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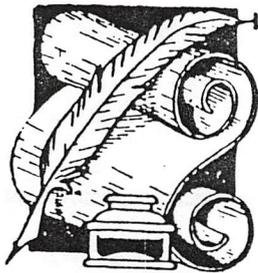
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Editor's Comments ...

New faces, new leadership, a new year for Aal-Pa-Tah is upon us. How exciting. The *Tipi's* leadership has not changed, however, we are looking for some brothers interested in working on the *Tipi* staff. New ideas and new view points are always welcome.

I have to congratulate Brad on the Fall Fellowship's smoothly run activities. Another fine weekend in Aal-Pa-Tah's tradition of success.

I am still waiting wholeheartedly for your comments or suggestions. Mail me (barbourr@irwin.vetrol.com), or call me for those of you who are Net-impaired.



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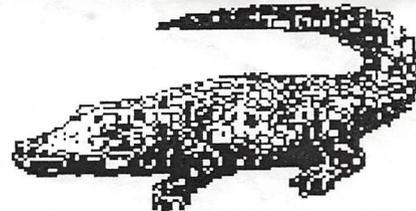
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Patches Available by Mail

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

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Section 1997 Already Well Underway

*A Special Report by
Eric Mason, 97 Conference Chairman*

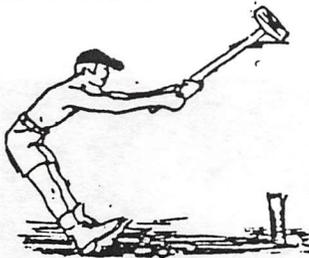
The spring of 1997 will witness Aal-Pa-Tah's hosting of the Section Conference, which is a gathering of the 12 lodges from our Area. Our Conference weekend will surpass all others in terms of spirit, activity, and fun.

Early preparations have begun and committees are being formed. This event will provide opportunities for all Arrowmen to share in the fulfillment of their pledge of service while experiencing fun and fellowship. The following key youth positions have been filled, but many more remain to be filled:

Brad Walbridge	Entertainment
Jeremy Culler	Native American Events
Jim Harrison	Finance
Joe Bates	Food Service
Patrick Foradori	Program
Steve Steinmetz	Facilities

We need everyone to get involved to make this a great Section Conference. Not only do we want those willing to join committees or provide support in terms of workdays and special projects, but we also want to hear from those with any unique or helpful connections or suggestions to improve our conference. I look forward to working with all of you in the coming months and encourage you to call me at 407-734-8822 if you have any comments or questions.

Only we can make this Section Conference worthy of the name Aal-Pa-Tah. The Ordeals will mark our first preparations for Section Conference '97. see you there.



Problems With the New Member Flap

The redesigned New Member flap for our lodge finally arrived at the Fall Fellowship. However, the patches had errors in their production, namely it had color imperfections, was missing the Fleur-de-leis, and was in general not what we wanted. The L.E.C. decided that, despite the fact that it is a nice patch, the potential for the actual design was much greater.

So a new border color was voted upon, and the design was sent back for reprocessing. The patches which were delivered are being sold in unlimited quantities, as regular lodge flaps, not Ordeal flaps. So pick some up, it's a neat patch to have.



Chiefly Speaking

by Patrick B. Foradori

Brothers,

Looking back upon the year, I can only smile. Together as a Lodge we have accomplished many of the goals which I laid forth at the beginning of my term. I cannot begin to express my deep appreciation for all that you have done to make this year a success. I attribute that success to your service and dedication. As I pass on the torch of leadership to Jim, I ask that you continue to be supportive and contribute to our future successes. With the Section Conference upon us, at no point is it more important that we unite as lodge and volunteer our services to our Chief.

I would like to extend my gratitude to you for allowing me to serve this past term as your Chief. The experiences which you have allowed me to attain I will carry with me throughout my life.

