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**THIS ISSUE OF THE GATOR TALE IS
DEDICATED TO TWO GREAT
ARROWMEN
ONE WHO IS LOST TO US BUT WILL
REMAIN IN OUR HEARTS
THE OTHER LOST AS AN ADVISOR
BUT REMAINS IN BROTHERHOOD**



Ron Sammler 1949 - 2000



Fred Danaher - Lodge Advisor

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CHIEFLY SPEAKING WITH STEPHEN BROWN

Brothers, it is with bittersweet emotions that I write this, my final Chiefly Speaking. It is hard to believe that yet another year has almost passed and our lodge will soon gather to select the next group of leaders. As I prepare to pass on the Chief's bonnet and jacket, I must thank many people. First, I would like to thank Chris Smith for supporting me in all of my various endeavors to improve the lodge. I would like to thank Mr. Danaher, not only for this past year, but for the last few years. Chris Rudinski and the late Mr. Sammler deserve all of our thanks for the wonderful meals



they have cooked all year. Finally, I would like to thank all of you for your support and dedication to Aal-Pa-Tah year round.

Well... It's the day before this article is due and I am sitting in the back seat of my mother's Cadillac on a trip with my family, wondering what to write about. As I am traveling up I-75 at nearly 10:00 p.m., I am amazed to see hundreds of cars scurrying in every direction. It is interesting to see how people as individuals go on with their lives, meeting their needs; but when people join groups, there seems to be a collective new perspective that forms. The Order of the Arrow is a prime example. As individuals, we all have our individual problems and cares, but when we come together for a weekend or other event, we all (individuals) come together (group) as friends. We find ourselves talking to people we would never give the time of day outside of OA and we treat each other with a mutual respect.

This reminds me of a story a good friend once told me: A wise man once called a group of children into a room and began to speak, "I have here a deck of cards." He handed a card to one of the children. "Rip the card in half." The child ripped the card with little effort. The man then took the remaining 51 cards and gave them to the same child. "Now, rip this in half." The child was unable to rip the deck, regardless of the effort he put into it. The man then said, "This is true of humanity; one can be ripped apart as a person; but when he is among friends, he is invincible." This short true anecdote serves as an admonition to people that they must be friendly and support each other, if they intend to survive. This is a similar purpose of the Order.

CHIEFLY SPEAKING continued

Unity is a necessity in our lodge. We are the strongest lodge in Florida, but if we take that for granted, we will fall. When I first joined Aal-Pa-Tah, Jimmy Walls was chief and Brad Ellis was Vice Chief. We were all psyched for the upcoming Section Conference that we were hosting and unity was apparent everywhere. Everyone played his part. I was on publications staff, Brad Ellis was Competitions Chairman, Paul Kohler was Shows Chairman, and Eric Mason was the Conference Chairman. These are my fondest memories of Aal-Pa-Tah. There is no reason that we cannot be as great now. It doesn't take a conference to give Aal-Pa-Tah spirit. In fact, we still have the spirit, it is just directed in different ways. When Trevor Kincaid, the Section Secretary, visited us in March, he could not believe people were still

up at midnight; we are the lodge that never sleeps and that takes a lot of spirit.

Wow, it is pretty cool how a few cars, hypnotizing road reflectors, and cramped legs can bring back memories and inspire thoughts.

By the way, it's now nearly 11:00 p. m. and I still have about 100 miles to go. It should be fun. See you all at Conference and in May.

Don't forget about Lodge Elections; I encourage all interested people to run for office. The candidate meeting will be held the Friday evening of the MEGA Scout Show.

You must call either Mr. Danaher or myself if you would like to run for a lodge position.

VICE CHIEF'S BEEF

WITH CHRISTOPHER SMITH

I would like to thank everyone for attending Spring Pow-Wow. I would also like to thank Chairman Evan Mason and his advisor Jeremy Culler for making the weekend one of the most memorable ones I have attended yet.

