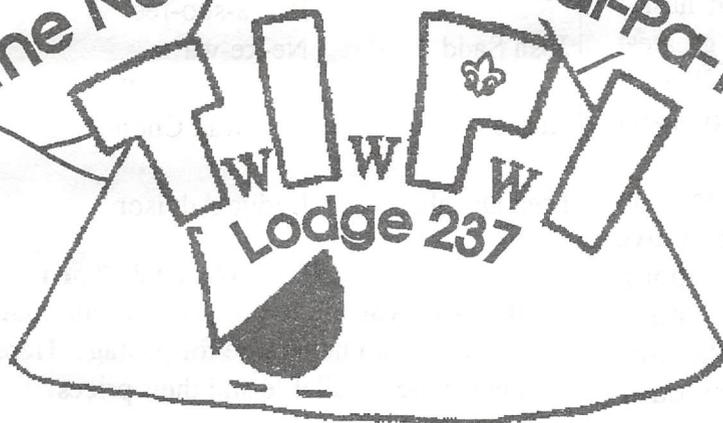


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Editor's Comments...

It's finally here! Yes, you guessed it, Section Conference '98. For any of you that hasn't been to an SC, get ready for one of the greatest times of Brotherhood and fun that you will ever have. It is a time when Brothers from Florida and parts of Georgia get together to have fun and share times of fellowship. The lodges will compete in many things such as Individual and Group Native American Dancing, games, Craft competitions, Order of the Arrow Ceremonies, Lodge History, and even Publications. So get ready for the time of your life and go out there and show the other Lodges what we're made of!

A word to Chapter Chiefs: If your entry in the LEC Directory is not correct, please call me to add your name or number to the list.

I would also like to once again invite anyone who is a talented photographer, writer, or anyone else that would like to help out in the publication of the *TIPI* to call me at 734-8822 and find out you can help your lodge.

Yours in Fellowship,
Evan Mason

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LEC Directory

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	Lowaneu Mawats	
Chris Malin	Oi-ya-tah	466-0054
Mike Maniscalco	Osceola	744-2031
	Pan-a-soo-fee	
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	At-seena-hoofa	
Russell Kahn	Coo-wah Chobee	732-4560
Fred Danaher	Lodge Advisor	276-3044

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
Small Year Patch	\$5.00
Large Florida shape 50th Anniv.	\$5.00
Small Florida shape 50th Anniv.	\$2.00

Send a check made out to Gulfstream Council with your order to the council office at 8335 North Military Trail, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410-6329.



Chiefly Speaking by Ryan Durocher

Brothers of Aal-Pa-Tah,

First, I would like to personally congratulate Adam Kazcmarek and Ray Malin on receiving our highest honor, Vigil. They have each worked tirelessly for this lodge, and Vigil is certainly a fitting honor for them both.

I would also like to congratulate Ryan Wertepny and the O.A. Service Corps for the tremendous work they did at the Council Camporee. I was proud to call myself their brother when I saw the way they handled themselves on Saturday evening. Mr. Sasser also deserves congratulations as Camporee Chief and for working with the O.A. Service Corps.

Congratulations are also in order for all of the members who went through Brotherhood at the Spring Pow-Wow. Each of their names are listed in this issue. As always, I would encourage all members, who are eligible, to seal their membership in the Order by completing their Brotherhood. Your next opportunity to do so will be at the work weekend in June. Start preparing now, check the *TUPI* and your O.A. handbook for details. Do what it takes so that when you register at the work weekend you can answer "Yes" when they ask "Are you ready for Brotherhood?".

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Geof Miller for his outstanding job as Weekend Chairman for the Spring Pow-Wow. The Weekend was a success due to Geof and his committee's hard work.

