<b>2000</b>	
	<b>Your Design</b>	<b>Your Design</b>	
	<b>Fall Ordeal</b>	<b>Fall Fellowship</b>	

# THE HISTORY OF SCOUTING: THE 1940'S

## 1940

Boy Scouts served again at the New York World's Fair and at the Golden Gate Exposition in San Francisco. A Boy Scout program for helping in national emergency and government defense programs was adopted. Outstanding events included: troop inventory and roll call, adoption of emergency service corps, and mobilization plans. Membership, December 31, was 1,449,412. Total members to date, 9,558,869.

## 1941

With the declaration of war, the Government requested Boy Scout service for the distribution of defense bonds and stamp posters; collection of aluminum and wastepaper; defense housing surveys; victory gardens; distributions of air-raid posters; cooperation with the American Red Cross; and, by joint agreement with the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization, services in three capacities-messengers, assisting emergency medical units, and fire watchers. Waite Phillips made another large gift-land, residence and ranch buildings, livestock, operating ranch equipment-contiguous to Philturn Rockymountain Scout-camp, bringing total acreage to more than 127,000 acres. The area was renamed Philmont Scout Ranch. He also presented the Philtower Building in Tulsa, Okla., the income from which was to be used for operating and developing the camp. The 31st annual meeting was held in Washington, D.C. Membership, December 31, was 1,522,302. Total members to date, 10,165,060.

## 1942

Scouts continued in war service. Twenty-eight projects were requested by the government, including: the collection of 30 million pounds of rubber in a 2-week drive; all-out salvage based on the government-issued pamphlet Scrap and How Scouts Collect It; distribution of pledge cards for war bonds and savings stamps; victory gardens; work on farms and in harvest camps; and Government dispatch bearers. The 32d annual meeting was held in Minneapolis-St. Paul. The Air Scouts program for boys 15 years of age and older was developed. Membership, December 31, was 1,553,080. Total members to date, 10,769,041.

## 1943

Scouts rendered war service at the request of the government in four general classifications: collections-aid in salvage drives; distribution, as official dispatch bearers for

government pamphlets and posters; production; and conservation. The first Silver Antelope Awards were presented for distinguished service to youth within a region. The Pan-American project was developed. Chief Scout Executive James E. West became Chief Scout and Dr. Elbert K. Fretwell was appointed Chief Scout Executive. Dr. George J. Fisher became National Scout Commissioner. Long trousers and the Scout cap were made a part of the official uniform. The 33d annual meeting was held in New York. Membership, December 31, was 1,613,783. Total members to date, 11,477,483.

## 1944

The Whole Scout Family was emphasized with stress on the three branches of the Scout program. World brotherhood was emphasized in the continuation of the world jamboree and World Friendship program. The Inter-American Youth Leaders' Training project was inaugurated and students from Latin-American countries, in cooperation with the coordinator of Inter-American affairs, attended the National Training School and toured the eastern United States and Canada. The World Friendship Fund to help restore Scouting in devastated countries was inaugurated. Membership, December 31, was 1,866,356. Total members to date, 12,289,614.

## 1945

The total Boy Scout war service included 69 requests from the government during 1941 through 1945. General Eisenhower's outstanding Wastepaper Campaign culminated in the General Eisenhower Award-a gold medal was presented to him in December by the Boy Scouts of America in appreciation. Other service included collections in many communities, distribution of circulars on conservation projects, and the Green Thumb program. Twenty thousand Scouts earned the General Douglas MacArthur Medal for growing food. The World Friendship Fund increased; \$10,000 was allocated to the Philippines. The "Shirts Off Our Back" campaign was inaugurated to help Scouts abroad. The Army Air Force cooperated in the Air Scouts program. World brotherhood literature was published. Increased emphasis was placed on visual education as a means of training. Membership, December 31, was 1,977,463. Total members to date, 13,073,629.

## 1946

The first contribution in a program of continuing support came from the Grant Foundation-\$257,500 for a 5-year expansion of the volunteer training program. The camping

program was improved and camp activities became more troop-centered. Sixteen hundred Senior Scouts camped at Philmont Scout Ranch. Scouts carried through three national postwar service projects requested by the government. The first Inter-American Scout conference was held in Bogota, Colombia. President Head retired after 20 years of service and Amory Houghton was elected president. Membership, December 31, was 2,063,397. Total members to date, 13,882,639.

