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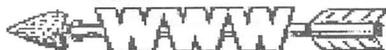
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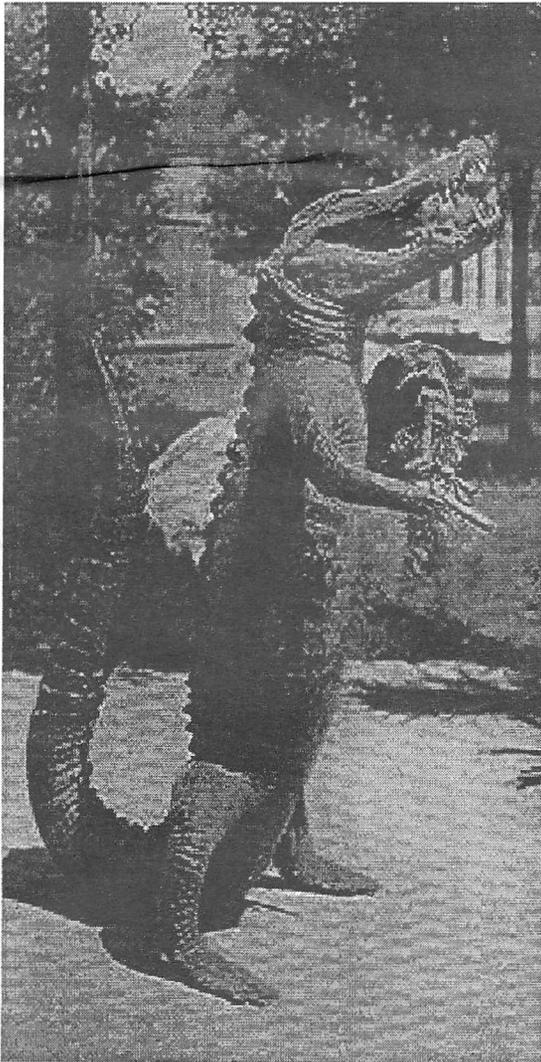
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CHIEFLY SPEAKING WITH STEPHEN BROWN

Arrowmen, It is my esteemed pleasure to write to you once again. I enjoy writing "Chiefly Speaking" because it is my main opportunity to speak to every Arrowman in the lodge. Aal-Pa-Tah is having a great year. We have accomplished many of the goals that we set in August, and the year is only half complete. Allow me to bring everyone up to date. Since August, the Lodge Executive Committee, the support committees, and I have held a leadership conference, inducted over 150



new members, brought more delegates to Section Seminars than we have in the past ten years, held a great Fall Fellowship, and served 100 less fortunate Scouts at Operation First Class (Thanks, Ryan!). As you can see, our lodge is very active. Hardly a month goes by without some lodge function. Unfortunately, the leaders of the lodge only make up 9% of the lodge, and 50% of those leaders have served in leadership positions for greater than 3 years. Even less fortunately, 35% of our current leaders already plan on not being in the area to serve as lodge leaders through 2001 due to college or other commitments. If ever there was a time to become a leader, it is now! With each new year, the lodge membership grows, but the pool of leaders becomes smaller. I strongly encourage you to talk to me, or any lodge leader, at Spring Pow-Wow and find out what it takes to be a lodge leader. After this year's election, I hope to be able to give the new chief a list of lodge members who are willing to lead our lodge into the 21st Century. I have always supported young leaders, as I was one myself, and I hope that we can prepare a new set of Arrowmen to run our lodge before the leadership pool runs dry.

Another major concern I have with our lodge is a big problem among a rather small group of people. The Order of the Arrow is not an organization developed to give children a vacation from their parents so that they can enjoy two nights of mischief four times a year. We are an organization for young men and Scouters to enjoy fun and fellowship while making a good impact on the Gulf Stream Council. Sure, we love to have a wild time in Aal-Pa-Tah and we are dubbed in the section as the "Lodge

CHIEFLY SPEAKING continued

that Never Sleeps,” but our weekends are not a time for people to give in to their thieving and delinquent urges. We are Brothers, and we must treat each other as such. I would like to thank the honorable Arrowmen of the Lodge and apologize for wasting their time with this paragraph.

