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This photo was taken in the mountains of North Carolina at the homestead of a Cherokee Indian man who makes totem poles. This beautiful example is approximately 20 ft tall. Photo by - Clayton Jones

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It is 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:

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ATTENTION

If you are interested in journalism and photography and want to help out with the Tipi, pick up the phone and call Editor **Brian Salzman** at 546-1421. We really need your help!!

New lodge Chief

At the past Ordeal weekend, former lodge chief **Marcus Kronforst** handed in his resignation to the LEC at its meeting on Saturday afternoon. The reasons for his resignation were presented to the lodge at dinner that night at which the new Lodge Chief was announced, **Eric Mason**, former Vice Chief. LEC members anonymously chose Mason over **David Black**, who will continue as Lodge Vice Chief.

LEC Directory

Eric Mason	Lodge Chief	734-8822
David Black	Lodge V-Chief	967-5746
Bryan Garcia	Lodge Secretary	983-6795 (813)
James Brown	Lodge Treasurer	288-4293
Greg Miller	Lodge Historian	798-4718
Bruce Garwood	Lodge Advisor	965-0509
Marcus Kronforst	Past Lodge Chief	496-3117
William Conley	Trail Crew Chief	732-8952

(Chapter officers were not available at deadline.)



A Word From The Tipi Advisor

by Clayton Jones

Change seems to be in season. Our recent Ordeal Weekend brought with it 110 new members, a new Lodge Chief, a new Trail Crew Chief, and cool weather. It seems to be my turn to add to the list by announcing that Mr. **Barry Eckle** will be assuming the duties of Tipi Advisor after the publication of this issue.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to work with **Brian Salzman**, our Tipi editor, during the last year and a half. An adult advisor's greatest wish is to work with a youth member who does his job without prompting. The best measure of this, I think, is whether the youth calls the advisor more than the advisor calls the youth. I can assure you that Brian's phone bill is much bigger than mine. For Brian's hard work and cheerful spirit, even when others let him down (including me), I give my heartfelt thanks. My thanks also go to Brian's parents who have been very supportive throughout. It is appreciated more than we ever express in words.

The Tipi will be in good hands with Brian and Barry Eckle. Mr. Eckle brings to this task many years of competent leadership and service in Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge, both as youth and adult. They will meet soon with **Eric Mason**, our new Chief, to plan the year's publications. In keeping with the season I'm certain we'll see changes, and I'm equally certain they will be good.

A Big Thanks!

I would greatly like to thank everyone who helped prepare this issue of the TIPI. Their great efforts and hard work is what keeps Aal-Pa Tah informed and involved in what is going on in the scouting world. Please keep up the much appreciated work and and thank-you again.

Tipi Editor,
Brian Salzman



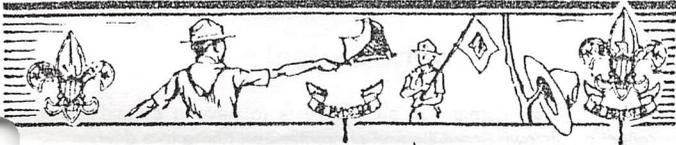
**Chiefly Speaking
By
Eric
Mason**

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who allowed and encouraged me to accept this opportunity to serve the Lodge. I especially want to thank **Mr. Garwood** and **Mr. Bowdler** for their guidance thus far and for their future assistance.

I find myself faced with new hopes and possibilities, as well as responsibilities. I hope that each of you will join with me in the true spirit of Brotherhood and Cheerful Service.