## 1947

Basic Boy Scout requirements were authorized-putting equal emphasis on Scout spirit, Scout participation, and Scoutcraft skills. Similar revisions made Cub Scouting more effective. The Eighth National Training Conference for Scout Executives took place in September at Indiana University. The International Scout Conference of Scout Leaders from 112 countries meeting at Chateau Rosny near Paris adopted a revised constitution and bylaws. The Sixth World Jamboree in Moisson, France, in August brought together 32,000 Scouts from 38 countries; the American delegation numbered 1,151. Membership, December 31, was 2,141,984. Total members to date, 14,710,853.

## 1948

Dr. Arthur A. Schuck became the third Chief Scout Executive, September 1; Dr. Elbert K. Fretwell was elected Chief Scout. The 38th annual meeting was held in Seattle, Wash. The Order of the Arrow was integrated in the national camping program. Philmont, the world's largest Scout camp, enrolled 2,275 individual campers. The conservation program was extended. Basic training for all unit leaders was emphasized. Twelve Scouts presented the Report to the Nation to President Harry S. Truman and to United Nations officials. The First International Commissioners' Conference was held at Kandersteg, Switzerland. Membership, December 31, was 2,210,766. Total members to date, 15,538,867.

## 1949

The crusade to "Strengthen the Arm of Liberty" was inaugurated in February. A dramatic ceremony was held at the base of the Statue of Liberty. Age levels were lowered-Cub Scouting, 8 through 10; Boy Scouting, 11 through 14; Exploring, 14 and up. The manual on citizenship was published. New procedures for physically handicapped boys were adopted. Troop advancement procedures were emphasized. Five hundred forty-three councils owned 831 campsites with 288,545 acres, at an estimated value of \$10,525,731 on land and \$17,436,306 on equipment. The National Council held its 39th annual meeting in Boston, Mass. Membership, December 31, was 2,579,515. Total members to date, 16,686,517.

## HANDBOOKS OF THE 1940'S



1940

Fourth edition  
3,000,000 copies

From 1940 to 1948, the cover portrayed a Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Sea Scout. Wartime Scouts read this book between scrap drives, wastepaper collections, messenger service, and a thousand special jobs the country asked of them in World War II.



1948

Fifth edition  
840,000 Copies

Scout spirit, Scout participation, and Scoutcraft helped train boys for good citizenship in the early years of the cold war with Russia and through the hot war in Korea as America sought to stop the spread of communism.



1949

Fifth edition  
5,160,000 copies



# ATTENTION ORDEAL MEMBERS WHO WERE INDUCTED BEFORE FEBRUARY 1999 OR EARLIER: THIS IS FOR YOU!

Now is the time for you (yes you!) to seal your membership in our order. You made a commitment at your ordeal to cheerfully serve your fellow man. *It is only right* that you renew that commitment at Fall Fellowship and become a Brotherhood member of Aal-Pa-Tah. It is as easy as 1,2,3!

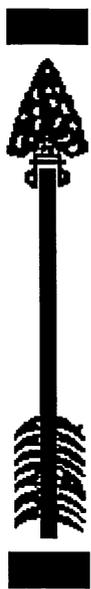
1. Write a letter to the Lodge Secretary, Randy Wertepny, explaining how you will continue to serve the Lodge, your Unit, Scouting in general, and the community.
2. Memorize the Obligation of the Order of the Arrow.
3. Memorize the Order of the Arrow Song.

I do hereby, on my honor as a Scout, promise that I will always and faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow, Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui.

I will always regard the ties of brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow as lasting, and will seek to preserve a cheerful spirit even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities, and will endeavor, so far as in my power lies, to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.

## ORDER OF THE ARROW OFFICIAL SONG

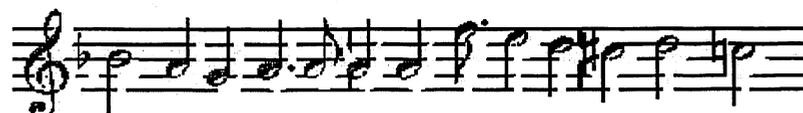
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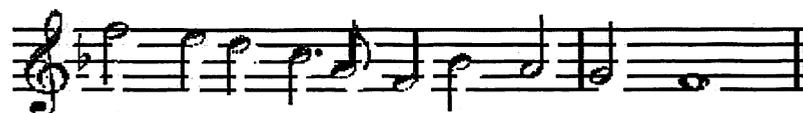
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clan That cheer-ful serv-ice brings To fel-low man.