I am very impressed with our lodge, and I encourage all of you to keep up the good work; not only in the OA, but in your home units as well. I hope many of you will attend Section Conference and represent our lodge with pride in Gainesville. Gainesville is home of the Gators so we cannot possibly resist the urge to show Echokotee, Semialachee, O-Shot-Caw, and the other 9 lodges of Section S-4 what a “real” gator growls like. I am happy to say

that, contrary to previous years, we will compete in nearly every competition this year and we hope to bring a few awards back to where they belong, the Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge Building at Tanah Keeta!

We are the greatest lodge in Florida, and I would like to thank you for this. Without your strong spirit and dedication, we could not compete with the “metro” lodges in our section that have thousands of members. Our nearly 600 voices have always and will always out-cheer them whenever we are challenged. We are all privileged to be members of a lodge with such a rich history of cheerful spirits. Thank you!

VICE CHIEF'S BEEF

WITH CHRISTOPHER SMITH

First, congratulations are due to our new ordeal members from the previous make-up Ordeal at Oklawaha in January. We worked hard and got a lot accomplished for our northern camp. As we move ahead in a new age of Scouting, we must constantly remind ourselves of why we were selected to join the Order of the Arrow. This is the Honor Society of Scouting. Always be aware of your actions. We set the example for all of our peers, from the youngest Tiger Cub to the wise Scoutmaster. We are looked upon with great admiration and respect and should act like we deserve it.

If we are to continue to be held in such a high standard, we must make new, better standards to better the lodge and ourselves.

I have heard many compliments from the rangers at our council camps,

commending our lodge and the brothers within for their outstanding work to better our facilities.

With the help of only 30 members, working 8 hours, we can accomplish 2 weeks' worth of work. So, at the May Service Weekend, the turnout will affect the overall work done for the summer program.

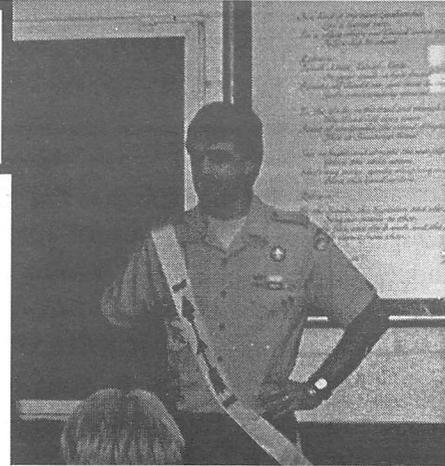
I encourage all to attend Spring Pow-wow, the next totally awesome fun weekend in March, and also the Service Weekend in May.

In Service,
Christopher R. Smith



ADVISOR'S CORNER WITH FRED DANAHER

With spring upon us, and Pow Wow and Section Conference around the corner, we are looking forward to an excellent spring. Before discussing those however, I would like to congratulate Steve and our Lodge leadership for completing the necessary tasks and running our Lodge in such a way that we rechartered again as an Honor Lodge. This is no small feat and requires planning and commitment. One of the most difficult requirements for any lodge, is to reach the necessary Brotherhood Conversion ratio. We did this by holding Brotherhood at each of our weekends and encouraging as many of those eligible to seal their membership as possible.



I got a chance to listen in on the planning for the Pow Wow and I think we all have something to look forward to. Also, as you will see elsewhere in this newsletter, it is time to register for Section Conference. Don't delay!

HISTORIAN REPORT WITH CHRIS MALIN

Blast from the Past

In 1990 we had a total showing of 44 brothers at NOAC. It was a good year there when our Founders day booth received a gold ribbon and Lodge History Display received a gold ribbon. In the Indian ceremonies competition, the ceremonial team finished 8th for the pre-ordeal ceremonies, the dance team finished 11th. **But Best of All** our expert Indian stickball team received **First in the Nation**.