As you may know, Section Conference is just a few weeks away, and I encourage everyone to attend. There is always something for everyone. Also I would like to persuade everyone to assist us at the Mega Scout Show Pig Roast Booth. We will need a lot of help to make it as successful as it was last year. Remember, cheerful service is part of the reason you were selected to join the Order of the Arrow. There are plenty of opportunities available to you; such as lodge officers, committee chairmen, and service corps. The more help, the better.

I hope to see everyone at Section Conference, the May Pig Roast, and the May Service weekend.



ADVISOR'S CORNER WITH FRED DANAHER

As a lodge, Aal-Pa-Tah has always been different. This difference has manifested itself in a good way and has been most noticeable when Aal-Pa-Tah has hosted a Section event. Brothers from around a Section agree that a Section Conference at Tanah Keeta is always distinctive.

I believe this is because the youth of Aal-Pa-Tah have always had great vision. Great vision is a thing of the soul. It comes from knowing where we have been, from understanding where we are, and from having the dream of where we want to be. But great vision is not enough. Aal-Pa-Tah has also had great heart. Once the dream is dreamed or the vision is seen, only great heart can make it a reality.

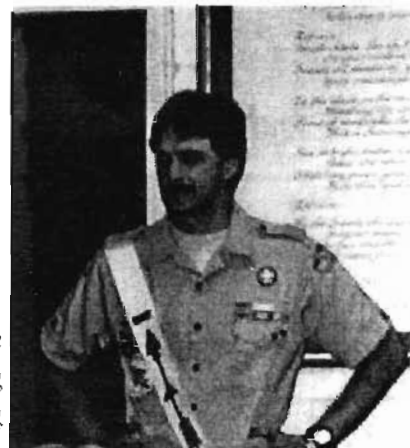
It won't be long until we journey

North for a Section Conference.

It will be interesting and exciting to see how

Echokotee Lodge melds their vision into this Section Conference. At conference, new Section Officers will be elected and our lodge will begin to work with the Section Vice-Chief to organize the Section Seminars which we will host next fall.

I hope that all the brothers of our lodge will come together in both vision and heart to make a Section Seminars that is distinctively Aal-Pa-Tah.



SECRETARY'S REPORT

WITH RANDY WERTEPNY

As time moves on, things change. Whether they are better or worse, we must adapt to the changes. Two great changes will effect our Brotherhood within the upcoming months: the death of Ron Sammler and the resignation of Fred Danaher.

Ron Sammler has been with our lodge and has served the Food Services Advisor since 1995. A great man dedicated to Scouting, not just the Order of the Arrow, he was a prime example of how an Arrowman should live up to our obligation and will never be forgotten.

No one can comprehend the amount

of time and effort that a Lodge Advisor dedicates to his Lodge. It takes a very dedicated Arrowman to serve as Lodge Advisor. For the last four years, this Arrowman has been Fred Danaher. Ever since I have been in the lodge, Mr. Danaher has been available to guide me and fellow scouts when needed.

The most important thing about change is to remember the past. The past will help guide you in the future. Surely, the examples led by Mr. Sammler and Mr. Danaher will be remembered by us all; and, hopefully, will continue to be upheld by us all.



TREASURER'S REPORT

WITH MAC McCLEAN



Fellow Aal-Pa-Tah members, I hope that everyone has had a great Spring Break! I would like to say one thing in this article that I think I should say. There has been something brought to my attention that I would like to comment on. Many feel that I have not kept my obligation to the treasurer position that I made when I became treasurer; and I agree, I have not. I have over-given (if that is a word!) myself to other things and have kind of pushed OA to the side. So I would just like to apologize to those that feel I did not carry out my position, and thank those that picked up my slack.

So carrying on, I would just like to remind everyone that the lodge box could always use a few more items! If you have any ideas or suggestions of items that you would like to see sold in the box, let us know! Also, make sure you bring money to purchase items in the box at OA events. "We exist to serve you." (I came up with that on my own; catchy, eh?) If you have not yet purchased your once-in-a-lifetime patch, make sure that you do! The cost is \$5. Remember also that we still have trader flaps and NOAC fundraiser flaps for sale. Come by and visit the "yellow box"!



