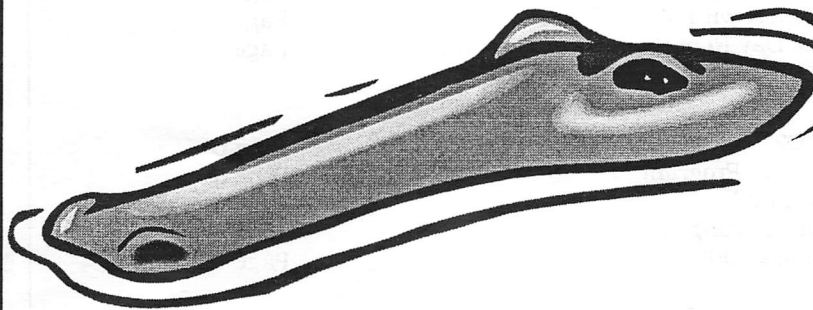


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CHIEFLY SPEAKING WITH STEPHEN BROWN

As summer ends and fall is right around the corner, I'd like to reflect on the immediate past. In early June, I reported for Summer Camp staff. Summer Camp was awesome with strong leadership from our brothers, Shannon Wiley and Kevin Votapka. During the summer, we tapped out many Scouts and welcomed them to join our Order. As Summer Camp closed, I began to prepare for a new adventure. I was to travel, with Chris Smith, Fred Danaher, and Ron Barbour to Colorado State University for the first ever National Leadership Summit. This "Summit" was a gathering of the Lodge Chiefs and Advisers from all over the nation. The main purpose was the unveiling of the Order of the Arrow's Strategic Plan

OA Troop/Team Representative Program

for the new millennium. The most exciting part of that plan is the new OA Troop/Team Representative Program. This program is to provide a link between the home units of our Arrowmen and the Lodge. It allows for the Lodge to extend its reach of service to the Troops and Teams of our council. The Troop/Team Representative program will be explained more fully in this and future issues of Gator Tales. As of late, I have been working to complete the many tasks which are vital for the beginning of a new Lodge year. As promised, anyone who would like to take on a leadership role is invited to do so. Please call at (561) 451-3684 or email me at LodgeChief@aal-pa-tah.org with any questions or concerns.



ADVISOR'S CORNER WITH FRED DANAHER

As Stephen mentioned, there was a gathering of Lodge Chiefs, Lodge Advisers, and Staff Advisers, in Colorado this summer. There were many new and positive programs introduced. Some of these will be put into effect immediately while others will be implemented over the course of several years. In addition to describing these in our publications we will be discussing them at training sessions and at special sessions at our weekends. Be sure to look for these sessions in the weekend agendas.

Probably the most exciting of the new programs is the Troop Representative program. This program encompasses a level of inte-

gration with Boy Scouts. The new Troop Representative position new counts as leadership for the ranks of Star, Life and Eagle. The youth chairman for this program is Mike Arnold and his Advisor is Drew Hains. Ask them about this program at the Ordeal. They will be happy to explain how to make this position active in your troop.

The greatest emphasis for the coming years is service and integration with our Council. How many ways can you think of that our lodge provides service? Stephen and I discussed this question on the way home from the

Summit and listed 15 major ways, events, or programs that we do to provide service. At this point we are reviewing these and looking for ways to increase our service or improve it. You will see the results of this effort in the Lodge Planbook which will be available at the Ordeal weekend.

It is going to be an excellent year for our lodge. The officers comprise an excellent group and we can expect to see good programs and excellent service this year. See you at the Ordeal!

Fred Danaher

"The greatest emphasis for the coming years is service and integration with our Council."

VICE CHIEF'S BEEF FROM CHRISTOPHER SMITH

Well, the summer is finally over. Now we are gearing up to begin a very active year with Aal-Pa-Tah. When Stephen Brown and I attended the National Leadership Summit, we were introduced to many new programs that National is implementing for the OA. First, the Troop Representative Program promises to be a major success. This program will be used to keep brothers up to date about the lodge by communicating on the troop level. This program will be implemented by coordinating with the TR Chairman, his liaisons, and the Troop Representatives. This program promises to boost attendance, promote brotherhood conversion, and bring back old members.