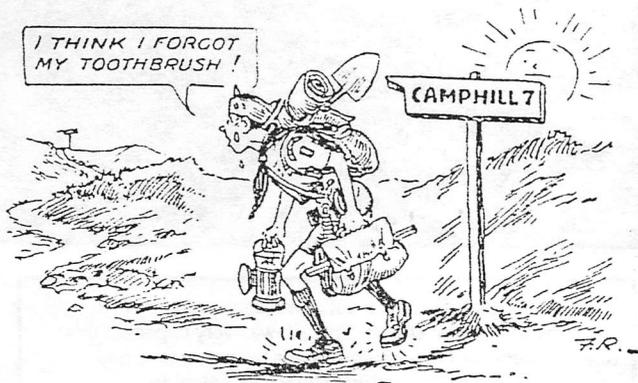
Just as with any other organization no task can be successful if done by one man. Every event is the culmination of the work of many individuals. I enthusiastically welcome new ideas and suggestions you may have and will accept the help of everyone who is willing to devote his time.

Plans are already underway and this year will be one of great excitement and fun; all it needs is your enthusiasm and involvement. I hope to see all of you at the Spring Pow-Wow in March and Section Conference in April.



Bowdler To Become Lodge Advisor

Bruce Garwood announced that **Ted Bowdler** will assume the position of Lodge Advisor at the Spring Pow-Wow in March of 1994. This appointment was made by Council Executive, **Reggie Knight**. At the time of the announcement Mr. Knight stated that he deeply appreciated the assistance that Mr. Bowdler had given to Mr. Garwood over the last year and a half and felt that there was no one in the council who was more qualified to assume this most important position. He explained that during the next few months Mr. Bowdler will work closely with Mr. Garwood and the Lodge Officers so that he will be fully prepared in the Spring to provide guidance for the new Lodge Officers.

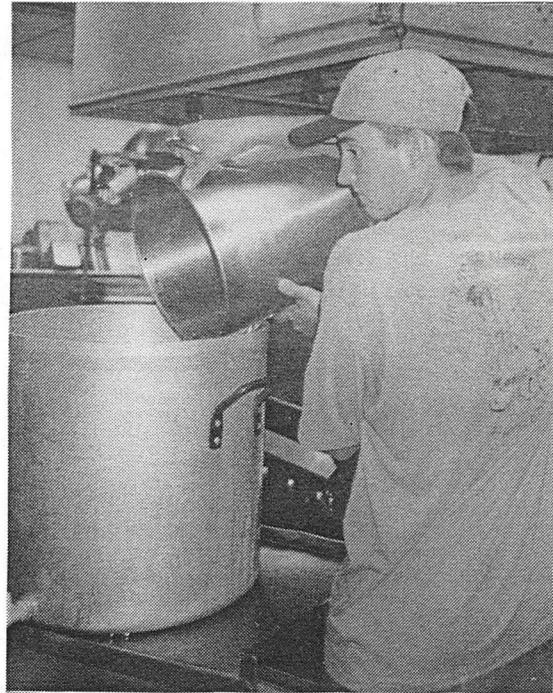
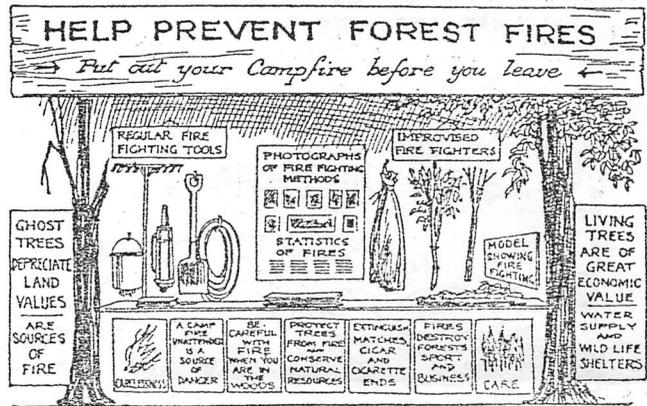


Advisor's Word

In my experience as Lodge Advisor I have worked with many outstanding young men who have served our Lodge as Chief. **Marcus Kronfrost** ranks among the highest. He has been a sincere and dedicated leader. We will forever be indebted to him for his service to the Lodge. But perhaps his greatest contribution has been his integrity and the personal example he has set for those who will follow. We will miss you **Marcus**.