HISTORIAN REPORT

WITH CHRIS MALIN

The historians project is going great! We just recently completed most of the display and are working hard to finish it up before section conference comes long. When you are there stop by and give your comments and suggestions about the exhibit and ask any questions you want.



NEEKEEWA CHAPTER REPORT

Dear Brothers,

I would first off like to congratulate our chapter for excellence in the Quest events at the Pow-Wow weekend — we placed in nerdling, a winger competition, capture the flag, and tug of war. At this weekend we also had a large showing; and suprisingly, some members from 840 came, too.

If I haven't already, I will be going around to all of your troops and conducting elections. I am still looking forward to getting some more Troop Representatives. If your troop doesn't have one, you need to talk to your scoutmaster and get one. Hope to see you at the May service weekend.

CHOO-WA-CHOBE'S CHAPTER REPORT WITH MATTHEW TEELE

Fellow Brothers,

Choo-wa-chobe's presence at the weekends is still very low, and I would like to see all of you at the next OA weekend in May. This is very important, because without you guys, we can't get anything done in the lodge or the chapter.

I am also still awaiting any patch designs you have for our chapter patch.

NO ARTICLES OR REPORTS SUBMITTED FROM THE FOLLOWING CHAPTERS:

A-Bani-Ki Chapter	Lowaneu Mawat
Ne-Ke-Wa Chapter	Oi-Ya-Tah
Osceola Chapter	

CHEE-PA-TAH CHAPTER REPORT WITH DANIEL BIALCZAK

Hello all my fellow Chee-Pa-Tah chapter members. Even though we are one of the largest chapters, our chapter had one of the poorest turnouts at Spring Pow Wow. The next O.A. weekend will be the Section 4 Conference in April. This is one of the largest and most fun weekends you will ever experience in the O.A. I will be expecting a much larger turnout at this weekend.

The Troop Representative program is still in action. If your troop still does not have a Troop Rep., make sure your Scoutmaster knows about the program and starts working on getting your troop a Rep. I will be contacting the Scoutmaster and the troop Reps. to see how the program is going. Contact me if you need the registration form to sign up.

If your scoutmaster is not part of the O.A., you will need to show him this report.

Scoutmasters, the troop elections are coming up. They will be between April 1st and May 31. You should be getting a letter in the mail. I need you to find out which of your scouts are eligible. I will be contacting you in order to set up a night for one of the election teams can come to your meeting. If you have questions, I will be at the next round table so you can ask me any questions you may have about the Troop Rep., elections or the O.A.

If you have any questions contact me, Daniel Bialczak, at 791-0134 or at DWB13185@aol.com. Hope to see you at Section Conference.



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Thanks,

Ryan J. Wertepny & Randy Wertepny

Mega Scout Show

Is everyone ready for the pig roast this year? It is on Friday, May 12th (as early as possible) and on Saturday May 13th (till about 3:00 pm) at Roger Dean Baseball Stadium off of Donald Ross Road in North Palm Beach.

This will be Aal-Pa-Tah's third year of hosting the pig roast, and we are really excited. This year we are planning on having a DJ, venison, maybe some snake and alligator, and some cool activities for the troops to participate in.

The fee for this event is \$10.00 and includes meals. If you have any ideas, questions, or are interested in being on staff, please call me so that I may put you on the list. If you have already signed up for staff,

CAMPERSHIP REPORT WITH RANDY WERTEPNY

TK Extreme 2000 is fast approaching and hopefully everyone plans on attending summer camp.

Applications for camperships were in the last Gator Tale; however, if you need a form, they are available at council office.

Applications are due at the Mega Scout Show.

If you have any questions, please call me at 705-7453 or fax at 753-7079.

LODGE AND CHAPTER ELECTIONS

WHO: Anyone interested in running for any of the Lodge positions. Lodge positions include: Lodge chief, Vice Chief, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian

WHAT: Must call Steve or Mr. Danaher and let them know which position you are interested in.

