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## Section Lists National Priorities

As part of its bicentennial program, the Order of the Arrow has conducted a forum of Arrowmen on the direction of development they think the United States should take during its third century. The forum, which takes the form of a series of questions concerning America's priorities for the next centennial, will be forwarded to national political and Scouting leaders for their consideration.

A forum calendar and a list of suggested questions, or areas of concern, was sent to each lodge. These questions concern democratic freedoms, governmental regulations, public education, space exploration, foreign affairs and other areas of national import.

George Parson of Chanco Lodge, and now SE 1 Secretary, has served for the past year as SE 1 Bicentennial Forum Committee Chairman. At the 1977 Conclave George met with representatives from the section's twelve lodges to develop the section priority list which was based on lodge input.

This list has since been forwarded to Southeast Region Chief Dave Worland. George Parson and representatives from the region's other nine sections will meet at the National Conference this month. The final OA national Bicentennial Forum priority list will be completed at the Conference and publicized and issued to the Order,

Scouting, and the nation at that time.

Section SE 1's priorities are listed in this issue beginning on page 4.



## 152 to Attend Conference

One hundred and fifty-two Arrowmen representing eleven of SE 1's twelve lodges will converge upon the University of Tennessee at Knoxville on August 23rd for five days of fun, fellowship and training at the 1977 Order of the Arrow National Conference. Section Chief Len Lucchi will spearhead the August body, and will receive aid from his section staff including SE 1's National Conference Chairman Rob Deadrick.

The section's contingent composes a large part of Southeast Region's total delegation of 799, which in turn makes up a large part of the total of 3,500 expected. In addition to the training and the regular programs, there will be special activities nightly including a watermelon feast and a Dr. Pepper party. The section has also added a few get-togethers of its own.



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# From The Editor's Desk

E. Urner Goodman has referred to the Order of the Arrow as both "a thing of the spirit" and "a thing of the individual." These two statements form the basis for comprehension of the Order and the fulfillment of its obligation. Individual motivation is essential to any group. That is not to say that an individual is more important than the organization, but rather that a certain feeling of personal dedication, a certain personal spirit, is necessary to fulfill the purpose of the OA.

As a representative of both your lodge and SE 1 you will have a chance to display your "spirit of the Arrow" at the National Conference in Knoxville. The theme of the 1977-78 biennium conference is, coincidentally, "a thing of the spirit."

The primary purpose of any such conference is training, and this conference is no exception. It boasts the most diverse, yet intensive, training program of any conference to date. The program offers courses in the form of workshops, lectures, and forums dealing with the likes of the induction sequence, communications, publications, ceremonial team, and chapter and lodge administration.

The conference also serves as a place of fellowship and growth in the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. The training offered is only a part of this. You must listen, observe, and participate in discussions, both formal and impromptu. Talk with Arrowmen from across the country and exchange ideas concerning the "spirit of the Arrow" and other abstracts, as well as concrete problems on various aspects of the Order of the Arrow. If you go with an open mind and a thirst for knowledge you are liable to end up with a lot of food for thought.

Yours in Cheerful Service,

*Philip*

Philip Parrish  
Section Vice Chief

EDITOR'S NOTE: LODGE REPORTS FOR THE OCTOBER ISSUE OF THE CHATTER ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 15TH.



## *Indian Affairs and Training*

# NEW COMMITTEES FORMED

### *Training*

(Reported by Dave Barringer,  
Training Committee Chairman)

In response to the ever growing need for trained lodge officers and committee chairmen, the Section Training Committee has been formed. In order for this committee to work effectively, the help of each lodge in the section is needed.

Here are the purposes and goals of the committee for the next year:

1. To help the lodges of SE 1 develop a comprehensive training program for lodge and chapter officers
2. To assist the lodges in carrying out their training programs in any way possible.
3. To have the lodges exchange their type of training program with each other, so that all may benefit.
4. To provide constructive criticisms for each program, for any further improvement.
5. To help with the Section training programs at the Conclave and the Indian Seminar.

I am confident that this program can succeed, but only with the help of each and every lodge. Let's keep SE 1 the innovative success that it is.

### *Indian Affairs*

(Reported by Reggie Tuck, Indian Affairs Chairman)

As we begin another year, and as we form a new committee within our section, I will need support and assistance from each of you.