Already, our new Chief, **Eric Mason** has demonstrated that he is both worthy and capable of holding this most responsible position. The new Captain of our ship has taken firm hold of the wheel and I expect the next year to be fantastic.

Now is the time for each of us to rededicate ourselves to the purposes and goals of the Order. As Eric puts together his "team" make yourself available to him. This should be a great year for Aal-Pa-Tah.



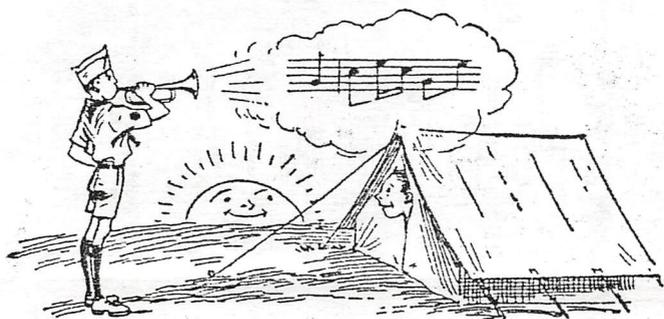
Every little thing helps. Here, an O.A. member helps out in the kitchen by making a big jug of bug juice. Photo by - Brian Salzman

ORDEAL WEEKEND

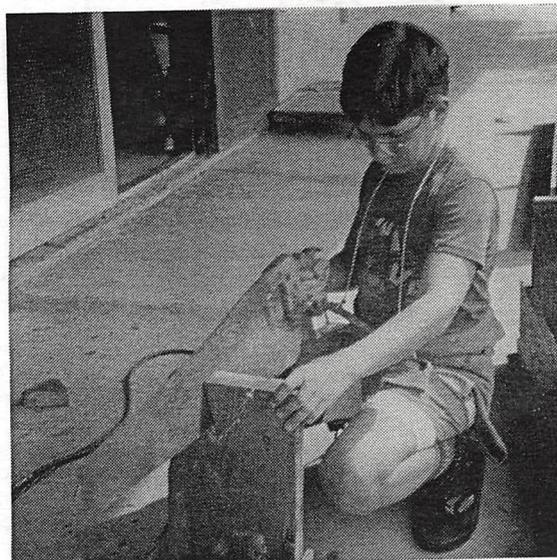
Weekend a Success

On October 29 - 31, approximately 200 lodge members joined for an Ordeal work weekend at Tanah - Keeta. Many things were accomplished including the painting of the boat house and the wood shop, maintenance on the Mike Machek trail, and some cleaning up of the the entrance of camp. Most importantly this weekend, 110 scouts participated in their ordeal. Ordeal Master **Dan Green** and Weekend Chairman **Greg Miller** worked closely with Service Chairman **Brett Ogle** to give these candidates a great ordeal weekend.

Also on Saturday of this weekend, the LEC met in the dining hall to discuss lodge events. Besides reviewing patches for next year with **Troy Rinks**, the LEC also elected a new lodge chief, Eric Mason. Mason will begin as lodge chief emmediatly and Vice Chief David Black will continue in his current position.



Working hard, ordeal candidates spread shell rock alongside of the dining hall on Saturday morning. This was only one of the many projects going on during the day. Photo by **Brian Salzman**



Lucky to be in the shade, an ordeal candidate saws triangles out of the bottom of benches from the dining hall. This was done to all the benches throughout the day. Photo by **Brian Salzman**

Lodge Ordeal

"The purpose of an Ordeal is to have a candidate reflect on his own Scout life and character and come to a deeper understanding of the Scout Oath or Promise and the principles of the order. This purpose is realized through a fourfold Ordeal that includes sleeping alone, silence, work, and a limited amount of food." (Order of the Arrow Handbook)

This weekend, many scouts went through this Ordeal. They now understand and/ or are able to understand what the Order of the Arrow really is.

The names on the following page are the names of the newest members of Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge 237.