CANDIDATES MUST ATTEND AN INTERVIEW TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, MAY 12TH AT THE MEGA SCOUT SHOW.

WHERE: Lodge and Chapter elections will be held at the May Service Weekend. (See pg. 18 for election rules.)

WHY: Because the Lodge needs YOU as a future leader!!

IN MEMORY OF MR. SAMMLER

It is always very difficult to cope with the death of a friend. Mr. Ron Sammler was a friend to all in the lodge and we will miss him greatly. Mr. Sammler was born on August 8, 1949. He first joined the Order when he was sixteen with Ajapeu Lodge #33 where he became a brotherhood member in 1966. He was a Life Scout. Twenty-nine years later in 1995, he transferred into Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge where he quickly became involved working in the kitchen as early as the Ordeal that was held on September 29, 1995. In 1998 when Ray Malin became Lodge Associate Adviser, Mr. Sammler stepped up and took on the position of Food Services Adviser that Mr. Malin left behind. He always had a smile and a witty attitude, and he was very supportive of the Lodge Executive Committee Members.

Outside of Scouting, Mr. Sammler was very accomplished as well. He was married for 19 years and a father to two sons. Both sons are Eagle Scouts and members of Aal-Pa-Tah. He served in the Navy including three years in Vietnam. He spent his time on many hobbies including; hunting, marksmanship, rebuilding old cars; and, of course, Scouting. His wife said, "Mr. Sammler loved working with the youth." He was also very active in his church, serving on the properties committee for over two years.

The world was truly blessed to have known Mr. Sammler, and he will be missed greatly.



Thank you,
Mr. Danaher!!



A Note From Fred Danaher

Years can pass in the blink of an eye. It doesn't seem long ago that I took over as Lodge Advisor, but indeed it has been four years. Those years seem so typical of the Order of the Arrow. In that short time I've had so many awesome experiences including being a part of the 1997 Section Conference that we hosted at Tanah Keeta, attending several NOACs, freezing my limbs at Section Seminars in the northern part of our section, and attending a National Leadership Summit in Colorado.

I've had the opportunity to advise four outstanding youth, who in their position as lodge chief guided the lodge forward with their own vision and strength. I watched our lodge come together in vision and heart to create the best Section Conference I have ever seen. I've watched the lodge organize an outstanding yearly training session, LLDC, in which the leaders of our lodge learn and grow. I watched the LEC create a Campership Fund to help scouts in need attend summer camp and find ways to endow the fund. I've seen our lodge accept and meet the challenge from our Council Executive of running Operation First Class, so that scouts who would not otherwise have the opportunity, could have a camping experience. And not least, I have been a part of the fun of the OA Scout Show pig roast.

In addition, I've formed great friendships, both within the lodge and across the country that will last a lifetime. Because of the friendships from outstanding people, my role in the lodge has been an easy one. I cannot say enough about the unwavering support, and steady flow of encouragement, understanding and ideas that I have received. This is not to say that there haven't been bumps; of course there have, but I have learned from them, and I hope the youth I have worked with have learned from them. As is often the case, the detractors I have encountered were not usually people who were willing to be a part of a solution.

Though some of you might not have known it, during the time I have been Lodge Advisor I have also been a Den Leader, Cub Master, and I am currently a Webelos Leader. During the next year I will be looking forward to watching my Den cross over into Boy Scouting and work with them there. With that in mind, I have met with Ron Oats, our Chief of the Fire (who appoints the Lodge Advisor) and Ron Barbour our staff advisor and have given them my resignation, which will be effective at our May Service Weekend. I trust that they will find a new Advisor who will, in his own style, advise the youth of our lodge to guide us all toward a higher vision.

If I listed all of the people who deserve my humble thanks and gratitude I fear Randy would not be able to find room for this in our publication. As the lodge stands right now there are about forty positions for Advisors. I want to thank all of you who accepted positions and advised our youth so well. I have enjoyed getting to know you all and working with you. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Finally, let me say that if this sounds like good-bye, it is only good-bye as Lodge Advisor. I am still looking forward to participating in our events and helping the youth in whatever way I can. Thank you again.