Farewell my friends,

Patrick B. Foradori

Patrick B. Foradori
Past Lodge Chief

Advisor's Corner by Ted Bowdler

Well, it's that time again, when we ALL show the meaning of Brotherhood and what the OA stands for. The Lodge will be holding three Ordeals this year, including the make-up one. I hope all brothers will attend and show the spirit and brotherhood that Aal-Pa-Tah is noted for.

I would like to congratulate all the new Lodge and Chapter officers. I would also like to thank Patrick for the outstanding leadership that he and his officers gave to the Lodge this past year. Many outstanding things were accomplished, including the largest contingent to Section Conference in many years. This past year was filled with so many accomplishments, that it would take up too much space to list them all here; but THANKS AGAIN PAT for a great year, you made my job a very easy task.

Planning for the 1997 Section Conference is under way. To all adults and youth: it is now time to step forward and sign up for all the jobs that will be required to run the conference. Eric Mason is the Conference Chairman, and David Weda is the Conference Advisor. Let's flood the new officers with the names of volunteers during the weekends to come. Well, it's time to close, so once again I would like to thank the old officers and challenge the new officers to make this year bigger and better.

P.S. I'll see you at the Ordeal weekends for some great work and brotherhood.

Fall Fellowship A Time for Friendship, Brotherhood, and New Leadership

The Fall Fellowship was another important milestone for Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge and its members. Fall Fellowships are a time where a brother can confirm and strengthen his vows as an Arrowman by attaining the Brotherhood. Also, it is a time where he can support his lodge by voting for the lodge officer candidate who he feels will be a strong leader and benefit the lodge as a whole. Fellowship is what this weekend is all about.

Friday evening was the usual fun, almost rushed scramble as brothers registered for the weekend and Brotherhood ceremonies. Arrowman greeted each other, and friends discussed about the times apart. Later that evening, those wishing to obtain Brotherhood met with their counselors to discuss what was required of them.

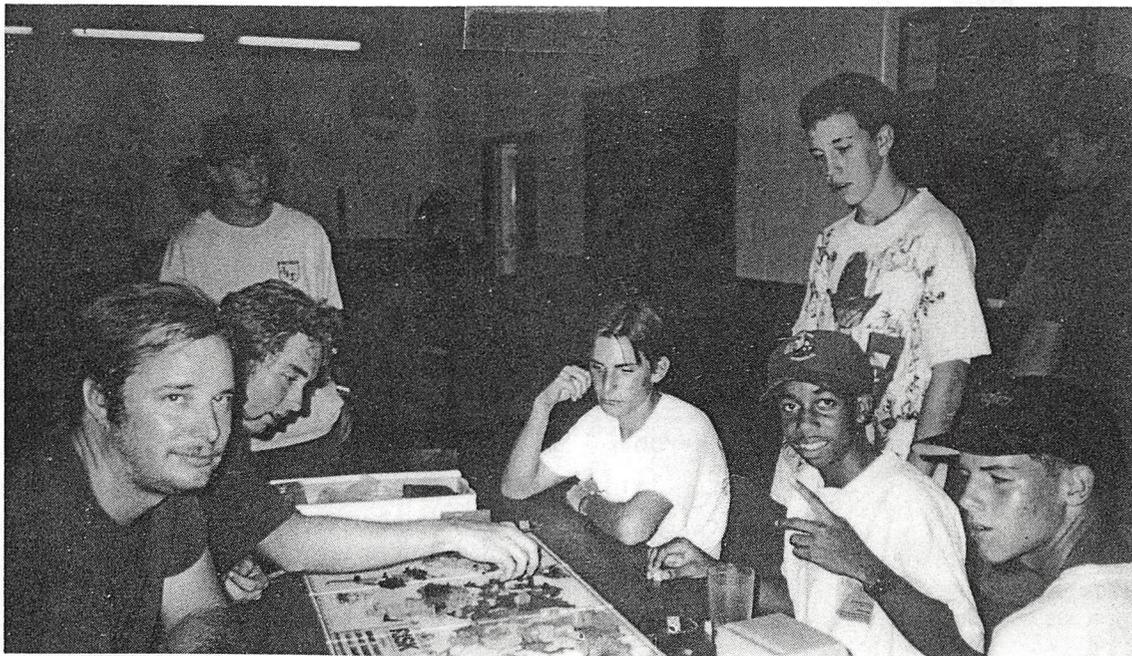
Saturday morning, members leisurely strolled into breakfast and then had the opportunity to take a few seminars on various topics including Native American culture and art. Brotherhood candidates also studied the Song, Admonition, Sign, and Handclasp for the upcoming Brotherhood ceremony.