Also nine years ago Echockotee Lodge held an Indian seminar in Orange Springs, FL. There were seminars on beaded pouches, chokers, Gourd stitch tubes, Indian game sets, painted feathers, and quill wheels. A inter-tribal dance was one of the feature events.

Some names you might recognize.....
Troy Rinks- Lodge Chief, Dane Wielins was Osceola Chapter Chief and Dane Warlik was Osceola Vice Chief.
A little bit of old wisdom still good today.....
Remember the old adage that 20% of the people do 80% of the work? Well, if that's true, then if everyone would pull his weight we could get done five times more work done than now. Think about what you can do for the Order and don't leave a fellow



SECRETARY'S REPORT WITH RANDY WERTEPNY

First of all, I would like to thank everybody who helped me put the Gator Tale together. I also would like to thank those who sent their articles in on time. Remember officers, chiefs, and chairmen it is your responsibility to write a report and turn it in on time. It is also to your benefit because the Gator Tale is the easiest way to speak out to our Lodge members. The next deadline is March 13, so don't be late.

I encourage everyone to attend the Spring Pow-Wow, I guarantee you will have a blast. Remember, if you just went through the make-up Ordeal this weekend is on us, but do not forget to register or you will have to pay the full price including a late fee.

If anyone would like to be a part of the Gator Tale staff contact me Randy at 795-7453.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Welcome to the new millennium! I'm sure that you found yourself Y2K free when the new millennium rolled around. Just to remind you, the lodge box has many new items in stock. Once-in-a-lifetime patches can be obtained for \$5. The new Aal-Pa-Tah art deco trader flap can be bought for \$2, and the NOAC fundraiser flap can be purchased for \$3. We also have lanyards, key chains, and new hats in stock! If you would like to see any new items sold in the lodge box, contact Elam Patterson or me. Have a great new year!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Mac McClean

CHEE-PA-TAH REPORT WITH DANIEL BIALCZAK

My fellow Chee-Pa-Tah chapter members, congratulations on becoming ordeal members and new brotherhood members. We are a large chapter except the turnout at the Fall Fellowship could have been better. The next OA weekend will be the Spring Pow Wow in March. I hope to see a much larger turnout at this extremely fun weekend.

Our lodge is beginning the Troop Representative program, and it is going well but slower than expected. Tell your scoutmasters to tell other OA members about this program so we can get it going. Contact me if you need the registration form to sign up.

Also, I am planning a chapter event for fun and for a service project, except I need ideas. If you have any ideas for one, contact me, Daniel Bialczak, at 791-0134 or at DWB13185@aol.com. Hope to see you at Pow Wow.

NO ARTICLES OR REPORTS SUBMITTED FROM THE FOLLOWING CHAPTERS:

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

CAMPERSHIPS — THERE IS AN APPLICATION INSERTED IN THIS NEWSLETTER FOR THE OA CAMPERSHIPS. IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO NEEDS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ATTEND TANAH KEETA, PLEASE GIVE THEM A COPY OF THIS APPLICATION.

PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR SCOUTMASTER TO MAKE SURE THAT HE IS AWARE OF THE CAMPERSHIPS AVAILABLE.

THANK YOU.

RANDY WERTEPNY

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:
Be nominated by another youth member of the lodge. The Nominator will be allowed to speak for two minutes on behalf of The Candidate.
Speak for two minutes, if they so wish.
7. 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.
8. The Candidate that receives greater than 50% of the votes is elected. Unintelligible ballots are not counted.
9. Unopposed candidates must receive greater than 50% of all votes.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.

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.

Section Conference is coming up. This is a great opportunity to show the other lodges what Aal-Pa-Tah is all about.

Section Conference is going to be great this year with competitions, games, the Quest for the Golden Arrow, and other fun activities. However, the best part about Section Conference is that there is absolutely no work to be done.