THE HISTORY OF SCOUTING THE 1960'S

1960

During Scouting's Golden Jubilee Year, thousands of boys earned the 50th Anniversary Achievement Award. Some 56,378 Scouts and leaders attended the Fifth National Jamboree at Colorado Springs, Colo., July 22-28. Scouts took part in a nationwide Get-Out-the-Vote campaign. The U.S. Post Office Department issued a Boy Scout commemorative stamp in February. A representative from each state took part in the Report to the Nation during Boy Scout Week. The 50th annual meeting was held in Washington, D.C., June 1-3. The Johnston Historical Museum was dedicated at New Brunswick, N.J., on June 4. On August 1, Joseph A. Brunton, Jr., became Chief Scout Executive. Membership, December 31, was 5,160,958. Total members to date, 33,076,901.

1961

In February, 12 Explorers presented the Report to the Nation to President John F. Kennedy. Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., was again the scene of the Order of the Arrow's national conference with 2,000 members present.

The 51st annual meeting was held in Detroit in June with 2,400 Scouters attending. Delegations of Scouts and leaders attended several foreign jamborees and the 18th International Scout Conference in Portugal. Twelve regional Explorer delegate conferences, participated in by 12,000 Explorers, made plans for the First National Explorer Delegate Conference to be held in 1962. Membership, December 31, was 5,210,294. Total members to date, 34,524,815.

1962

The Fit for Tomorrow program was



launched. The 52d annual meeting was held at Portland, Ore., May 17-18, with some 2,200 Scouters attending.

Charter Day observances in Washington, D.C., on June 14, commemorated Scouting's original Charter from Congress in June 1916. More than 3,000 Explorers attended the First National Explorer Delegate Conference at Ann Arbor, Mich., August 26-30. A "GO" roundup was developed around space exploration in cooperation with America's astronauts. Membership, December 31, was 5,322,167. Total members to date, 36,058,864.

1963

Scouts and Explorers presented the Report to the Nation to President Kennedy during Boy Scout Week. The 1963-65 Program of Emphasis-Scouting Can Make the Difference-was launched. More than 2,500 delegates attended the 53d annual meeting in New York, May 23-24. Philmont Scout Ranch received an anonymous gift of 10,098 acres. The Eleventh National Training Conference for Scout Executives was held at the University of Illinois, August 29-September 4, with nearly 5,000 attending. Each region held an Explorer delegate conference. The biennial National Order of the Arrow Conference took place August 23-25 at the University of Illinois. Some 621 Scouts and Scouters attended the Eleventh World Jamboree held at Marathon, Greece, August 1-11. Membership, December 31, was 5,446,910. Total members to date, 37,500,314.

1964

Waite Phillips, donor of Philmont Scout Ranch and the Philtower Building, died in January. The New York World's Fair Service Corps of 2,772 boys and adults operated for 18 weeks. The 54th annual meeting was held at Cleveland, May 21-22. Thomas J. Watson, Jr., was elected president by the 2,500 representatives attending. The Strengthen America's Heritage program was launched in cooperation with Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge. The Sixth National Jamboree was held at Valley Forge, July 17-23, with 52,000 Scouts and leaders participating. The Second National Explorer Delegate Conference at the University of Kansas, August 16-20, attracted 1,200 Explorers and Advisors. The commemorative tribute statue was unveiled in Washington, D. C., on November 7. The Program of Emphasis was continued. Membership, December 31, was 5,583,700. Total members to date, 39,120,922.

1965

The Report to the Nation was presented to President Johnson during Boy Scout Week by 12 Boy Scouts and Explorers. The 55th annual meeting was held at Bal Harbour, Fla., May 20-21, with 2,300 attending. "The Program of Emphasis Breakthrough for Youth" for 1965-67 was launched. Each region held an Explorer delegate conference. Some 3,727 boys and leaders served at the New York World's Fair, while 4,237 attended the Golden Anniversary National Conference of the Order of the Arrow at Indiana University, August 27-31.

