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THE VOICE OF TATANKA LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW

Tatanka Lodge

BUFFALO TRAIL COUNCIL

1981 SC4A CONCLAVE



Don't miss out on this spectacular event! This year's Conclave will be hosted by Gila Lodge in the "Land of Enchantment," New Mexico. The site of this spectacular event is on the campus of the New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, New Mexico and will take place May 15-17, 1981.

The theme for the S.C. IV-A Conclave for this year is "Set Apart for Something Higher!" By attending this Conclave, you will certainly have a chance to "Set Apart for Something Higher" by participating in the many events, contests, and training seminars being offered.

The agenda for the Conclave will consist of a talent contest and a speech contest (in which anyone can participate). Also, there will be Indian events, in which Chief Joe Provost, the national director of American Indian relationships for the B.S.A., will serve as the Master of Ceremonies. The Indian events include: Lodge team dancing and singing competitions; and individual crafts, costuming, and dancing competitions. The top three dancers in each division will be presented with awards such as belt buckles, sandpaintings, etc.; therefore, a two dollar (\$2.00) entry fee will be charged for individual Indian dancing competition only. For more information, contact Mark Galvan.

In the ceremonial presentation competition, the Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, and Brotherhood rituals will be included in the competition. Competitions will occur in the evening and will be held outdoors to aid the performers in creating the proper atmosphere. All-Star performers will be chosen for all ceremonies.

Also at the Conclave, there will be a Scouting Skills Match, so be sure to update and polish your lashing, teamwork, knot tying, physical fitness, and your first aid skills. For more information concerning the Scouting Skills Match, contact Mark Galvan.

Another important event at the Conclave is the Training Seminars. Each Lodge attending the Conclave will present a discussion. From Tatanka Lodge, John Gillian will present a discussion concerning Intra-Lodge Communications. There will also be Workshops presented in many fields of interest.

How often do you go to a movie and spend \$3.50 or even more to watch a two hour movie, and discover at the end of the movie that your feet have stuck to the floor? Well why do that when you can spend less than 50¢ an hour attending the Conclave? That's right! less than 50¢ an hour for meals and even a great looking patch to add to your collection from the S.C. IV-A Conclave for 1981. Be sure to send in your \$20.00 today and get a spot reserved for yourself. Time is running out. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to help Tatanka Lodge by "Setting Apart for Something Higher!"

National O.A. Conference

The National O.A. Conference is now approaching us fast. The Conference is the best way possible for you to renew your commitment in the Order, so be sure to start saving your money now and also to start making your plans so that you do not miss out. The Conference will take place from August 10-14, at the University of Texas at Austin. The center of attraction during this spectacular event will be the Special Events Center. It is the largest indoor seating facility in the state, apart from the Astrodome. The Student Center, with its many restaurants, game rooms, and shops, will be open to all the Arrowmen attending the Conference. Nationals has granted us accommodations for 3 more Arrowmen, so don't delay. The fee for the Conference is \$150.00, and it is due in the Council office no later than June 15, 1981, to avoid the \$15.00 late fee charged by the National Office. Contact the Council Office today for further information. See ya' in Austin!

Letter From the Editor

To all Chapter Officers and thier Advisors:

Having been recently appointed the Publications Chairman, their are some new ideas that I would like to put into use to better spread the "voice" of the Order of the Arrow. If their is ever any Chapter News that you would like to have included in the "Whispering Drum," send your news to:

John Gillian
Chapter News
The Whispering Drum
2119 Beverly
Odessa, Texas 79761.

Yours in the Order of the Arrow,



WORK WEEKENDS

Two Work Weekends are scheduled for this summer at the BTSR. This is a good opportunity for Arrowmen to come on down and get the camp ready for summer camp. Also an opportunity for advancement to Brotherhood. There will be Ordeals for nominees who have not taken it yet. The work weekends are May 29-30 & the last weekend of summer camp, July 3-4.

ORDEAL FEE: \$14.00
BROTHERHOOD: 4.75 + meals
MEMBERS: 1.50 + meals
Meal cost: Breakfast \$1.50
Lunch 2.00
Supper 2.50

Cracker barrel will be served on Friday to those who buy meals. Those from Troops that do not have Council insurance there will be an additional charge of .30¢.