As many of you may know, the June Work Weekend is swiftly approaching. With the June Weekend also comes Lodge Officer Elections. Last year, the L.E.C. voted to hold Elections at the June Weekend. Anyone who wishes to run for office must, among other things, attend the mandatory meeting on May 28th at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Service Center. We have included a copy of the complete rules for the election and voting. I encourage everyone to run for a Lodge Office, it is one of the most rewarding experiences you can undertake. Even if you don't want to run for a Lodge Office, I hope you will still come to vote on the people who do decide to run. Each youth member of the lodge has an equal vote in determining just who will lead the lodge for the year ahead. Use your power. Come to the Work Weekend and vote!

I hope to see everyone at the June Work Weekend.

Yours in Friendship and Fellowship,

Ryan Durocher

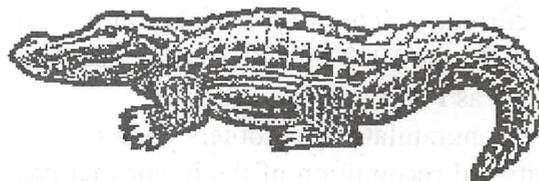
Advisor's Corner by Fred Danaher

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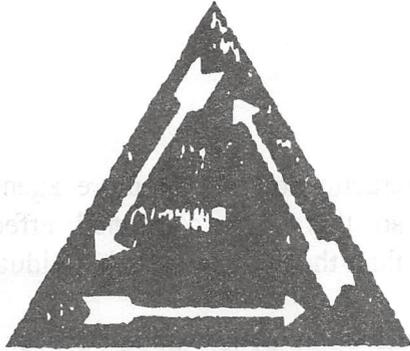
1. The interaction of two or more agents or forces so that their combined effect is greater than the sum of their individual effects.
2. Cooperative interaction among groups, that creates an enhanced combined effect.

I recall reading a book entitled Synergy by Buckminster Fuller who invented the geodesic dome. He was an American architect and inventor who sought to solve practical problems with simple designs using a minimum of materials and energy. In his book he conveys the message that individual efforts and talents can only reach a specific limit but if combined in synergistic fashion results can be obtained that are many times greater.

In group dynamics, such as our lodge, synergy can only be obtained if each part is aware of a common set of goals and if each is aware of what the other parts are doing. Synergy can not happen by chance. Too often great individual effort remains independent or cancels the effort of others. We must all work to coordinate our efforts. In the next issue of the *TUPI* I will discuss specific ways each of us can ensure our actions are synergistic and help maximize the benefit given to our Lodge, Camp and Council.



Arrowmen Honored by the Lodge at the Spring Pow-Wow



At the Spring Pow-Wow in March, two of our brothers were presented with the Vigil Honor, the highest honor that our Lodge can bestow upon our members. These brothers are:

Adam Kaczmarek. Adam has been a very active member of the lodge, since his Ordeal in September of 1991. He sealed his membership in the Order a year later, in September of 1992. Over the last five years, Adam has served numerous times as an Elangomat at our Ordeals. He has also been a part of many service projects at Camp, as a member of his unit, Sea Scout Ship 307 of Boca Raton, including helping in the parking lot renovation and construction of both the new Health Lodge and Camp Staff Building.

Most recently, Adam served as the 1997 Section Conference Trading Post Co-Chairman and is currently the 1998 NOAC Contingent Chairman.

Ray Malin. Mr. Mailin is a long time member of the Order, having been inducted in 1960. He completed his membership in the Order by taking the Brotherhood in 1962.

Mr. Malin has been very active, especially in the last five years, serving and coordinating our kitchen staff during Lodge weekends. Mr. Mailin is currently Scoutmaster of Troop 476 in Fort Pierce. At the 1997 Section Conference, Mr. Malin served as Food Services Advisor.

We congratulate our brothers upon receiving the outward recognition of the honor that has already been an integral part of their character.