Thomas J. Watson, Jr., was elected to the World Committee at the XX World Conference meeting in Mexico City, September 27-October 3. The Inner-City Rural Program was launched. Mrs. Ernest Thompson Seton presented memorabilia of her husband. An addition was begun of the Johnston Historical Museum. The 500,000th Eagle Scout badge was presented and the 40,000,000th member was registered. Membership, December 31, was 5,732,708. Total members to date, 40,746,314.



1966

Boy Scouts and Explorers, representing 12 regions, presented the Report to the Nation to President Johnson. "The Program of Emphasis Breakthrough for Youth" continued. The 56th annual meeting at Dallas, May 19-20, attracted 3,163 Scouters and their wives. The revised Charter and Bylaws of the Boy Scouts of America was adopted. Some 2,149 Explorers and Advisors attended the Third National Explorer Delegate Conference at Indiana University, August 14-18. More than 17,000 boys and leaders visited the renamed Philmont Scout Ranch and Explorer Base, and 13,828 Scouts and leaders visited other countries. The dedication of the new wing of the Johnston Historical Museum in New Brunswick took place in June. In October, ground was broken for an Ernest Thompson Seton Memorial Library and Museum at Philmont. Membership, December 31, was 5,831,521. Total members to date, 42,375,467.

1967

The Boy Scouts of America hosted the XII World Jamboree. The XXI Boy Scouts World Conference was held in Seattle, Wash. The Report to the Nation was made to President Johnson, and Report to the State ceremonies were conducted in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Pittsburgh, Pa., hosted the 57th National Council Annual Meeting. Thomas J. Watson, Jr., was elected to a fourth term as President. The Ernest Thompson Seton Memorial Library and Museum at Philmont and the Ellsworth H. Augustus International Scout House at the national office were dedicated. The National Order of the Arrow Conference drew 4,158 members to the University of Nebraska. Alden G. Barber became the fifth Chief Scout Executive. The updated Cub Scout program was launched in September, establishing a

special Webelos Scout program. Nearly 26,000 needy and non-Scouts attended Scout camps. Regional Explorer delegate conferences were held in all 12 regions. Membership, December 31, was 6,058,508. Total members to date, 44,139,905.

1968

The National Council at its 58th annual meeting in Chicago elected Irving Feist President and adopted the BOYPOWER '76 8-year long-range program. The National Executive Institute began at Schiff Scout Reservation and Philmont Scout Ranch and Explorer Base. The National Council raised national membership adult fees to \$2 and boy fees to \$1. A total of 1,449,266 Webelos activity badges were earned during the year. Scouts and Explorers earned 28,311 Eagle Awards and 1,743,567 merit badges. Exploring deputies were named in each region. Membership, December 31, was 6,247,160. Total members to date, 45,997,048.

1969

A record 3,979 persons attended the 59th annual meeting in Boston. Irving Feist was reelected President. The BOYPOWER '76 long-range plan was shared with President Richard M. Nixon in Washington, D.C., on February 7, 1969, by the Report to the Nation Scouts and Explorers. Exploring initiated a Grand National Safe-Driving Road Rally with winning representatives of local council road rallies competing for scholarships. Young women were accepted as participants in special-interest posts. The 7th National Jamboree was held at Farragut State Park, Idaho, with more than 35,000 Scouts and leaders attending. The National Order of the Arrow Conference, held at Indiana University, was attended by 4,421 delegates.

NOAC 2000

NOAC 2000 National Order of the Arrow Conference

All of the planning for NOAC this year is going smoothly. We already have all forty slots full and a waiting list. This year's attendance will be greater than ever before.

NOAC this year will be held at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. NOAC is 6 days and 5 nights of the best training, seminars, Indian lore, Indian dancing, and shows. This year our lodge is hoping to compete in numerous events, so if you are signed up and interested in competing in any events, please contact me and I will sign you up.