The goals that I hope to reach with your help will include:

1. Visiting lodges throughout the section and helping in any way that is needed. This includes all Indian affairs such as dancing and ceremonial teams.
2. To assist Blue Heron Lodge in

planning for the 1978 Indian Seminar.

3. To assist all lodges in preparation for the 1977 National Conference.



## Chiefly Speaking

Dear Brothers,

In just a couple of weeks, we will all be at the 1977 National Order of the Arrow Conference at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Your section staff has been planning a crackerbarrel and a business meeting at the conference, as well as a section display. All SE 1 delegates to the conference will receive a Section SE 1 National Conference Delegation Patch so that they can affix it to their uniform pocket and display it proudly to let everyone know that they are from the number one section.

Section SE 1 has much to be proud of due to all of its activities that have set it apart from the rest of the sections in the nation. However, the National Conference is intended to be an event where lodges and sections can help each other by exchanging ideas on what they do back home. Therefore, let us go to the conference with the attitude that we can assist other sections and lodges by relating the manner in which we operate so successfully and efficiently.

Yours in Service,

*Len*

Leonard Lucchi  
Section Chief



# SE 1 BICENTENNIAL FORUM REPORT

## *Priorities for America in Century III*

1. We, the Arrowmen of SE 1, feel that the freedoms outlined in the Declaration of Independence are being threatened today. Government at times poses the biggest threat when on the local, state or federal level it oversteps its boundaries. But yet we feel that our system can protect its citizens when government oversteps its boundaries by revising our present laws and passing, as well as bringing into effect, new laws.

2. We feel that responsive government is a must for today. Government should act as a protector of the consumer; however, too much interference by government can threaten the private enterprise system as we know it by restricting it to the point where it can no longer thrive. Such basic elements of the private enterprise system as competition and the small businessman must be allowed to plot their own course and government should not interfere unless there is a threat to the public welfare.

3. Our section feels that the educational system has been, and must continue to be, one of the United States' strengths. But cases today show that on occasions the youth of America fail to receive an education that prepares them to get a job and become a good citizen. We feel that our schools are drifting away from the basics of learning. Today too many people graduate from public school unprepared for college. Students should be promoted on a system of merit and achievement. A student's years in school should be spent in search of knowledge, not merely for the sake of obtaining a diploma. We support the universities of our nation and we also support the vocational and trade schools which allow non college-bound students to prepare themselves for a vocational field.

4. We feel that every American should have some sort of major medical insurance sponsored either by a private non-profit organization such as Blue Cross and Blue Shield,

or by a government agency. But we do not feel that a total national health plan would be beneficial for the country. The past has shown that when nationalized the quality of the services performed by an institution diminished.

Research on cures on major diseases should continue the method now being used. Universities throughout the nation are making discoveries in the line of cures for major diseases, which are financed by federal grants.

5. Our section feels that the welfare of our citizens should be the responsibility of the government. The government should institute programs that will promote jobs, decent housing, care in their old age and a pension income after retirement for our citizens. These programs should be administered by the government with the American citizens performing their part of the program also. We feel that the government's programs of today, such as social security and welfare, are not successfully promoting citizen participation, and are thus not meeting the needs of our citizens.

6. Section SE 1 feels that even though we have needs at home, we should still pursue further space exploration. We feel that the space programs have definitely benefited the United States' way of life at home. Developments for the space program have later proved useful in the American home, such as the pocket calculator. The space program through its accomplishments such as putting the first man on the moon, has fostered national pride. We feel that the space goals must be continued for the preceding reasons and in hopes of finding the answers to future problems by discovering something in space to provide living space and the needs for our Earth.

7. It is the feeling of Section SE 1 that the welfare of our citizens should be high on our list of priorities, and that institutions which rehabilitate the mentally ill and the criminal are an asset to our society. We feel that these services should continue (though expensive) when there is a chance of bringing a rehabilitated citizen back into society.



8. Arrowmen of Section SE 1 feel that the United States should strive to remain one of the major world powers. We feel that as a democracy we should respect the ideals and rights of other countries of the world. We also feel that as a major world power we should use our strength to help weaker countries forge their own life styles even if it means going to war to do this. We should do everything possible to promote democracy throughout the world.

9. We feel that crime and adequate transportation are very important problems in the world today. It is our belief that too many American citizens are not taking the steps needed to stop or prevent crime. The general attitude of too many Americans is that they do not want to get involved. But we feel that Americans must get involved if we are to curb crime. We agree that we need a revision of our criminal justice system and also that courts should be more strict on second-time offenders.