You will be able to register at the Spring Pow Wow or at Council Office. The fee will be \$65 if paid by March 13. After March 13, late fee is \$75. That will include food, transportation, shirt, hat, the squeaky gator that annoys the other lodges so much, etc.



We will be leaving early Friday, April 9th. Details as to pickup and exact time will be forthcoming.

Please fill out the registration and survey form inserted in this Newsletter. This will give us some necessary information, shirt sizes and all that. I hope to see you there.

Phil Ashford

QUEST EVENTS

Rock Pick – Teams of 5 try to fill buckets with as much debris from the mud pit as possible

Mud Polo – Tournament style “Water Polo” but in the mud

Mud Frisbee – Ultimate Frisbee in the mud – Tournament Style

Mud Tug-Regular Tug-O-War – where else? In the mud!!

Water Sports: (Hope we do these after the “mud” events)

Blind Canoe Race – Teams of two who are blindfolded take instructions from lodge members on the shore in an attempt to retrieve floating objects.

Raft Building – Teams of four attempt to construct a raft using supplies given by judges.

Inner Tube Polo - Teams of six play water polo while in an inner tube.

Adult Sink-A-Thon – Lodge Advisors and Staff Advisor battle it out trying to sink each other’s canoe. Last man “floating” wins. (Rules are subject to change based on the Section Advisor’s opinion)

Fun and Games:

OA Jeopardy

Volleyball

Hidden Arrow

5K Run



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 Pow-Wow 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.

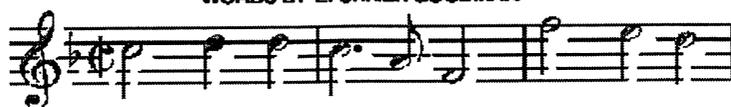
I do hereby, on my honor as a Scout, promise that I will always and faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow, Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui.

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 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.

THE HISTORY OF SCOUTING THE 1950'S

1950

The 40th anniversary year was observed nationally and locally. The Second National Jamboree at Valley Forge, June 30-July 6, brought 47,163 Scouts and leaders from every state and territory in the United States and from many other lands. Survival training was emphasized; conservation education was a national program feature. A total of 1,100 Order of the Arrow members participated in a national conference held at the University of Indiana, Bloomington, Ind. Philmont Scout Ranch began an expanded program, and the first training courses were held there. The 40th annual meeting was held in Philadelphia immediately prior to the jamboree. The first Boy Scout stamp was issued by the U.S. Post Office Department. Membership, December 31, was 2,795,222. Total members to date, 17,843,852.



1951

The 3-year crusade to "Strengthen the Arm of Liberty" concluded with a 33 percent gain in membership. A program of cooperation in civil defense was carried out. Conservation activities were expanded in cooperation with federal, state, and local agencies. Two million pounds of clothing were collected for domestic and foreign relief. Several hundred Explorers took part in the Seventh World Jamboree at Bad Ischl, Austria, where 13,000 Scouts represented 59 countries. Expansion at Philmont Scout Ranch made new leadership training opportunities possible. The Ninth National Training Conference for Scout Executives was held at Michigan State University. At the 41st annual meeting in Chicago, John M. Schiff was elected president, succeeding Amory Houghton. Membership, December 31, was 2,942,779. Total members to date, 18,995,887.

1952

Scouting's 3-year program "Forward on Liberty's Team" was launched during Boy Scout Week. Scouts distributed more than a million posters and 30 million Liberty Bell doorknob hangers in a Get-Out-the-Vote campaign. Scouts also cooperated nationally in securing blood-donor pledges, collected clothing for worthy causes, distributed seeds for Asia, and aided in conservation projects and civil defense. A quarter-million leaders took part in training experiences. Nine thousand Explorers and leaders camped at Philmont Scout Ranch. The 42d annual meeting was held in New York. The 20-millionth member was registered. Membership, December 31, was 3,183,266. Total members to date, 20,236,331.