During my tenure as Lodge Vice-Chief, I will focus my efforts on cheerful service at the Chapter levels. A quality chapter in our lodge should be able to accomplish the following goals:

1. Chapter Chiefs should call all of the members of their chapter before each event to let them know what's going on at the weekends. This will boost attendance at the weekends and bring old faces back.
2. Chapter Chiefs should visit 75% of the troops in their area before January 31st to promote scout camping and weekend events, as well as visiting local packs to promote Cub Scout camping.
3. Chapters should hold quarterly chapter meetings to discuss events, chapter service, membership turnout at weekend events, and other necessities.
4. Have at least 75% of chapter members participate in Chapter service projects lasting a total of at least 8 hours.

Of course, this does require a lot of work from the Chapter Chiefs, but that's not to say that it can't be done.

We will have better attendance at weekends, and there will be a better bond between Chapter Members.

I believe this will be an awesome year for our lodge.

In Brotherhood,

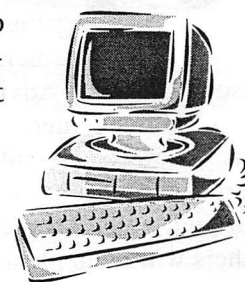
Christopher Smith
Lodge Vice-Chief.

AAL-PA-TAH ON THE INTERNET FROM PATRICK KERLEY

The time has arrived! We now have a web site at www.aal-pa-tah.org, which is open and contains information on many items of lodge business. Check in regularly to look for changes and the latest in information. We hope to host a variety of lodge web pages for chapters, committees, and special events that the lodge will be involved in. If you are interested in posting

information about your group then email webmaster@aal-pa-tah.org and I will see what can be done.

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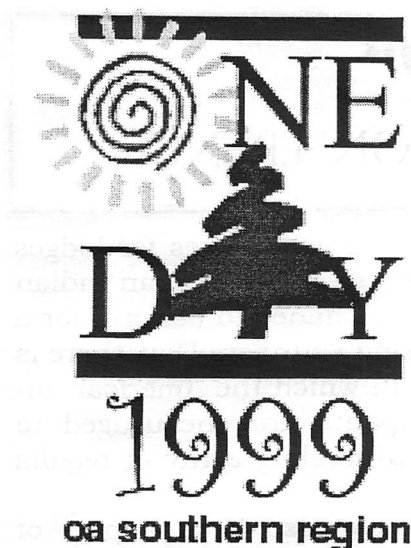


SECRETARY'S REPORT FROM RANDY WERTEPNY

This year I have many new ideas as Secretary. First is to change the name of the Tipi to Gator Tales. I will do my best to see that Gator Tales is put together on time and received with enough notice for upcoming events. In

order to do this, I will need the help from every lodge leader. I need completed articles from every one and sent to me on time. The next articles are due no later than **October 4, 1999**. You may email me at jarr2@bellsouth.net.

net or Secretary@aal-pa-tah.org and you may mail me directly at 17146 67th Court N. Loxahatchee, FL 33470. If any one is interested in being on the Gator Tales staff, please contact me at **(561) 795-7453**.



OPERATION
ONE DAY REPORT
FROM KURT DURJAN

One Day is an event that takes place every year and every lodge participates on the same day throughout the entire region. The idea is to provide service projects that directly involve and effect the community. This year Operation One Day is on **Saturday October 9th** and we will be participating in a beach cleanup in Martin and Palm Beach Counties. We are working with Save The Reef Foundation and with the support of the mayors of Jupiter, Palm Beach, West Palm Beach, and Lake Worth. We will be promoting this event with local radio stations as well as on sight radio broadcasts. There are more details on the way but please pencil in October 9th on your calendars. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to give me a call at **(561) 287-0997**.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Kurt Durjan

PAST CHIEFLY SPEAKING
FROM PATRICK KERLEY

Summer is over and the Scouting year is now in full swing! We have a group of zealous officers, committee chairman and advisors who have set forth for this year goals and activities. All of these items will prove memorable without a doubt, but only to those who attend.

Sounds obvious, right? Only those brothers that attend will be able to enjoy the fun of an OA weekend or the pride of helping at camp. Unfortunately, it seems many people do not realize this because they do not participate in weekends, service corps, or fundraisers. This is a real tragedy, not just for the lodge, but also for the individual who is missing from the action.