Congratulations on a job well done!



Ordeal candidates cut down diseased trees in a campsite Saturday afternoon. This job was very important this weekend because the tress could have fallen any time and seriously injured someone. Photo by **Brian Salzman**

N.O.A.C.

National Order of the Arrow Conference

What is it

Every two years the Order of the Arrow holds a national conference. Each time the conference is held at a different major university campus. In 1988 the conference was held at the University of Colorado, in 1990 it was held at Indiana University and in 1992 it was held at the University of Tennessee.

Where will it be

The 1994 **N.O.A.C.** will be held at Perdue University in Lafayette, Indiana. Lafayette is located about 50 miles North West of Indianapolis on interstate 65.

When will it be

N.O.A.C. will begin July 31, 1994 and end at noon on August 4, 1994. The **AAL PA TAH** contingent will tentatively depart West Palm on Saturday July 30, 1994 and return there Thursday night August 4, 1994.

What do they do at N.O.A.C.

N.O.A.C. is a chance to meet arrowmen from all 50 states, make new friends, trade for patches and maybe pick up new ideas for lodge weekends activities. The conference also has a full schedule of conferences that cover everything from lodge officer duties and lodge operation to Native American subjects and ceremonial team operation. National championship competitions are held for lodge ceremonial and dance teams as well as individual native american dance. Displays of O.A. memorabilia and lodge exhibits are set up on founders day. There are several very impressive shows scheduled through out the conference. Over all there are more things to do than time to do them.

What will it cost

The cost has been tentatively set at \$600.00. This estimate may vary up to \$100.00 depending on transportation costs and if the lodge makes any side trips to points of interest. The fee covers transportation cost, conference fee, food and lodging and a conference ball cap and tee shirt. Spending money for odds and ends is the responsibility of the individual. A non refundable but transferable registration fee of \$50.00 will be due no later than February 28, 1994. A schedule of payments will be announced soon for those wishing to spread the cost out over a longer period. After the registration deadline has past no further contingent applications will be accepted, so plan not to miss this great O.A. event. Watch further editions of the TIPI for the latest on N.O.A.C..



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DATE ORDERED: ____/____/____

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NECKERCHIEF SLIDE	\$3.00		
HAT PIN	\$2.00		
MUG	\$3.50		
BOLO TIE	\$4.50		
BACK PATCH	\$6.00		
FELT BACK PATCH	\$7.50		
NEW ITEM			
CONFERENCE T-SHIRT M,L,XL	\$8.00		
XXL,XXXL SHIRT	\$9.50		
CONFERENCE HAT	\$4.00		
NEW ITEM			
CONFERENCE BELT BUCKLE	\$10.00		
NEW ITEM			
TOTAL:			

IMPORTANT!! ALL PREORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE SUWANNEE RIVER AREA COUNCIL OFFICE BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1994. ALL PREORDERS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE ARE NOT GUARANTEED TO BE FILLED. REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN AT THE CONFERENCE FOR UNFILLED PREORDERS.