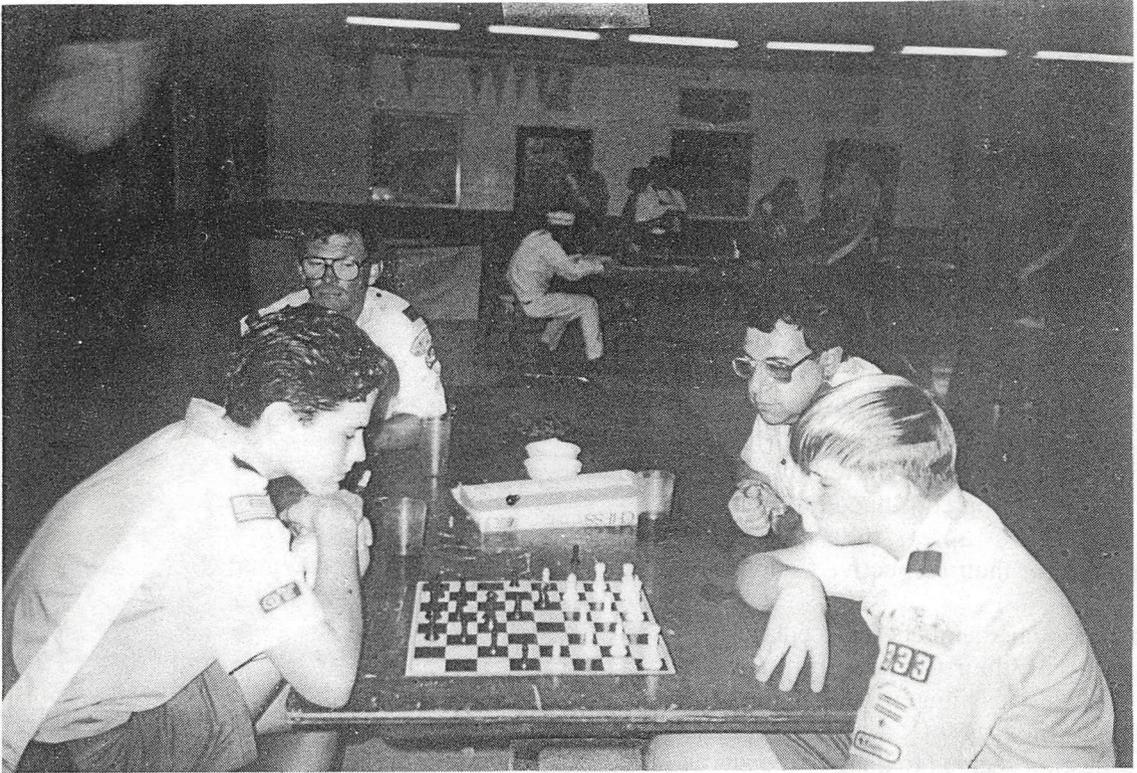
At lunch time, members gorged themselves on the traditional lunch time fare. After eating the dogs and chips, the officer candidate caucusing began. Potential officers explained their cause for running, listed their qualifications, and discussed their ideas and plans for office. Lodge members listened intently and studied flyers given to them by each candidate, as they began to formulate ideas as to which candidate they would vote for.