I know that no matter how highly I speak of officers or program or the Order of the Arrow there will still be those who do not wish to be an active member of Aal-Pa-Tah lodge. For those of you that are active, congratulations! You have been a member of an award-winning program that thrived from your being there and your will to help.

I guess in closing this isn't really a call for attendance as much as it is a pat on the back for those who are already in attendance. But, one last plug, come to the weekends! If you are having problems with transportation, email or call I would be more than happy to help arrange something if it allows you to attend a weekend by the greatest lodge in SR-4.

Patrick Kerley
gatorchief237@yahoo.com

TREASURER'S REPORT FROM MAC MCCLEAN

Fellow Aal-Pa-Tah 237 members, if you do not already know, we are in the process of making new Once-in-a-lifetime flaps and trader flaps. The LEC has worked very hard in trying to decide the new design, and I personally think that you will be happy with the result. We are trying our best to keep the cost of the flaps as low as possible, because I know that

we all are short on money, especially when coming to the end of the summer. I also hope to have hats, key chains, and maybe even official Aal-Pa-Tah shoelaces stocked in the lodge box as soon as possible. If you have any ideas of items you would like to see put in the lodge box, contact me and I will do what I can!

WHAT IS "NOAC?"

NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW CONFERENCE

NOAC is **the** national gathering for the Order of the Arrow. Arrowmen from all over the country come together and have a great time on a beautiful college campus. Arrowmen stay in dorms, eat in the cafeterias and have a blast attending the events throughout the campus. No matter if this is your first NOAC or you are a veteran conference attendee, there will be something new there to do along with many old favorites.

A key part of NOAC is sharing knowledge and learning new ideas. One of the best ways to learn at NOAC is through the formal training sessions that take place.

This is a chance for Arrowmen to share new ideas and suggestions of some of the best trainers in the country. They present sessions on various topics that range from being an efficient officer to the meaning of the customs and traditions of the Order of the Arrow. Another way to get important ideas are through demonstrations, workshops and talking to other Arrowmen. Although more informal, this way of learning can be just as fun. Not to forget, attending NOAC is probably the best way to meet the National Officers. These young men make the Order of the Arrow the way it is. They liked to be questioned and told new ideas.

American Indian Activities are another of the traditional events that take place at NOAC. They include many training sessions

and workshops, as well as chances for lodges with individuals interested in American Indian dancing and singing a chance to perform for a panel of judges. During Founders Day, there is usually a Pow-Wow in which the American Indian Events participants are encouraged to take part. There is a dazzling array of regalia and talent.

Ceremonies have also been a part of NOAC for many years. Lodges can enter teams in Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil evaluations. Judges give recommendations on how the team can become better. The goal of this type of competition is for the participants to become better through the evaluation. The participants have put a lot of time and effort into practicing and it is incredible to watch them. Seeing other teams gives lodges ideas on what they would like their own teams to be like. Those interested in ceremonies can also attend training sessions on all aspects of our ceremonies.

Another set of exciting events are the sports and competitions. These activities give those lodges who are willing to sweat and have some fun a chance to take home a trophy in basketball, volleyball, or a ton of others events. If you are the type of person who prefers a less physical approach, OA Jeopardy can challenge your mind. Also, patch trading can be very fulfilling. There is a sense of fascination watching some of the patch trading experts in action.

All the lodges that attend have patches that are unique and very well designed. Not only is it fun to see all of the different designs from the various lodges, but patch trading is a great fellowship opportunity. Don't pass up an opportunity to take part in the fun.

Founders Day is a day at NOAC where the original founders of Order of the Arrow are celebrated. A Midway is set up and lodges do all kinds of displays and activities. One of the most popular activities during Founders Day is the silkscreening of T-shirts. Make sure you bring a plain T-shirt so you too can have the

The Lodge Executive Committee is looking for a Design for our NOAC 2000 Lodge Flap.

**Your
Design
NOAC 2000**

Bring any sketches, drawings or computer generated artwork to the Fall Ordeal. Give your artwork to Lodge Secretary Mac McClean. This is your chance to see your idea for a flap come to life.

Founders Day logo silkscreened on. Lodges do many different things that generally reflect the part of the country they are from. They may cook food associated with their hometown or bring pictures and memorabilia to distribute. Anyway you look at it, Founders Day is another great way to meet new folks and have fun.