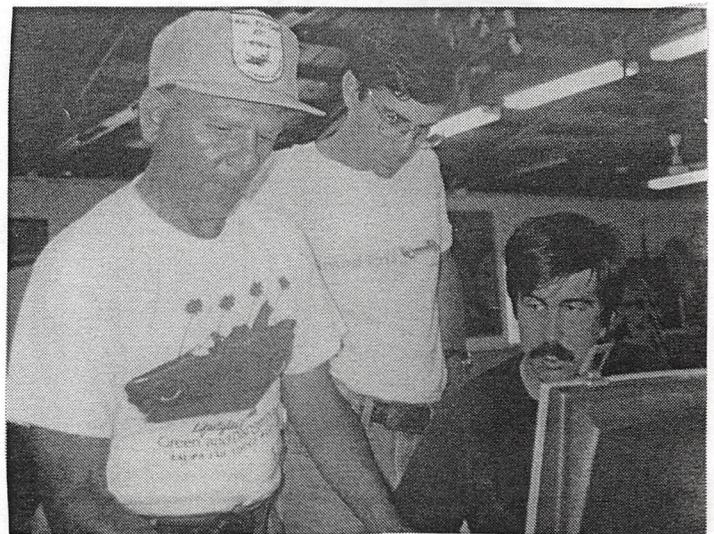
New Aal-Pa-Tah Members

ADAM D	ACKERMAN	ANDREW J	GREEN	JEFFREY S	PYAFF
JON R	ALLEN	RYAN C	HANSER	RICKY W	QUINN
WILLIAM P	ATKINSON	MIKE E	HAYSMER	ED L	RAMAEKA
EUGENE G	AYERS	JUSTIN A	HENDERSON	MICHAEL G	RATZ
RO G	BAILY	STEVE R	HOFFACKER	ROBERT E	ROARK
STEVEN C	BLACKFORD	ERIC	HOLLANDER	DAVID M	ROTHCHILD
ROBBIE M	BOMAN	TONY J	HOWES	BEAU J	SHARPIN
BLAIR F	BORDERS	KEVIN J	JACOBY	BEN	SHEEHAN
MATT E	BOYDTE	JIMMY J	JAGGERS	JAMES H	SHEEHAN
TAD E	BOYES	JOHN F	KEGLEY	JOHN J	SHEETZ
PHILIP	BRANTLEY	TOM	KEMPF	GREGORY E	SMITH
JASON W	BRENNER	MATT A	KINLEN	CECIL E	SMITH
DAVID D	BRIGGS	LEON C	LABOSSIERE	TRAVIS E	SNODGRASS
SEAN O	BROWN	LEW	LEACH	CHAD	SNOW
JERRY H	BROWN	JOHN B	LEGER	JOHN B	STEPHENS
BRIAN R	BROWN	DANIEL J	LESNIAK	REED J	STONER
JEFF K	BURDA	ADAM R	LICKO	KRISTINA M	STROMBERG
CASEY G	CALHOUN	SHAWN M	LYNCH	JON W	TAYLOR
ANDREW G	CAREY	JASON J	MCCULTY	STEVE E	TUCKER
PHILLIP A	CHAUNCEY	JEFF K	MCCULTY	ROBERT E	TUCKER
ERIC M	CORBETT	MARC D	MCDERMAND	CALLUM A	URQUHART
MICHAEL J	CREECH	ROBERT L	MCLELLAN	ALEX	VALADY
CORY M	CUMBIE	MICHAEL P	MCMAHON	KEVIN P	VOTAPKA
ELLEN L	DONOVAN	TIM J	MCPHERSON	BRAD S	WALBRIDGE
RYAN	DUROCHER	SHAWN D	MECKELBURG	BRAD M	WALLS
DAVID A	DUROCHER	MARK	MITCHELL	ALLEN	WATERS III
JAMES(JAY) E	ECKLER	PAUL	MURPHY III	JOHN W	WHITE
NICK B	EGGEN	NICK R	NEWBY	RYAN J	WILCOX
WARREN C	FARMER	ADAM A	OGILVIE	ROBERT R	WILL
JAMES P	FERRIGNO	PINNIE W	OLIVER	THOMAS J	WILSON
JANE E	FORBES	JASON M	OLNICK	VALERIE J	WILSON
MIKE J	GALBREATH	JUSTIN L	PARKER	DAVID R	WINSINGER
ROBBIE D	GALL	MATTHEW S	PELPHREY	DAVE R	WINSINGER
ROBERT	GEHRIG	BRANDON L	PERRY	ALLEN R	WOODCOCK
GLENN A	GELATT	HANK J	PHILLIPS	BOBBY A	YARTER
ROBERT P	GIORDANO	JOSEPH E	PHILLIPS III		
RON P	GIORDINO	PERRY A	PRICE		

SPRING POW-WOW

What a Weekend

In March, the Spring Pow-wow was held at Tanah Keetah. This fun weekend was an outstanding example of leadership and organization. Many things went on including swimming, patch trading, and the Quest for the Golden Arrow. The carnival Saturday night, with its many games and free candy, was a great success with lots of fun. Congratulations to weekend chairman Troy Rinks and his outstanding committee for a job well done.