ORDEAL MEMBERS

It is very important if you are an ordeal member and eligible to become a Brotherhood member that you do so for the lodge and for yourself. Requirements for Brotherhood say you must be an Ordeal member for 10 months, pass a test given you at the Scout Ranch and have a 3 piece Indian costume. For our Lodge to become a National Standard Lodge we must have a certain no. of Ordeal members become Brotherhood members. Your becoming a Brotherhood member confirms your membership in the Order of the Arrow. three steps of Brotherhood advancement are Runner, Firebuilder and Keeper of the Scared Bundle.

Set Apart for Something Higher

Lost and Found

If you are unfortunate, and happen to lose something at an Order of the Arrow event, or you are lucky enough to find something that someone has lost, please send to me information concerning these matters.

For this month:

Lost

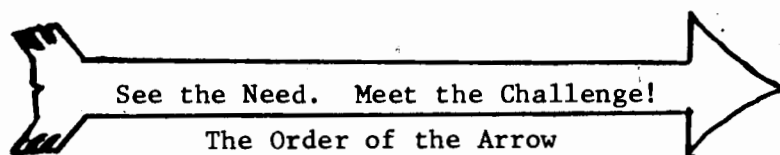
At the Pow-Wow, a large men's ruby ring was lost. There is a thirty dollar (\$30.00) reward being offered to the finder of the ring upon the return of it to the owner. The ruby setting measures 2.75 carets and it is mounted on a ten (10) caret gold setting. Contact John Gillian at 2119 Beverly in Odessa, Tx., zip-code 79761.

Send other information concerning lost and found items to:

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Classified Ads

As a member of the Order of the Arrow, you have pledged yourself to service. So you may be asking yourself, "What can I do to help out my Chapter?" Well, your Chapter Chief has many jobs and committees that have many openings. So at your next Chapter meeting, be sure to ask your Chapter Chief what you can do!



SUMMER CAMP STAFF

If you are at least 15 years old and would like to serve on the Summer Camp Staff, please contact Gerald Petty at the Scout Office (684-7171 or 563-2276). If you are 14 years old we still need "Counselors In Training" (CIT). Call me at the Scout Office.

Troop O.A. Elections

Every Troop and Explorer Post in the Buffalo Trail Council who have qualified as candidates should hold elections in early May. The Order of the Arrow is an honor Campers Society and all First Class Scouts with 10 days and nights of camping are eligible for elections within certain quotas.. The Unit Elections Committee from each District will come to your Troop or Post meeting and hold the election. If you have not been contacted please call the person listed below for your District -
Sand Hills - Scott Brookshire 445-3114
Chaparral: - Ed Leps 694-3001
Big Bend - Jeff Stumpf 837-2958
Comanche Trails - John Gilliam 337-4972
Lone Buffalo - Phil Corbin 393-5220
Lone Star - Steve Roen 263-5180

Pow-Wow is Deemed as a Success

Our annual Pow-Wow, which was held on March 27-28, 1981, was truly one to remember! Many additions and deletions were made after hours were spent carefully constructing a rigorous schedule, which when put into effect, was guaranteed to keep anyone busy. The schedule was composed of a variety of games including a Physical Endurance course, a Lance Throw, a Tomahak Throw, and a Tug-of-War, of which all earned points towards the Grand Trophy for each Chapter. In addition to the Indian games, there were many others played just for the sport.

The Grand Trophy is an award presented to the Chapter receiving the most points after everyone who wishes to compete has done so. The points come from the following areas: dancing; ceremonies; Indian games; and adult rifle shooting (a newly added event for this year). The Trophy went to Comanche Trails Chapter again for the ninth consecutive year. I would personally like to see all of the other Chapters jump in on both feet next year, and try to take the Trophy for themselves.

Congratulations to all who helped to make the Pow-Wow a success by attending it, and a special thanks to the Pow-Wow Planning Committee for a job well done!

Pow-Wow top winners:

Brotherhood Team- Comanche Trails

Brotherhood All-Star Team

Allowat Sakima- John Gillian- Comanche Trails

Meteu- Tommy Bizzell- Comanche Trails

Nutiket- Tracy Baldwin- Comanche Trails

Kichkinet- Bill Houston- Comanche Trails

Ordeal Team- Comanche Trails

Ordeal All-Star Team

Allowat Sakima- Bill Houston- Comanche Trails

Meteu- Tommy Bizzell- Comanche Trails

Nutiket- John Gillian- Comanche Trails

Kichkinet- "Doc" White- Chapparal

Drummer- Roger Cleere- Comanche Trails

Team Dance- Comanche Trails

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