For the entertainment lover in all of us, the shows are definitely worth going to. This is an opportunity for all the Arrowmen to pack into a theater for a brilliant display of lights flashing, music playing, and Arrowmen having a blast. In case you missed it earlier, you can usually catch a glimpse of the best American Indian Activity participants at the American Indian Show. The Theme show is made spectacular with the use of outstanding special effects, such as laser light shows and fireworks. The shows are also where many of the important awards are handed out to those Arrowmen who have shown exceptional service. There are so many more activities at NOAC that you cannot possibly do them all. Besides those mentioned above, there are such things as

The Outdoor Adventure Place (TOAP), Special Events, VIPs, Regional Gatherings, Religious Services, Displays and Exhibits, and much more. There's also a Conference Newspaper, Radio Station, Band, Chorus, Trading Post, and still more!

NOAC 2000 is scheduled to take place from Saturday, July 29 through Thursday

breakfast, August 3 on the beautiful campus of the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Approximately 6800 members are expected to attend or staff the Conference. National OA Committeeman Matt Walker has been appointed to head up the conference.

This will be our third conference at UT. Program will be planned under the leadership of the officers attending the national planning meeting in December of 1999. If you have any ideas or suggestions write them up and get them to your Section Chief in 1999. He'll be helping to plan the event.

Knoxville is less than a days drive for over 1/2 of the population of the US. There are three National Parks close by including the Great Smoky Mountains, The Big South Fork and Cumberland Gap.

Aal-Pa-Tah's 2000 NOAC Contingent Sign-up Today and Open a NOAC 2000 Savings Account

The National Order of the Arrow Conference is once again swiftly approaching. The cost will be about \$375, and space is limited. At the Fall Ordeal you can reserve a space by making a \$50 non-refundable payment and opening a NOAC 2000 savings account. Ask for a sign-up sheet at the lodge box. We are planning to travel to the conference by bus with interesting side trips along the way. Currently, we are investigating side-trips which include Walt Disney Underground, Six Flags Over Georgia, white water rafting and touring Cherokee, N.C.

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.



2000 Your Design Spring Pow-	2000 Your Design Section Conference Delegate	2000 Your Design Spring Work Weekend
2000 Your Design Fall Ordeal	2000 Your Design Fall Fellowship	

Does Your Unit Have a

OA Representative?

What is an OA Troop/Team Representative?

The OA Troop/Team Representative program was begun in 1999, and is a program of the Order of the Arrow that has been officially adopted by the Boy Scouts of America. The OA Representative is now an official Troop/Team leadership position that counts toward completing the Star, Life, and Eagle requirements.

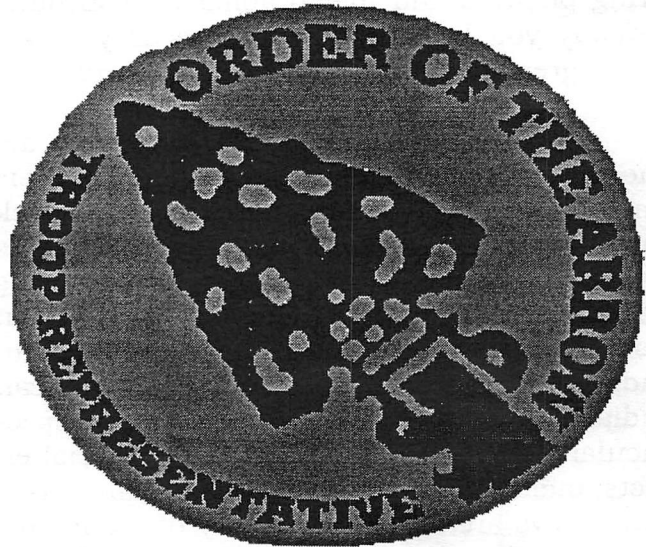
How does the Troop/Team Representative benefit his unit?

The Representative will be responsible to coordinate **service** within the unit, to coordinate unit involvement in the Order of the Arrow, including; Unit Elections, Camp Promotions, Inductions, and the ability to request Lodge and Chapter resources to help support the unit.

What's the job description for OA Representative?