1953

The Third National Jamboree was held at the Irvine Ranch in southern California, July 17-23, with 45,401 Scouts and leaders from all parts of the United States and 21 other nations taking part. Scouts assisted in the inauguration of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The effectiveness of the family "Be Prepared" plan was shown. Scouter training combined with family vacation plans was expanded at Philmont Scout Ranch. Local councils were organized in Germany and Japan to serve sons of Americans in those countries. The 43d annual meeting was held in Los Angeles. Membership, December 31, was 3,395,884. Total members to date, 21,537,885.

1954

The National Conservation Good Turn was conducted. The 44th annual meeting was held in Washington, D.C. The National Council's office was moved to a new building near New Brunswick, N.J., in October. Boys' Life circulation passed the 1 million mark. The Webelos den was created to provide a means of maintaining the interest of Cub Scouts 10 years of age in Scouting and to provide a bridge for crossing over to Boy Scouting. Membership, December 31, was 3,774,015. Total members to date, 23,037,343.

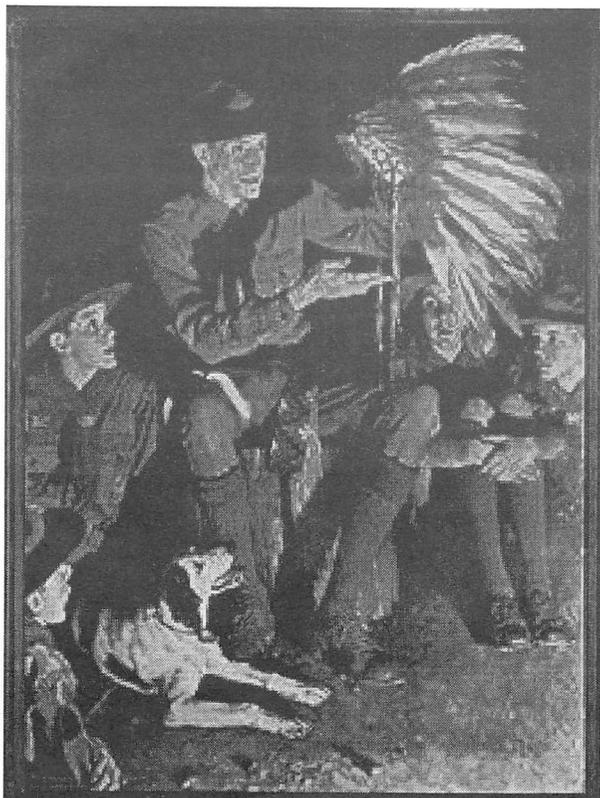
1955

The 45th annual meeting was held in St. Louis. Through the facilities and courtesy of the U.S. Air Force, 16 Explorers and 3 leaders made exchange visits with 16 European Senior Scouts and 2 leaders. The Eighth World Jamboree was conducted in Ontario, Canada, with 15,000 Scouts present from 63 nations, including 1,500 Explorers from the Boy Scouts of America. In September, 4,000 attended the Tenth National Training Conference for Scout Executives at the University of Michigan. A College Scouter Reserve was authorized so young men attending college could maintain active registered membership. For the first time, there was a total of 100,000 units and more than a million adults registered as Scouters. Membership, December 31, was 4,175,134. Total members to date, 24,675,358.

1956

During Boy Scout Week, the Onward for God and My Country program was launched with impressive national, state, and local observances. A delegation of Explorers visited the White House and presented the Report to the Nation. The 46th annual meeting was held in Cincinnati. Kenneth K. Bechtel of San Francisco was unanimously elected president to





succeed John M. Schiff, who retired after 5 years. In a nationwide nonpartisan Get-Out-the-Vote campaign, Scouts distributed over a million posters and 36 million Liberty Bell doorknob hangers. In international exchange visits, nearly 300 Explorers and Senior Scouts were transported by the U.S. Air Force and Navy. Boys' Life magazine was among the top 17 American magazines. Membership, December 31, was 4,526,302. Total members to date, 26,383,479.