O.A. members trade some patches in the dining hall at the past Ordeal Weekend on October 29 - 31. Photo by Brian Salzman

SECTION CONFERENCE

And the New Section Chief Is...

By Matt Stetson

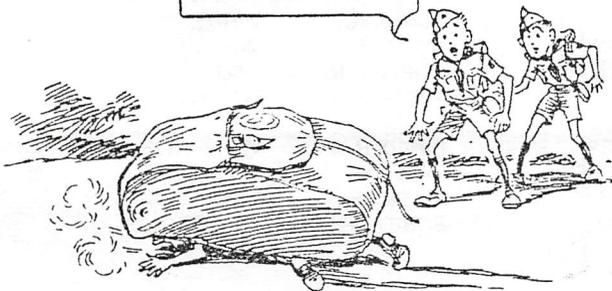
Section Conference is an exciting and meaningful experience for brothers and arrowmen alike, but this conference was more to one very important vigil member than to the rest of us. This was the conference that are very own **Dane Wielins** was given the privilege of representing us as the new SE-4 Section Chief.

His competition was tough. He had to put his leadership skills to the test against the candidates from Timuquan and O-Shot-Caw. However, when it came to the vote, he clearly came forth as the leader rounding up a whopping three-fourths of the vote, including all three of our new brother lodges in Georgia and Alabama.

Dane will represent us well as Chief of our section, just as he has within our own lodge. Should you get a chance, congratulate him, for it is indeed a great honor that he has been granted. With our support, there are no limits to what he can achieve. Our "Great Dane" doesn't need to run with the big dogs, because he soars with the Eagles!

Congratulations Dane, we are proud!

IT'S ALIVE!
IT'S MOVING!



Ceremonial team members **Brian Bowdler, Dane Wielins, Keith Schneider** and **Ethan Wilcox** pose for a picture after being announced first place overall. Photo by - **Mike Hetherington**

Dance Team Report

After taking first in the novice group dance competition, members of Aal-Pa-Tah's dance team advanced to the top three in individual competitions. The following scouts placed in the overall standings at Section Conference in these individual events:

Bill Armstrong	2nd place Grass Dance
Chris Miller	2nd place Fancy Dance
Ethan Wilcox	3rd place Grass Dance



Dance team member **Jeremy Culler** discusses his costume with another member of the dance team. Communication played a major role in success at Section Conference.

CEREMONIAL TEAM TAKES FIRST OVERALL!

At Section Conference, OA Ceremonial Team members from throughout the section competed to be the best. Lodge 237, home of the gators, definitely came through.

Overall, Lodge 237 Ceremonial Team placed first place with second place trailing far behind. In Group Competition, we also placed First. Members **Dane Wielins, Keith Schneider, Brian Bowdler,** and **Marcus Kronforst** all placed first in their individual events.

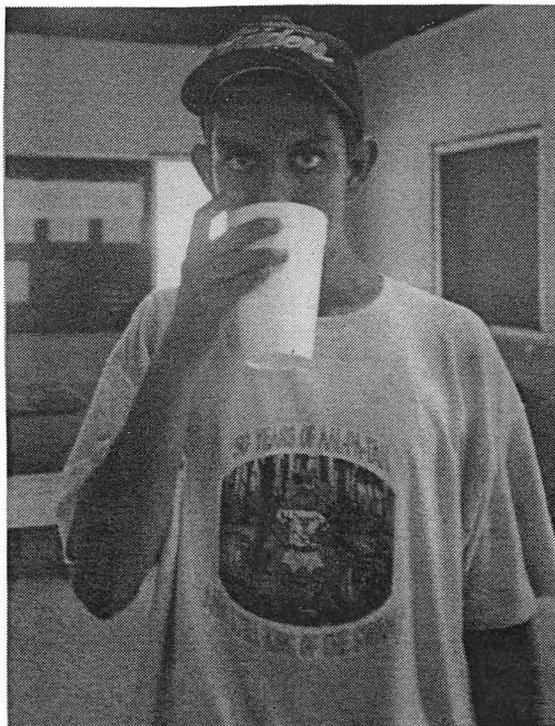
Marcus Kronforst amazingly placed in his event after finding out he was going to compete only one week in advance. His ambition to win and competitive nature surely paid off with this big win.