- Serves as a communication link between the Lodge and the Unit
- Encourages Scout Camping in the Unit
- Encourages older Scouts to participate in high adventure programs
- Encourages Scouts to participate in Service
- Assists in troop skill training
- Encourages Arrowmen to stay active in the troop and to assume leadership positions
- Encourages all Arrowmen in the troop to seal their membership in the Order and to commit to serving their unit
- Sets a good Example
- Enthusiastically wears the scout uniform correctly
- Lives by the Scout Oath, Scout Law, and OA Obligation
- Shows Scout Spirit

For information about OA Unit Representatives,
Please email TroopRep@aal-pa-tah.org
or call Mike Arnold at (561) 745-0297



There is also a version which says Team Representative

What are the Qualifications to be an OA Representative?

- Under 18 years old
- Appointed by the SPL with SM approval
- OA Member in good standing (Dues Paid)
- They must register as a representative with the form provided at the Council Service Center

Does this position have a patch?

Yes, like all unit leadership positions, there is a shoulder patch that is available at your local Scout Shop or at any Scouting Supplier. The Patch can be seen above.

"Let it be remembered that the Order of the Arrow was created to help the unit – to help it present its membership a better ideal of the inner qualities of the good scout camper. Qualities of character, like cheerfulness and service are hard for a boy or a man to understand in the abstract. They come easier when seen in human life.

Let us realize the significance of the Order in the unit – for the unit is our best hope in scouting"

- Dr. E. Urner Goodman
Founder, Order of the Arrow

THE AAL-PA-TAH TROOP/TEAM REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM

To better serve the local units of each Council, The Order of the Arrow as a whole has begun a program that will provide a link between Troops and Teams and the Lodge with which they are affiliated. This program was fully unveiled at the National Leadership Summit, which was held at Colorado State University this summer.

A similar program has been used in other Lodges throughout the country, but only now has it become a nationally recognized troop and team leadership position that

counts for advancement to the ranks of Star, Life, and Eagle.

Aal-Pa-Tah 237 has already prepared a plan to get the program going within this next year. "I am committed to getting this program started and we will promote the heck out of it", says Stephen Brown, Lodge Chief of Aal-Pa-Tah.

Information can be found on the previous page regarding the Troop/Team Representative Program. If you would like to be a Troop or Team Representative for your

unit, talk to your Scout Master and Senior Patrol Leader. Tell them to look for information that is in the Kickoff Packet they received in August. A registration form must be filled out and mailed, following the instructions on the form, before the Lodge will be able to recognize and contact new Troop Representatives. That form is in this edition of Gator Tales and will be available at the Council Service Center. This program is just the beginning of the new focus for 2000.

New Focus For 2000

Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge is expanding. Youth leaders are growing. Scouting is evolving. With all of these changes, Aal-Pa-Tah sees a need to reorganize its efforts to serve the Gulf Stream Council. This change has been occurring for the past few years, but now is the time to bring it full swing. Now is the time to prepare for a new millennium of service. While the third millennium doesn't officially begin until AD 2001, we are starting

early to evolve to the higher level of greatness to which we are called as Scouting's National Honor Society. While much of the new focus has yet to be drawn out, the gradual process starts now.

This new focus can best be divided into three parts:

Strong Communication

Aal-Pa-Tah will seek to provide several means of communication, starting with a refined and more useful newsletter, "Gator Tales". We will maintain a presence on the Internet at www.aal-pa-tah.org. We will use the Troop Representative Program to communicate with the units that we serve.

Service

Aal-Pa-Tah will reaffirm its commitment to service to the Council, The Council Camps, and the local Units of the Council. The Troop Representative Program will serve to provide liaisons that can help the lodge realize how to better serve the Units. Service will not be limited to two weekends a year.

Brotherhood

The Lodge will seek to provide a fraternal atmosphere at all events. We will truly be an Honor Society that welcomes new members. Lodge weekends will be improved to allow for cheerfulness and fellowship to reign. Our admonition will be the code by which we operate.

These 3 points are the keys to the new focus that will guide Aal-Pa-Tah to the new Millennium.