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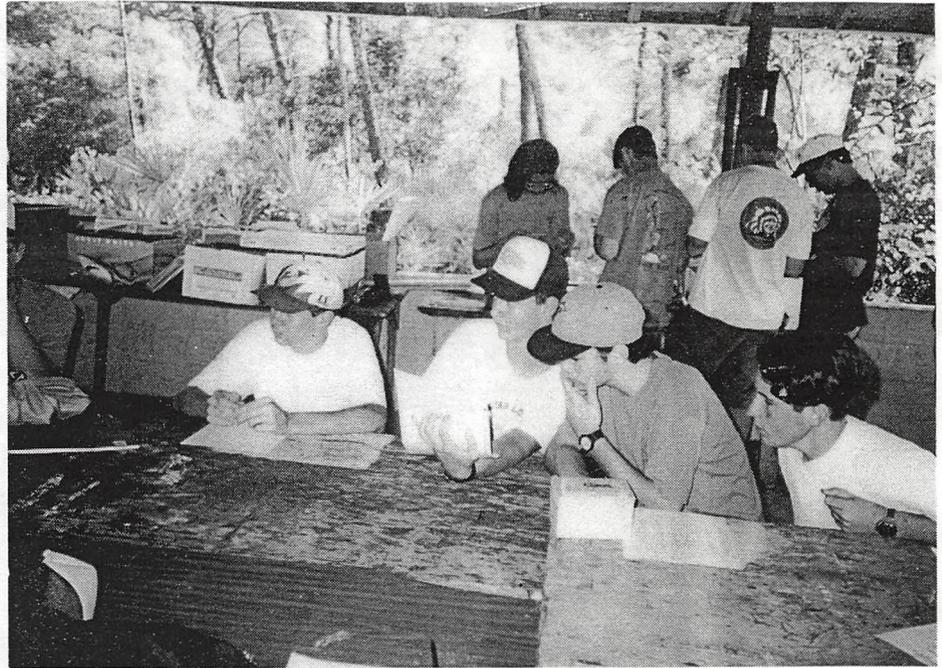
Then the afternoon fun began. Water balloons, swimming, climbing, and every board game imaginable was played. The biannual Magic tournament, once again hosted by Craig Roberts, began and members dueled themselves into the semifinals. Emerging as the lone victor was Joe Bales, earning him the title of Magic Champion 1995.

Brotherhood candidates continued learning and memorizing the required literature and began writing letters to the Lodge Secretary. Voting continued throughout the afternoon. Chapters then met, to discuss and vote for their respective Chapter Chiefs.

At dinner, lodge members replaced their dusty T-shirts with their Class-A uniforms and satisfied each one's hunger that had been bugging them since twenty minutes after lunch. One question seemed to hang in the air through conversation, who are the new Lodge Officers?

Congratulations to the new Lodge Officers of 1995-1996. They are: Jim Walls, Chief; Brad Walbridge, Vice Chief; Nick Eggen, Secretary; Jason Howes, Treasurer; and Steve Steinmetz, Historian. Later that evening, the Passing of the Torch ceremony formally marked the passing of each of the officers' authority and responsibilities. The Brotherhood ceremony also took place and many Arrowmen achieved the rank of Brotherhood (*see the list of our newest Brotherhood members on Page 7*). Following the ceremony, yet more fun began. The highlight of the fun was the Jell-O fight and water balloon war.

Brotherly friendship and wholesome fun filled the weekend. The Lodge was delivered into the hands of new leadership, and this new era looks to be another successful one for the lodge.

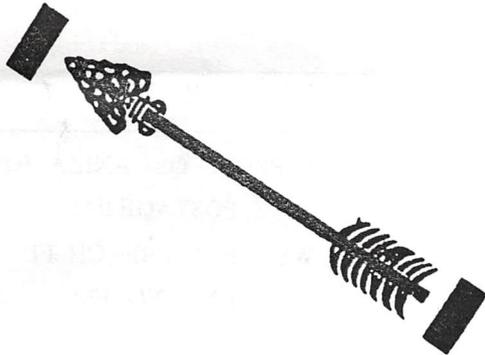


Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge will be the Host for the 1997 Section Conference. More than 1300 Arrowmen will gather at Tanah Keeta for the three day event. We want this to be the best conference and to accomplish this your assistance is needed. Please volunteer now. For more information call Eric Mason, Conference Chairman, (407) 734-8822.