Cir-cle our coun-cil fire, Weld tight-ly ev-ry link That



binds us in bro-ther-hood, Wi-mach - ten - dienk.



When you register for the weekend, indicate that you are planning on earning Brotherhood. There is a \$12 fee to pay for the sash, please include the fee with your weekend payment. Don't forget to have your letter on Friday night at registration.

# LODGE ODDS AND ENDS

## Section Seminars

Section Seminars is swiftly approaching. Although the registration deadline has passed, at the time of printing, there were a few spaces left. The seminars will be taking place on November 20 in Nashville, Georgia. We will leave early in the morning of the 20<sup>th</sup> and return in the evening of the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Aal-Pa-Tah #237 is hosting the next Section Seminars at the Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation and only those who attend may serve in leadership positions. We need a qualified group of leaders to host the best Section Seminars ever!

## Lodge Box

Many new items will be available in the Lodge Box at the Ordeal Weekend. The most anticipated item is the new Once in a Lifetime Patch that will be available to all members at the price of \$5.00. Also, a new trading flap will be available as well as Aal-Pa-Tah hats and key chains. Don't forget to bring money to the weekend so that you get a chance to purchase these items before they are all gone.

## Section Conference 2000

Section Conference will be hosted by Echocotee Lodge at Camp Shands, Baden Powell Scout Reservation in North Florida. The conference guarantees great Training, Entertainment, and Lodge Competitions. We will be leaving early on Friday, April 14, and we will be returning in the late afternoon of April 16. More information will be available at lodge weekends and in later issues of Gator Tales.

## Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge Camperships

The Aal-Pa-Tah 237 Campership Committee issued three camperships this year. We are proud to be able to send scouts to Tanah Keeta for a Summer Camp experience. We hope to send more in 2000 for T.K. Extreme!

## Coleman Adventurship

### Deadline Extended to November 15, 1999

Coleman is offering 90 \$375 Adventurships to Scouts across the country to celebrate their 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Adventurships can be used for Philmont, Seabase, Council camp, a Troop Trip, or any Scouting sponsored outdoor event. Each Troop or Team is allowed to nominate 1 Scout. That Scout must fill out the Application form and the Troop or Team must send the Application along with the Troop/Team info sheet to the council office by November 15, 1999. Please mail 1 week early to guarantee delivery. The forms are attached to this sheet. All scouts who participate will receive a special recognition item from Coleman.

## Ceremonial News

The Lodge Ceremonial team is currently looking for Arrowmen to participate in Lodge Ceremonies. The Ceremonial Team is one of the most important committees in the Lodge. Aal-Pa-Tah's team is classified as an Honor Team on the Section Level and is home to 3 of the best principles in the section. Not only do they perform at Lodge weekends, they do Eagle Courts of Honor as well. If you are interested in participating in Lodge Ceremonies contact Phil Ashford at (561) 659-7462.

**If you have not paid your 2000 Lodge Dues, this will be the last issue of "Gator Tales" you will receive. To verify the status of your dues, check the mailing label on the back cover. Annual dues for 2000 are \$11.00. You can pay your dues at the Fall Ordeal Weekend or at the Gulf Stream Council Office.**

# LODGE CALENDAR

## Fall 1999

## Spring and Summer 2000

### November 1999

SR-4 Section Seminars in Nashville, Georgia  
- November 12-14, 1999  
Fall Fellowship at Camp Tanah Keeta  
- November 19-21, 1999

### December 1999

Operation First Class at Camp Tanah Keeta  
- December 10-12, 1999



### January 2000

Make-up Ordeal at Camp Oklawaha  
- January 7-9, 2000

### March 2000

Spring Pow Wow at Camp Tanah Keeta  
- March 10-12, 2000

### April 2000

SR-4 Section Conference at Camp Shands  
- April 14-16, 2000

### May 2000

Mega Scout Show Pig Roast at Dean Stadium  
- May 12-13, 2000  
Spring Work Weekend at Camp Tanah Keeta  
- May 19-21, 2000