Now here is your chance for a once-in-a-lifetime rare opportunity: one of the delegate patch sets will be offered to the lodge on open sale at the Service weekend, while supplies last, for only \$7.00 a set. This is a very cool design and includes UV sensitive thread; so don't miss out!



Ryan J. Wertepny



Section Conference Schedule

Friday – April 7th, 2000

- 3:00 PM — Registration Begins,
Pre-Order Pick-up, Camp
Set-up
Trading Post and Grill will be
open
- 9:30 PM — Pre-Show
- 10:00 PM — Show
- 11:00 PM — Cracker Barrel
Council of Chiefs
- 11:30 PM — Conference Trading
Post and Grill Close
Midnight Kings Cup Set-up
Begins
All Quiet in Campsites

Saturday – April 8th, 2000

- 6:30 AM — 5K Run
- 7:00 – 8:30 AM — Breakfast and Vigil
Breakfast
- 9:00 AM — Ceremonies
Competition Begins
Best-All-Around Lodge
Competition Begins
Ordeal Administration,
Publications, and Group Dance
Judging Begins
“Big Dance” Begins
Conference Trading Post and Grill
Open
- 9:00 AM – 12:00 — Training
Sessions (three 45 min.
sessions)
- 10:00 AM — Kings Cup Viewing
and Competition Begins

- 12:00 – 1:00 PM — Lunch and
Ordeal Lunch
- 1:30 PM — Quest for Golden Arrow
Begins
Singing and Craft Competition
Begins
- 3:00 PM — Individual Dance
Registration and Skilled
Solo Competition Begins
- 4:00 PM — Adult Sink-a-Hon
Begins
- 6:00-7:30 PM — Feast
- 8:30 PM — Pre-Show
- 9:00 PM — Show
- 10:30 PM — Festival of Feathers and
Individual Competition
- 11:00 PM — Ice Cream Social and
Cracker Barrel
Council of Chiefs
- 11:30 PM — Conference Trading Post
and Grill Close
Midnight — All Quiet in Campsites

Sunday – April 9th, 2000

- 7:30 – 8:15 AM — Breakfast
- 8:30 AM — Interfaith Service
- 9:00 AM — Section Business Meeting



LEC MINUTES OF 3-11-00

Officer and Chairman Reports

Historian Report

"All good." Finishing King' Cup display for Section Conference.

Coo-wa-chobe Report

Striving for improved attendance.

Brotherhood Chairman Report

Sadly, no one signed up for Brotherhood for this weekend. Working on a better turnout for the May Service Weekend.

Lowaneu Mawat Chapter Report

Doubled attendance and participation this weekend.

NOAC Report

Three patch sets will be available for NOAC. The final cost for NOAC is \$425 per person. NOAC is July 27 through August 5. "It's a must go event." "Chee-pa-tah kicked @\$ in volleyball."

Section Seminar Report

Section seminars is going great. Working on many new seminars.

Chee-Pa-Tah Chapter Report

Average turnout for the weekend; looking to improve attendance for the service weekend. Looking for more troop representatives.

Past Lodge Chief

Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge website is complete. Check us out!!

Secretary's Report

Need articles. Must have them by 3-15-00.

Old Business

Official Lodge Patch

There were three patch designs submitted. The secretary made a motion to have the "Swampy Gator" patch as the new official patch. Keeper of the Report seconds the motion. Vote was held; 6 for the motion, 4 against, and 2 abstain. Due to the tie, the Lodge Chief approved the motion.

Announcements

Officer Elections

Interviews will be held at the Scout Show weekend. Attendance is mandatory if you are running for office.

Phil made a motion to adjourn the LEC. Seconded by everyone. Meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.



NEW LODGE ELECTION RULES

Candidate Eligibility

A candidate for office:

1. Must have been inducted or transferred into AAL-PA-TAH at least six months prior to the election date.
2. Must have dues paid for the current year.
3. Must not reach his 21st birthday during the scheduled term of office.
4. Must physically reside within the official boundaries of The Gulf Stream Council.
5. Must be currently registered with a unit that is chartered by The Gulf Stream Council, B.S.A.
6. Must present himself at the scheduled candidates' meeting¹, unless he is running for a chapter position or makes specific prior arrangements with the Lodge Chief and/or Lodge Advisor. The candidate may have one person of their choosing with him during the interview. The person can be anyone of the candidate's choosing as long as they are not also a candidate.
7. Must be determined eligible by the Interview Committee.