1957

The Fourth National Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pa., July 12-19, attracted 50,000 Scouts and Explorers. Some 1,700 Explorers and leaders attended the World Jubilee near Birmingham, England, where 35,000 Scouts of 82 nations celebrated the Centenary of Lord Baden-Powell's birth and the 50th anniversary of the Boy Scout movement. The 47th annual meeting convened in Philadelphia, July 11-12. Explorers visited the White

House to present the Report to the Nation and the 15-millionth copy of the Handbook for Boys. The U.S. Air Force provided an airlift exchange for 50 Explorers and 50 European and Far Eastern Boy Scouts. The Thomas J. Watson Memorial Visual Education Building at Schiff Scout Reservation was dedicated on October 17. Membership, December 31, was 4,751,495. Total members to date, 28,100,000.

1958

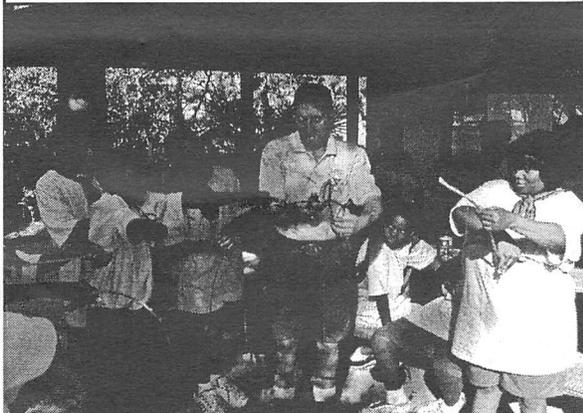
The National Safety Good Turn and the continuing Onward for God and My Country program were outstanding successes. Explorer Richard Lee Chappel of Eggertsville, N.Y., accompanied the National Academy of Sciences team on the International Geophysical Year Arctic Expedition. The 48th annual meeting was held May 16-17 in Chicago. The National Order of the Arrow Conference in August at the University of Kansas attracted more than 2,400 members. The new Exploring program was implemented. Work began on the Johnston Historical Museum. Membership, December 31, was 4,950,885. Total members to date, 29,945,000.

1959

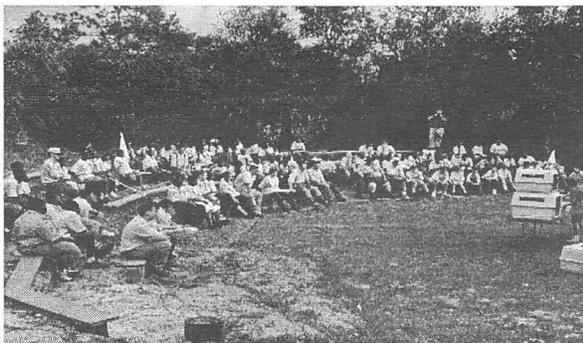
During Boy Scout Week, 12 Explorers visited President Eisenhower for the Report to the Nation. At the 49th annual meeting in San Francisco, Ellsworth H. Augustus was elected president. A new edition of the Boy Scout Handbook was published. More than 3,000 attended the 11th National Training Conference for Scout Executives at the University of Michigan. Scouting magazine started using full-color and color throughout. Delegations attended both the 10th World Jamboree in the Philippines and the 17th International Scout Conference at New Delhi, India. A citizenship study was completed. Membership, December 31, was 5,043,195. Total members to date, 31,563,809.



A special thanks to Nick and Lori Chillemi of ReMax 100 for providing us with a hot air balloon for Operation First Class. The demonstration by the professional pilot was very interesting and enjoyed by all.