### July and August 2000

NOAC in Knoxville, Tennessee  
- July 29 - August 3, 2000

Gulf Stream Council, B.S.A.  
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**Important Corrections:**  
Fall Fellowship fee is \$15  
Section Seminars is Nov 12-14

Dues pd thro 2001

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# Congratulations

## to the Scouts and Scouters Who Became Ordeal Members in September

Greg Adkins	Allen Clutter	Kevin Howard	Erik Nuedorff	Andrew Smith
Nate Aleskovsky	Carl Copeland	Matt Irvine	Ryan Ostrower	Nicholas Sofoal
Nicholas Antonio	Mike Cunningham	John Jennings	Alex Palmer	James Souto
Michael Artino	Kevin Day	Michael Gerauld	James Parker, IV	Ryan Spock
Scott Ashford	Robert Day	Matt Kotecki	Badal Patel	Robert Starace
Douglas Athenosy	Danny Deese	Jason Lagana	Eric Peterson	Benjamin Stout
John Baker, III	Shawn Desantis	John Lawrence	Matt Pollitt	Kyle Sykes
Joseph Blackburn	William Desantis	Tyler Leben	Scott Polycn	Adam Taft
Trevor Blackburn	Michael Dinko	Chris Leppanen	Clarence Porch	Eric Taylor
Robert Bohovsky	Stephen Dixon	Thomas Livanos	Donald Poskitt	Jerry Thew
Anthony Boona	Jeremy Doubleday	Rosalyn Mackell	Robert Rhoat	Edward Thompson
Andrew Bouchard	Phillip Durland	Jan Madden	James Roark	Glenn Turner
Frank Bouchard	John Essenwine	Matthew Madden	Neil Robinson	Adam Valencic
Richard Bouchard	Patrick Fearon	Dane Marckel	Jonathan Roth	Hugh Valentine
Ron Bouchard	Kris Fong	Andrew Mattella	Brian Rukin	Bradd Vey
Jonathan Bowes	Anthony Fraser	Tommy Matthews	Nick Sasian	Richard Wales
Raymond Brady	Fredrick Gallagher	Spencer Mattlin	Michael Sauls	Cory Walter
Gene Brandt	Matthew Gardner	Eric McCarley	Johnathan Saunders	Billy Walters
Jeremiah Brandt	John Gause	Brian McCarthy	John Schuler	Kenneth Warren
Carl Brooks	Eric Gellerman	Thomas McCarthy	Alexander Segee	Mike Welch, II
David Burch	Taylor Gerring	Robert McClory	Joseph Servos	Michael Welch, Sr.
Bradley Burns	Gregg Girvan	Ryan McLean	Mel Shaffer, III	David Williams
Alex Calle	Gregory Givens	Richard McNeil	Chris Shanks	Jarrod Wright
Daniel Caraballo	Stephen Gonot	Jason Minor	Chris Shaouni	Paul Yacavone
Michael Carnevale	Robert Graunke	Ryan Moeller	Jonathan Shea	Charles Ziegenfuss
Victor Carnussio	Cindy Hall	Dale Moree	Johnathon Shepard	Ryan Zuppinger
James Chapman	Richard Hall	Richard Niston	Rohit Singh	
Hugh Clarke	Samuel Horwitz	Zak Nowak	Adam Smith	

### Congratulations to the Arrowmen who sealed their membership in the Order by taking the Brotherhood Ceremony in September

**Conan Brooks**  
**Brian Case**  
**Rebecca Dragula**  
**Robert Gardner**  
**Ben Horwitz**  
**Scott Longshore**

**Stephen Nugent**  
**Craig Parker**  
**James Parker, III**  
**Ian Ross**  
**Ryan Schuiling**

**New Ordeal Members  
 don't forget that if you  
 pre-register, you can  
 come to the Fall  
 Fellowship Weekend at  
 Tanah Keeta for  
 FREE!**

# Troop/Team Representative Registration Form

Circle one:  
Unit Troop/Team # Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

The Following Scout will be holding the Position of OA Representative until  
the date of \_\_\_/\_\_\_/20\_\_\_.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Scoutmaster's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Scoutmaster's Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Scoutmaster's Phone\_( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Scoutmaster's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Scout's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to: Troop/Team Representative Coordinator  
Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge  
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