Section SE 1 believes that the answer to America's transportation problems is better public transit and pooling of private transportation.

10. Section SE 1 feels that a happy medium must be struck between our natural resources and our standard of living. If we compromise by efficient use of energy, with conservation, and by developing new power, then we can maintain our high standard of living while protecting our natural resources.

11. Through our two hundred years as a nation, America has been a smelting pot of cultures. We feel that the American culture is known for its high standards, and the recent sweep of the Nobel Prizes is evidence of this. We believe that continued support of the arts and sciences is a must and that this can be accomplished through federal grants and private trusts.

12. Section SE 1 feels that our citizens owe their country the proper respect by taking pride in their country and through participation in civic activities. We feel that America should participate in a form of universal service. Every citizen should serve a given time in some type of service that matches each individual's capabilities. This service can be in either the military or service in such organizations as the Peace Corps and Vista.

13. We feel that there are two

sides to the issue of spending a great deal of money to campaign for national office. First, it is bad because it seems that today the candidate who spends the most money or has the largest campaign purse is elected, instead of the best qualified candidate. By spending this great deal of money, however, the public gets a chance to know their candidates better. New campaign laws that go even further than the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1974 is needed to remove the corruption that surrounds our campaigns. The possibility of free media, given equally to all candidates, and equal universal support in a fixed amount of matching public funds for candidates may be the answer to our problems.

14. Arrowmen of Section SE 1 feel that the United States has used her share of the world's resources. But the United States has played the role of "big brother" by loaning more money and by helping more countries in various ways than any other country in the world. We feel that the United States should continue in this role and do all that is possible to conserve world resources.

15. We greatly feel that as long as there is a need for good citizens and strong leaders, Scouting will be relevant. Yet we feel that Scouting must be flexible and change with the times without losing the basic aims and purposes of the movement. By being able to do this, Scouting will provide the needs of young people in the future. But we feel that there must not be any further deterioration in the reputation and honor that surrounds achieving a Scouting rank, especially the rank of Eagle. We feel that the requirements must once again be so that a boy will earnestly work and thus mature when earning a Scouting rank. We believe that this is a must if Scouting is to remain an education program for young men to help them become better citizens.

16. Section SE 1 feels that the Order should continue its role as a Brotherhood of honored campers and leaders of units, districts, councils and communities. We feel that the highest emphasis should always be the promotion of camping and cheerful service.

Indian lore and patch trading have a role to play in our heritage and fellowship. They should not, however, take precedence over our obligations to the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service and our role as honor campers.



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# Section Promotes Camping

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### AUGUST

12-14 Shenandoah Lodge Ordeal  
 19-21 Shenshawpotoo Conclave  
 Chanco Lodge Ordeal  
 23-27 O/A National Conference

### SEPTEMBER

9-11 Nawakwa Lodge Ordeal  
 10-11 Shenshawpotoo LOTC  
 16-18 Blue Heron Fellowship  
 Tutelo Lodge Ordeal

### OCTOBER

7-9 Tutelo Fall Fellowship  
 21-23 Nawakwa Fellowship

### NOVEMBER

5 Nawakwa Lodge Banquet  
 5-6 Shenshawpotoo Fellowship  
 11-13 Amangamek-Wipit LOTC

### DECEMBER

17 Blue Heron Lodge Banquet  
 29 Amangamek-Wipit Banquet

### JANUARY 1978

7 Nentego Lodge Banquet

(Reported by George Homewood, Camp Promotions Chairman)

Since the Conclave, the Camp Promotions Committee has been quite active seeking new and better ways to accomplish our mission. Toward this objective, we have begun work on revising the Section competition in camp promotions. No major changes are envisioned, but we are taking a long hard look at all the current provisions. Mainly, we are trying to "work out the bugs" as things now stand. We will have our proposal ready at the National Conference.

Also, we are beginning to work on a small publication which deals with the various council camps within SE 1. We envision a twenty page booklet containing information about each of the camps. Hopefully, we will be able to include a map showing how to get to each camp and other pertinent information.

We see our primary responsibility as that of a resource for each of the twelve lodges and as a clearing house for information between the lodges. Therefore, we encourage comments and questions about camp promotion. Also, we plan to get out and visit as many of the lodges as possible during our term. It is only by actually getting out and seeing you that we can really help you.

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