¹ The Interview Committee is composed of The Current Lodge Chief, only if he is not running for an office, The Lodge Advisor, Associate Advisor(s), and one youth, who is not a candidate, that is appointed by The Lodge Chief.

Voter Eligibility

All dues paid members who have not reached their 21st birthday by the day of the election are entitled to vote. No absentee ballots or proxies are permitted. The Lodge Secretary is responsible to provide the supervisor of elections with an accurate list of eligible voters.

General Election Rules

1. The election for each office is to be held separately. The results will be announced before the next election will begin.
2. A candidate may run for any office. If he is defeated, he may run for another office of his choice.
3. Campaign promotional material is limited to a single flyer. The size may not exceed 8½" by 11". It may be printed on both sides, folded or cut in any manner and on any paper stock. There will be no other campaign material by The Candidate nor on his behalf. Flyers may only be passed out, or hung as posters in a neat manner, after weekend registration has begun.
4. A candidate may be disqualified, upon the approval of the Lodge Key 3, for violations of the election procedure or for conduct that is not keeping with the highest traditions of The Boy Scouts of America. The Scout Oath, Scout Law and Obligation of our order will serve as a standard of judgment. A candidate may be held responsible for actions on his behalf.
5. The Lodge Chief and Lodge Advisor shall appoint one youth and one advisor. The youth will hold the title, Supervisor of Elections, and shall hold such duties and responsibilities as are implied by that title and any other duties as may be assigned to him by the Lodge Chief.
6. At the time of the Annual Lodge Business Meeting, The Candidates will be expected to:
 - A. Be nominated by another youth member of the lodge. The Nominator will be allowed to speak for two minutes on behalf of The Candidate.
 - B. Speak for two minutes, if they so wish.
 1. Neither the current Lodge Chief (unless he is running), The Supervisor of Elections, nor any adult may nominate, speak for, or in any way publicly endorse any candidate.
 2. The Candidate that receives greater than 50% of the votes is elected. Unintelligible ballots are not counted.
 3. Unopposed candidates must receive greater than 50% of all votes.
 4. In the event of a tie vote, there will be one additional ballot to break the tie. Before the ballot is given, the tied candidates will each be given an additional two minutes to speak on their behalf, if they so wish. If the second ballot results in a tie, the determination of which of the tied candidates will serve in the office is made by the Lodge Executive Committee, before the new officers are installed, and will require a majority vote of that body. Lodge Chief may never be chosen by the Lodge Executive Committee and must be the result of a whole Lodge vote.
 5. If no candidate receives greater than 50% of the votes for an office, a second election will be held immediately between the two candidates who received the highest amounts of votes if the second vote results in a tie, the determination of which of the tied candidates will serve in the office is made by the Lodge Executive Committee, before the new officers are installed, and will require a majority vote of that body. Lodge Chief may never be chosen by the Lodge Executive Committee and must be the result of a whole Lodge vote..
 6. If no candidates run for an office, the newly elected Lodge Chief will appoint a lodge member who meets the candidate eligibility requirements to that office. The Lodge Executive Committee must approve appointments of elected officers.
7. After counting, the ballots will be held by the Supervisor of Elections for a period of thirty days. Any lodge member, with the approval of the Lodge Chief may review the ballots during this period.

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.

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.

2. Memorize the Obligation of the Order of the Arrow.
3. Memorize the Order of the Arrow Song.



ORDER OF THE ARROW OFFICIAL SONG WORDS BY E. URNER GOODMAN

Firm bound in bro-ther-hood, Ga - ther the
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 CALENDAR

Spring and Summer 2000

April 2000

SR-4 Section Conference at
Camp Shands
April 7 - 9, 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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