THE HISTORY OF SCOUTING: THE 1930'S

1930

The Cub Scout program was formally launched; there were 5,102 Cub Scouts at the end of 1930. Scouts participated in the Oregon Trail Memorial Centennial. The Chief Scout Executive served as chairman of the committee on youth outside the home and school for President Hoover's White House Conference on Child Health and Protection. Scout circuses, merit badge exhibits, expositions, rallies, and other gatherings increased in number and scope. Membership, December 31, was 847,051. Total members to date, 5,249,350.

1931

At the 21st annual meeting held in Memphis, Tenn., Mortimer L. Schiff was elected president. Within a month of his election, Scout organizations throughout the world were saddened by his untimely death. Walter W. Head was elected to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Schiff. The divisional plan of organization was put into operation at the national office. The Sixth International Scout Conference was held near Vienna. The first Silver Beaver Awards were presented for distinguished service to boyhood within a council. Membership, December 31, was 878,358. Total members to date, 5,658,485.

1932

At the 22d annual meeting, the National Council adopted the 10-year program of growth—a plan to enroll one of every four 12-year-old boys and keep them in Scouting for 4 years. To stimulate this effort, President Hoover presented awards to Scout units, councils, and regions reaching a specific standard for the year. Mrs. Jacob H. Schiff presented the Mortimer L. Schiff Scout Reservation at Mendham, N.J., in memory of her son. Work in emergency relief continued. There was strong development in troop camping under council-trained leadership. Membership, December 31, was 878,461. Total members to date, 6,019,301.

1933

President Franklin D. Roosevelt became honorary president and former President Hoover, honorary vice-president. The Mortimer L. Schiff Scout Reservation was formally opened and dedicated. The Fourth

World Jamboree was held at Godollo, Hungary, with 21,000 Scouts from 46 countries and an American contingent of 406 Scouts and leaders. Membership, December 31, was 904,240. Total members to date, 6,389,551.

1934

In response to the request of President Roosevelt in a radio address delivered February 10, Boy Scouts performed a nationwide Good Turn, collecting 1,812,284 items of clothing, household furnishings, foodstuffs, and supplies for the distressed and needy. President Roosevelt announced a national jamboree would be held in Washington, D.C., in 1935. A strong program of cooperation was developed with the Catholic Church. Special emphasis was placed on the health program. The Order of the Arrow program was approved. Membership, December 31, was 973,589. Total members to date, 6,530,330.

1935

The entire Scout membership celebrated the Silver Jubilee of Scouting. For the first time, the membership passed the million mark. Observed as part of the 25th anniversary celebration: Boys' Life anniversary in March, ceremonies incident to the publication of the 5-millionth copy of the Handbook for Boys in April, the Silver Anniversary Meeting of the National Council in October, and Christmas holiday camps. The proposed national jamboree was canceled because of an infantile paralysis epidemic. Membership, December 31, was 1,027,833. Total members to date, 6,945,160.

1936

In a broadcast on February 8, President Roosevelt again invited the Scout membership to a national jamboree to be held in Washington in July 1937. The Sixth National Training Conference for Scout Executives was held at French Lick, Ind. The 26th annual meeting of the National Council took place at Atlantic City. In recognition of its health and safety programs, the American Children's Fund made a grant of \$100,000 to the Boy Scouts of America. The new Handbook for Scoutmasters was published. Membership, December 31, was 1,069,837. Total members to date, 7,376,961.

1937

The First National Jamboree was held in Washington from June 30 to July 9, at the invitation of President Roosevelt, with an attendance of 27,232 representing 536 councils. This was followed by the Fifth World Jamboree at Vogelenzang, Holland (attendance in the American contingent: 814), and the Ninth International Scout Conference. A retirement plan for professional leaders was adopted. Membership, December 31, was 1,129,841. Total members to date, 7,858,931.

1938

The national program emphasized Americanism and a rededication to the Constitution of the United States and the Declaration of Independence. A magnificent gift was made by Waite Phillips, a campsite known as Philturn Rockymountain Scoutcamp (later changed to Philmont Scout Ranch-see 1941) consisting of 35,857 acres of land on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountain Continental Divide, near Cimarron, N.M. Scouts rendered unusual service in the New England hurricane and floods. The first grants from the Frank Phillips Foundation were made in Oklahoma and part of Texas to extend Scouting. Membership, December 31, 1,242,009. Total members to date, 8,399,923.