Mike Horowitz demonstrates "knotting"



Operation First Class

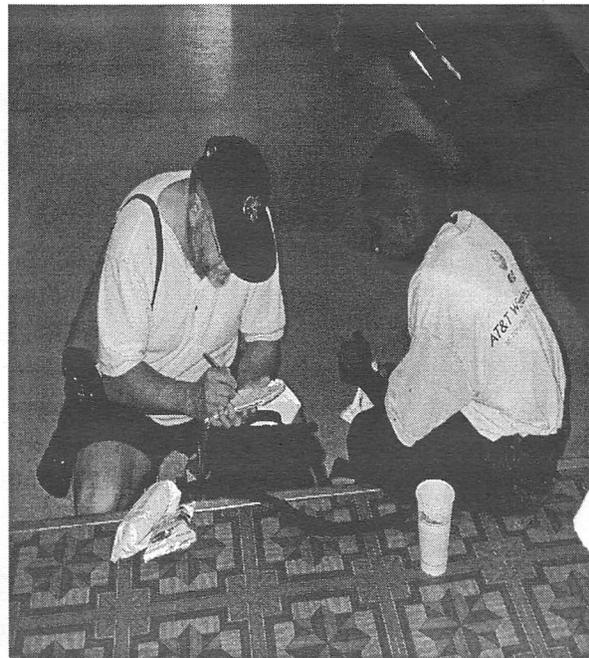
Operation First Class was held on December 10-12, 1999 at Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation. For those of you who are not aware this program, it was founded approximately three years ago by our council. Operation First Class gives inner city youth a chance to experience camping and scout skills for the first time. The staff for the weekend is made up from members of the Order of the Arrow. This program was sponsored by AT&T Wireless.

This year, photographers and reporters from Scouting Magazine were on hand to take pictures and also talked to the staff, advisors and campers. We will be featured in a future edition of the Scouting Magazine!!

Campers were able to participate in activities such as screen printing their own neckerchiefs and other craft projects.

The Busch Wildlife Sanctuary was on hand to give the Scouters a "birds-eye" view of some of their animals.

A big "thank you" to all those who helped with this event. Ryan J. Wertepny



ABOVE: One of the campers is being interviewed by Scouting Magazine.

LEFT: Scouters enjoy the demonstration of wildlife by the Busch Foundation.

NOAC 2000

National Order of the Arrow Conference July 27 – August 5, 2000

The 2000 National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. More than seven thousand Arrowmen from around the country will be attending. NOAC offers leadership training, competitions, great shows, fellowship, fun, and much more. This year Aal-Pa-Tah lodge is planning a great trip, but spots are limited. We are only allowed to take 27 youth and 13 adults.

Thursday, July 27	Leave in evening
Friday, July 28	Caving
Saturday, July 29	NOAC
Sunday, July 30	NOAC
Monday, July 31	NOAC
Tuesday, August 1	NOAC
Wednesday, August 2	NOAC
Thursday, August 3	NOAC, White Water Rafting, Laser Show
Friday, August 4	Six Flags
Saturday, August 5	St. Augustine, Home

The cost of the trip, which includes all fees, meals, transportation, will only be \$425 for both youth and adult. You may sign up for the contingent on a first-come, first-serve basis. A \$50 deposit is required. The \$50 is not refundable, but is transferable. So act fast. After you leave a deposit and are guaranteed a spot in the contingent, a payment schedule will follow.

Because NOAC adheres to a 2:1 youth to adult ratio, spaces for adult members (those 21 and older as of August 3, 2000) will be limited. So if you are an adult and wish to attend NOAC, please sign up early.

If you have any questions, please contact Ryan Wertepny, NOAC Contingent Leader, at (561)795-7453, or his advisor, Elam Patterson, at (561)790-4532.



FALL ORDEAL REPORT

It was a dark and stormy night.....

Sounds like the start of an adventure novel, doesn't it? But, that is how the 1999 Fall Ordeal began and ended. However, our brave and intrepid candidates, Elangomats, and brothers endured the unfriendly weather, irksome tasks, and toilsome labor to complete a *real* Ordeal. In spite of the rain during most of the weekend many service projects were completed for TK and 100 plus new brothers entered into the Brotherhood of the Order of the Arrow. I would like to thank all the Elangomats whom so cheerfully served their fellow scouts, those who helped at candidate registration, Chris Smith, Steve Nugent, (who served as Guides), the Ceremonial Team which put on yet another awesome set of ceremonies, and too many others to mention. Thanks again for everyone's help.

