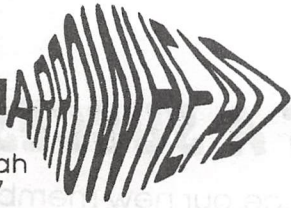


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Official Update  
of the 1997  
Section  
Conference

of Aal-Pa-Tah  
Lodge 237

## What's it all about?

On April 18 - 20, 1997, Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation will be invaded by about 1200 arrowmen seeking brotherhood, competition, and good times. (Some may also be looking for host flaps) Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge will provide all of these things and more when we host our Section Conference this spring. We are responsible for preparing the program and facilities for an exceptional weekend. The various committees have been setup in order to fulfill our many host duties. Feel free to contact any of these people if you want to help out.

## From the Top

I would first like to thank all those brothers who came to our first service day. Their work prepared us for the ordeal and for the upcoming conference. The recent ordeal provided an opportunity for us to meet many new members as well as complete many work projects. There are still numerous projects that need to be finished before Section Conference. I hope that you will support our efforts by coming to the service days and lodge weekends.

The Lodge Executive Committee, made up of your lodge and chapter officers, has just completed a training program which will allow them to make our lodge extremely successful in the upcoming year. I hope that you will make yourself available to them and take an interest in your chapter and lodge activities. Each and every arrowman will be needed to make our conference the best that it can be.

Following the Trail,

Eric Mason  
1997 Conference Chairman

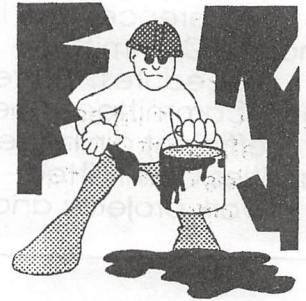
# Members Needed At Conference Service Days!!

Attendance at conference service days is essential to prepare for Section Conference. At our first service day in September, we were able to set forms for the extension of the concrete walkway, prepare cabins 7 and 9 for demolition, begin work on the new OA building, and several other projects. At the upcoming service day, we plan to complete work on the new dining hall and trading post overhangs, build more picnic tables, and begin other necessary maintenance. Future projects include improvements to Fort Blanchard and the OA ring, removal of the old flagpole base, and the building of a new volleyball court, along with minor repairs (painting, etc.) to buildings and latrines as needed.

WHEN: October 26, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
WHERE: Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation  
BRING: YOUR OWN LUNCH! You may also find gloves and work clothes useful.

Future Conference Service Day: January 4

This service day will count as eight hours of service toward the eight and forty hour service recognition patches. This is a one day event and you will not be charged anything. Come even if you can only stay part of the day. We hope to see you there.



*Ed McMahon says*

"You may have already earned your 8-hour service patch!"

In appreciation for all the hard work you will be doing, the L.E.C. has devised a service recognition system which consists of an 8-hour patch and a 40-hour patch. These patches will only be available to those people who participate in work projects during service days, lodge weekends, or other conference-related service. Everyone who attended the Fall Ordeal weekend, including all new members, have already received eight hours toward their first service patch. There are plenty of opportunities to do service, so don't miss out.

# CONFERENCE KICKOFF CARNIVAL IS A SUCCESS!

The Conference Kickoff Carnival gave us an opportunity to introduce our new member to the leadership of our lodge and our Section Conference. It's success was made possible by the Section Conference Committee and the Ordeal Weekend Committee. I hope that everyone came away with an idea of how you can get involved. Section Seminars is a weekend devoted to training and fellowship. This weekend is run by our Section officers and gives us a chance to meet brothers from other lodges prior to the Section Conference. It is also a great time to learn more about the OA and how it works. I hope you will consider attending this informative weekend in November.

**Don't wait to be called,  
PICK UP THE PHONE!!**

## 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 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 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 - Patrick Foradori - 589-3318 - Prepare promotional material, conference literature, and publications to keep all lodges informed before and during conference; also includes running our radiostation.
- Finance Committee - Jim Harrison - 684-2116 - Develop smooth registration and pre-order procedures, as well as run our conference trading post and the Gator's Nest Grill.
- Food Committee - Joe Bales - 364-7318 - Prepare quality meals and crackerbarrels, operate efficient dining services, and plan the Ordeal and Vigil Breakfast.
- Facilities Committee - Steve Steinmetz - 582-4919 - Coordinate service days to complete all work projects and provide maintenance prior to and during the conference.



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