Congratulations to Our New Brotherhood Members

September 30th, 1995
Camp Tanah-Keeta

Jason Alexander	Nick Grokhowsky
Travis Bethea	Gayle Horton
Mary Ann Cain	Joshua Horwitz
Rick Cain	Mike Horwitz
Andrew Carey	Philip Hostetler
Jack Chestnutt	Robert Kenyon
Alan Clineman	Robert Kenyon, Sr
Neil Clineman	Donald Malak
Sam Colter	Derek Mull
Kevin Cunningham	Ryan Papke
Robbie Bowman	Hank Phillips
Peter Drake	Brian Remavich
Ryan Durocher	Brian Rowell
Jane Forbes	Marc Trepanier
Gary Gillette	Brad Wood
Kenny Gillette	Robert Wuiker
Chris Gray, Jr.	Shannon Wiley
Bryan Greenwood	



Section Conference is Just Around the Corner

Make plans now to attend the 1996 Section Conference, which is going to be hosted by O-Shot-Caw Lodge at Camp Seminole in Davie. The total cost this year will be \$55. Once again there will be a non-refundable (but transferable) \$25 deposit. The slight increase in cost is a result of us going to embroidered hats, which should be well worth the difference.

Additional information will be made available at the upcoming Ordeals. But make your plans now and talk to friends into going too! Lets beat last year's contingent size and show the Section how much spirit Aal-Pa-Tah has to offer.

For additional information on joining what is expected to be a 150 member contingent, contact delegation leader Patrick Foradori at 589-3318.

Chapter Reports

A-bani-ki

We wish well to all of our new candidates for the Ordeal. A great number of new candidates have been elected in our chapter and we hope to bring the brotherhood of the Order of the Arrow into each Scout's life.

Ne-ke-wa

Through unit elections, our chapter has been trying to recruit some new, younger members into the Order of the Arrow. In our chapter, we seem to have an abundant number of adult members and a lacking number of active youth members. We are also putting a calling committee together to try and track down some of the inactive members of our chapter.

Lowaneu Mawats

Since the Fall Fellowship, the Lowaneu Mawats Chapter has been busy making plans, forming our phone committee, and planning for the Ordeal weekends at both Tanah-Keeta and Oklawaha. We hope to have a successful turn-out for the Ordeals, and are looking forward to joining our new brothers. Our future goals include designing a Chapter recognition item, increasing attendance, and holding a chapter weekend sometime in mid-February. The weekend will be held at Camp Oklawaha, and will include service projects to benefit the camp.

Osceola

We all look forward to devoting our time to service in the upcoming Ordeals. We have been active on both Lodge and Chapter levels. We have a chapter dinner planned for December 7th, and a tentative Chapter Campout whose date has yet been determined.

Pan-A-Soo-Fee

No report at this time.

Oi-Ya-tah

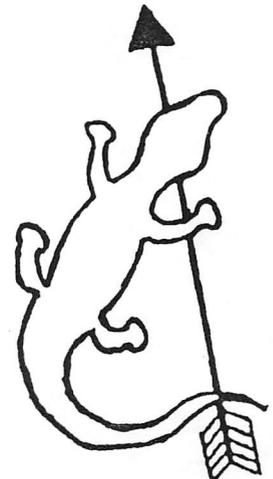
No report at this time.

Chee-Pa-Tah

No report at this time.

At- Seena-Hoofa

No report at this time.



1995 Lodge Calender

Ordeal Weekend I
Ordeal Weekend II
Makeup Ordeal
Spring Pow-Wow
Unit Elections Begin
Section Conference
Work Weekend

November 17 - 19 , 1995
December 1 - 3, 1995
January 5 - 7, 1996
March 22 - 24, 1996
April 1, 1996
April 19 - 21, 1996
May 17 - 19, 1996

**Ordeals are Fast Approaching.
See the Alligator for Details!**

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