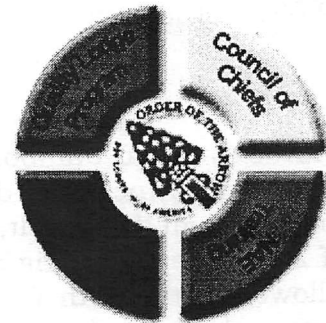
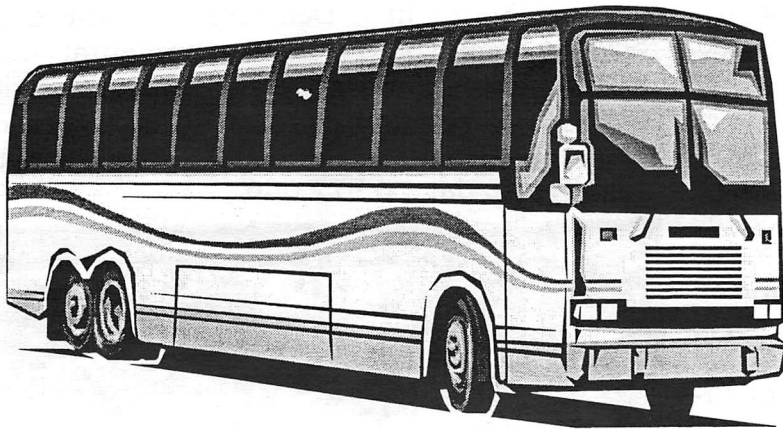
1939

Philturn Rockymountain Scoutcamp was opened for advanced Scout camping. Scouts participated in the Golden Gate Expo-

sition and at the New York World's Fair. A session of the 29th annual meeting was held at the New York World's Fair for a citizenship ceremony when a group of former Scouts who had just become 21 were formally received into citizenship by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts. The 10th International Scout Conference was held in Edinburgh, Scotland. The Seventh National Training Conference for Scout Executives was held at Bretton Woods, N.H. The Boy Scouts of America was represented at the White House Conference on Youth in a Democracy by the Chief Scout Executive. Special experimental work with Scouting in less-chance areas was carried on through the Irving Berlin Fund. Membership, December 31, was 1,357,993. Total members to date, 8,977,696.



Section Seminars 1999



Lodge Road Trip to Georgia November 12-14, 1999!!!!

On Friday morning November 12, 1999, the Arrowmen of Aal-Pa-Tah will travel to Nashville, Georgia for the 1999 Section Seminars. Since, we are hosting Section Seminars in 2000, it is imperative that all brothers who wish to be future lodge leaders attend this event. Space is limited. **Only the first 49 people to register can attend!** This is sure to be an adventure that you don't want to miss. Fill out the application on page 13 and mail it to the address below or bring it to the Fall Ordeal. Do not forget to include a check for \$40.00.

We Want You!

AAL-PA-TAH LODGE SELECTED TO HOST SECTION SEMINARS 2000

Recently, Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge beat out several other lodges for the opportunity to host the Section Seminars in November of 2000. Aal-Pa-Tah has never before had the opportunity to host this event, which is the largest training event of the year. Lodges from all over Florida and South Georgia will bring their members for intensive training in all areas of the Order, including Ceremonies, Native American Events and Lodge Operations.

Section Seminars were set up twenty five years ago to provide a weekend training opportunity for the section. It is also the site of the Council of Chiefs which will make decisions for the Section and approve the plan for the following Section Conference. In addition, the best patch trading of the year takes place at Section Seminars! A Pow-Wow takes place on Saturday night for the Native American enthusiasts. In recent years, a patch auction has also been added.

In preparation for this exciting opportunity, we are taking everyone who is interested to this year's Section Seminars in Valdosta, Georgia on the weekend of November 12-14, 1999. Our goal is to take a large contingent of youths and adults, so that they may see first hand what a Section Seminars is all about. The experiences gained by Aal-Pa-Tah arrowmen this year will be critical in making Section Seminars 2000 the best training event the Section has ever seen.

Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge has a great reputation for hosting section events. People still talk about the conferences that we hosted in 1997, 1988, 1981 and 1972. Let's make sure that we live up to our reputation when we host Section Seminars for the first time. Lodge Chief Steve Brown has raised the expectations of the Section in his bid for the Seminars. Now it is our opportunity to set the plan into action! Make plans now to be a part of this exciting weekend. Watch for updates to come in future issues.