Chris Malin
Ordealmaster



This year we will be roasting not only pigs, but hopefully alligator and possibly even snake!! We need approximately 35 Arrowmen to help with this event. Please contact Ryan Wertepny at 795-7453. We will be having a D.J. this year also.

Arrowmen should plan to be there as early as possible on Friday and we will finish around 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. Fee approx. \$10.00

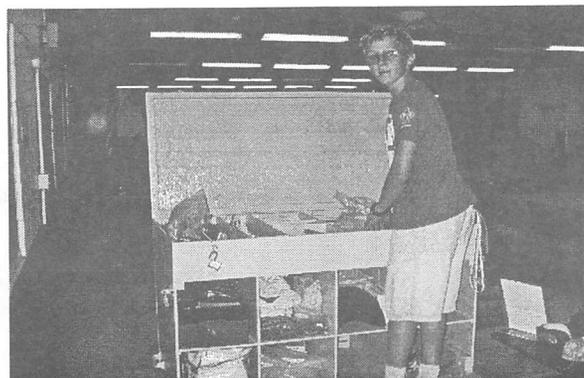
MAKE-UP ORDEAL CANDIDATES

SPRING POW-WOW IS FREE BUT YOU MUST REGISTER FOR THE WEEKEND OR YOU WILL HAVE TO PAY THE REGULAR FEE AS WELL AS THE LATE FEE



Above - Fellow Arrowmen playing Junta at 2:00 in the morning at Fall Fellowship.

Below - Kurt Durjan is getting the Lodge Box ready for sales to the Lodge.



LODGE CALENDAR

Spring and Summer 2000

March 2000

Spring Pow Wow
at Camp Tanah
Keeta - March
10-12, 2000

April 2000

SR-4 Section
Conference at
Camp Shands
April 7 - 9, 2000

May 2000

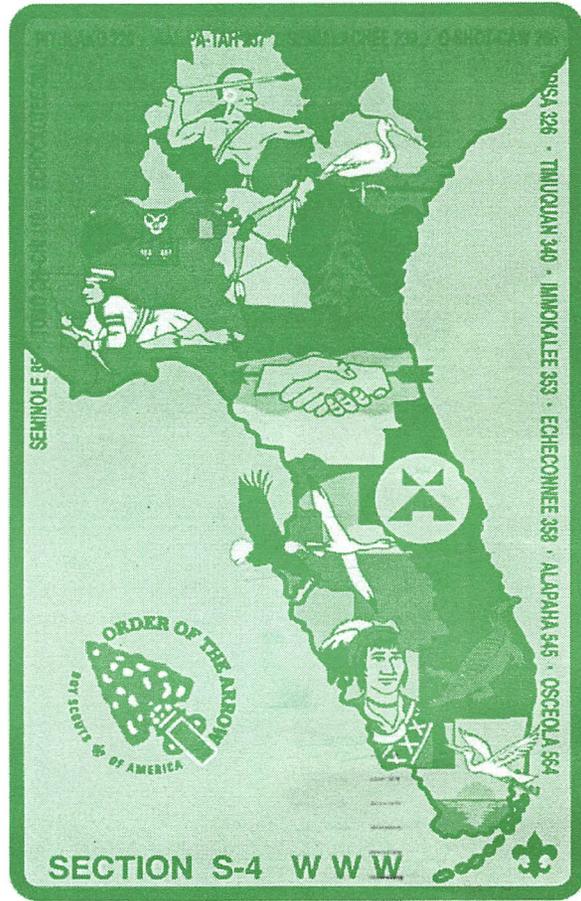
Mega Scout Show
Pig Roast at

Roger Dean
Stadium
May 12-13, 2000

Spring Work
Weekend at
Camp Tanah
Keeta - May 19-
21, 2000

July and August 2000

NOAC in Knox-
ville, Tennessee
July 29 - August
3, 2000



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