Chapter Reports

A baniki - Abaniki is ready for a great Section Conference, after an awesome Spring Pow-Wow. We all know that we are the best chapter (don't tell anyone), and we will show our spirit at the June work weekend. We are currently looking for a few more dedicated Arrowmen to help with unit elections, so if you are interested, please call me, Stephen Brown, at 1-561-451-3684. Also, if you ever have any questions or suggestions for chapter activities, please call me, my phone is open 24 hours a day 7 days a week. **GO ABANIKI!**

Coo-wah Chobee - As you may have known we pulled an easy first place in the quest at the spring Pow-Wow, showing our enthusiasm and overall chapter fellowship. But the day of judgement is near, section conference is close and we need to spark even more enthusiasm in the lodge as we battle for the best all around lodge in the section. Hope to see you all there, but if not, you don't know what you're missing.



Those Who Sealed Their Membership in the Order and Became Brotherhood Members March 21, 1998 at Camp Tanah-Keeta

Donald H. Albury
Robert W. Albury
Dan R. Bauer
Leslie G. Bauer
Alan W. Dennis
William C. Kenyon
Tammy R. Malin

Geoffrey P. Miller
Eric L. Nickerson
Brian M. Nickerson
Lynn Pike
Lynn Shea
Robert L. Sikes
Matthew A. Tackett



Section Conference Update

The 1998 OA Section Conference is coming soon! This year's Section Conference is being held on April 17-19 at Camp LaNoChe in Central Florida Council. Section Conference is a coming together of brothers from Georgia and Florida for a fun filled weekend of games, seminars, and competitions. It is going to be a lot of fun.

The cost for this great weekend is \$65, plus a \$10 late fee, and includes a T-shirt, hat, and a SQUEAKY GATOR!! You need to send your deposit in to the Gulf Stream Council Office.

We will be traveling by charter bus and will be leaving on Friday, April 17th, from 3 different locations in Palm Beach and St. Lucie Counties. We will be leaving at 11:00 from the Delray Beach Mall, 11:35 from the Southhill Shopping Center, 12:15 from Shoney's in Jupiter, and 12:30 from the Ft. Pierce Outlet Mall. Please be sure to bring lunch for the trip up, extra money for dinner on Friday Night and Sunday Lunch. In order for us to have enough time to get organized at each stop, you will need to be there 30 minutes early. We will be returning to the south end of Palm Beach County around 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

NOAC '98

The 1998 National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held on the beautiful campus of the University of Iowa in Ames, Iowa. This year, Conference will begin on August 2 and end on August 6. NOAC is a gathering of Arrowmen from throughout the nation. It is a full week of fun, seminars, patch trading, and competitions. There will be competitions in Native American group dance, individual dance, ceremonies, Lodge history, and many others.

Have we failed to mention the fantastic nightly Shows? Yes, great shows that include nationally known entertainment and celebrities, as well as professionally directed youth Arrowmen.

The cost for this week is \$700 which includes the Conference fee, lodging in the university's dorm rooms, transportation, food, contingent T-shirts, and contingent member patch.

We only have a couple of spots in our allotment left, so act fast before they're all gone. A non-refundable (but fully transferable) fee of \$100 will hold you a spot.

This is going to be a great trip that you won't to miss. To get on board the NOAC Express, call Adam Kaczmarek at 368-3511 today.

OA Philmont Trail Crew

The National Order of the Arrow Committee is sponsoring a unique program at Philmont this summer for youth members of the Order. This program is called the OA Trail Crew and its purpose is to complete a new hiking trail to the famous Tooth of Time.

Trail crew members spend one week camping on the Philmont property, spending their days on completing the trail. While this is not easy work, those who participate will have an experience of a lifetime working alongside OA members from across the country. Following their week of trail construction, the members then spend the following week hiking about Philmont in an itinerary they themselves plan & choose.

The trail, which was started two summers ago, will be completed this summer. Youth members of the lodge are eligible to apply for one of the five different sessions during the summer. As an incentive, the National Committee is paying part of the Philmont fees, thereby reducing the fee for those who are selected to \$100 (plus transportation).

Applicants must be at least 16 years old at the time of the O.A. Trail Crew this summer, and approved by both the Lodge Advisor and the Scout Executive. Those interested in the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew should call Lodge Chief, Ryan Durocher, as soon as possible to get the necessary application paperwork started.