Section Seminars 1999 Registration Form

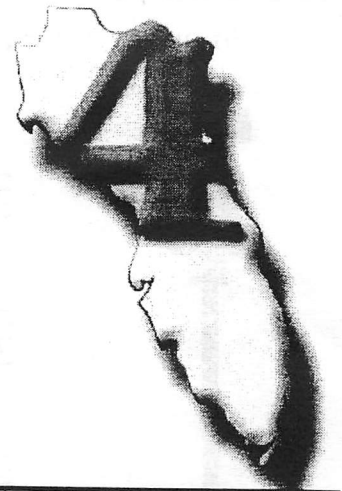
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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Unit #: _____ Chapter: _____

Membership (circle one): Ordeal Brotherhood Vigil



Section Seminars Registration	Cost	To Be Paid
Section Seminars Registration Fee	\$40.00	
2000 Lodge Dues	\$11.00	
Total		

Send This Form To:

Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge
Gulf Stream Council, BSA
8335 N. Military Trail
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Make Checks Payable to: Gulf Stream Council, BSA

ATTENTION ORDEAL MEMBERS WHO WERE INDUCTED IN 1998 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 the Ordeal weekend 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.

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.

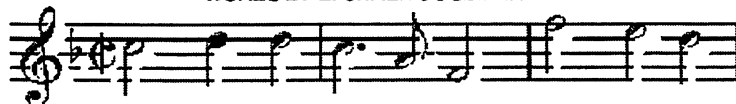
I will always regard the ties of brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow as lasting, and will seek to preserve a cheerful spirit even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities, and will endeavor, so far as in my power lies, to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.

3. Memorize the Order of the Arrow Song.



ORDER OF THE ARROW OFFICIAL SONG

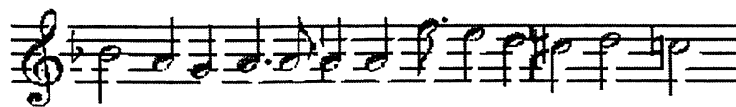
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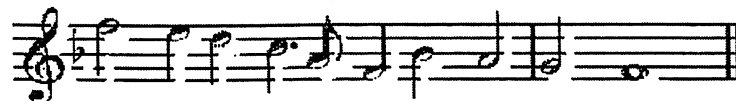
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clan That cheer-ful serv-ice brings To fel-low man.



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

Where to Go Camping Guide

The newest edition of the Lodge's Where to Go Camping Guide is complete and will be distributed to all Troops in the Council by Fall Fellowship. The book is very well planned, neat, and thorough. It will definitely serve a great purpose in the Gulf Stream Council.

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.

Operation First Class

Operation First Class is just a few months away on December 10, 1999. Dedicated Arrowmen are needed to staff this event. If you are interested in helping, please call Ryan Wertepny @ (561) 795-7453. This will be an excellent time to live out the Scout Oath and Law and to help other people.

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 Adventurerships

The Coleman Company is offering 90 \$375 Adventurerships to Scouts across the country. The Adventurership can be used for any scouting sponsored outdoor event. Every troop must nominate 1 Scout to be considered. If you are interested in applying, ask your Scout Master to look in his Kickoff packet for the application and instructions that are attached to the Annual Leader OA Update.

Section Conference 2000

Section Conference will be hosted by Echokotee 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.

If you have not paid your 2000 Lodge Dues, you will receive only one more issue of "Gator Tales." 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

September 1999

Fall Ordeal at Camp Tanah Keeta
- September 17-19, 1999

October 1999

NLS in Marianna, Florida
- October 15-17, 1999
Operation One Day
- October 9, 1999

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

Spring and Summer 2000

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

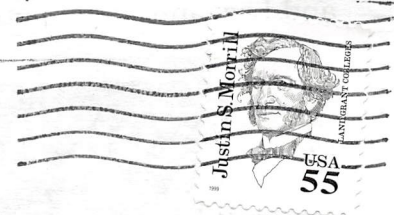
May 2000

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

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Dues paid through 2001
BRAD ELLIS