Congratulations to all of these successfull achievers and keep up the good work.

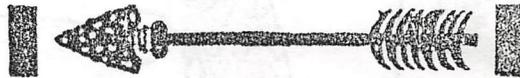
FALL FELLOWSHIP

All in a Weekend

On September 24 - 26, arrowmen joined for our annual Fall Fellowship. **Joe Scheirich**, weekend chair person, did an outstanding job. Many things were accomplished this weekend. A Brotherhood ceremony of 44 arrowmen took place Saturday night where, incidentally, three scouts passed out during the ceremony. Also, several arrowmen passed their BSA Lifeguard training and are now certified. Congratulations to Joe and everyone else who helped out on a job well done.



Taking a break, new Historian **Greg Miller** takes a drink in the dining hall during the Ordeal Weekend on October 29 - 31. Photo by Brian Salzman



New Brotherhood Members

By Marcus Kronforst

The Fall Fellowship gathering of September 24 - 26 was a weekend of fun and work. It was also a very special time for 44 of Aal-Pa-Tah's arrowmen. These youth and adults came not only to assist their lodge in service, but for much more. They came to reaffirm their commitment in the Order of the Arrow.

By earning brotherhood, one does not rise in rank, status, or gain special privileges within the lodge. In essence, brotherhood is an opportunity for arrowmen to reaffirm their belief in the purposes in the Order and to evaluate their previous contributions to the lodge and all of scouting.

The following members of Aal-PaTah have completed all that is necessary and have carried on to brotherhood:

Paul	Angelini	Casey	Myer
Thomas	Ashford	R (Walter)	Ogburn IV
R. Lance	Barbour	Kevin	Pappadouplos
Kit	Becker	Daniel	Patterson
Brendon	Bowe	Jim	Purnell
Lawrence	Boyd	Wesley	Purnell
Vaughn	Clayton	Brad	Rowell
Tim	Dombrowski	David	Scheirich
Jacquelyn	Donaldson	Joseph	Scheirich, Sr
Matthew	Fitzpatrick	Billy	Snow
Patrick	Foradori	Mathew	Sorrell
Jason	Forbes	Steven	Steinmetz
Kevin	Gallagher	Steven	Steinmetz
Bryan	Garcia	Thomas	Stronberg
Karl	Hein	Michael	Suit
Chris	Jarret	John	Taylor
Courtney	Jones	Douglas	Thompson
Ed	Kaczmarek	Richard	Voigt
Sean	Kennedy	Jimmy	Walls
Nathan	Kronforst	Donald	Walters
Jonathan	Minchey	Joseph	Walters
Robert	Mitchell	William	White

If you ave any comments or suggestions regarding the "TIPI", please don't hesitate to call the editor Brian Salzman at (407) 546-1421 anytime. Without your input, the "TIPI" won't be what you want it to be.



TRAIL GUIDES NEEDED

On Saturday February 5th Trail Guides for the Mike Machek Trail are needed for the South Florida Council Webelow's Woods. Earn a special Trail Guide patch if you are 13 or older and are familiar enough with the Trail to act as a guide.

For more information or training as a Trail Guide call Trail Crew Chief William Conley at (407) 732-8952 or Advisor Clayton Jones at (407) 833-7956.

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