Lodge Election Procedure

Each year the Lodge gathers for the Annual Business Meeting for the purpose of electing the youth leaders who will carry out the Lodge program for the ensuing year. At the June Work Weekend, election of the following officers will be held:

Lodge: Chief, Vice Chief, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian

Chapter: Chief, Vice Chief, Secretary



Candidate Eligibility

A Candidate for office:

- 1 Must have been inducted into Aal-Pa-Tah or transfer into the Lodge at least 6 months prior to the date of the elections.
- 2 Dues must be paid for the current year.
- 3 Shall not reach his 19th birthday during the year/term in which he will serve in the office (term ends: June of 1999).
- 4 Must physically reside (live and attend school or be employed) within the official boundaries of the Gulf Stream Council, B.S.A.
- 5 Must be currently registered in a unit that is chartered by the Gulf Stream Council, B.S.A.
- 6 Present himself as a Candidate at the scheduled Candidate's Meeting on May 28th, 6:30 p.m., at the Gulf Stream Council office. Prior to that date, all Candidates must call either Ryan Durocher at 368-3796 or Fred Danaher 276-3044. If a Candidate is unable to attend he still must call or he may not be eligible to run.*

*Chapter Officers do not attend this meeting. Chapter elections must be held at the same Lodge weekend and at a time and location arranged with the Lodge Chief.

NOTE: The Interview Committee is composed of the current Lodge Chief (if not running for re-election), the Lodge Advisor, Associate Advisors and one other appointed member. If a Candidate desires he may have one person with him during the interview; this person is the choice of the candidate and can be a parent, Scoutmaster or simply a friend so long as the individual is not also a candidate.

Voter Eligibility

All members of the Lodge whose current dues are paid and have not reached their 19th birthday are entitled to vote. No absentee ballots and no voting proxies are allowed. The Lodge Secretary will provide the Supervisor of Elections with the official list of eligible voters.

General Election Rules

1. A Candidate may run for only one office. He declares his candidacy at the Candidate's Meeting (see above). If defeated for the declared office he may not be nominated for another office unless there are no declared candidates for that office.
2. There are no nominations from the floor unless there are no declared Candidates.

3. Campaign promotional material is limited to a single flyer. The size may not exceed 8 1/2" 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 in his behalf.
4. A Candidate may be disqualified for violations of the election procedure or for conduct which is not in keeping with the highest traditions of the Boy Scouts or America. The Scout Oath and Law and the O.A. Obligation will serve as the standard of judgment. A Candidate may be held responsible for the actions of other members acting on his behalf.
5. The Lodge Chief and Lodge Advisor shall appoint one youth and an Advisor. The youth shall be called the Supervisor of Elections and shall have all 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 (in June) a Candidate will be expected to:
 - a. Be nominated by another youth member of the Lodge. The nominator will be allowed to speak for up to 2 minutes in behalf of the Candidate. (The current Lodge Chief may neither nominate nor publicly endorse any Candidate for office).
 - b. Following nomination, a candidate must speak on his own behalf for 2 minutes.
7. All officers are elected by a majority vote of the votes cast. Ballots that are not intelligible will not be included in the number determining the required majority.
8. Candidates may not be elected by acclamation; a candidate running without opposition must still receive a majority.
9. In the event of a tie vote there will be one additional ballot to break the tie. Before that ballot is taken the two candidates will be given an additional 2 minutes to address the membership. If the second ballot results in a tie, the determination of which candidate will serve in the office will be made by the L.E.C. and will require a majority vote of that body.
10. After counting the ballots will be held by the Supervisor of Elections for a period of 30 days. The ballots may be reviewed by any lodge member, with the permission of the Lodge Chief, during that period.



See you at the Work Weekend!

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Lodge Calendar

Unit Elections Begin	March 23, 1998
Section Conference	April 17-19, 1998
Unit Elections End	June 1, 1998
Work Weekend	June 5-7, 1998
Lodge Elections	June 6, 1998
National Conference	August 2-6, 1998

Don't Miss the Lodge Elections at the Work Weekend